BOSPHORUS CUP®

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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Istanbul - Turkiye

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The Organising Authority is Adrenalin Youth and Sports Club. in conjunction with the Turkish Sailing Federation (TYF) and ORG Sports.		
1.	**RULES**	
	1.1.	The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024.
	1.3.	The prescriptions of the National Authority will not apply.
	1.4.	In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail (this changes RRS 63.7).
	1.5.	If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence
	1.6.	The notation '[NP]' (No Protest) in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The reference to [DP] (Discretionary Penalty) in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule, at the discretion of the international jury, may be less than a disqualification.
2.	**NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**	
	2.1.	Notices to competitors will be posted on the official ON-LINE notice board at: www.bosphoruscup.org
	2.2.	Checking the official ON-LINE notice board web site at all times is the sole responsibility of the competitors, no requests for redress will be accepted for noncompliance.
3.	**CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**	
	3.1.	Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 20:00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.
4.	**SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**	
	4.1.	Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official signal mast placed in Kalamış Marina and also announced on Bosphorus Cup web site at: www.bosphoruscup.org
	4.2.	When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS "Race Signals".

	4.3.	When Flag "D" is displayed ashore with one sound signal means ' The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag "D" is displayed. Boats shall not leave their berth until this signal is made.
	4.4.	When flag "Y" is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.
5.	**SCHEDULE OF RACES**	
	5.1.	Overall Event Schedule is: **Wednesday September 20th:** 09.00 - 19.00 Registration / 19.00 Online + Skipper's Meeting Kalamış 39 Otel **Thursday, September 21st:** 09.00 – 19.00 Registration / Warning Signal 17.00 for Practice Race **Friday, September 22nd:** Warning Signal TBA Races on Marmara Sea **Saturday, September 23rd:** Warning Signal 12.00 Race on the Bosphorus **Sunday, September 24th:** Warning Signal TBA Races on the Marmara Sea
	5.2.	The event shall take place over 3 racing days and comprise 6 races. There should be no more than 3 races per day, but the schedule may be amended during the regatta to hold up to 4 races on any day if needed to complete the regatta series.
	5.3.	On same racing day, the warning signal of the next succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
	5.4.	All boats shall be afloat by 19:00 hrs. on Thursday September 21st, 2023
	5.5.	On Sunday, September 24th, 2023 no warning signal will be made after 17:00 hrs.
6.	**CLASS FLAGS**	

	6.1.	For Course ALFA : IRC 0 PINK colored flag IRC 1 YELLOW colored flag IRC 2 GREEN colored flag For Course BETA : IRC 3 DARK BLUE colored flag IRC 4 ORANGE colored flag Cruiser WHITE colored flag Sports boat WHITE with SB letters
7.	**RACING AREA**	
	7.1.	Marmara Sea Races: Kalamış, Dalyan, Caddebostan, Kınalıada, Heybeliada, Mühürdar, Ataköy. Bosphorus Race: Ortaköy, Arnavutköy, Bebek, Aşiyan, Kanlıca, Anadolu Hisari, Göksu, Küçüksu, Kandilli, Çengelköy, Beylerbeyi.
8.	**THE COURSE**	
	8.1.	Marmara Sea Courses: windward-leeward courses and/or short distance coastal courses. Bosphorus Race will be a coastal course. See Attachment 1
	8.2.	No later than the warning signal, the race committee start vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
	8.3.	Course can be shortened or altered in compliance with RRS 32 or RRS 33.
	8.4.	The windward leeward races can not be shortened before the end of the leg to Mark 1 for the second time. This changes Rule 32. Coastal Race can be shortened anytime by the decision of the Race committee.
	8.5.	At the leeward gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If one of the two gate marks is missing then the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.
9.	**MARKS**	
	9.1.	Marks will be yellow colored with Bosphorus Cup branding.

