



# NOTICE OF RACE

2021 Rolex Middle Sea Race

23 October 2021





ROLEX MIDDLE SEA RACE



ROLEX SYDNEY HOBART YACHT RACE



ROLEX FASTNET RACE



ROLEX SYDNEY HOBART YACHT RACE



ROLEX CHINA SEA RACE



OYSTER PERPETUAL YACHT-MASTER II

## ROLEX AND OFFSHORE YACHTING

For over 20 years, Rolex has been a part of some of yachting's most celebrated offshore classics. Around the world, sailors and spectators alike have experienced the thrill of the Rolex Fastnet Race, the grandeur of the Rolex Middle Sea Race and the Rolex China Sea Race, and the epic challenge of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. Now, more than ever, Rolex celebrates the athletes and organisations that continue to bring out the best in sport.

*#Perpetual*



## Dear Competitor,

The Royal Malta Yacht Club is pleased to invite all eligible yachts to participate in the 42nd edition of the Rolex Middle Sea Race, one of the sport of sailing's foremost offshore races.

Last year's event proved the resilience of both our Maltese island community and the sailing world at large. Hosting one of the few sailing events to take place against the backdrop of a global pandemic was a huge achievement for the club and its partners. Competing in the race, having circumnavigated the myriad of additional rules and regulations imposed by COVID-19, was a triumph for all participants.

Six months out from the 2021 Rolex Middle Sea Race, with all the continuing uncertainty, it is impossible to picture the scenario we will face this year. However, you can be certain that the Royal Malta Yacht Club will do its utmost to ensure that the race will be held in a COVID-secure manner.

Other things you can be assured of are the warmth of welcome from Malta, the camaraderie that sets this race aside and the spectacular scenery you will encounter during your 606 nautical mile adventure. And, once again, the race is fortunate to have the support of Rolex, a partnership that spans close to 20 years.

We look forward to seeing you in October.

**Royal Malta Yacht Club**



ROYAL MALTA YACHT CLUB

## Organising Authority

The Organising Authority is the **Royal Malta Yacht Club (RMYC)** under the authority of the Malta Sailing Federation and the Federazione Italiana Vela, with the collaboration of the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC).

The Rolex Middle Sea Race forms part of the RORC Season's Points Championship and the International Maxi Association Mediterranean Maxi Offshore Championship.



## SCHEDULE OF EVENT & ENTRY TIMELINE

(All times are CEST unless otherwise advised)

| Event  | Date   | Requirement  | Documents to be Submitted  | Notice of Race Clause   |
|--|--|--|--|-------------------------|
| Application for Entry  | <b>Opens: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021</b><br><b>Closes: 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b> | Electronic Entry Application   | Verification of Hull Construction Standard<br>Rating Certificate(s)<br>Colour Image [digital]        | 6.1.2<br>6.1.1<br>6.1.3 |
| Deadline for Confirmation of Entry   | <b>24<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>  | Payment of Entry Fee(s)  | Updated Rating Certificates<br>Insurance Certificate (in English)<br>EPIRB No., Call Sign & MMSI No. | 6.2.1<br>6.2.2<br>6.2.3 |
| Extended Deadline for Entry<br>(at discretion of RMYC and subject to Late Entry Fee) | <b>1<sup>st</sup> October 2021</b>   | Payment deadline<br>Late Entry Fee of 300 euros<br>Payment of 25% Late Rating Fee for additional certificate(s). | All Documentation Above<br>Rating Certificate(s)   | 6.4<br>6.4              |
| RMYC Registration Office Opens   | <b>18<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b>  | Signature of Documents   | Confirmation and Final Submission of all Pre-Race Documents  | 7.3                     |
| Coastal Race Briefing  | <b>19<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b>  | Maximum of two crew to attend  | Venue to be advised  |                         |
| Coastal Race   | <b>20<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b>  | First Warning Signal at 10:00  | Course to be advised at Briefing   |                         |
| Rolex Middle Sea Race Owners' Reception  | <b>20<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b>  | Owner & Skipper Invitation Only  | Venue to be advised  |                         |
| RMYC Registration Office Closes  | <b>21<sup>st</sup> October 2021</b>  | No further submission of documentation accepted after 16:30  |  |                         |
| Crew Party   | <b>21<sup>st</sup> October 2021</b>  | All crews (invitation only)  | Venue to be advised  |                         |
| Rolex Middle Sea Race Briefing   | <b>22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021</b>  | Maximum of two crew to attend (compulsory)   | Venue to be advised  |                         |
| Rolex Middle Sea Race Start  | <b>23<sup>rd</sup> October 2021</b>  | First Warning Signal at 11:00  | Start line in Grand Harbour Valletta   |                         |
| Rolex Middle Sea Race Prize Giving   | <b>30<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b>  |  | Venue to be advised  |                         |



