



Yachting Malta

BSC Regatta

2021

Notice of Race



Birzebbuga, Malta 2021

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NOTICE OF RACE

The Yachting Malta BSC Regatta 2021 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).**
 - 1.3.2 **The International Laser Class Association (ILCA).**
 - 1.3.3 **The RS Feva International Class Association.**
 - 1.3.4 The Class rules of any other constituted class during the regatta.
 - 1.3.5 **The Portsmouth Yardstick 2021 (PY)** handicap rating system.
 - 1.3.6 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] Appendix III - COVID-19 Mitigation Protocol, laid out as per guidelines issued by the Maltese Ministry of Public Health and the Malta Sailing Federation.
 - 1.8.1 All competitors, support persons or any other person associated with this event must comply with the COVID-19 Mitigation Protocol as The protocol contents might change as the event approaches and will influence the running / organization / cancellation of the event.
 - 1.8.2 A breach of protocol 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 shall 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:**
- Open Category:**
Open Category optimist sailors may register in either of the following two Divisions:
 - Senior Division** - Boys and Girls born between 2006 and 2009 (12 – 15yrs).
 - Cadet Division** - Boys and Girls born between 2010 and 2014 (7 – 11yrs) whose results shall be extrapolated from the Overall results of the Open Category.
 - Female Category** - Any female optimist sailor born between 2006 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
 - Novice Category**
 - Boys and Girls born between 2007 and 2014 (7- 14yrs), **AND** have not yet been sailing for more than twelve months.
- 3.1.2 **Laser Classes** -The regatta shall be open for the following Laser Classes:
- Laser Standard Class**
 - Laser Radial Class**
 - Laser 4.7 Class** - No age restrictions shall apply.
- 3.1.3 **RS Feva Double-handed Class**
- 3.1.4 **Any other one design class dinghy, with a valid Portsmouth Yardstick Number.**
- 3.2 A minimum of four boats shall constitute a class.
- 3.3 A nominal registration fee of 30.00€ for single person and 35.00€ for double person dinghy entry is required to cover the whole regatta.
- 3.4 Online registration shall be submitted by not later then, Saturday 7th February 2021. Eligible competitors shall submit their entry by completing the online registration and upload a scan of their latest boat insurance policy via the following link: [2021 BSC Regatta Online Registration Form](#)
- 3.5 Online registration is mandatory, for late entries the Offline 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 at an additional charge of 5.00€. (Offline Registration Forms can be found in Appendix IVb)

4. ON-SITE REGISTRATION

- 4.1 Registration desk shall open at the BSC Race Office on Saturday 13th February 2021 between 08:30 and 1000 hrs
- 4.2 On-site registration is mandatory. This shall be made at the Race Office only by the respective coach or team leader within the time window 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 team leader whilst on land, and be supervised by a coach whilst racing. A parent consent form has to be duly filled in and handed over by the coach or team leader during the On-site registration time. (Consent forms can be found in Appendix IVa)
- 4.4 No coach shall be responsible of more than eight competitors whilst afloat.
- 4.5 During the on-site registration, the coach or team leader 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.



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- 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 Forms for every competitor and team member including himself as coach, team leaders and any other support person within his team. (COVID-19 Contact Tracing Form can be found in Appendix III – COVID-19 Mitigation Protocol)

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The regatta race schedule shall be as follows:
 - 5.1.1 Saturday 13th February 2021 – 1st race of the day at 1200 hrs.
 - 5.1.2 Sunday 14th February 2021 – 1st race of the day at 1000 hrs.
 - 5.1.3 Monday 15th February 2021 – 1st race of the day at 1000 hrs.
- 5.2 No preparatory signal shall be made later than 1600 hrs on the first and second day of the regatta, unless as a continuation of the starting signals of a race for which a warning signal was given before 1600 hrs and the start had been postponed due to a general recall.
- 5.3 No preparatory signal shall be made later than 15:30 hrs on the last day of the regatta.
- 5.4 Nine **(9)** 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 e-mail.
- 7.2 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.
- 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) 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 Birżebbuġa Sailing Club premises and slipway at Wied Il-Buni, Birżebbuġa, 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 course 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 nine** 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 in the boat park at Birzebbuga Sailing Club Freeport starting from Saturday Night.

