

# Yachting Malta

BSC International Regatta  
2022

## Notice of Race



Birzebbuga, Malta

**February**

**10 - 13**



Organized by:

**BIRZEBBUGA SAILING CLUB FREEPORT**

# NOTICE OF RACE

The Yachting Malta BSC International Regatta 2022 is being organised by the Birzebbuga Sailing Club Freeport, Malta and endorsed by the Malta Sailing Federation. This regatta also classifies as a ranking event within the Malta Sailing Federation Ranking Events Calendar.

## 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the **2021 - 2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)**.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions shall apply.
- 1.3 The following Class Rules and instructions shall also apply:
  - 1.3.1 **The International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA) class rules.**
  - 1.3.2 **The International Laser Class Association (ILCA) class rules.**
  - 1.3.3 **The International RS Feva Class Association class rules.**
  - 1.3.4 The **Sailing Instructions (SI)**, and any amendments there to. In the event of conflict, the SI shall prevail.
- 1.4 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.'
- 1.5 RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4 are changed as follows:
  - 1.5.1 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."
  - 1.5.2 Add to the preamble of Part 4, after 'racing': "...except rule 40 as amended by Sailing Instruction 1.5.1"
- 1.6 Attention is being drawn to the Optimist class 2021 Class Rule 4.3 (a), (b) & (c) Bailers, painters and Paddle.
- 1.7 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.
  - [DP] Denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee
  - [SP] Denotes a rule for which a standard penalty which may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing or a penalty applied by the Protest Committee with a hearing. This changes RRS A5 and 63.1.
  - [NP] Denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).
- 1.8 [DP] 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.
  - 1.8.1 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. Further information about the latest Covid-19 Mitigation Standards can be found on [Covid-19 Mitigation Standards for Sports](#)
  - 1.8.2 A breach of standards may lead, after a hearing, to an imposition of a discretionary penalty by the Protest Committee.
- 1.9 English is the Official Language of this regatta. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

## 2. [NP] [DP] ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Competitors advertising will be restricted on the hull as per WS Reg. 20.3.2 but as restricted by Optimist Class rule 2.8
- 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:**  
Open Category optimist sailors may register in either of the following two Divisions:
      - I. **Senior Division** - Boys and Girls born between 2007 and 2010 (12 – 15yrs).
      - II. **Cadet Division** - Boys and Girls born between 2011 and 2014 (7 – 11yrs) whose results shall be extrapolated from the Overall results of the Open Category.
      - III. **Female Category** - Any female optimist sailor born between 2007 and 2014 and duly registered within any division in the Open Category shall automatically be registered in the Female Category whose results shall be extrapolated from the Overall results of the Open Category.  
OR
    - b. **Novice Category**
      - I. Boys and Girls born between 2007 and 2014 (7- 14yrs), **AND** have not yet been sailing for more than twelve 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.
  - 3.1.3 **RS FevaXL Double-handed Class**
- 3.2 A minimum of four boats shall constitute a class.
- 3.3 Event registration fees shall be as follows:

Online Registration period	Singlehanded Classes	Doublehanded Class
Until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021	75Eur	85Eur
From 1 <sup>st</sup> till 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	85Eur	95Eur
On-site Registration Fee on 9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	100Eur	110Eur

- 3.4 Eligible competitors shall submit their entry by completing the online registration via the following link: [2022 YM BSC International Regatta Online Registration Form.](#)
- 3.5 Online registration deadline is 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 18:00hrs, for late entries the On-site Late Registration Form has to be filled in and handed over at the registration desk during Registration Time, acceptance of late entries will be at the race committee's discretion incurring an additional charge as described under Sect. 3.3 The On-Site Late Registration Form can be found in Appendix IV.

## 4. ON-SITE REGISTRATION

- 4.1 Registration desk shall open at the BSC Race Office as follows:
  - 4.1.1 Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 18:00 - 20:00 hrs
  - 4.1.2 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 08:30 - 10:00 hrs
- 4.2 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. 4.1. Only coaches or team leaders shall be allowed to enter the Race Office.