## **COVID-19 Protocols**

Protocols in relation to COVID-19 may be published at any time and they will state if they have the status of a rule.



## 1. RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1.1. The Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024 issued by World Sailing.
- 1.2. The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 2020-2021 for Category 2 races.
- 1.3. IRC Rule 2021, Parts A, B and C.
- 1.4. ORC Rating Systems Rules for ORC International and ORC Club and the International Measurement System (IMS) 2021.
- 1.5. The rules and regulations for any One Design class for which there is an eligible boat entered in the race.
- 1.6. MOCRA Rating Rules 2021.
- 1.7. This Notice of Race (NoR) and any amendments thereto.
- 1.8. The Sailing Instructions (SI) issued by the RMYC and any amendments thereto.
- 1.9. Between the official times for sunset and sunrise, navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) shall replace RRS Part 2.
- 1.10. The Traffic Separation Scheme at the Messina Strait is to be observed.
- 1.11. In the event of conflict between the SI and this NoR, the SI shall prevail. The SI may

invoke rule changes as allowed for in RRS 86.

- 1.12. SI issued by the RMYC will be made available at the Race Office to paid up and confirmed entries by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021, and posted on the Event Website: [www.rolexmiddlesearace.com](http://www.rolexmiddlesearace.com)
- 1.13. The RMYC reserves the right to amend this NoR until not later than 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021. These changes will be posted on the Event Website: [www.rolexmiddlesearace.com](http://www.rolexmiddlesearace.com) and sent, by e-mail, to Entrants whose entry has already been accepted.
- 1.14. The RMYC will appoint an International Jury as per RRS Appendix N. The decisions of the International Jury will be final as allowed for in RRS 70.5.
- 1.15. By making an Application for Entry in the race, the Entrant of a boat acknowledges that the various terms of this NoR, including any amendments thereto, as well as all the rules and regulations referred to in Paragraph 2 of this NoR and in the SI, shall be complied with. Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states: *“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”*, and to OSR 1.02.1 which states *“The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the*

*Person in Charge.”*

- 1.16. Prior to the Rolex Middle Sea Race itself, there will be an inshore coastal race scored under IRC.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. The Rolex Middle Sea Race is open to offshore boats that fully satisfy the requirements of the OSR 2020-2021 for Category 2 races.
- 2.2. Boats shall be built to a standard that complies with the requirements of Section 3 of the OSR 2020-2021.
- 2.3. Boats must satisfy the stability requirements of Section 3 of the OSR.
- 2.4. Where it is not possible for a yacht to demonstrate compliance with ISO 12217-2 Design Category A and the corresponding STIX and AVS requirements, a boat will be considered eligible if it has an SSS base value of at least 28 as stated on its IRC rating certificate or a Stability Index of at least 110 as stated on its ORC certificate. Boats participating in more than one category need only satisfy one of these criteria.

- 2.5.** Boats shall have a hull length of not less than 9 metres. A boat's hull length shall be taken as defined by IRC and ORC Rules and stated in its rating certificate.
- 2.6.** The Entrant, Owner or Charterer of a participating boat shall hold current adequate marine legal liability insurance with respect to the boat, valid when racing, including wreck removal, with a minimum Third Party Cover of 1.5 Million Euros and will ensure that all crewmembers are aware of the importance of effecting appropriate personal insurance.
- 2.7.** The Entrant and Person in Charge of each participating boat shall be a member of a yacht club affiliated with its National Authority.
- 2.8.** All crewmembers shall meet the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19 - Eligibility Code with the Person in Charge being required to have World Sailing Eligibility as defined in 19.4. All crewmembers shall be at least 14 years of age by the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- 2.9.** Any crewmember still under the age of 18 by the day before the start of the race shall supply the written consent of a parent or legal guardian, which consent shall be attached to the crew list submitted on registration before the race.

