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The **Yachting Malta BSC International Regatta 2027** is being organised by the Birzebbuga Sailing Club Freeport, Malta and supported by the Malta Sailing Federation.
https://bscsailing.club/
The **dates** shall be from **Thursday 11th February** until **Sunday 14th February 2027**.
This regatta also classifies as a ranking event within the Malta Sailing Federation Ranking Events Calendar 2027.

NP	Rules that are not grounds for protest by a boat. This changes Racing Rule of Sailing 60.1 and 63.2(a)

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta shall be governed by *the rules* as defined in the ***2025 – 2028 Racing Rules of Sailing*** **(RRS).**

1.2 [DP] The following Class Rules and instructions shall also apply:

1.2.1 **The International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA) class rules.**

1.2.2 **The International Laser Class Association (ILCA) class rules.**

1.2.3 The **Sailing Instructions (SI)**, and any amendments thereof. In the event of conflict, the SI shall take precedence over the Notice of Race. This changes RRS 63.5 c .

1.3 No national authority prescriptions shall apply.

1.4 In addition to RRS 60.2(a)1 a protestor shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line immediately after finishing of the boat being protested. If the boat retires before finishing, she shall inform the Race Committee via the official boat closest to her at the same time as advising that she has retired".

1.5 [NP] [DP] RRS 40.1 will apply when afloat.

1.6 RRS Appendix T Arbitration will apply and is changed as follows:
A post-race penalty is a Scoring Penalty equal to 30% of the score for DNF, or 50% of the difference between the boat´s finishing position in the race and the score for DNF, whichever is less. The Scoring Penalty is calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c). However, RRS 44.1(a) applies.

1.7 RRS 90.3(e) will apply.

1.8 In all rules governing this regatta, "Sailor", "athlete" and "Competitor" means a person competing in this regatta. The term "Support person" means a person as defined in *the rules*.

1.9 English is the Official Language of this regatta. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING [NP] [DP]

2.1 Competitors advertising will be restricted on the hull as per WS Reg. 20.3.2, in case of the Optimist Class, it is also restricted by the IODA class rule 2.8

2.2 Competitors might be required to display event advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all sailors duly registered with their respective National Association, in any of the following classes:

3.1.1 **Optimist Class:**

a. **Open Category:**
Optimist sailors in the Open Category may register in either of the following two Divisions:

I. **Senior Division -** Boys and Girls born between 2015 and 2012 (12 – 15yrs).

II. **Cadet Division -** Boys and Girls born between 2019 and 2016 (8 – 11yrs) whose results shall be extracted from the Overall results of the Open Category.

or

b. **Novice Category**

I. Boys and Girls born between 2019 and 2013 (8 - 14yrs) and have not yet been racing for more than twelve (12) months.

3.1.2 **ILCA Classes** -The regatta shall be open for the following ILCA Classes:

a. **ILCA 7 Class**

b. **ILCA 6 Class**

c. **ILCA 4 Class -** No age restrictions shall apply.

3.1 A minimum of four boats shall constitute a class.

3.2 Event registration fees shall be as follows:

ONLINE REGISTRATION PERIOD	ENTRY FEE
From 21st September till 21st January 2027	100Eur
Late entry fee	130Eur

Except for the last day of the regatta, the entry fee shall include a meal and a drink on returning ashore after each race day.

3.3 Eligible competitors shall submit their entry by completing the online registration via the following link:

3.4 Online registration deadline is 1800hrs on the 21st January 2027 at BSC 27 Registration (bscsailing.club).

3.5 Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority and is subject to the specified late entry fee.

3.6 Registration for entry may close earlier at the discretion of Organising Authority. Registrations without payment shall not be accepted.

4. ON-SITE REGISTRATION

4.1 On-site registration shall be made at the Race Office only by the respective coach or support person within the below on-site registration time windows.

DATE	TIME
Wednesday 10th February 2027	1800 - 2000hrs
Thursday 11th February 2027	0800 - 1000hrs

4.2 It is mandatory for all competitors under the age of eighteen **(18)** to be accompanied by a coach or support person whilst ashore. A Parent Consent Form must be duly filled in by the parent or guardian of the minor and handed in by the coach or support person during the On-site registration. The Parent Consent Form can be found in **Appendix III** or can be downloaded from the event website. https://bscsailing.club/ym-bsc-27-notice-board

4.3 Competitors under the age of eighteen **(18)** must also be supported by a support person whilst afloat. The maximum coach / On water support person to competitor ratio shall be according to class and not exceed the below ratios:

Class	Max coach / on water support person to competitor ratio
Optimist Class - Novice Category	1:8
Optimist Class - Open Category	1:10
ILCA Classes	1:12

During the online registration process, competitors under the age of eighteen **(18)** shall be required to fill in the name of their coach / on water support person whilst afloat. Further online registrations shall be automatically rejected as soon as the registered coach / on water support person responsibility quota is exceeded.