- 4.3 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 in 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)
- 4.4 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

- 4.4.1 Upon registration, 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.
- 4.4.2 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.
- 4.4.3 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.
- 4.5 During the on-site registration, the coach or support person shall be required to show the following documents:
- 4.5.1 Duly filled and signed Parent/Guardian Consent & Declaration Form for every competitor under his responsibility.
- 4.5.2 Evidence of competitor's date of birth (passport, National Identity Card).
- 4.5.3 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)

## 5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The regatta race schedule shall be as follows:
- 5.1.1 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – 1<sup>st</sup> race of the day at 1200 hrs.
- 5.1.2 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – 1<sup>st</sup> race of the day at 1000 hrs.
- 5.1.3 Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – 1<sup>st</sup> race of the day at 1000 hrs.
- 5.1.4 Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – 1<sup>st</sup> race of the day at 1000 hrs.
- 5.2 No preparatory signal shall be made later than 1500 hrs on the first, second and third 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.
- 5.3 No preparatory signal shall be made later than 14:30 hrs on the last day of the regatta.
- 5.4 Twelve (**12**) races in each class are being scheduled for the whole event.
- 5.5 A maximum of Three (**3**) races per day shall be sailed on any one day. One (**1**) extra race per day may be sailed depending on the prevailing weather conditions.

## 6. [DP] MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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.

- 6.3 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.

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 A copy of the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board or earlier via the event website.  
7.2 Any changes of the sailing instructions shall be posted on the Official Notice Board and event website at least one hour before the start of races affected by that change.  
7.3 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) or event website shall not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

## 8. VENUE

- 8.1 The launching and storage of boats shall be from the Birzebbuga Sailing Club premises and slipway at Wied Il-Buni, Birzebbuga, Malta.  
8.2 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.

## 9. THE COURSES

- 9.1 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.  
9.2 Any changes in the course configuration will be advised to all sailors prior to launching and/or as an amendment in the Sailing Instructions.

## 10. SCORING

- 10.1 The Low Point Scoring system shall be used.  
10.2 Three **(3)** races are required to be completed in order to constitute a series in each class.  
10.3 When :-  
10.3.1 **One to four** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.  
10.3.2 **Five to twelve** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 11. BOAT PARK

- 11.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the club boat park starting from the evening of Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 onwards.

## 12. ONBOARD COMMUNICATION

- 12.1 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 signal from spectator boats or outsiders.

## 13. PRIZES

- 13.1 Class Prizes will be given as follows:  
13.1.1 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.

13.1.2 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.

13.1.3 RS FevaXL Class:

- I. First, Second and Third positions in class.

13.2 In case of foreign registered entries in any class or category, the best ranked Maltese registered sailor, shall be given a prize for the first Maltese sailor within that class or category.

13.3 The prize giving presentation shall be held at the BSC Clubhouse after the last race on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

## 14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 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.
- 14.3 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.
- 14.4 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.
- 14.5 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.
- 14.6 Parents or guardians of entrants below eighteen years of age are to sign the registration disclaimer form and undertake all responsibility.

## 15. INSURANCE

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

## 16. BOAT CHARTER

- 16.1 A number of IODA and ILCA class boats shall be available for charter; all boats must be chartered via Birzebbuga Sailing Club as the Organizing Authority.