- 2.10.** Both the Person in Charge and crew in a Double-Handed Entry shall be at least 18 years of age by the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- 2.11.** The Person in Charge of each participating boat shall ensure that there is adequate knowledge and experience among his crew to take part in a Category 2 offshore race. The Person in Charge and at least half the members of the crew shall have previously taken part in an offshore race of extended duration. At least 30%, but not less than two members of the crew including the Person in Charge shall have undergone training in survival at sea as required by OSR 6.01. Any training course covering the topics included in the World Sailing Approved Offshore Personal Survival Training Course given by suitably qualified and experienced instructors may be considered as satisfying this requirement.

Please note that STCW is not an approved certification course. As required by OSR 6.05 at least one crewmember should be familiar with the management of medical emergencies that may occur at sea and hold a qualification in First Aid or be a practicing medical practitioner. The minimum number of persons on a boat, as required under this clause, shall be two in the Double-Handed class.

- 2.12.** Boats must have a current and valid rating certificate for the rating categories they enter for and must comply in all respects with that rating certificate.

### **3. CATEGORIES AND CLASSES**

- 3.1. IRC Category** - Boats having a current and valid IRC rating certificate may enter in the IRC Category. This category will be divided into classes as follows:

- IRC Class 1 – TCC greater than 1.400
- IRC Class 2 – TCC from 1.276 to 1.400
- IRC Class 3 – TCC from 1.176 to 1.275
- IRC Class 4 – TCC from 1.101 to 1.175
- IRC Class 5 – TCC from 1.051 to 1.100
- IRC Class 6 – TCC less than 1.051

- 3.2. ORC Category** - Boats having a current and valid ORC International or ORC Club rating certificate may enter the ORC Category. This category will be divided into classes as follows:

- ORC Class 1 – GPH less than 450.1
- ORC Class 2 – GPH from 505.0 to 450.1
- ORC Class 3 – GPH from 545.0 to 505.1
- ORC Class 4 – GPH from 575.0 to 545.1
- ORC Class 5 – GPH from 600.0 to 575.1



- ORC Class 6 – GPH greater than 600

**3.3. Other Classes** - Subject to the participation of a sufficient number of entries, the following additional classes may be established:

**3.4. Double-Handed Class** for boats sailed by two people only, within the IRC Category. The Person in Charge of an entry in this class shall ensure that he and his crew have adequate knowledge and experience to sail a Category 2 race double handed and that the boat is suitably set up for double handed racing. For this class both the Person in Charge and the crew shall have undergone training in survival at sea as required by OSR 6.01 and shall be at least 18 years of age by the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**3.5. Offshore One Design (OOD) Classes** for boats complying with one design rules for their class.

**3.6. Multihull Category** – Multihulls having a current and valid MOCRA rating certificate may enter the Multihull Category.

**3.7.** The formation of any of the above categories or classes is at the discretion of the RMYC and subject to a minimum of four entries. However, should there be fewer than four entries in a particular class, the RMYC reserves the right to

include these entries within another class or, at the discretion of the RMYC, a class may be formed with less than four entries. Prospective participants in particular classes are encouraged to promote their class by arranging group entries to ensure the minimum number required. The RMYC reserves the right to accept entries or classes that are not listed above.

**3.8.** Should the rating bands for the division of the IRC and ORC Categories into classes given in 3.1 and 3.2 prove to be manifestly unsuitable to the composition of the fleet of entries, the RMYC reserves the right to adjust these bands as it deems appropriate.

**3.9.** Monohulls may enter in more than one category.

**3.10.** The Coastal Race, scheduled for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021, shall only have an IRC Category for boats whose hull length is not less than 9 metres.

## **4. COMPLIANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**4.1.** The Person in Charge shall be required to sign a declaration that they are in full compliance with the requirements of the OSR 2021-2021 for Category 2 races including the training requirements of OSR 6. A checklist will be provided by the RMYC



to assist Persons in Charge in complying with these regulations. The Person in Charge should ensure that their boat is in full compliance with its rating certificate and class rules as applicable.

