



Sailing Instructions

12th Channel Regatta
16th – 19th June 2017
Panormitis – Chalki – Rhodes
Greece

Part 1 – General

1 Organizing Authority

The **12th Channel Regatta** is co-organized by the Offshore Yachting Club of Rhodes and the Marmaris International Yacht Club, under the authority of Hellenic Sailing Federation.

2 Rules

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2 The following rules will also apply:
- IMS Rule
 - ORC Rating Systems Rule
 - World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (all races will be Category 4).
 - Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS)
- 2.3 **[DP]** Under RRS 87, ORC Rule 206 is changed as follows:
- The maximum number of sails shall be as defined in ORC Rule 206 with one additional mainsail allowed. The second mainsail shall have a minimum of one set of reef points. The mainsails may be interchangeable.
 - With the exception of the second mainsail all sails shall be aboard while racing.
 - Sails which are damaged during the series may be repaired. Sails beyond repair may be replaced with the permission of the Technical Committee
- 2.4 Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing is replaced by Part B of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea from 20:00 to 06:30 local time.
- 2.5 No national authority prescription will apply
- 2.6 The official language of the race is English.

3 Classes

- 3.1 Boats will be divided into three (3) Classes based on ToT factor:
- Class A: $ToT \geq 0,95$
 - Class B: $0,95 < ToT \geq 0,90$
 - Class C: $0,90 < ToT$
- 3.2 **[NP]** The Race Committee's decision about class separation will be announced during skippers meeting and cannot be altered or open to discussion.
- 3.3 Classes will have separate results.

4 Notices to competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at **Rhodes Marina office**. Notices will also be posted on the event website. Failure or delay to post the notice on the event website will not be ground for request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

5 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than two (2) hours before it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by **21:00** hours on the day before it will take effect.

6 Signals made ashore

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at a pole on Race Committee's signal vessel.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than **30** minutes' in race signal AP. This changes race signal AP.

7 Schedule of races

- 7.1 Times of the first warning signals are defined as follows:
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|------------------------|--------------|---------|--|
| [1 st Race] | [17/06/2017] | [11:55] | [Rhodes to Panormitis] |
| [2 nd Race] | [18/06/2017] | [11:25] | [Panormitis to Chalki] (This change NOR 8.1) |
| [3 rd Race] | [19/06/2017] | [10:55] | [Chalki to Rhodes] |

- 7.2 The Organizing Authority and/or the Race Committee reserves the right to modify the above programme according to weather conditions and/or other unforeseen reasons.
- 7.3 Three (3) races are scheduled.
- 7.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be given after **12:30** unless it follows a signal of general recall or postponement (Flag AP) of a race whose first warning signal had been made before **12:30**.

8 Class and identification flags

- 8.1 The Class flag for all classes will be numeral Pennant 2.
- 8.2 The Class Identification flags will be:
- Class A: purple flag
 - Class B: yellow flag
 - Class C: orange flag

9 The Start

- 9.1 All classes will start together.
- 9.2 A boat starting later than **10** minutes after her Start signal will be scored DNS without hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 9.3 After signalling an individual recall, the race committee will attempt to broadcast the sail number, bow number or name of boat that is identified as OCS by VHF channel **72**. Any delay or failure of these calls will not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 9.4 **[DP], [NP]** All boats intending to participate in a race, shall sail close to the Race Committee Signal vessel, before the first warning signal of the day, for their hull number to be recorded.

10 Penalty system

- 10.1 For minor breaches of the Offshore Special Regulations, RRS 55, the ORC rule, the IMS rule, the Equipment Rules of Sailing and any Sailing Instruction marked with **[DP]** the Protest Committee may impose any penalty different from Disqualification, or not impose a penalty, at its discretion. Maximum discretionary penalty for the minor infringements of the Offshore Special Regulations will be the scoring penalty of 10% calculated as in RRS 44.3(c).
- 10.2 Penalties for breaches of the Offshore Special Regulations will apply only to the previous to the inspection race. If the inspection was made prior to the first race the penalty will apply to the first race. The boat is expected to do everything possible to be in compliance for subsequent races and if she fails, further penalties may be imposed.

11 Protests and requests for redress

- 11.1 In addition to complying with RRS 61, a protesting boat shall inform the Race Committee of her intention to protest and the identity of the protested boat(s) as soon as possible after finishing or retiring.
- 11.2 Protest forms are available at the race office.
- 11.3 Protest shall be delivered at the race office within the time limit which shall be 2 hours after the last boat has finished the race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2. If the last boat finishes after 21:00 local time the Protest Time Limit is extended until two (2) hours before the scheduled start of the next race.
- 11.4 Measurement protest by a boat shall not be accepted after the protest time limit of the 2nd days race. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 61.3.
- 11.5 Notice of protests by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform competitors under RRS 61.1(b).
- 11.6 Notices to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit.
- 11.7 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing or request for redress for a protest committee's decision shall be delivered:
- a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day
 - b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day
- This changes RRS 62.2 and 66.

- 11.8 When RRS N1.4(b) is applied the time limit will be 30 minutes after the decision is given.
11.9 Breaches of SI marked as [NP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).

12 Scoring

- 12.1 Race results will be determined by corrected times calculated by the Offshore Time on Time scoring system.
12.2 The regatta is valid if at least 1 race is completed.
12.3 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
12.4 The scoring coefficient for all races will be 1,00.
12.5 The winners of the "Channel Regatta" will be designated by the total of their points on all races.