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 and Novice divisions.
 - II. 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.
 - III. First position for the first Girl registered within the Novice Category.
- 13.1.2 Laser Classes:
- I. First, Second and Third positions in any Laser constituted Classes.
 - II. First, Second and Third female laser sailors in any Laser class of four (4) registered females Laser sailors and over.
- OR
- III. First female in any Laser class if less than four (4) registered female Laser sailors are taking part.
- 13.1.3 First, second and third position will be given to all other constituted classes of 4 boats and over.
- 13.2 In case of foreign registered entries in any class or category, the best ranked Maltese registered sailor, shall be receive 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 Monday 15th February 2021. As per COVID-19 Mitigation Protocol, attendance for prize giving shall be by invite. Please refer to Appendix III – COVID-19 Mitigation Protocol.

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.



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- 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 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.

16. BOAT CHARTER

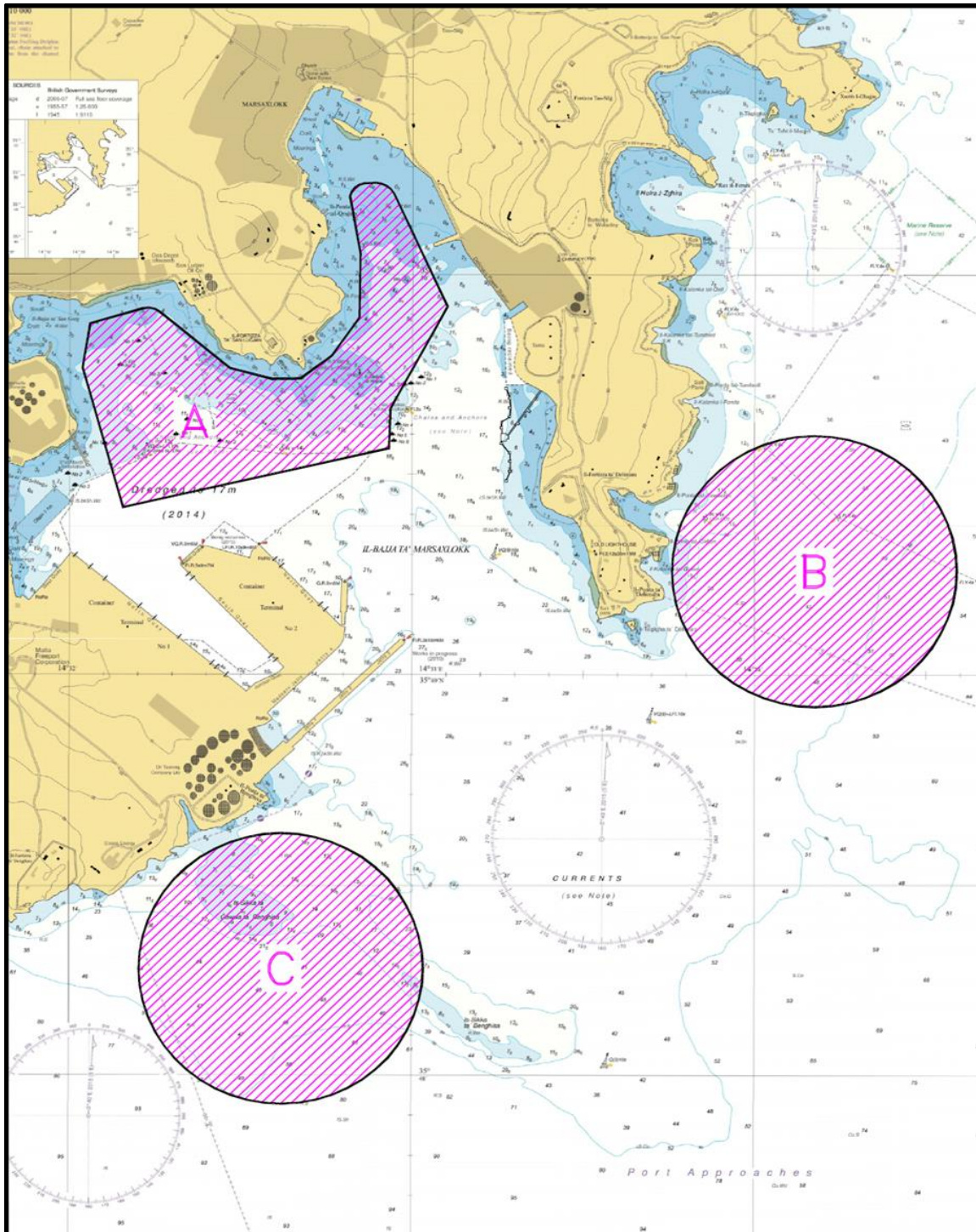
- 16.1 A number of Optimist boats will be available for charter; all boats must be chartered via Birzebbuga Sailing Club as the Organizing Authority.
- 16.2 The Organizing Authority shall define the charter boats allocation method.
- 16.3 Competitors shall not modify the boats or cause them to be modified in an 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, dagger boards and rudders 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 IODA 2021 Class Rules.
- 16.4 Competitors may use their own foils, spars, fittings and running rigging.
- 16.5 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 on bscsailing@gmail.com

