



BIRZEBBUGA SAILING CLUB

St. Peter's Regatta July 24th - 25th 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The St. Peter's Regatta 2021 organised and hosted by the Birzebbuga Sailing Club Freeport shall be held between Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th July 2021.
- 1.2 This event is subject to the latest **COVID-19 Guidelines** as laid out by the Maltese Ministry of Public Health and the Malta Sailing Federation. All people associated with this event must comply with these conditions. These conditions might change as the event approaches and will influence the running / organization / cancellation of the event

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 Attention is drawn to IODA Class Rules 2021, 4.2 (a) Buoyancy aids and whistle, and 4.3 (a), (b) & (c) Bailers, painters and Paddle.
- 2.5 The St. Peter's Regatta 2021 is not a ranking event of the Malta Sailing Federation.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Advertising will be restricted to Category A.
- 3.2 Competitors may be required to display event advertising supplied by the organizing authorities.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all sailors duly registered with their National Association, in any of the following classes:
 - I. **Optimist Class:**
 1. **Open Category**
 - a. **Senior Division** - Boys and Girls born between 2006 and 2009 (12 – 15yrs).
Within which the:-
 - b. **Cadet Division** - Boys and Girls born between 2010 and 2014 (7 – 11yrs) whose results shall be extrapolated from the Open Category.
 - c. **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. **Laser Class** -The regatta shall be open for the following Laser Class Divisions:
 - a. **Laser Standard Class**
 - b. **Laser Radial Class**
 - c. **Laser 4.7 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.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 Online registration is mandatory; this shall be submitted by not later than, Wednesday 21st July 2021. Eligible boats shall submit their entry by completing the online registration and a scan of their latest boat insurance policy at the following link: [St. Peter's Regatta 2021 Online Registration Form](#)
- 4.5 Online registration is mandatory, acceptance of late entries will be at the race committee's discretion at an additional charge of 5.00€.

5. CLASSIFICATION

- 5.1 The WS Sailor Classification Code will apply.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration for late entries shall be open on Saturday 24th July 2021 between 0900 and 1000 hrs for all boat classes.
- 6.2 The regatta racing days shall take place as follows:
 - I. Saturday 24th July 2021 – 1st race of the day at 1100 hrs.
 - II. Sunday 25th July 2021 – 1st race of the day at 1000 hrs.
- 6.3 No preparatory signal shall be made later than 1700 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 1700 hrs and the start had been postponed due to a general recall.
- 6.4 No preparatory signal shall be made later than 16:00 hrs on the last day of the regatta.
- 6.5 Up to four races per day may be sailed on any one day depending on weather conditions.
- 6.6 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.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 A copy of the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board or earlier via e-mail.
- 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 issued with the Sailing Instructions and explained during the briefing before each day's racing.
- 10.2 Any changes in the course configuration will 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 on Saturday Night.

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:

I. Optimist Class:

- First, Second and Third position in Senior, Cadet and Novice divisions.
- First, Second and Third position overall from all girls registered within the Open category (if the number of registered female sailors is four (4) and over) and only First girl overall if less than four (4) registered female sailors are taking part within the Open Category.
- As a sign of commendable performance, a medal shall be given to any Cadet sailor who places in the first position within the overall combined Senior and Cadet Series scoring.

II. Laser Class:

- First, Second and Third positions in any Laser constituted Classes.

III. First, second and third position will be given to all other constituted classes of 4 boats and over.

- 14.2 The prize giving presentation will be held at the BSC Clubhouse after the last race on Sunday 25th July 2021. As per COVID-19 Mitigation Protocol, attendance for prize giving shall be by invite. Please refer to Appendix III – COVID-19 Mitigation Protocol.

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.
- 16.2 Insurance can be purchased locally or abroad. For details, if in need of guidance, kindly send a message us on the club official Facebook page by following the next link <https://www.facebook.com/BSCsailing/> or send an email on bscsailing@gmail.com.