**4.2.** The Person in Charge should ensure that their boat is in full compliance with its rating certificate and class rules as applicable

**4.3.** Boats may be inspected before the race for compliance with the requirements of safety as well as measurement and rating. For this purpose, boats are to be made available for Scrutineering at the boat's assigned berth during the period between Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021. It is mandatory that the Person in Charge or his authorised representative be present at the time of inspection. Further inspections may be carried out to any boat after the race.

## **5. TRACKING SYSTEM**

An electronic tracking system may be used to track the position of participating boats during the race and participants will be required to allow the installation of tracking beacons on their boats. The RMYC may use the information received from the system for media coverage of the race as well as for technical and safety purposes. Participants

shall be responsible for the beacon while on board and shall return it to the Race Office after the race. On registration, participants will be required to give a credit card number from which account the RMYC may charge the sum of 900 euros if the beacon is not returned.

## **6. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY AND REGISTRATION**

**6.1.** An application for entry should be made by using the online entry form posted on the Event Website: [www.rolexmiddlesearace.com](http://www.rolexmiddlesearace.com). In the event of any difficulty, the RMYC may be contacted by e-mail to: [info@rmyc.org](mailto:info@rmyc.org). Prospective competitors are urged to make their application for entry early and in any event by not later than 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and must submit with their application, the following documentation:

**6.1.1.** Copies of the boat's measurement and rating certificates for the rating categories entered.

**6.1.2.** Verification of compliance with the hull construction and stability requirements of OSR 2020-2021 3.03 and 3.04 or 3.05 for Category 2 races.

**6.1.3.** Digital colour photograph of the boat under sail.





- 6.2.** Following the submission of the documentation required in 6.1, the RMYC will notify the entrant of acceptance and the entry must then be confirmed, by payment of the applicable entry fees, by not later than the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021, also submitting the following additional documentation:
- 6.2.1. Updated copies of measurement and rating certificates for the rating categories entered, if amended after the issue of the certificate submitted with the application for entry.
  - 6.2.2. Certificate of insurance in English with details of the cover and the insurer.
  - 6.2.3. EPIRB number, Call Sign and MMSI number where available.
- 6.3.** On arrival in Malta for the race, but no later than **16:30 on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021**, the Person in Charge must complete the registration process at the Race Office, which includes the confirmation of the crew list with next of kin details submitted online or the submission of such details in the form supplied by the RMYC if not previously submitted. The Person in Charge and all the crew are required to sign a Disclaimer of Liability and a Media Release and Image Rights Waiver, as supplied by the RMYC. A copy of all race

documents, schedule of events and other information will be provided by the RMYC on registration.

- 6.4.** At the discretion of the RMYC, an entry may be accepted after the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and shall be required to pay the specified late entry fee. No further entries will be accepted after the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021. A boat that has entered in time for one rating category, may at the discretion of the RMYC, be accepted to enter an additional category after the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and may be required to pay 25% of the specified late entry fee.
- 6.5.** No applications for changes to rating certificates shall be allowed after the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021 except to correct a genuine error, to make corrections as a result of a rating protest before the start of the race, or in the case of ORC certificates to correct crew weight before the start of the race. A boat that has been accepted to enter a second rating category as a late entry and does not have a rating certificate for that category, may apply for a rating certificate for the second category up to the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

## Base Entry Fees

| Hull Lt.              | 9.00 – 14.00m    | 14.01 – 19.00m    | 19.01 – 24.00m    | 24.01 – 30.50m    | 30.51 – 40.00m    | > 40m              |
|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Base Entry Fee</b> | <b>800 euros</b> | <b>1100 euros</b> | <b>1500 euros</b> | <b>2000 euros</b> | <b>2600 euros</b> | <b>70 euros /m</b> |

- 6.6.** An entry may be cancelled by advising the RMYC. Cancellations made before the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021, will be eligible for a full refund of the race entry fee. Cancellations made after this date will be eligible for a refund of 50% of the race entry fee. No refund will be given if an Entrant fails to notify the RMYC of cancellation by the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021 unless, in the opinion of the RMYC, just reason is given.
- 6.7.** The Entrant is the person considered responsible for the entry and shall be the person to appear in connection with the entry, together with the boat name, on any documentation pertaining to the event, including the results.
- 6.8.** The nationality of the entry shall be that country of which the Entrant is a citizen and shall be declared when making the entry.