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1 For the nights on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th , competitors from visiting clubs can store their boats at the assigned locations within the BSC dinghy park.
- 17.2 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

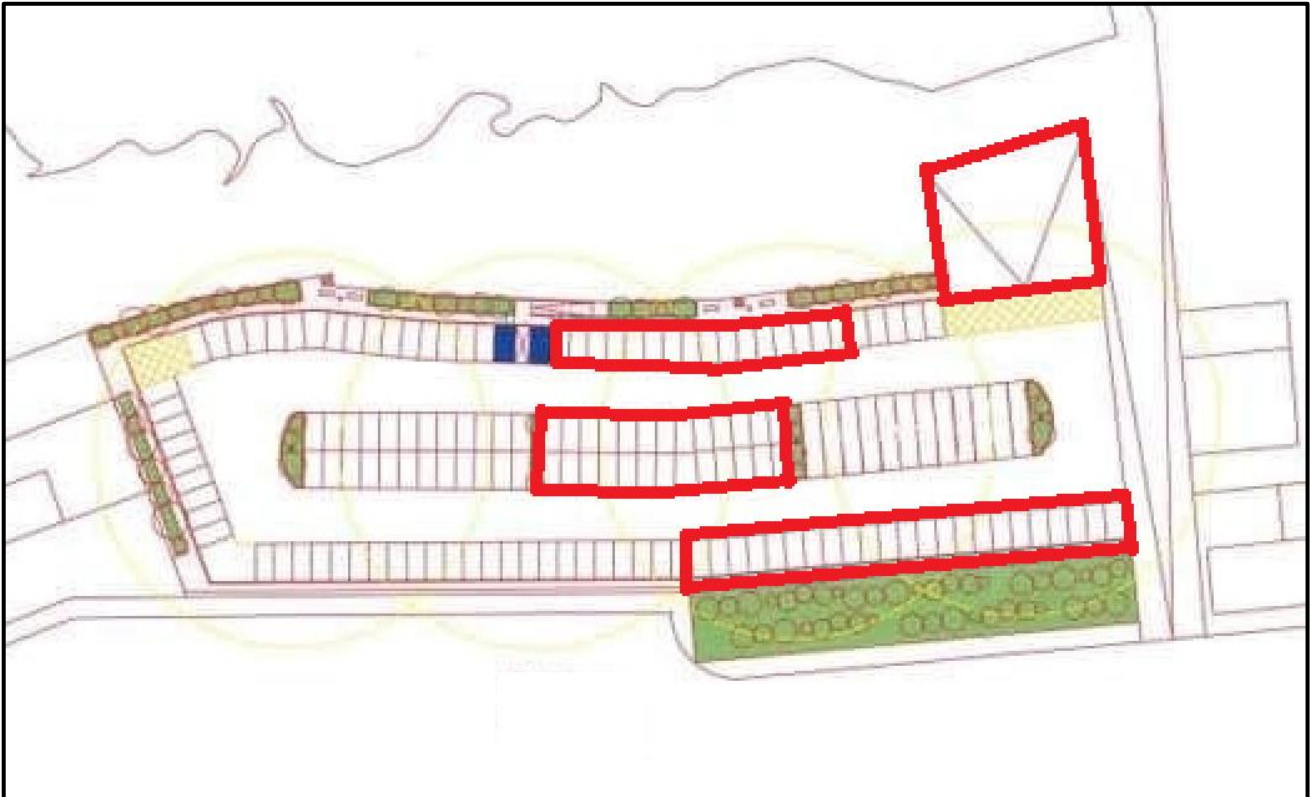
Racing Areas



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.

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 YACHTING MALTA BSC REGATTA 2021 to be held in limits of Marsaxlokk Port, Malta from 13 to 15 February 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:



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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 Yachting Malta BSC 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. 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 []

Received from..... the sum of € in respect of the Yachting Malta BSC Regatta 2021 registration fee

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