



6<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Participant,

First and foremost, we welcome you to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the Rolex Middle Sea Race and thank you for registering.

As you are aware, we are restricted with COVID-19 protocols which we must **all** adhere to.

Please note that all persons travelling to Malta must follow the procedures found **only** at 'traveltomalta.gov.mt' <https://deputyprimeminister.gov.mt/en/health-promotion/covid-19/Pages/travel.aspx>

**Kindly read through this link carefully.**

In essence, persons travelling to Malta from a Red Country, must have a valid, recognised vaccination certificate, in order to be able to move around the country (Malta) freely.

Persons travelling to Malta from a Dark Red Country or without a valid vaccination certificate from any other country, must either spend 14 days in quarantine on arrival (*at their own cost*), or observe strict '**bubble concept**' restrictions after obtaining an exemption which will be applied for by the Royal Malta Yacht Club (RMYC).

**"Bubble Concept" in essence means:**

- You are only permitted to interact and meet with persons from the same bubble;
- You are NOT permitted to go to any bars, restaurants, shops or other outlet or place of social gathering, even if they are within the hotel premises;
- On your arrival in Malta you are to proceed directly to your hotel using transport only organised by the RMYC;
- From your hotel room, you are only permitted to go to your boat and back and then to the airport for your departure;

Should you wish to apply for exemption as indicated above, you must inform the RMYC of your intention to do so at **least one week before your arrival in Malta**.

Failure to respect this deadline will result in the RMYC not being in a position to offer assistance in this matter.

**All participants are urged to inform their families and friends not to gather at vantage points so as to avoid crowding.**

**The start of the race will be televised live on Malta national television and on social media.**

**In the case of crews consisting of a mix of persons who have recognised vaccination certificates**

and persons requiring an exemption, should the whole team choose to mix together, then all the team is required to follow the bubble concept.

The following process must be followed to seek **requests for exemptions** for named crew to be able to enter Malta:-

- Flight details (flight number and origin of flight, date and time of arrival in Malta)
- Details of the outgoing flight, and number of days in Malta.
- The following information pertaining to the team is to be provided in the following tabular format :
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Name	Surname	Travel document no.	DOB	Nationality	Role	Vaccination status
					crew / shorecrew + specify boat name	Recognised cert / Cert not recognised / partially vaccinated / unvaccinated

The Health Authorities will only be in a position to grant **exemptions for teams/ groups of persons** upon provision of the FINAL list of arrival of each team or group of persons arriving in Malta together, as far in advance as possible but not less than 7 days prior to the planned arrival of the team/crew. Please make sure that all the details you supply are **100% correct** as the Health Authorities will not process corrections / changes. Those participants who have already submitted this data please make sure there are no errors so that we will submit accordingly.

Further to this, please provide a detailed daily schedule for the duration of time the team is in Malta under the **bubble concept**, specifying when they will be on the boat, when the boat will be out of its berth strictly for training or racing, when the team will be in their hotel rooms and when they will be eating.

**This information will be passed on to the Environmental Health Inspectors for their perusal. There are fines of €3,000 for persons not abiding by these regulations, so we kindly advise you not to abuse in any way.**

Attached please also find the protocols which will be applied to participants for COVID-19 regulations and the **bubble concept**, kindly always refer to these and the possible updates on the Rolex Middle Sea Race website.

In requesting the RMYC to apply to the Health Authorities for the granting in your favour of any exemption from quarantine under the current Covid-19 Regulations, you unconditionally undertake to comply with the applicable bubble rules as communicated above, and accept sole responsibility in this regard.

The RMYC cannot be held responsible for any consequences which might ensue in the event

that the Health Authorities were to determine that any persons who are supposed to be under the **bubble concept** are found to be breaking the bubble rules, or for any other reason beyond the control of the RMYC.

By accepting to participate in the current edition of the Rolex Middle Sea Race you formally acknowledge and accept this disclaimer of liability on the part of the RMYC.

We trust the above is clear but if you do have any questions or clarifications kindly let us know on the following e-mail addresses, [hon-treasurer@rmyp.org](mailto:hon-treasurer@rmyp.org) and [info@rolexmiddlesearace.com](mailto:info@rolexmiddlesearace.com) we will do our utmost to make your race a memorable one.

Kind regards

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