



Sailing Instructions



21st Rodos Cup
16th – 21st July 2017
Kos – Tilos – Nisiros –
Symi – Rhodes
GREECE

Part 1 – General

1 Organizing Authority

The **21st Sailing Week “Rodos Cup 2017”** is organized by the Offshore Yachting Club of Rhodes under the authority of the Hellenic Sailing Federation in cooperation with the Region of South Aegean.

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:

- a) IMS Rule
- b) ORC Rating Systems Rule
- c) IRC Rule
- d) World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (Category 4). All boats are required to have VHF radios with channels 16 and 72.
- e) Equipment Rules of Sailing
- f) The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.

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.

2.3 **[DP]** Under RRS 87, ORC Rule 206 is changed as follows:

- a) 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.
- b) 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 No national authority prescription will apply

2.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

3 Classes

3.1 Boats will be divided into Classes as follows:

IMS, IRC racing, IRC Cruising, Cruising.

3.2 Each class may be divided in divisions, based on each boats certificate or rating factor.

3.3 Divisions will have separate results.

3.4 **[NP]** The Race Committee's decision about class and divisions separation will be announced during skippers meeting and cannot be altered or open to discussion.

4 Notices to competitors

4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the race committee's office in every island.

4.2 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).

4.3 The race office will be indicated (in each island) with a RC orange flag and its location as follows:

- a) Kos island, Kos Marina main building (lobby).
- b) Tilos island, Race Committee signal vessel.
- c) Nisiros island, Municipality office at Paloi (1st floor).
- d) Symi island, Race Committee signal vessel.
- e) Rhodes, Rhodes Marina office.

5 Changes to Sailing Instructions

5.1 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.

5.2 Verbal changes may be given only on the water. The Race Committee will make the necessary changes before the warning signal of a class and will announce these changes by VHF Ch.72, RRS 90.2c. These changes shall not be ground for request for redress.

6 Signals made ashore

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at a pole on Race Committee's office.
- 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 As described in the Notice of Race 9.1.
- 7.2 Times of the first warning signal are defined as follows:

Day	Time	Course
Monday (17/07/2017)	09:55	Kos – Tilos
Tuesday (18/07/2017)	11:55	Tilos – Nisiros
Thursday (20/07/2017)	09:55	Nisiros – Symi
Friday (21/07/2017)	09:55	Symi – Rhodes

- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 Four (4) races are scheduled.
- 7.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be given after 13:00 unless it follows a signal of general recall or postponement (Flag AP) of a race whose first warning signal had been made before 13:00.

8 Class and identification flags

The Class flags will be as follows:

Class	Flag
IMS	Light Blue
IRC Racing	Yellow
IRC Cruising	Purple
Cruising	Light Green

9 The Start

- 9.1 The class starting order will be announced at the skippers meeting.
- 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 International Jury 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 1 hour after the last boat has finished the race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and the International Jury 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 9.00 am of the next day.
- 11.4 Measurement protest by a boat shall not be accepted after the protest time limit of the 2nd day's race. This changes RRS 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 The regatta is valid if at least 1 race is completed.
- 12.2 For ORCi class boats:
The results will be calculated by using the "**Offshore Time on Time Scoring System**".
- 12.2 For IRC class boats:
The results will be calculated by using the "**Time on Time Scoring**" system.
- 12.3 For Cruising class boats:
The results will be calculated by using the type:
Corrected Time (CT) = Elapsed Time (ET) x Rating Factor (RF).
- 12.4 The length of courses will be decided by Race Committee and shall not be grounds for request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 12.5 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 12.6 The scoring coefficient for all the races will be 1,0.
- 12.7 The winners of the "Rodos Cup 2017" will be designated by the total of their race scores without excluding any race. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 12.8 There will be separate results for each class division.

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 20:00 on **16/07/2017** 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 division.
- 20.2 Prizes will be awarded to the 1st winner of each class division, 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 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 over VHF channel **72**.