- 6.9.** The submission of documents requested by the RMYC does not exonerate the Entrant from any of his responsibilities and receipt by the RMYC shall not imply verification of the validity or adequacy of the documents submitted to it.

## 7. FEES

The following fees shall be paid on confirmation of entry following acceptance of the application for entry. Entrants who have been full members of the RMYC for at least two years are eligible for a rebate of 25% on these fees up to a maximum discount of 300 euros.

Base Entry Fee per Hull Length.:

- **9.00 - 14.00m** - 800 euros
- **14.01 - 19.00m** - 1100 euros
- **19.01 - 24.00m** - 1500 euros
- **24.01 - 30.50m** - 2000 euros
- **30.51 - 40.00m** - 2600 euros
- **> 40m** - 70 euros/m
- Additional Rating Category fee: 120 euros
- Additional OOD Class fee: 120 euros
- Additional Late Entry fee: 300 euros

The entry fees listed may be paid by SWIFT Transfer, cheque, bank draft or credit card as follows:

- **Cheques payable to:**  
Royal Malta Yacht Club

· **Bank transfers to:**

Bank of Valletta plc  
BOV

Beneficiary – Royal Malta Yacht Club  
IBAN – MT69 VALL 2201 3000 0000  
4001 5979 131

BIC/Swift – VALLMTMT

**Credit Card:**

Visa & Mastercard accepted

Payment to be authorized in writing, quoting card number, name on card, expiry date and CCV number.

Confirm your entry by effecting payment and sending required documents by post or e-mail to:

**Royal Malta Yacht Club**

Ta' Xbiex Seafront

Ta' Xbiex XBX1028

Malta

T: +356 21333109

[info@armyc.org](mailto:info@armyc.org)

Please include the Boat Name on all cheques, bank transfers and correspondence.

## 8. COURSES

**8.1. Coastal Race** - Coastal or inshore race around the Maltese Islands.

**8.2. Rolex Middle Sea Race** - Starting from Malta, boats will sail a course leaving to port the island of Sicily, observing the TSS in the Strait of Messina, the Aeolian Islands (including Strombolicchio), the Egadi Islands (except Marettimo), Pantelleria and Lampedusa, through the South Comino Channel, keeping Malta to starboard, to the finish in Malta. Ustica, Linosa and Lampione are not marks of the course. The length of the course is approximately 606 nautical miles. The Course Record, established by "Rambler" in 2007, is 47hrs 55mins 03 secs.

## 9. SCORING

**9.1.** The IRC Category shall be scored on corrected time by TCC.

**9.2.** The ORC Category shall be scored on corrected time using Time on Time for Offshore courses.

**9.3.** The Multihull Category shall be scored on corrected time using the MOCRA TCF.

## 10. CHANGES TO RULES

**10.1.** The use of an autopilot and power winches is permitted. This changes RRS 52.



# Race Course

Rolex Middle Sea Race



606  
nautical miles

- 10.2.** In the IRC Category, Rule 11.2 applies and a boat may carry one more spinnaker than the number stated in its IRC certificate. This does not apply to the coastal race.
- 10.3.** In the ORC Category, there shall be no limit on the number of rated headsails and spinnakers that may be carried in the race. However, boats participating in both IRC and ORC rating categories shall be limited to the sails they are allowed in the IRC Category.
- 10.4.** A boat may carry one spare mainsail which may only be used while racing as a genuine replacement if during the race the mainsail the boat started the race with becomes damaged beyond repair and not for the purpose of improved performance. The first mainsail may not thereafter be repaired and re-used while racing. In the case that the spare mainsail is used the substitution shall be declared in the Race Declaration describing the circumstances and giving the reasons for its use. The Person in Charge may be required to produce the damaged mainsail for inspection by the RMYC. This does not apply to the coastal race.
- 10.5.** In the IRC Category there shall be no limit on crew weight. Boats taking part in both ORC and IRC Categories shall remain limited to the crew weight stated on their

ORC certificate. This changes IRC rule 22.4.2.

- 10.6.** Valid rating certificates shall be produced by the due dates specified in this NoR. This changes RRS 78.2.

