



BIRZEBBUGA SAILING CLUB



Malta Laser Class Association Regatta November 13th - 14th

2021

NOTICE OF RACE

Sponsored by:



1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The MLCA Regatta 2021 is being organised by the Birzebbuga Sailing Club Freeport (BSC) under the auspices of the Malta Laser Class Association (MLCA). The event dates shall be Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th November 2021.
- 1.2 The MLCA Regatta 2021 is a ranking event within the official Malta Sailing Federation ranking event calendar 2021.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the **2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)**.
- 2.2 No national authority prescriptions shall apply.
- 2.3 The following Class Rules and instructions shall also apply:
 - I. **The International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA).**
 - II. **The International Laser Class Association (ILCA).**
 - III. **The RS Feva International Class Association.**
 - IV. The Class rules of any other constituted class during the regatta.
 - V. **The Portsmouth Yardstick 2021 (PY)** handicap rating system.
 - VI. The **Sailing Instructions (SI)**, and any amendments there to. In the event of conflict, the SI shall prevail.
- 2.4 The first three sentences of RRS 61.1(a) shall be changed to 'A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest will concern an incident in the racing area that she was involved in or saw she shall hail 'Protest'. She shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line immediately after finishing of the boat/s being protested, or as soon as practicable after she retires.'
- 2.5 RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4 are changed as follows:
 - 2.5.1 The first sentence of RRS 40 is deleted and replaced by: "Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD), for Optimist class, refer to 2021 Class Rule 4.2 (a), properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing."
 - 2.5.2 Add to the preamble of Part 4, after 'racing': "...except rule 40 as amended by Sailing Instruction 2.5.1"
- 2.6 Attention is drawn to IODA Class Rule 2021, 4.3 (a), (b) & (c) bailers, painters and paddle.
- 2.7 In all rules governing this regatta, "Sailor" and "Competitor" means a person competing in this regatta. The term "Support person" means a person as defined in the RRS.
- 2.8 This event shall comply with the latest Mandatory Covid -19 Mitigation Standards for Sports Activities issued by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Health, Malta.
 - 2.8.1 All competitors, coaches, team support persons or any other person associated with this event must comply with the COVID-19 Mitigation Standards. Its contents might change as the event approaches and will influence the running / organization / cancellation of the event. For further information about the latest Covid-19 Mitigation Standards can be found on [Covid-19 Mitigation Standards for Sports](#)
 - 2.8.2 A breach of standards may lead, after a hearing, to an imposition of a discretionary penalty by the Protest Committee.
- 2.9 English is the Official Language of this regatta. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Competitors advertising will be restricted on the hull as per WS Reg. 20.3.2 but as restricted by Optimist Class rule 2.8
- 3.2 Competitors may be required to display event advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY

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

4.1.1 Optimist Class:

a. Open Category:

Open Category optimist sailors may register in either of the following Divisions:

- I. **Senior Division** - Boys and Girls born between 2006 and 2009 (12 – 15yrs).
Within which the:-
- II. **Cadet Division** - Boys and Girls born between 2010 and 2014 (7 – 11yrs) whose results shall be extrapolated from the Open Category.
- III. **Girls Category** – Girls between 2006 and 2014 whose results shall be extrapolated from the Open Category.

OR

- 2. **Novice Category** - Boys and Girls born between 2007 and 2014 (7- 14yrs), **AND** have not yet been sailing for more than twelve months.

II. **ILCA Class** -The regatta shall be open for the following ILCA Class Divisions:

- a. **ILCA 7 Class**
- b. **ILCA 6 Class**
- c. **ILCA 4 Class** - No age restrictions shall apply.

III. **RS Vision & Feva double-handed classes**

IV. **Any other one design class dinghy**

V. **A handicap class for boats with a recognised PY number may be constituted at the discretion of the race committee**

- 4.2 A minimum of four boats shall constitute a class.

5. ENTRY & REGISTRATION

- 5.1 Eligible boats shall submit their entry by completing the online registration on the following link: [MLCA Regatta 2021 Registration Form](#)
- 5.2 A nominal registration fee of 20.00€ for one person and 25.00€ for double person dinghy entry is required to cover the whole regatta.
- 5.3 Online registration deadline is 18:00hrs Thursday 11th November 2021. For late entries the On-site Late Registration Form shall be filled in and handed over at the registration desk during Registration Time. Acceptance of late entries shall be at the race committee's discretion incurring an additional charge of 5.00€ The On-Site Late Registration Form can be found in Appendix IV.
- 5.4 Registration for late entries shall be open on Saturday 13th November 2021 between 08:30 and 1000 hrs for all boat classes.
- 5.5 On-site registration is mandatory. This shall be made at the Race Office only by the respective coach or support person within the time windows specified under Sect. 5.4. Only coaches or team leaders shall be allowed to enter the Race Office.
- 5.6 It is also 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 has to be duly filled and handed over by the coach or support person during the On-site registration time. The Parent Consent and Declaration form can be found in Appendix III(b)
- 5.7 Competitors under the age of eighteen (**18**) shall also be supported by a coach or on water support person whilst afloat. The maximum coach / On water support person to competitors ratio shall be according to class and not exceeding the below ratios:

Class	Maximum Coach / On water support person to competitor ratio
Optimist Class	1:10
ILCA Classes	1:12
RS Feva XL Class	1:6

- 5.7.1 Upon registering online, competitors under the age of eighteen (**18**) shall be required to fill in the name of their coach / on water support person whilst afloat.
- 5.7.2 Further Online Registrations shall automatically be rejected as soon as the registered coach / on water support person responsibility ratio is exceeded.
- 5.7.3 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.

- 5.7.4 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.
- 5.8 During the on-site registration, the coach or support person shall be required to show the following documents:
- 5.8.1 Duly filled and signed Parent/Guardian Consent & Declaration Form for every competitor under his responsibility.
- 5.8.2 Duly filled and signed COVID-19 Contact Tracing Form for every competitor and team member including himself as coach, team leaders and any other support person within his team. The COVID-19 Contact Tracing Form can be found in Appendix III(a)

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The regatta racing days shall take place as follows:
- I. Saturday 13th November 2021 – 1st race of the day at 1100 hrs.
 - II. Sunday 14th November 2021 – 1st race of the day at 1000 hrs.
- 6.2 No preparatory signal shall be made later than 1500 hrs on the first day of the regatta, unless as a continuation of the starting signals of a race for which a warning signal was given before 1500 hrs and the start had been postponed due to a general recall.
- 6.3 No preparatory signal shall be made later than 1430 hrs on the last day of the regatta.
- 6.4 Up to four races per day may be sailed on any one day depending on weather conditions.
- 6.5 A maximum of six **(6)** races in each class are planned for the whole series.

7. MEASUREMENTS

- 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.
- 7.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 7.3 Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted provided that the relevant form has been filled in at the Race Office and the Race Committee has checked both the damaged and substituting equipment.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 A copy of the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board or earlier on the event website.
- 8.2 Any changes of the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least one hour before the start of races affected by that change.
- 8.3 Team leaders and coaches shall also be notified of all notices to competitors via an official online Event Chat Group. Failure to not promptly post notices on the official notice board(s) shall not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

9. VENUE

- 9.1 The launching and storage of boats shall be from the Birżebbuġa Sailing Club premises and slipway at Wied Il-Buni, Birżebbuġa.
- 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. THE 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 before each day's racing.
- 10.2 Any changes in the course configuration shall be advised to sailors prior to launching and/or as an amendment in the Sailing Instructions.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point Scoring system shall be used.
- 11.2 Three **(3)** races are required to be completed in order to constitute a series in each class.
- 11.3 When :-
- I. **One to three** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - II. **Four to six** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score

12. BOAT PARK

- 12.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park at Birzebbuga Sailing Club Freeport starting from the evening of Friday 12th November 2021.

13. ONBOARD COMMUNICATION

- 13.1 A boat shall neither make nor receive communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones, radios, hand or other visual or verbal signals from spectator boats or outsiders.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1 Class Prizes will be given as follows:
- 14.1.1 Optimist Class:
- I. First, Second and Third position in Senior, Cadet divisions and Novice category.
 - II. First, Second and Third female Optimist sailors registered within the Female and Novice categories of four (4) registered female Optimist sailors and over.
OR
 - III. First female in the Female and Novice categories, if less than four (4) registered female Optimist sailors shall be taking part.
- 14.1.2 ILCA Classes:
- I. First, Second and Third positions in any ILCA constituted Classes.
 - II. First, Second and Third female ILCA sailors in any ILCA class of four (4) registered female ILCA sailors and over.
OR
 - III. First female in any ILCA class if less than four (4) registered female ILCA sailors shall be taking part.
 - IV. The Creek Development Trophy shall be awarded to the top 2021 ranking sailor in the ILCA 4 class
 - V. The Censu Valentino Trophy shall be awarded to the top 2021 ranking sailor in the ILCA 6 class.
- 14.1.3 First, second and third position shall be given to all other constituted classes of four (4) boats and over.
- 14.2 The prize giving presentation shall be held at the BSC Clubhouse after the last race on Sunday 14th November 2021.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 Competitors and support team members participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, "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.
- 15.2 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.
- 15.3 The fact that the race committee will provide rescue boats will not remove from competitors the responsibility they have accepted by participating in this regatta.
- 15.4 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.
- 15.5 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.
- 15.6 Parents or guardians of entrants below eighteen years of age are to sign the registration disclaimer form and undertake all responsibility.