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

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.

25 Various

Race Committee may move the starting line to a new position, due to: lack of wind, bad weather conditions or unexpected sea traffic, displaying the "L" flag with one sound on the RC Signal Boat.

P2.1 Course (Kos to Tilos)

26 The course

26.1 The course will be: Start (Kos) – Finish (Tilos, Livadia bay). **Diagram 1.**

26.2 The distance of the course will be approx. 30nm.

27 Starting line

27.1 The Starting line will be between a yellow inflatable buoy at the starboard end and an orange inflatable buoy at the port end. Race Committee's signal vessel may be at any end of the starting line.

27.2 The starting area will be near Kos marina.

28 Finishing line

28.1 The finishing line will be between a pole displaying a blue flag at the port end (the pole will be on St Stefanos port dock, Livadia bay, Tilos) and a yellow inflatable buoy at the starboard end (the buoy will be laid approx. 200 meters afar the pole and at a bearing of 270° approx.)

28.2 The finishing line will be at St Stefanos port dock, on the east side of Livadia bay, Tilos. **Diagram 2.**

P2.2 Course (Tilos to Nisiros)

29 The course

29.1 The course will be: Start (Livadia bay Tilos)– Finish (Paloi port Nisiros). **Diagram 3.**

29.2 The distance of the course will be approx. 18nm.

30 Starting line

30.1 The Starting line will be between a yellow inflatable buoy at the starboard end and an orange inflatable buoy at the port end. Race Committee's signal vessel may be at any end of the starting line.

30.2 The starting area will be at Livadia bay, Tilos island.

31 Finishing line

31.1 The Finishing line will be between a blue flag on pole at the port end and a yellow inflatable buoy at the starboard end. The buoy will be laid approx. 200 meters afar the pole at 10° approx.

31.2 The finishing line will be near the light of the entrance of Paloi port in Nisiros island. **Diagram 4.**

P2.3 Course (Nisiros to Symi)

32 The course

32.1 The course will be: Start (Paloi port Nisiros) – Mark 1 (starboard) – Finish (St. Emilianos Monastery Symi island). **Diagram 5.**

32.2 The distance of the course will be approx. 29nm.

33 Marks

33.1 Mark 1 will be an orange inflatable buoy.

- 33.2 Mark 1 will be 0.40 nm approx. afar the finishing line
- 33.3 Mark 1 must be left to starboard.

34 Starting line

- 34.1 The Starting line will be between a yellow inflatable buoy at the starboard end and an orange inflatable buoy at the port end. Race Committee's signal vessel may be at any end of the starting line.
- 34.2 The starting area will be near Paloi port in Nisiros island.

35 Finishing line

- 35.1 The finishing line will be between a pole displaying a blue flag at the starboard end (the pole will be at St Emilianos Monastery, northwest side of Symi Island) and a yellow inflatable buoy at the port end (the buoy will be laid approx. 200 meters afar the pole at 40° approx.).
- 35.2 The finishing line will be at St. Emilianos Monastery in Symi Island. **Diagram 6.**

P2.4 Course (Symi to Rhodes)

36 The course

- 36.1 The course will be: Start (Symi)– Finish (Rhodes). **Diagram 7.**
- 36.2 The distance of the course will be approx. 22nm.

37 Starting line

- 37.1 The Starting line will be between a yellow inflatable buoy at the starboard end and an orange inflatable buoy at the port end. Race Committee's signal vessel may be at any end of the starting line.
- 37.2 The starting area will be near St Marina Pedi. (approx. 2.5 nm from Symi port)

38 Finishing line

The Finishing line will be between two yellow inflatable buoys near Mandraki marina. **Diagram 8.**

Appendix 1 – Committees

International Jury

Chairperson Konstantina Sfakianaki (IJ, GRE)
Members Zvi Ziblat (IJ, ISR)
Uros Zvan (IJ, SLO)
Christos Theodosis (NJ, GRE)
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