17. BOAT CHARTER

- 17.1 Club boats will be available for charter as follows:

I. Optimist IODA boats will be chartered at daily rate of 30.00€.

II. RS Feva boats will be chartered at a daily rate of 60.00€.

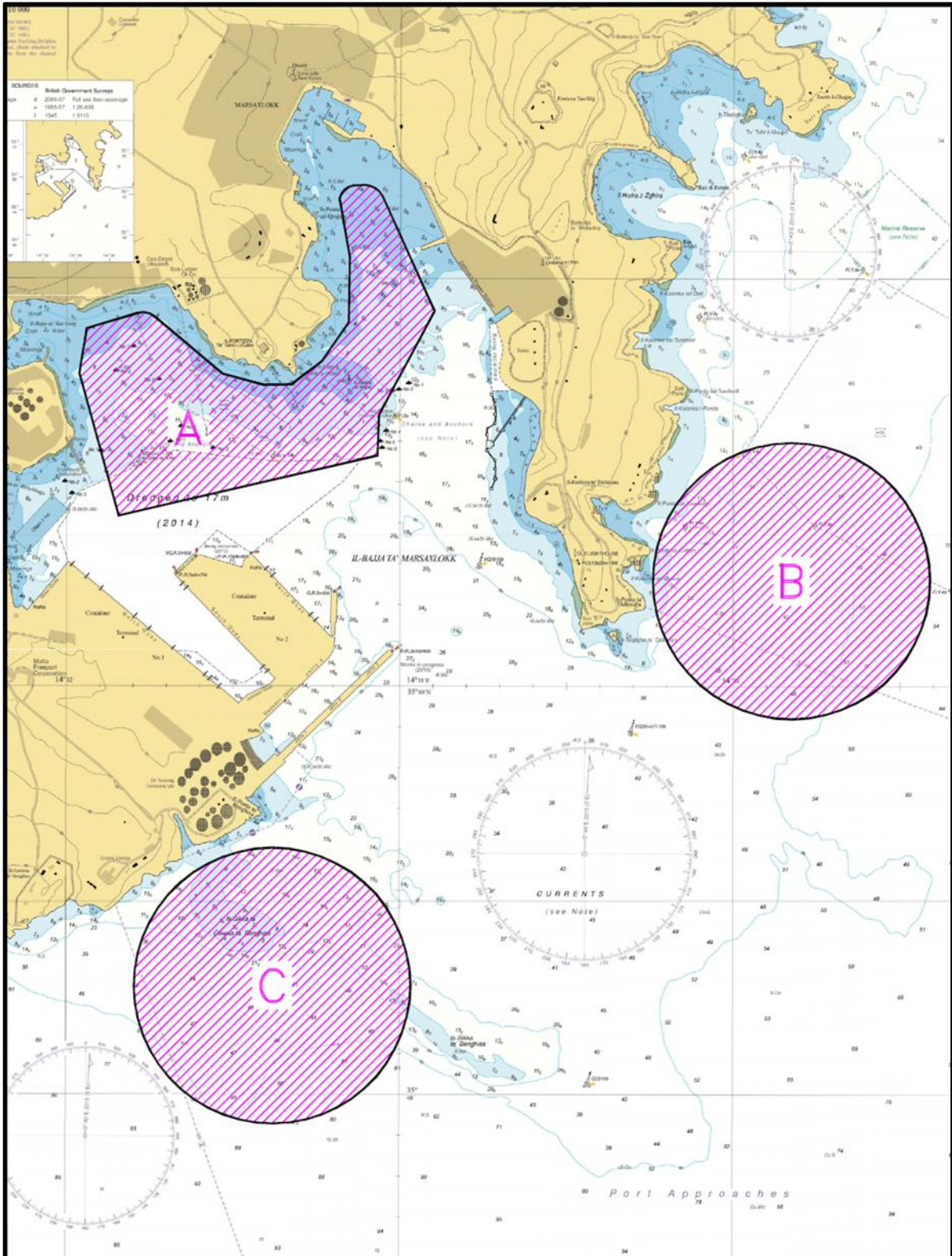
A 50% rebate on the above rates shall only apply to all those participants who are chartering the club boats for the first three times in succession.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1 For Saturday night, competitors from visiting clubs can store their boats at the assigned locations within the BSC dinghy park.
- 18.2 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. Except for launching or retrieval of ribs, the area within the Red Zone shall be designated as a No Parking Zone.