13 [DP] Safety regulations

- 13.1 [NP] Boats retiring for any reason in any race shall report to the Race Committee as soon as possible.
13.2 Any use of the engine for propulsion purposes for rescuing people, giving help or any other reason shall be reported after arrival but latest the protest time limit in writing on form to the Race Committee stating reasons for such procedure. If a boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race, the Protest Committee may impose a discretionary penalty.

14 [DP] Replacement of crew or equipment

- 14.1 The **Race Committee** may approve crew changes (adding new crew members, replacing or disembarking crew members) by written skipper's request made no later than **two (2)** hours before the scheduled time of the start of the race of the day.
14.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be not allowed unless approved by the Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Technical Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

15 Equipment and measurement checks

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water or after arriving in harbour, a boat may be instructed by the Technical Committee via VHF channel **72** to proceed immediately for inspection.

16 Official Vessels

- 16.1 Official Race Committee vessels will display a "**RC**" flag. Failure of any official RC vessel to display her flag will not be grounds for request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
16.2 Vessels used by press, photographers, film crews, VIPs etc. are not under the jurisdiction of the Race Committee. Any action by these vessels shall not be ground for request for redress by the boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

17 [DP] Support Vessels

Support Vessels shall be registered at the race office where identification number will be assigned. Identification shall be visible at all times. All support vessels shall keep well clear of the starting area and, after the preparatory signal, are not to approach within 100 meters of any competing boat. A breach of this SI may result with a scoring penalty against the boat connected and/or withdrawal of permission to be in the racing area for one or more days.

18 [DP] Haul-out restriction

From 09:00 on **17/06/2017** boats shall not be hauled out except for the purposes of repairing damage; and only after written permission of the Technical Committee. While hauled for this purpose, cleaning and polishing of the hull below the waterline will not be permitted. Appendages shall not be removed from the boat during the series.

19 Communication

- 19.1 Radio communication with the Race Committee during the regatta will be on VHF channel **72**. The Race Committee may give verbal confirmation of any race signal over VHF Channel **72**. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for request for redress by the boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

- 19.2 **[DP]** Except when communicating with the race committee, a boat while racing, shall not transmit or receive communication of any information not publicly available to all boats participating. This changes RRS 41.

20 Trophies and prizes

- 20.1 Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall winners of each class.
20.2 Prizes will be awarded to the 1st winner of each class, for each individual race.

21 Disclaimer of liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, see RRS 4 - Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, the Offshore Yachting Club of Rhodes, the Marmaris International Yacht Club, the Hellenic Sailing Federation and any other party involved in the organization of the regatta will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Each boat owner or his representative accepts these terms by signing the entry form.

22 [DP], [NP] Finishing by the night

Boats that finish by night shall illuminate their numbers when finishing, and in case of doubt shall try to identify themselves to the RC after finishing.

23 Time Limit

The finish time limits for each race, expressed in hours - minutes - seconds are individualized for each boat and will be shown on the participating boats' list. Boats failing to finish within their time limit shall be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes RRS 35 and A4.

Part 2 – Courses & Marks

24 Windward mark

The RC may set a windward mark to obtain a start to windward, if necessary. If the windward mark is set, it will be approximately one nautical mile from the starting area and the RC will, before the warning signal, display a red flag which indicates the mark shall be left to port, or a Green flag indicating the mark shall be left to starboard. The windward mark will be a yellow inflatable buoy.

Day 1 – Race: Rhodes to Panormitis

25 The course

- 25.1 The course will be: Start (Rhodes) – Finish (Seskli).
- 25.2 The distance of the course will be approx. 17nm.

26 Starting line

- 26.1 The Starting line will be between a yellow inflatable buoy at the starboard end and an orange flag on the Race Committee's signal vessel at the port-end.
- 26.2 The starting area will be at Kato Petres sea area at North West coast of the Rhodes island.

27 Finishing line

- 27.1 The Finishing line will be between a yellow inflatable buoy at the starboard end and a blue flag on the Race Committee's signal vessel at the port-end.
- 27.2 The finishing line will be at Seskli to Symi passage. See Diagram 1.

Day 2 – Race: Panormitis to Chalki

28 The course

- 28.1 The course will be: Start (Patos, Symi)– Finish(Chalki).
- 28.2 The distance of the course will be approx. 21nm.

29 Starting line

- 29.1 The Starting line will be between a yellow inflatable buoy at the starboard end and an orange flag on the Race Committee's signal boat at the port-end.
- 29.2 The starting area will be at acr Patos sea area at South West coast of the Symi island.

30 Finishing line

- 30.1 The Finishing line will be between a blue flag on pole at the starboard end and a yellow inflatable buoy at the port-end.
- 30.2 The finishing line will be at DEH port (Chalki). See Diagram 2.

Day 3 – Race: Chalki to Rhodes

31 The course

- 31.1 The course will be: Start (Kameiros Skala)– Finish (Rhodes).
- 31.2 The distance of the course will be approx. 21,5nm.

32 Starting line

- 32.1 The Starting line will be between a yellow inflatable buoy at the starboard end and an orange inflatable buoy at the port-end.
- 32.2 The starting area will be at Kameiros Skala port sea area approx. 10nm afar Chalki port at Northern direction

33 Finishing line

The Finishing line will be between two yellow inflatable buoys near Mandraki marina. See Diagram 3.

Appendix 1 – Committees

Protest Committee

Chairman Ilker Bayindir (IJ, TUR)
 Yannis Kleidonas (NJ, GRE)
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Race Committee

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