16. INSURANCE

- 16.1 Insurance is mandatory. The owner or charterer of a boat intending to take part in the regatta shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat whilst racing.
- 18.1 Insurance can be purchased locally or abroad. For details, if in need of guidance, please contact the club secretariat by either sending an e-mail bscsailing@gmail.com, or sending a message on the BSC website <https://bscsailing.club/> or any of the two club social media platforms:
Club Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/BSCsailing/>
Club Instagram Account: https://www.instagram.com/bsc_birzebugasailingclub/

17. BOAT CHARTER

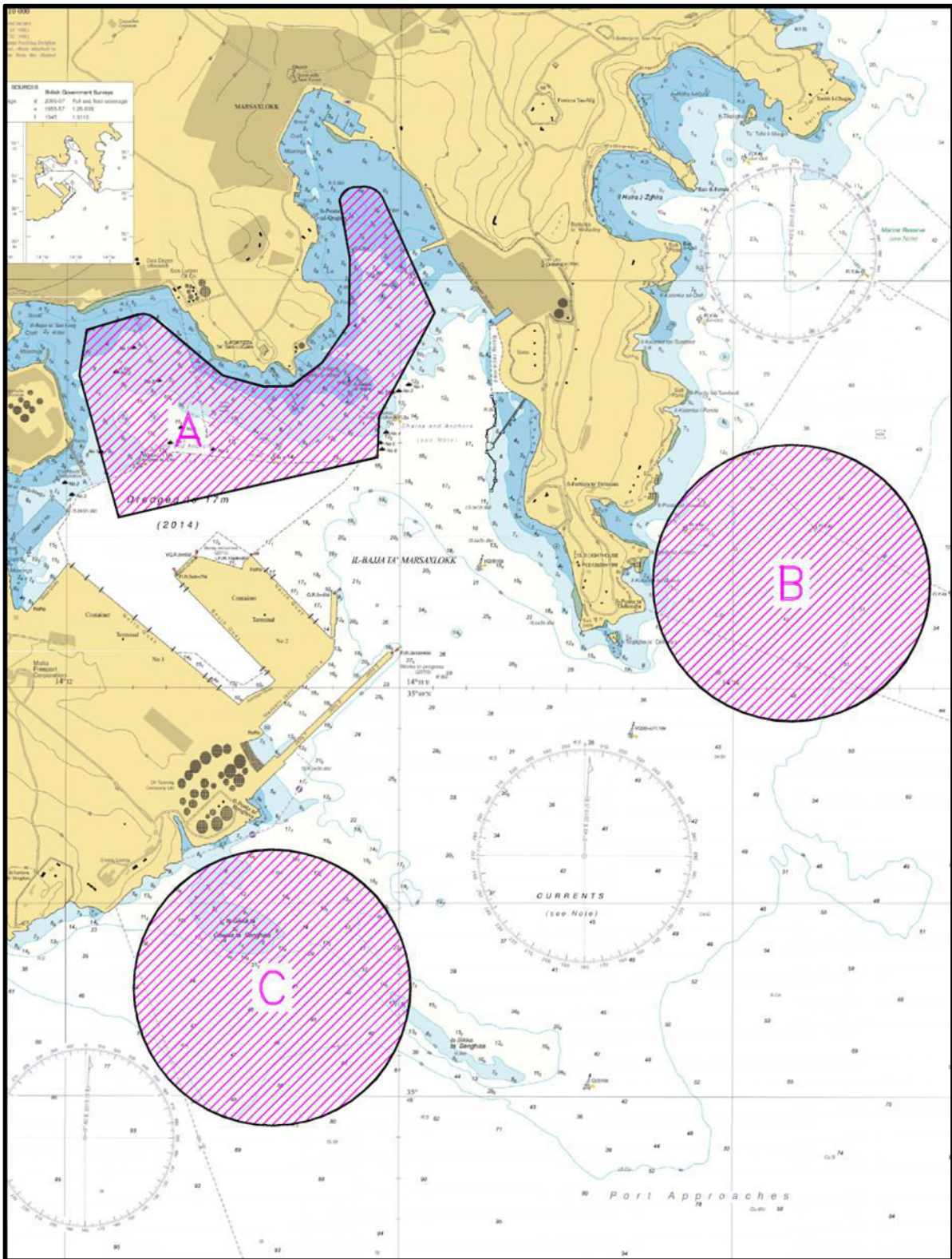
- 17.1 Club boats will be available for charter as follows:
- I. Optimist IODA boats shall be chartered at daily rate of 30.00€.
 - II. RS Feva boats shall be chartered at a daily rate of 60.00€.
- A 50% rebate on the above rates shall apply to any BSC sailor wishing to charter any club boat for up to three official club events in succession.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.2 For further information or assistance please contact the club secretariat, by either sending an e-mail bscsailing@gmail.com , or sending a message on the BSC website <https://bscsailing.club/> or any of the two club social media platforms:
Club Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/BSCsailing/>
Club Instagram Account: https://www.instagram.com/bsc_birzebbugasailingclub/
- 18.1 To better organize the regatta venue 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.

