

ROLEX MIDDLE SEA RACE COVID-19 PROTOCOLS 2021

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1. Registration Monday 18th to Thursday 21st October.

- A) Registration will be held at the Royal Malta Yacht Club (RMYC).
- B) This will be done strictly by appointment and only one person from each boat will attend. Registration for boat crews in the bubble concept will be done through online means with contactless exchange of paperwork & others done at the boat berth.
- C) Entry to the Club premises will be restricted solely to participants, staff and persons directly responsible for the race organisation.
- D) All RMYC staff and voluntary persons as well as any staff of third party service providers will be obliged to follow COVID 19 restrictions wearing masks and sanitizing hands regularly.
- E) Security personnel will be taking body temperature of anyone entering the RMYC premises.
- F) Staff taking registrations will be provided with desk screens to avoid any possible contact.

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2. Briefing Coastal Race – Tuesday 19th October Venue Excelsior Hotel Floriana at 18:00 hrs.

- A) Participants will follow Hotel Excelsior protocols and will be on a seated basis as per current standard procedures.
- B) A limited participation of 2 persons per boat will be allowed.
- C) Briefing will also be transmitted online for those who will be in the 'Bubble Concept' and not allowed entry into the hall.
- D) RMYC Staff and security personnel will be present on site to ensure protocols are strictly adhered to.
- E) We are expecting a turnout of about 35 boats for this race.

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3. Coastal Race – Wednesday 20th October at 10:00 hrs.

- A) Venue of the race will be offshore, starting and ending between Tigne Point and Fort St. Elmo.
- B) This race is a preparatory race and does not attract any spectators going on past experience.
- C) On arrival all boats will go back to their allocated berth and the ones within the 'Bubble Concept' will follow necessary procedures to ensure they will not meet with other participants / staff.

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4. Coastal Race Prize Giving / Owners Reception – Thursday 21th October at 19:00 hrs.

- A) Venue Xaghra Lodge L/O Rabat.
- B) Reception will be seated with a max. of 6 persons per table and will follow all standards issued by the health authorities as well as protocols of the venue.
- C) Entrance will be limited to 2 persons per boat except for the winning boats.
- D) The number of attendees will not exceed the allowed number of the venue according to the social distancing regulations in force.
- E) Our staff and security personnel will be present at the venue for better control.

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5. Race Start – Saturday, 23rd October 2021

- A) Venue Grand Harbour specifically between Fort St. Angelo and Upper Barakka Gardens between 10:30 and Noon.
- B) Upper Barrakka Gardens (Saluting Battery) and Lower Barrakka Gardens will be closed to the general public between 10:00 hrs and 13:00 hrs.
- C) RMYC will not be organising any event for members to watch the start as used to be the practice in the past.
- D) Start will be televised by direct transmission on TVM and various social media channels.
- E) A media campaign is already in progress whereby RMYC is informing the public of the direct transmissions hence discouraging attendance at Grand Harbour.
- F) Police or security personnel stationed at vantage points to prevent any gatherings of persons

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6. Race Finish

- A) The faster boats will normally start arriving by early Tuesday 26th October morning, while the slower boats may take up to Friday 29th October to arrive depending on the weather conditions.
- B) Some of the boats will depart immediately after finishing the race while others will go back to their berths.
- C) Scrutineering will be held by RMYC Officials on random boats, masks and rubber gloves will be worn during the checks.

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7. Prize Giving

- A) Prize giving will this year be held on Saturday, 30th October at the Mediterranean Conference Centre in Valletta from 11:30 hrs.
- B) All protocols of the venue will be followed.
- C) The event will be a sit down meal with capacities limited to the venues approved amounts and social distancing limits.
- D) Our staff and security personnel will be present at the venue for better control.