APPENDIX I

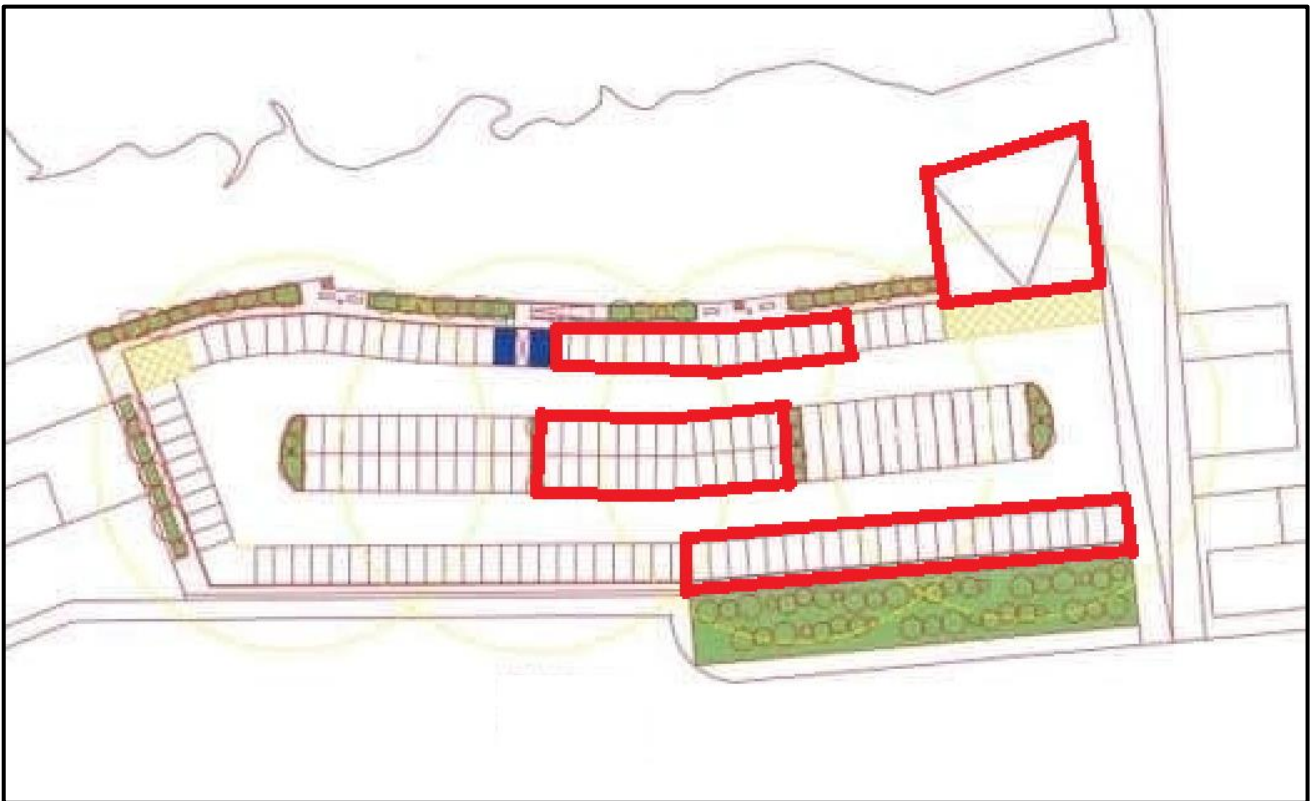
Racing Areas



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:

- I. All boat rigging shall take place within the areas marked in RED. No boats shall be rigged on the sandy beach.
- II. As defined in the SI, any movement of boats to the launching areas shall only be permitted after the appropriate signal is displayed on the BSC flagpole.
- III. All boat launching trolleys will be stacked on the concrete platform by the beach master and helpers.
- IV. All car and trailer parking shall be within the other unmarked areas.



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APPENDIX III

COVID-19 MITIGATION PROTOCOL

This protocol is based on the Guidelines for the Return to Sports issued by the Malta Ministry of Health. All competitors, team leaders, support persons and any person forming part of the regatta organization has to comply with the measures listed in this protocol.