APPENDIX I

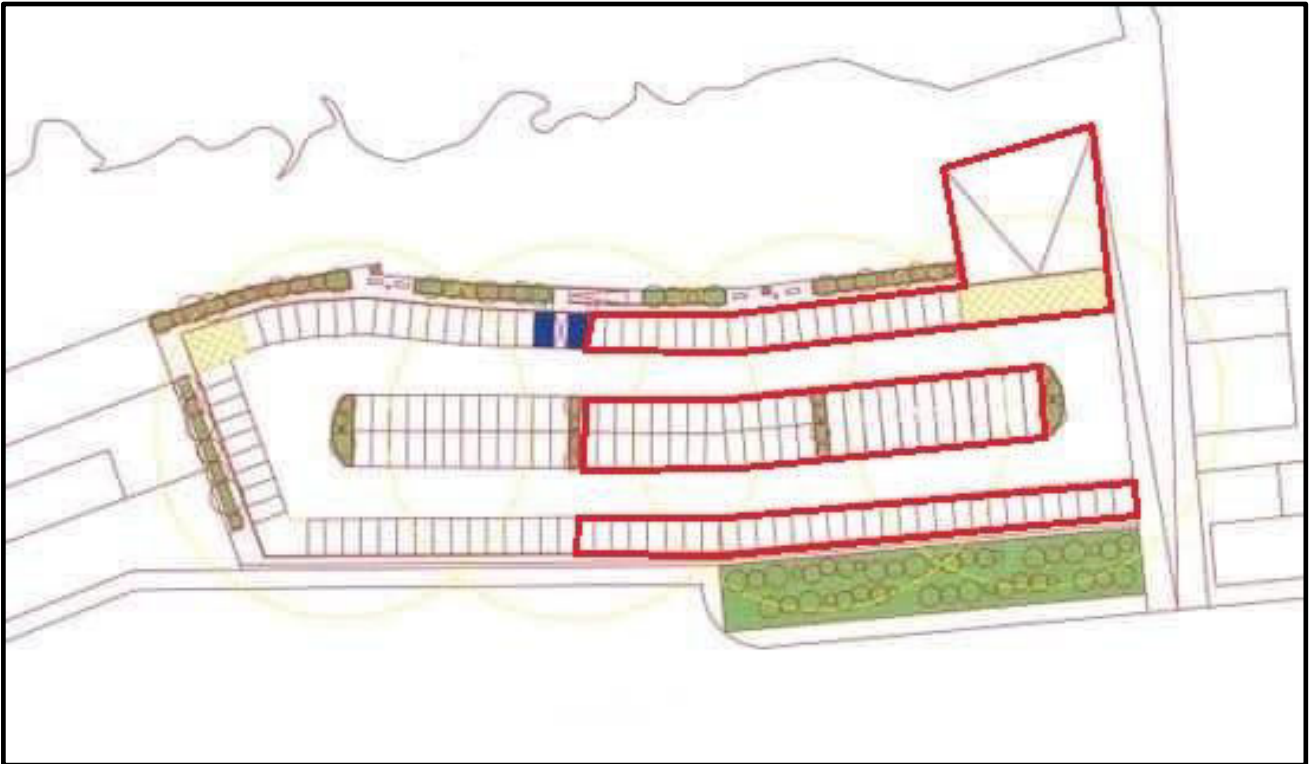
Racing Areas



The racing area chosen for this regatta shall 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:

- I. 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.
- II. No boats shall be rigged on the sandy beach.
- III. Except for launching or retrieval of ribs, the slipway and road leading to the slipway shall be designated as a No Parking Zone.
- IV. Any movement of boats to the launching areas shall only be permitted after the appropriate signal is displayed on the BSC flagpole.
- V. All boat launching trolleys will be stacked on the concrete platform by the beach master, helpers, respective team leaders and coaches and helpers.
- VI. All car and trailer parking shall be within the other unmarked areas.