4.4 During the on-site registration, the responsible adult (coach or support person) shall be required to show the following documents:

4.4.1 Duly filled and signed Parent/Guardian Consent Form for every competitor under his or her responsibility who are under the age of eighteen **(18)**.

4.4.2 Evidence of competitor's date of birth (passport, National Identity Card).

5. RACING FORMAT

5.1 All classes shall race under a single series format.

5.2 In the event of more than 100 registered entries in the Optimist Open Category, the organising Authority may consider dividing this category into fleets to sail a qualifying series followed by a final series. If this comes into effect, the racing format details for this category shall be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 The regatta race schedule shall be as follows:

DATE	SCHEDULE	TIME
Thursday 11th February 2027	Race Day 1	1100hrs
Friday 12th February 2027	Race Day 2	- TBA -
Saturday 13th February 2027	Race Day 3	- TBA -
Sunday 14th February 2027	Race day 4	- TBA -
Sunday 14th February 2027	Prize giving Ceremony	1800hrs

*TBA – To be announced

6.2 A maximum of Twelve **(12)** races in each class are being scheduled for the whole event.

6.3 Three **(3)** races per day are scheduled on any one day. One **(1)** extra race per day may be sailed depending on the prevailing weather conditions.

6.4 No warning signal shall be made later than 1430hrs on the last day of the regatta.

6.5 On the first day of the regatta, a briefing for coaches and team leaders shall be held not later than 90 minutes before the first warning signal.

7. MEASUREMENTS [DP]

7.1 The Race Committee reserves the right to check the racing equipment at any time during the regatta and may also request a valid measurement certificate.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 A copy of the sailing instructions shall be posted on the official notice board by 0900hrs on the first day of the regatta.
8.2 The official notice board will be found online https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/15921
8.3 Team leaders and coaches shall also be notified of notices to competitors via an Event Chat Group. Failure to promptly post notices on the chat group or event website shall not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 61.4(b)1

9. VENUE

9.1 The launching and storage of boats shall be from the Birżebbuga Sailing Club premises and slipway at Wied Il-Buni, Birżebbuġa, Malta.
9.2 The designated racing area shall be in and around the waters of Marsaxlokk Bay as illustrated in **Appendix I**. The race area and the course configuration will solely depend on each racing day's prevailing weather conditions.

10. COURSES

10.1 The course layouts shall be based around a trapezoid or windward/leeward courses, these shall be issued with the Sailing Instructions and explained during the briefing for coaches and team leaders.
10.2 Any changes in the course configuration will be advised to all sailors prior to launching and/or as an amendment in the Sailing Instructions.

11. INTERNATIONAL JURY

11.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N, and the decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.3 (a).

12. SCORING

12.1 The Low Point Scoring system shall be used.
12.2 Three **(3)** races are required to be completed to constitute a series in each class.
12.3 When:
12.3.1 **One to four** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
12.3.2 **Five to twelve** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13. SUPPORT BOATS [DP] [NP]

13.1 Support persons (team leaders, coaches, parents, guardians and other support personnel) intending to drive support boats, shall hold a valid motorboat handling licence.
13.2 A maximum of two **(2)** Coaches / On water support persons shall be allowed to share same support boat as long as the maximum support boat to competitor responsibility ratio of 1:12 is not exceeded.
13.3 Coaches / on water support persons shall ensure that the on-water support provided for their team is adequate for the ability of their sailors according to the prevailing conditions during the regatta.

13.4 All team support boats shall be marked for easy identification. It is recommended that each team provide their own national flag as a means of identification. Numbered support boat flags shall be distributed during the registration window times at the race office.

13.5 Support or Coach boats shall be at least 4 metres in length with a minimum engine capacity of 25HP. Teams shall ensure that the vessel is seaworthy and correctly registered and insured with the competent authorities.

13.6 Support or Coach boats shall have basic safety equipment whilst afloat, this shall include a functional VHF marine transceiver set, tow line and anchor appropriate for the size of the support boat and PFDs for all passengers on-board.

13.7 As a Safety requirement, Support Boat "Kill Cords" must be properly attached to the support boat driver at all times whilst engine is running.