## **11. TIME LIMIT**

- 11.1.** The Time Limit for all boats will be Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 18:00. No further finishers will be recorded after this time. This changes RRS 35.

## **12. COMMUNICATIONS**

A boat may receive help from an outside source in the form of information which is freely available to all boats, which shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source which is available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription, but shall not include any information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any source not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation. This changes RRS 41.c.

## **13. BRIEFING**

- 13.1.** Weather Briefing - A Weather Briefing will be held for competitors on the evening of Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 18:00.

- 13.2.** Race Briefing - A Race Briefing will be held immediately after the Weather Briefing.

- 13.3.** Attendance - Two crewmembers of a boat intending to compete in the Rolex Middle Sea Race should attend the whole of the Weather Briefing and the Race Briefing. It is strongly recommended that these briefings be attended by the Person in Charge and the Navigator.

## **14. ADVERTISING**

- 14.1.** Boats taking part in the event may display advertising as permitted by and in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20 – Advertising Code. Boats taking part in an OOD class shall also comply with their class rules.
- 14.2.** Competitors will be required to display advertising for the event sponsor in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.1. The RMYC may require all competitors to hoist the sponsor's pennant for the duration of the race and boats are to fly the event flag while in harbour for the period of free berthing. The pennant and the event flag will be provided by the RMYC.

## 15. PRIZES

### 15.1. Coastal Race

15.1.1. For the Coastal Race, it is intended to award first, second and third prizes in each class where the number of entries is six or more boats and first and second prizes where there are only five or less boats in a class.

15.1.2. The Malta Rolex Cup will be presented to the overall winner on corrected time.

### 15.2. Rolex Middle Sea Race

15.2.1. A Rolex Timepiece will be awarded to the first monohull boat to finish the race and to the overall winner on corrected time in the IRC Category.

15.2.2. It is also intended to award first, second and third prizes in each class where the number of entries is six or more boats and first and second prizes where there are only five or less boats in a class.

15.2.3. The Rolex Middle Sea Race Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner on corrected time of the IRC Category.

15.2.4. The Boccale del Mediterraneo Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner on corrected time of the ORC Category.

15.2.5. The RLR Trophy will be awarded to the first monohull boat to finish the race.

15.2.6. The John Ripard Trophy will be awarded to the monohull boat that breaks the course record established in 2007 by "*Rambler*". The course record is 47hrs 55mins 03secs, over a distance of 606 miles. The course record will be decided by taking the highest average speed over the particular course sailed and the John Ripard Trophy will be awarded if this average speed is greater than 12.64 knots established in 2007.

15.2.7. The FIV Trophy will be awarded to the first Italian Boat on corrected time in the ORC Category.

15.2.8. The Malta Tourism Authority Trophy will be awarded to the first foreign boat to finish the race.

15.2.9. The Transport Malta Trophy will be awarded to the first boat to finish the race having a Maltese citizen as Person in Charge and the majority of crew being Maltese.

15.2.10. The Arthur Podesta Trophy will be awarded to the first boat on corrected time in IRC Category having a Maltese citizen as Person in Charge and the majority of crew being Maltese.

15.2.11. The Teddy Borg Trophy will be awarded to the first boat on corrected time in the ORC Category having a Maltese citizen as Person in Charge and the majority of crew

being Maltese.

15.2.12. The Captain Morgan Trophy will be awarded to the first boat on corrected time in the Multihull Category.

15.2.13. The Alessandro Vattani Trophy will be awarded to the first boat to finish the race in the Double-Handed Class.

15.2.14. The Italian Ambassador's Cup will be awarded to a boat that is deemed to have performed an outstanding act of seamanship or sportsmanship.

15.2.15. The Swan Mediterranean Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the first Swan on corrected time in the IRC Category.

15.2.16. For the purposes of assigning the trophies listed in 15.2, other than the prizes being awarded for each class, each Category will be considered as one class with overall results. The RMYC will retain possession of these main trophies and all winning Entrants will be awarded a keepsake, which in the case of the Rolex Middle Sea Race Trophy will be a miniature of the trophy itself.

15.2.17. For the purpose of assigning the Malta Tourism Authority Trophy and the FIV trophy, the nationality of a boat will be the nationality of the entry referred to in 6.8.