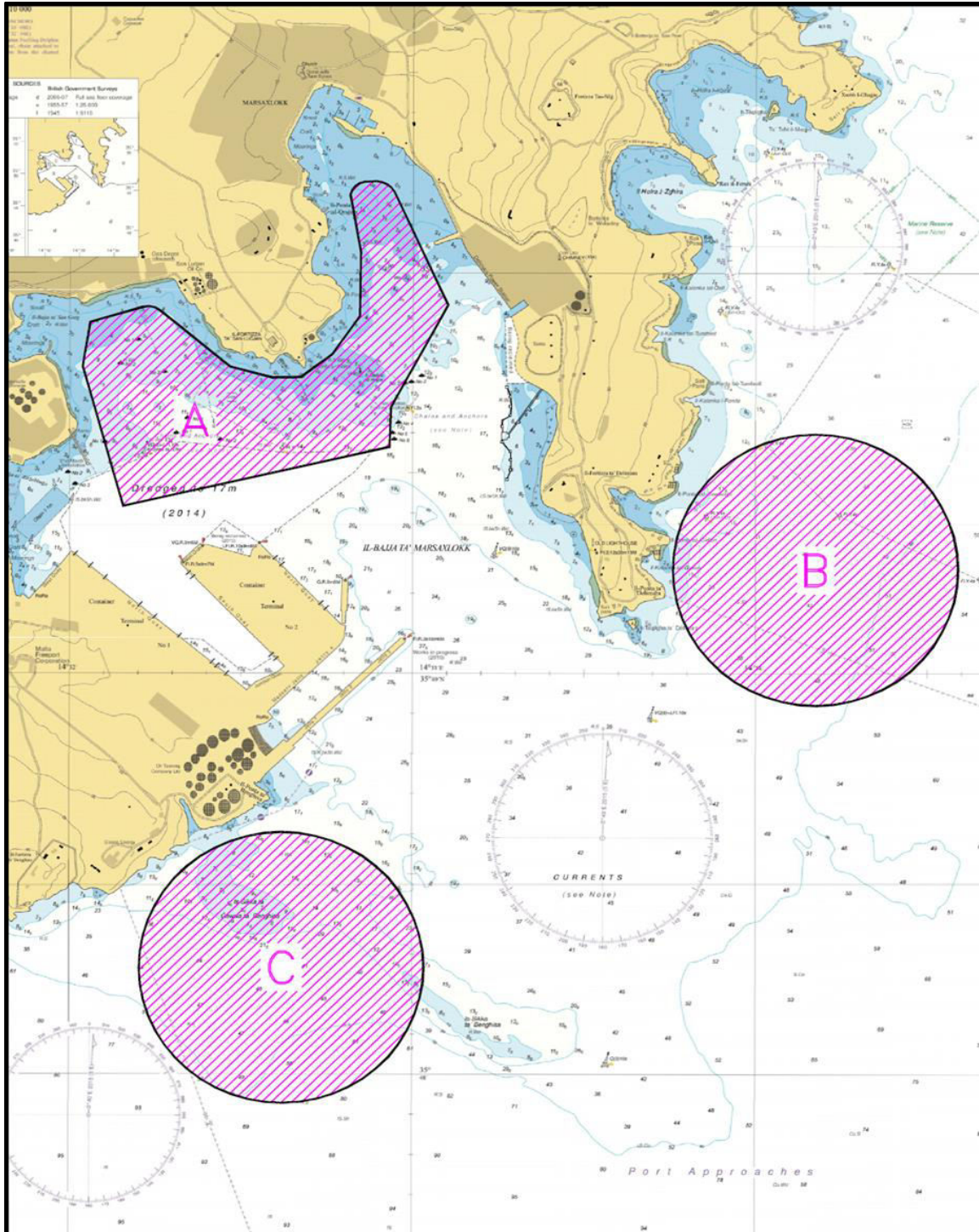
- 16.2 The Organizing Authority shall define the charter boats allocation method.
- 16.3 Competitors shall not modify the boats or cause them to be modified in any way except that:
  - 16.3.1 A magnetic compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars.
  - 16.3.2 Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat
  - 16.3.3 Hulls and foils may be cleaned but only with water.
  - 16.3.4 Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line.
  - 16.3.5 All fittings or equipment that were designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, if all adjustments comply with the respective Class Rules.
- 16.4 Competitors may use their own foils, spars, fittings and running rigging.
- 16.5 IODA Charter boats will be delivered:
  - 16.5.1 **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 bucket (to attach the mainsheet to the boom), dagger board, safety cord (Class Rule 3.3.4), spars, foils, paddle, bailers (2), and trolley.
  - 16.5.2 **WITHOUT:** Sails and any fitting at the top of the mast to secure the lacing lines at the throat point.
- 16.6 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](mailto:bscsailing@gmail.com)