14. STORAGE OF BOATS [DP]

14.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the club boat park starting from the evening of Wednesday 10 February 2027 onwards.

14.2 In order to better organize the regatta venue whilst ashore, all boat rigging and car or trailer parking shall be within the designated areas in front of the BSC clubhouse as illustrated in Appendix II.

15. BOAT CHARTER [DP]

15.1 A number of IODA class boats are available for **free** for each foreign team on a first come first served basis. Contact the club on bscsailing@gmail.com for further information.

15.2 Additional IODA and ILCA class boats shall be available for charter at the below boat chartering fees; all boats must be chartered via Birzebbuga Sailing Club as the Organizing Authority.

CLASS	BOAT CHARTER FEE
Optimist	400Eur
ILCA	550Eur

15.3 The Organizing Authority shall define the charter boats allocation method.

15.4 Competitors shall not modify the boats or cause them to be modified in any way except that:

15.3.1 A magnetic compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars.

15.3.2 Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat

15.3.3 Hulls and foils may be cleaned but only with water.

15.3.4 Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line.

15.3.5 All fittings or equipment that were designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, if all adjustments comply with the respective Class Rules.

15.5 Competitors may use their own foils, spars, fittings and running rigging.

15.6 Optimist Class charter boats will be delivered:

15.5.1 **WITH:** Hull fittings, two mainsheet blocks attached to the hull(one of them a ratchet block), airbags, padded toe straps, shock-cord to keep the dagger board in place (Class Rule 3.3.5), mainsheet, block and backet (to attach the mainsheet to the boom), dagger board, safety cord (Class Rule 3.3.4), spars, foils, paddle, bailers (2), and trolley.

15.5.2 **WITHOUT:** Sails and any fitting at the top of the mast to secure the lacing lines at the throat point.

15.7 Reservation of charter boats is on first come first served basis, for further details, please contact the club secretariat by e-mail bscsailing@gmail.com

16. PRIZES

16.1 Class Prizes will be presented as follows:

16.1.1 Optimist Class:

I. 1st, 2nd and 3rd sailor in Senior, Cadet divisions and Novice category.
II. 1st, 2nd and 3rd female sailor in the Senior, Cadet divisions and Novice category.

16.1.2 ILCA Classes:

I. 1st, 2nd and 3rd sailor in any ILCA constituted Classes.
II. 1st, 2nd and 3rd female sailor in any ILCA constituted Classes.

16.2 In the case of less than four **(4)** registered sailors in any class or category, only the prize for 1st place shall be awarded.

16.3 The prize giving presentation shall be held at the BSC Clubhouse after the last race on Sunday 14th February 2027.

17. DISCLIAMER OF LIABILITY

17.1 Competitors and support team members participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, "Decision to Race". The organizing authority will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17.2 The Organizing Authority and any other party involved in the organization of the regatta accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss, or claim whether personal or material, incurred by or inflicted to participants before, during or after the regatta.

17.3 The fact that the race committee will provide additional support boats will not remove from competitors the responsibility they have accepted by participating in this regatta.

17.4 By launching, competitors are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for exposing themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event. Additionally, by launching, they are also confirming that their boats are sound and seaworthy for the weather conditions whilst racing, properly fitted out according to the class rules design and regulations.

17.5 It is the competitors' responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to the venue or this regatta drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for this venue or event, and to attend any safety briefings held for the event.

18. INSURANCE

18.1 Insurance is mandatory. The owner or charterer of a boat intending to take part in this regatta shall hold a valid third-party liability insurance policy with a minimum cover of 1,500,000Eur or equivalent thereof in any other currency.

18.2 Each competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible for third party liability insurance on the boat that he or she is sailing and for his or her personal accident and health insurance.

19. MEDIA RIGHTS

19.1 By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority and the event Sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any still or motion pictures, live, taped or filmed on television and other reproductions of him or her during the event, and of all of his or her material related to the event, without any right of compensation.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

