



ROYAL MALTA YACHT CLUB



Rolex Middle Sea Race 2021 – COVID-19 Bubble Concept

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1. Crew arrival

At the time of writing we have two boats coming from a 'Red Country' whose crew does not have the any recognised vaccination certificate, that have confirmed their participation and another 5 boats who are still to confirm. Although arrival details are still being received, we will make the necessary arrangements as follows:-

- a) If crew arrive on their boats they will be asked to proceed to a particular berthing area at the marina of the Excelsior Hotel. They will either stay on their boat and hotel personnel will deliver their meals on board or stay at a particular location in the hotel.
- b) If crew arrive by air, we will arrange for a special taxi from E-Cabs, suitably attired to handle 'Bubble Concept' persons, to pick them up at the airport and will be taken either directly to their boat or to their hotel room.

2. Berthing

- a) Berthing for boats with crews originating from a 'Red Country' will be secluded in a particular area at the Marina of the Excelsior Hotel.

- b) Boats will be berthed as close as possible to the hotel rooms for those crews making use of them.
- c) They will have no contact with other participants at all.

3. Room allocation and location

- a) We are in discussions with the hotel management to allocate rooms which will be located as close as possible to the boats on the marina to minimize any contact.
- b) Designated eating areas of the restaurant will be prepared for each team in a bubble, to ensure no contact
- c) Use of the bar, gym, pool or other facilities used by other guests of the hotel will be strictly prohibited
- d) Crews in a bubble will not be allowed to leave their boats (if residing on the boat) or out of their rooms, other than to go to their boats at scheduled times of the day in the case of boats whose crew are all in the bubble. In the case of boats who have some crew who have a recognised vaccination certificate, such persons who must stay apart from those in the bubble and once they meet they must all follow the bubble concept.

4. Race start

- A) All crew within the bubble concept if using hotel rooms, will be ushered out of the hotel to their boats.

5. Race finish

- a) Some of the crew forming part of the 'Bubble Concept' will be leaving immediately after the race without stopping in Malta.

- b) Other boats will be instructed to proceed to their berths at the Excelsior Hotel Marina and comply with the 'Bubble Concept' protocols as mentioned above.
- c) Crews returning to their countries via air transportation will have the E-Cab taxi service back to the airport.

6. Prize giving

- a) If any of the participants forming part of the 'Bubble Concept' be eligible for any awards or prizes, these will be handed to them on their boats and will not attend the official function.