- a. A 2 metre social distancing and wearing of facemask are obligatory at all times whilst on land.
- b. Hand sanitizer dispensers shall be installed near every gate or entrance to the club. Hand sanitizer has to be applied by every person prior to entering the club premises.
- c. Coaches and Team leaders will be responsible for keeping their respective team under their responsibility separated from other teams to avoid congregations of more than 6 persons and respect the 2 metre social distancing measure.
- d. **Contact Tracing Form**
 - I. Competitors, coaches, team leaders support persons and any person forming part of the regatta organization have to duly fill in the COVID-19 Contact Tracing Form attached with this appendix. This has to be handed in during the Regatta On-site Registration opening times.
 - II. The COVID-19 Contact Tracing Form shall also be duly filled and handed in by all regatta volunteers and BSC club officials forming part of the regatta organization.
- e. **On-site Registration**

The COVID-19 Contact Tracing forms shall be handed in by the coach or team leader during Registration. Only coaches or team leaders will be allowed entering the Race Office during Registration Time.
- f. **Rigging Area allocation**

On the first day of the regatta, every team shall be allocated a specified boat rigging area within the car park.
- g. **Dressing rooms and Dry Areas**

Dressing rooms shall remain closed at all times during the regatta. The dry area will only take seven (7) persons at a time. Only toilets in this area will be accessible.
- h. **Briefing**

Every day prior to launching, a daily briefing shall be delivered to only coaches and team leaders, competitors will then have to be updated accordingly.
- i. **Notices to competitors**

Although notices will be posted on the Official Noticeboard, coaches and team leaders will be added onto an online social media chat group named Yachting Malta BSC Regatta 2021. All notices to competitors including updates, changes, results and protest information will be uploaded on this chat group, all information shall then be relayed to their respective team members.

j. Launching

Launching shall be staggered in waves of not more than six (6) boats at a time, in an order predetermined during the daily briefing for coaches and team leaders and to be co-ordinated by the BSC Beach master. Sailors from the same group will help each other while launching and coming back ashore.

k. On water COVID-19 mitigation

- I. On water, whole team congregation around the coach boat shall not be allowed.
- II. Wearing of facemask is not be mandatory for competitors whilst afloat.
- III. If more than one person is on board, facemask shall be worn on all support boats during the regatta. This shall include coach boats and all event organization vessels.

l. Landing back ashore

- I. Competitors shall wear facemasks once again as soon as they land back ashore. Retrieving of boats out of the water should be the same procedure followed during launching.
- II. Entrance for sailing boats shall be from the lower gate. Exit for sailors after derigging shall be from under the canopy and the upper gate.
- III. After entering from the lower gate, sailors will have their boats rinsed, this shall be followed by boat derigging. Sailors shall then proceed out of the club from the upper gate.
- IV. Other sailors shall be allowed in when the ones inside have exited the club premises the top gate.

m. Movement of boat within the club premises

- I. For the second and third day of the regatta, all boats shall be taken out of the club dinghy park following the same procedure listed in the COVID-19 mitigation measure L.
- II. On the third and final day of the regatta, the club dinghy park shall be cleared of all boats and prepared for prize giving.

n. Prize giving presentation

- I. Prize giving shall be by invite, only those invited shall be allowed in prize giving area, this shall take place in the club dinghy park in a sit down format with chairs spaced in a manner so that social distancing measure is respected.
- II. Chairs shall be not allowed to be moved.
- III. Apart from club officials presenting the prizes, people standing up shall not be allowed.
- IV. Sailors will be called to collect their prize, walk up to the table and pick up their prize, pose for picture and leave.
- V. No congregation shall form or gather after the prize giving presentation is over.



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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 mitigation protocol measures and shall abide to these measures 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.



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APPENDIX IV(a)

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 ST- PETER'S REGATTA 2021 to be held in limits of Marsaxlokk Port, Malta from 24th till 25th July 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 to my child being photographed, filmed for a video or TV or interviewed by the press. I 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:



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**APPENDIX IV(b)
OFFLINE REGISTRATION FORM**

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

Optimist Senior [] Optimist Cadet [] Optimist Novice []

Laser Standard [] Laser Radial [] Laser 4.7 [] 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:

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 St. Peter's 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 []

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Membership paid []

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Received from..... the sum of € in respect of the St. Peter's Regatta 2021 registration fee

BSC Officer Signature: Date: / /