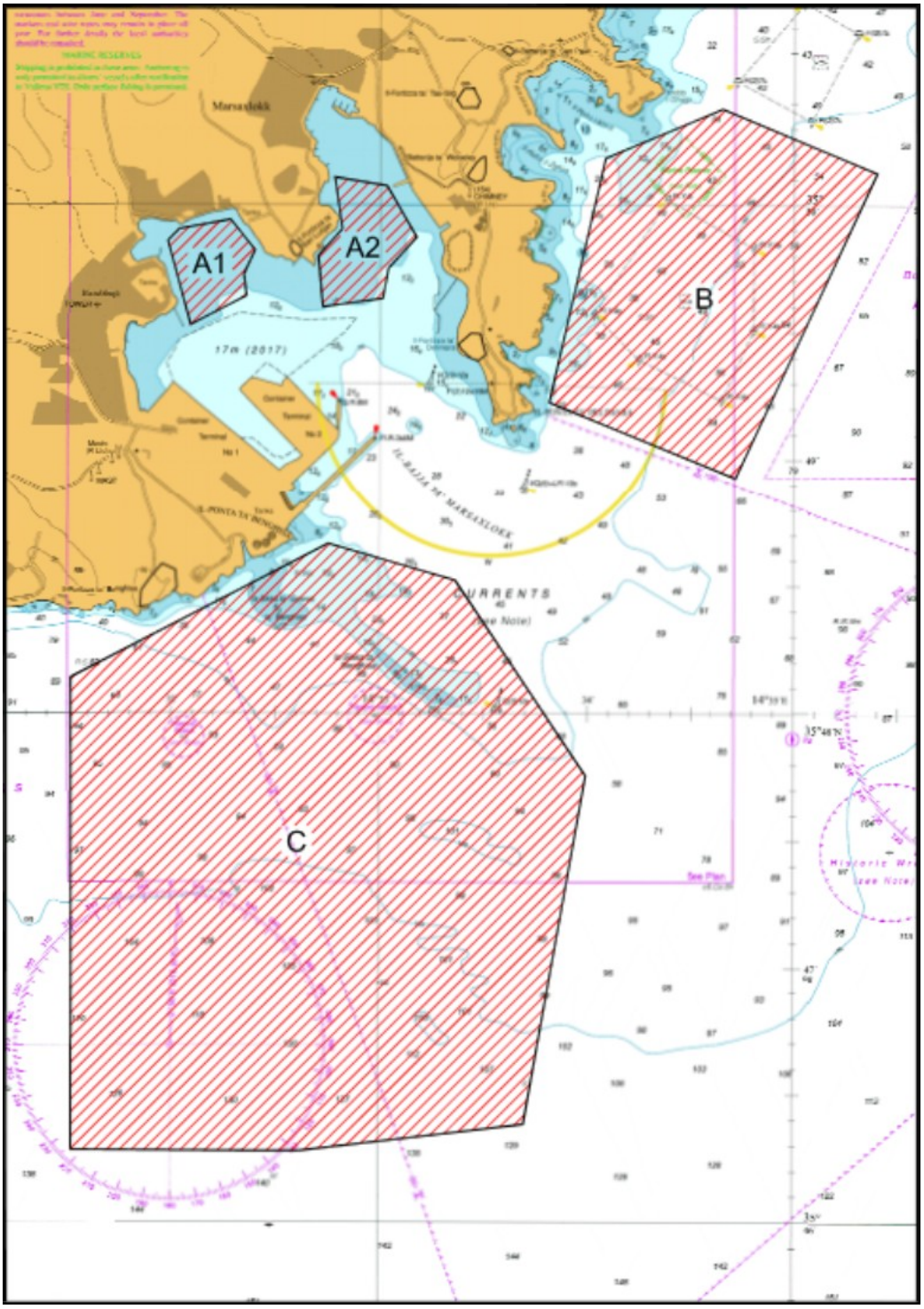
20.1 Details of recommended hotel accommodation, will be available on the event website YM BSC International Regatta 2027

20.2 For further information or assistance for RHIB chartering please contact the club secretariat, by e-mail bscsailing@gmail.com