APPENDIX III(a)

COVID-19 CONTACT TRACING FORM

This form has to be duly filled in by competitors, coaches, team leaders, support person and any person forming part of the regatta organization.

Competitor or Support Person	
Name:	
Surname:	
Contact Phone No.:	
Sailing Club Member of:	
Sail Number:	
Accommodation during Regatta (in case of Maltese resident, list your home address)	
Father, Mother or Guardian Passport No. Or Identity Card No.	
Name:	
Surname:	
Contact Phone No.	

The undersigned declares:

- I. That he/she fully understood the Mandatory Covid-19 Mitigation Standards for Sports Activities and shall abide to these standards at all times during the regatta.
- II. To stay home or current accommodation in case of feeling ill or other symptoms related to COVID-19.
- III. To contact the regatta race office as soon as COVID-19 symptoms start to appear, immediately leaves the regatta venue and returns home or to current accommodation.
- IV. That he/she did not have direct contact with persons that have been diagnosed COVID- 19 positive in the last fourteen (14) days prior to the regatta.
- V. That the phone number he/she had given is valid and can be easily reached if required.
- VI. To accept the fact that the regatta venue cannot guarantee to be fully COVID-19 secure and thus taking full responsibility on the possible consequences of taking part in this regatta.

Signed in (Place): Date:/...../.....

Signature:

N.B. Parent/Coach/Guardian's signature is required for competitors under eighteen (18) years of age.



APPENDIX III(b)

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT AND DECLARATION FORM

I the undersigned
(Parent/Guardian Full name)

Home Address:
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Phone No.:

Email:

Hereby declare to be responsible for

Name (Sailor):

Date of Birth:

Class: Sail No.:

Sailing Club Member or Country:

Within the context of his/her participation in the MLCA REGATTA 2021 to be held in limits of Marsaxlokk Port, Malta from the 13th till the 14th November 2021 organised by BIRZEBBUGA SAILING CLUB, MALTA

I authorise the organisers of the regatta to make any medical or hospital arrangements for him/her in case of emergency, including his/her transport to hospital.

IMAGES

I consent that my child be photographed, filmed for a video or TV or interviewed by the press. I shall allow the Organization Committee to broadcast, via its website and various social media platforms, all the information useful for the promotion of the regatta, including the name, and to broadcast all the pictures taken during the competition and anything linked to it.

Signed in (Place): Date:/...../.....

Signature:



APPENDIX IV

ON-SITE LATE REGISTRATION FORM

Please register my entry as follows: - *please place an [X] where applicable below*

Optimist Senior [] Optimist Cadet [] Optimist Novice []
ILCA 7 [] ILCA 6 [] ILCA4 [] RS Feva XL []

Any other type: Sail No.:

Helm's Name & Surname: Date of birth: / /

Crew's Name & Surname: Date of birth: / /

Helm's Address:

Coach or On Water Support Person's Name & Surname:

I confirm that the boat I shall be racing on, is covered by a valid marine legal liability insurance policy whilst racing. YES I CONFIRM []

Email Address:

Contact Phone: Sailing Club:

I am enclosing Cheque Number: / cash which amounts to the sum of € In respect of the MLCA Regatta 2021 registration entry fee.

DECLARATION: I agree to be bound by 'the rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, the Class Rules (where applicable) and the Sailing Instructions. I accept that the participation of the above numbered boat in the regatta is at my sole and exclusive risk in every respect. By this entry, I hereby indemnify the Birzebbuga Sailing Club as the organizers, its officers, members, helpers and sponsor(s) in respect of all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from the participation or intended participation of the above numbered boat in the regatta and I acknowledge that the Birzebbuga Sailing Club and its officers, helpers and sponsor(s) accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss of or damage to property, vessel or equipment. I the undersigned will also accept and agree with the Disclaimer of Liability clause stated on the Notice of Race Sect. 15.

Signature: Date: / /

N.B. Parent/Guardian's signature is required for competitors under eighteen (18) years of age.

For official use only:

MODA [] MLCA [] Membership paid []

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Received from..... the sum of € in respect of the MLCA REGATTA 2021 registration fee

BSC Officer Signature: Date: / /