	9.2.	The Offset Mark 1Ap will be yellow colored with Bosphorus Cup branding.
	9.3.	The starting marks will be the Race Comm. start vessel and a yellow buoy at the port end.
	9.4.	The finish marks will be the race comm. start vessel and a yellow buoy at the starboard end.
10.	**REPORTING AT COMMITTEE START VESSEL**	
	10.1.	[NP] Before the starting procedure in the first race of the day, boats shall, while sailing on starboard tack, pass behind the principal race committee boat and make sure they have been acknowledged. Boats failing to report may be scored "DNS" at the first race of the day without a hearing.
11.	**THE START**	
	11.1.	Races will be started according to RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
	11.2.	The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee starting vessel at the starboard end and a Yellow buoy at the port end.
	11.3.	To alert the boats that a race will begin soon, the orange flag at the starting line will be displayed with one sound signal, at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.
	11.4.	A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and RRS A5.
	11.5.	The race committee start vessel, when necessary, may keep her position by using her engine. This will not be ground for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
12.	**CHANGE THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**	
	12.1.	A change of the next leg of the course will be made as in RRS 33.
	12.2.	If the Race Committee believes it is necessary, a new Orange mark will be placed and replaced by the previous one.
	12.3.	Any action or no action by the Race committee under SI 12 will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13.	**THE FINISH**	
	13.1.	The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and a yellow mark with Bosphorus Cup branding on the starboard end.
	13.2.	Boats failing to finish within **30** minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did not Finish. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5
14.	**PENALTY SYSTEM**	
	14.1.	As a change to Rule 44.1, the two turns penalty is replaced by one turn penalty.
	14.2.	[DP] A breach of rules other than RRS 28 and RRS 31 and those in Part 2 shall, after a hearing, be given a penalty ranging from 10% of the number of boats registered to disqualification at discretion of the international jury.
	14.3.	If the international jury afloat witnesses an incident for which a boat is protesting another one, he will whistle which means "The jury is a witness". It is then up to the competitors to take the appropriate action. Action or no action by the international jury shall not be grounds for redress. [This changes RRS 62.1(a)]
	14.4.	Appendix P will apply. Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
15.	**PENALTY SYSTEM**	
	15.1.	Target times and time limits: - Windward leeward races: Target time will be 80 to 90 minutes and the time limit is 120 minutes. - Coastal races: Target time will be 120 to140 minutes and the time limit is 180 minutes. - Bosphorus Race: Target time is 180 minutes and the time limit is 240 minutes.
	15.3.	If no boat passed mark 1 for the first time within 60 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned
16.	**PROTESTS**	
	16.1.	A boat intending to protest, in addition to complying with RRS 61.1, shall inform the Race Committee immediately after the finishing of the related race. This will be also possible online. If the protestor does not finish the race,

		she shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible or the Race Office immediately after arriving ashore. This changes RRS 61.
	16.2.	Protests, requests for redress or reopening shall be in writing and lodged at the race office within **60** minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day. This protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board and www.bosphoruscup.org web site. The same protest time applies to all protests by the race committee, technical committee, and international jury, and to requests for redress. Protest time limit can be extended at discretion of the international jury if deemed necessary. Protest forms are available at the race office. The schedule of hearings will be posted on the official notice board and on the website within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
	16.3.	On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress or reopening based on an international jury decision shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening or redress was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 62.2.
	16.4.	Hearings may be conducted before the end of Protest Time Limit if all the parties agree. Schedule for Hearings will be organized online and the meetings will be held at the Race Headquarters.
	16.5.	There will be an International Jury for which the decisions will be final as provided by RRS 70.5.
17.	**SCORING**	
	17.1.	The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
	17.2.	At least 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
	17.3.	When 3 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her scores. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
	17.4.	There will be an overall scoring for IRC and scoring for each IRC class. There will be an overall scoring for ORC.
18.	**SAFETY**	
	18.1.	Yacht owners and their crew shall insure themselves for all risks.