APPENDIX I

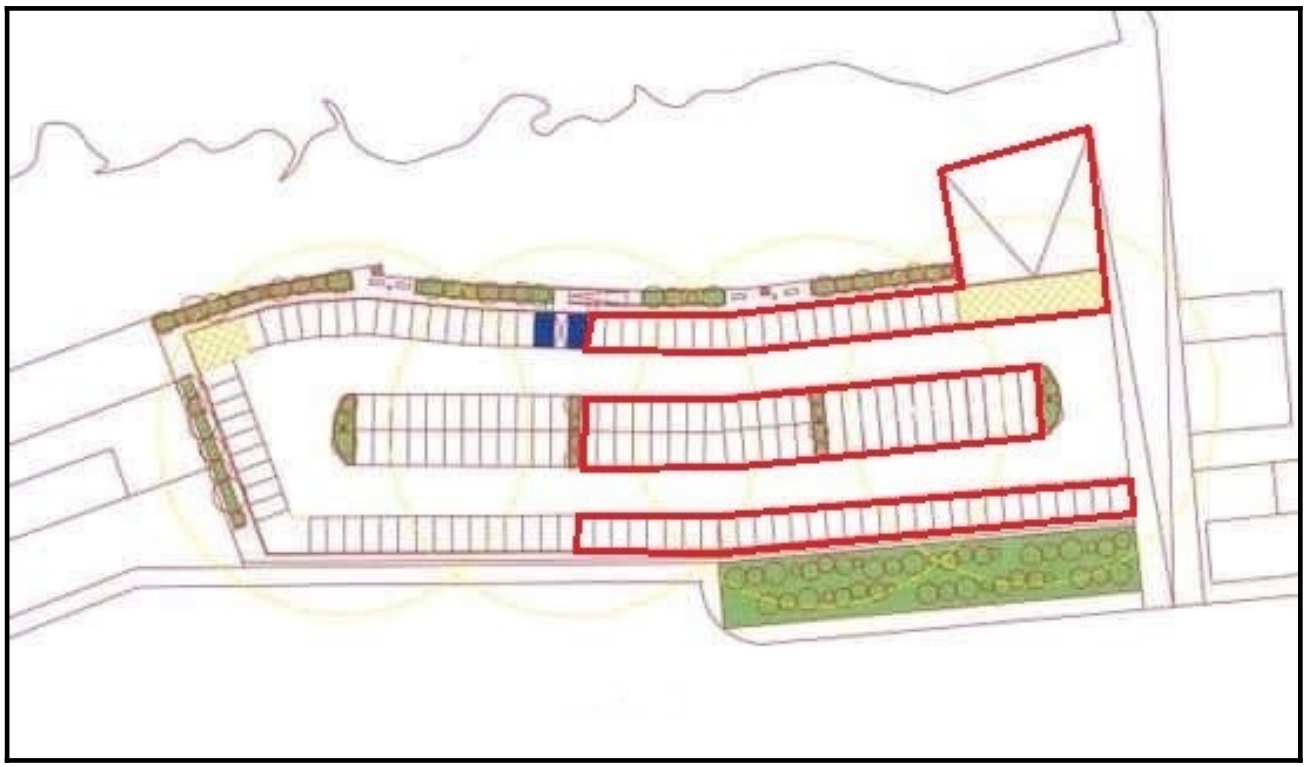
RACING AREAS

The racing area chosen for this regatta will be one of the areas designated under Areas A, B or C.



APPENDIX II

BOAT AND CAR PARKING AREA ALLOCATION



In order to facilitate boat and car traffic management whilst ashore, the following instructions must be adhered to:

- All boat rigging shall take place within the areas marked in RED. On the first day of the regatta, every team shall be allocated a specified boat rigging area within the red boat rigging zones.
- No boats shall be rigged on the sandy beach.
- Except for launching or retrieval of ribs, the slipway and road leading to the slipway shall be designated as a No Parking Zone.
- Any movement of boats to the launching areas shall only be permitted after the appropriate signal is displayed on the BSC flagpole.
- All boat launching trolleys will be stacked on the concrete platform by the beach master, helpers, respective team leaders and coaches and helpers.
- All car and trailer parking shall be within the other unmarked area.

APPENDIX III

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM

To be completed and signed by the parent / guardian of entrants **under 18 years** of age and presented at the race office during registration by the responsible adult.
Failure to hand in this form will result in cancellation of the entry in this event.

During the on-site registration window, the responsible adult shall sign this form to accept responsibility of the minor at the event.

Sailor (under 18)	**Name**
Responsible Adult	**Name** **Contact Number**
Parent / Guardian	**Name** **Address** **Contact number**

Agreement:
I, the parent / guardian have legal custody of the minor. I hereby authorize the responsible adult to act as my nominated person at the event. I agree that this authorization shall remain in effect for the total duration of the minor's participation in the event and related activities. This authorization shall not be revoked before the end of the event.

Non-Liability of the club:
I agree that in no circumstances shall the club as the organizing authority or its event sponsors, club committee members, race officials and event helpers have any liability whatsoever arising from or in connection with any action or non-action of the responsible adult.

I, the parent / guardian understands and agree to the terms of entry as detailed in the Notice of Race and confirm that the responsible adult will accompany the minor for the duration of the event. By signing, I certify that I have carefully read, understood, and agree to the above agreement and non-liability statement.
Signed

Parent/Guardian: _____

Responsible Adult: _____

Date: _____