## 17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 Details of recommended hotel accommodation, will be available on the event website [YM BSC International Regatta 2022](#)
- 17.3 For further information or assistance for RHIB chartering please contact the club secretariat, by e-mail [bscsailing@gmail.com](mailto:bscsailing@gmail.com)

# APPENDIX I

## RACING AREAS

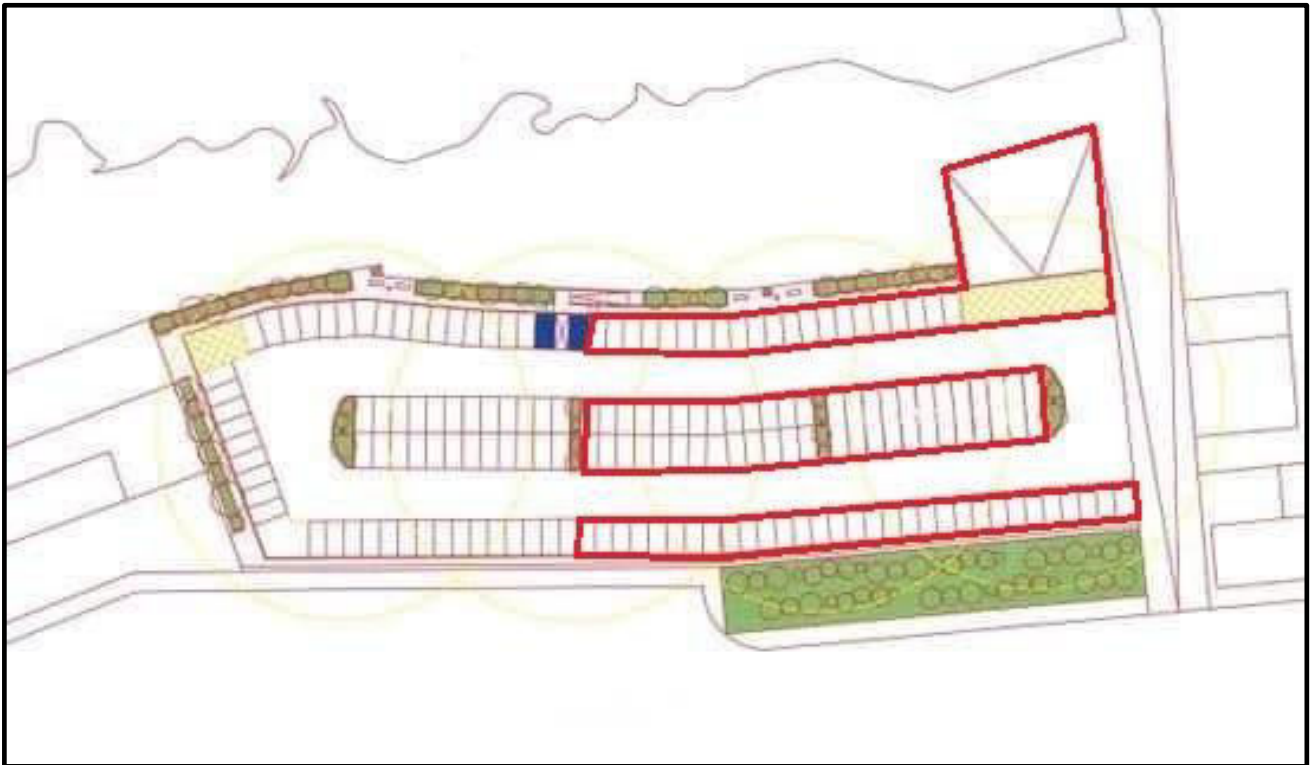


The racing area chosen for this regatta will be one of the areas designated under Areas A,B or C



## 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:

- 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: .....  
.....

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 YACHTING MALTA BSC INTERNATIONAL REGATTA 2022 to be held in limits of Marsaxlokk Port, Malta from the 10<sup>th</sup> till the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022 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 Yachting Malta BSC International Regatta 2022 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. 14.

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 Yachting Malta BSC International Regatta 2022 registration fee

BSC Officer Signature: ..... Date: .../.../.....