		During races with over 20 kn. of wind, competitors shall wear life jackets during all times on the water.
	18.2.	A boat that retires from a race or intends not to start shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
19.	**REPLACEMENT OF CREW or EQUIPMENT**	
	19.1.	Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior notification to the Race Committee and will be published on the Notice Board of the Bosphorus Cup website www.bosphoruscup.org
	19.2.	Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the technical committee. Request for substitution shall be made to the committee at first reasonable opportunity.
20.	**MEASUREMENT CONTROLS and WEIGHT LIMITS**	
	20.1.	Competitors shall keep their boats in compliance with the current TYF rules and sailing instructions. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the rules and sailing instructions.
	20.2.	On the water, a boat can be instructed by the technical committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
21.	**OFFICIAL VESSELS**	
	21.1.	The Race Committee boats will display a white flag with black “RC” on it. Jury boats will display a white flag with black "JURY" on it. The Technical Committee will display a yellow flag with black “M” on it. Media boats will display a blue flag with black "MEDIA" on it. Hospitality boats will display a violet flag with “VIP” on it. Security boats will display a pink flag with ‘’SECURITY’’ on it.
	21.2.	[DP] Failure of an official boat to be in position or to display appropriate signal will not be ground for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
22.	**SUPPORT BOATS**	

	22.1.	Team leaders, coaches, photographer and other support personnel may use "support Vessel" to assist their competitors on the water. They shall register at the regatta office prior to the first scheduled race, providing details of their boats and distinctive identification, which shall include flying a WHITE flag showing the name and the sail number of the boat in BLACK (minimum height 120mm).
	22.2.	Coach/support Vessel shall not tow competitors out to the race course (unless requested to by the Race Committee) and may only tow boats in after the last competitor has finished.
	22.3.	Boats smaller than 4.2m length, without engine kill cord, anchor and anchor rope and coaches/supporters without life jackets will not be accepted on the water.
	22.4.	Team leader, coaches, photographer and other support boats shall stay more than 150 meters to leeward of the starting line and from the leeward marks and from any racing boat from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished that race or all races has been abandoned.
	22.5.	In the event of an emergency the Race Committee may request support boats for their assistance.
23.	**HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**	
	23.1.	All boats shall be afloat before 19:00 hrs. on **Thursday, September 21st** and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to the terms of prior written permission of the international jury.
24.	**PLASTIC POOLS AND DIVING EQUIPMENT**	
	24.1.	Underwater breathing apparatus, including snorkels, plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used below the waterline after **19:00 hrs. on Thursday, September 21st** till end of regatta except prior written permission of the international jury.
25.	**RADIO COMMUNICATION**	
	25.1.	Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions whilst racing except those available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and smart phones.

	25.2.	The Race Committee will use VHF, official website and WhatsApp to communicate with the Fleet, including the course selection, starting area, countdown to the start, OCS/UFD sail numbers, general recalls, black flag (BFD) and postponements, information on wind and current at mark one.
	25.3.	Failure to make these broadcasts or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a). VHF 72 and 73 will be used to communicate with competitors unless stated otherwise.
	25.4.	In addition, the following GSM number +90 530 685 31 44 - is only for or safety reasons and only to be used on emergencies.
26.	**BERTHING**	
	26.1.	All boats shall be parked in their designated places in the marina
27.	**LIABILITY and INSURANCE**	
	27.1.	Competitors participate in the races under their sole personal responsibility (RRS 4 - Decision to race). Turkish Sailing Federation, Race Committee, officials, volunteers and the Organizers shall not be responsible and will not accept any liability for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused prior, during or after racing.
	27.2.	It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions she will find herself. By going to water the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
	27.3.	Competing boats imperatively shall have additional racing clause in their insurance policies.
	27.4.	All owners/persons in charge who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold third-party liability insurance as required by the Notice of Race. Competitors are also advised to effect their own personal accident insurance.
	27.5.	All registering to the Bosphorus Cup 2023 fully accept all conditions of the notice of race and these sailing instructions.

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