## 16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

As part of the registration process, each owner, each Person in Charge and each individual participating crewmember will be required to sign a declaration accepting the following disclaimer of liability:

I agree to be bound by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race. I agree that the sole and inescapable responsibility for the nautical qualities of any yacht participating in the Rolex Middle Sea Race 2021, her rigging, the safety equipment on board and the competence, behaviour and dress of her crew is that of the Person in Charge of the yacht.

I also agree to take any and all responsibility for all damages whatsoever caused to third persons or their belongings, to myself or to my belongings, ashore and at sea as a consequence of my participation in the regatta, and hereby relieve from any responsibility, and agree to indemnify on a full indemnity basis and hold harmless, the Royal Malta Yacht Club, its servants, agents and sponsors (in particular but not limited to Rolex SA and affiliated companies) and their representatives in respect of any claim arising therefrom.

I am acquainted with RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4:





*"A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing".*

In any case, I agree that the Royal Malta Yacht Club, its servants, agents and sponsors (in particular but not only Rolex SA and affiliated companies) and their representatives have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to any vessel or property.

## **17. MEDIA RELEASE AND IMAGE RIGHTS WAIVER**

As part of the registration process, each Entrant, each Person in Charge and each individual participating crewmember will be required to sign a declaration accepting the following media release and waiver of rights:

Competitors and crewmembers on the competing yachts grant, at no cost, Royal Malta Yacht Club, Rolex SA and affiliated companies the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in any media (being television, print and internet media), including video footage, for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information relating to Rolex SA's involvement in sailing events, in particular the Rolex Middle Sea

Race (“*the race*”), and to the competitors and crew members’ participation in such events.

Competitors and crewmembers on the competing yachts also grant, at no cost, Rolex SA and affiliated companies, the absolute right and permission to use their name, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in “*The Rolex Magazine*”, edited by Rolex SA.

Competitors and crewmembers’ name, voice, image, likeness and biographical material shall not be used by Rolex SA and affiliated companies in a way which constitutes an endorsement of Rolex’ products by said competitors and crewmembers, unless the relevant competitor or crewmember is engaged by Rolex SA or affiliated companies to endorse Rolex’ products or gives his/her prior written consent to such use.

## 18. BERTHING

Berthing will be provided for participating boats at no additional cost by the RMYC at marinas in Marsamxett Harbour and Grand Harbour, at the Grand Hotel Excelsior, at the RMYC or at any other location as necessary from Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October until Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Berths will be allocated to competing boats by the RMYC. The use of the berths at the RMYC is subject to

weather conditions and boats may need to be relocated in adverse conditions. Owners of boats making use of these berths do so at their own risk and responsibility.

For further information, contact the RMYC on:

### Royal Malta Yacht Club

T: +356 21333109

[info@rmyc.org](mailto:info@rmyc.org)

[www.rolexmiddlesearace.com](http://www.rolexmiddlesearace.com)

[www.rmyc.org](http://www.rmyc.org)

## 19. TRAVEL AND ACCOMODATION

Information about travel and accommodation is available on the event website or from the RMYC. For accommodation at the Grand Hotel Excelsior where a limited number of boats will be berthed, enquiries may be made directly to the hotel at:

### Grand Hotel Excelsior

T: +356 21250520

[info@excelsior.com.mt](mailto:info@excelsior.com.mt)

[www.excelsior.com.mt](http://www.excelsior.com.mt)

## 20. BOAT YARD SERVICES

Full facilities are available in Malta for hauling out, lifting and launching. For details, please contact the RMYC.

## 21. MEDIA

A Media Office will be provided at the Royal Malta Yacht Club. All visiting media representatives will be welcome and may be accredited in advance by contacting:

### Rolex Middle Sea Race Media Office

Royal Malta Yacht Club

Ta’ Xbiex Seafront

Ta’ Xbiex XBX1028

Malta

T. +356 21333109

[pr@rmyc.org](mailto:pr@rmyc.org)



## Royal Malta Yacht Club

+356 21333109

[info@rolexmiddlesearace.com](mailto:info@rolexmiddlesearace.com)

RMYC.ORG

Ta' Xbiex Seafront,

Ta'Xbiex, XBX 1028, Malta

