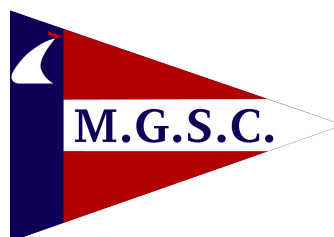


# 2017



## Notice of Race

15 November, 3 corrections in red.



## **1. ORGANISATION**

The 2017 Corfu Challenge is organized by the Marina Gouvia Sailing Club (MGSC) with the cooperation of the International Maxi Association (IMA) and the Maxi 72 Class. The event is part of the 2017 Maxi 72 Overall Trophy.

## **2. VENUE AND DATES**

The 2017 Corfu Challenge will be sailed in the waters of Corfu from 3 to 8 July 2017. The regatta headquarters will be located at the Marina Gouvia Sailing Club, located at Marina Gouvia.

## **3. RULES**

3.1 The event will be governed by:

- a) The rules as defined in the WS Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2017 - 2020).
- b) The WS Offshore Special Regulations (2016 – 2017):
  - 1) OSR Cat. 4 respecting the Class Rule requirements, specifically C.5.1 on anchor weight.
  - 2) According with OSR 3.28.3.b) a minimum of 50 litres of fuel is required while racing.
- c) 2017 Maxi 72 Rule, Bylaws and Interpretations.  
The SI of the event shall give the wind speed limit for Class Rule C.1.2.1.
- d) 2017 Maxi 72 Wild Card Invitation Guidelines as set in Class Rule B.1.3 including the conditions set in B.1.3 (2).
- e) No National Authorities prescriptions will apply except that every competitor shall be in compliance with their National Authority Rules.
- f) The Sailing Instructions (SI) including all Appendices.

3.2 The official language of the event shall be English.

3.3 In the event of a discrepancy between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions take precedence. This changes rule 63.7.

## **4. ELEGIBILITY AND COMPETITORS**

4.1 The event is open to all boats with a valid 2017 Maxi 72 Certificate, as well as boats with a valid endorsed 2017 IRC Certificate and a Maxi 72 Class confirmed Wild Card invitation based on the limits of Class Rule B.1.3.

4.2 All competitors shall comply with WS Regulation 19 – Eligibility Code.

4.3 The Registration Nationality of each team shall be decided by the owner of the boat.

## **5. ADVERTISING**

5.1 Boats may display advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code. Boats shall display Event Advertising in compliance with World Sailing Regulation 20 and as detailed in the SI.

5.2 Boats will be required to display the following throughout the period starting one hour after the completion of registration and ending one hour after the finish of the last race of the regatta:

- (a) Sponsor's pennant on the backstay;
- (b) Sponsor's decal on each side of the bow.

5.3 In addition, boats will be required to display the event battle flag and a sponsor pennant on the forestay throughout the same period but only while moored.

5.4 The O.A. will supply the pennants, decals and flag at registration.

- 5.5 Additionally the O.A. may require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of on board video cameras for the official television production and/or a tracking system.
- 5.6 Boats intending to display advertising during the regatta shall state in the entry form the nature of such advertising. All advertising shall be approved by the O.A.
- 5.7 Boats are responsible to inform advertisers and sponsors that no activities advertising any brand will be permitted ashore within the Marina area without the consent in writing of the O.A. obtained before the start of the regatta.

## 6. ENTRIES

- 6.1 Entries shall be made using the Entry Form available on the event ([www.corfuchallenge.com](http://www.corfuchallenge.com)) and class websites and shall be received, duly completed, by the MGSC Race Office no later than 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017 accompanied by an Endorsed IRC Certificate plus a copy of a valid Class Certificate or by an Endorsed IRC Certificate plus Wild Card Invitation, and a non-refundable Entry Fee of € 5.000, for IMA / Maxi 72 Class Members (€ 6.000, for Wild Card Non Members).
- 6.2 Entries received after 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017 will require the payment of an additional fee of € 1.500.
- 6.3 Endorsed IRC certificates updates, plus the required Maxi 72 Class certification, shall be received by the O.A. not later than 16.00 hours on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Boats that do not comply with the registration requirements by the deadline specified by the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions will be subject to a 1% penalty added to elapsed time for all races.
- 6.4 The entry fee shall be paid by bank transfer as stated in 6.7. A copy of the transfer confirmation is to accompany the entry form.
- 6.5 The official forms will be provided by the O.A. and published on the event and class websites. To qualify as a competitor the following shall be lodged with the MGSC Race Office prior to the close of registration (if not required earlier by rules above) at 12.00 hours on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017:
- Entry Form duly filled out and signed.
  - Confirmation of entry fee payment.
  - A copy of the boat's 3rd party liability insurance which shall be valid until the end of the event for a guaranteed minimum of 6.000.000 Euros per boat.
  - Crew Declaration Form and Media Releases consent, submitted by 12.00 hours on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 plus a copy of passport or ID for all the crew members and, where applicable, the appropriate license from the National Authority. Substitution of competitors requires approval of the Maxi 72 Class Manager (Class Rule C.2.3 requires proper reason). Request(s) shall be submitted no later than two hours before the first warning signal on the day of the crew change.
  - If applicable, a Guest Declaration Form, submitted by 12.00 hours on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017;
  - Class approved Maxi 72 Helmsman Application;
  - Current and valid Endorsed IRC Certificate, either plus the Maxi 72 Class Certification or plus the approved Maxi 72 Class Wild Card Invitation.
- 6.6 The Entry Form together with the required complementary information, shall be sent to:  
Corfu Challenge Organizing Authority, C/O Mr Michalis Tsatsopoulos, Marina Gouvia Sailing Club, Ntinou Theotoki 2 A Corfu, Greece.
- 6.7 The Entry Fee is **€ 5000, excluding VAT**. The entry fee includes berthing and berth consumptions (water, electricity) from 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017 arrival till 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 departure.  
**Bank: Bank of America**  
**ABA number: 026 009 593**  
**Account number: 004667697027**  
**BIC-SWIFT: BOFAU53N**  
**Beneficiary: George Sakellaris / Corfu**  
**Please mention: Boat Name**

**Note: Non EU registered boats/companies, companies with an EU VAT registration or owners living outside the EU are VAT 0-rated. Please supply the invoice details to: [info@corfusail.com](mailto:info@corfusail.com)**

- 6.8 Registration will not be accepted if, before the time indicated above, the documents as required in 6.5 are not lodged in the Race Office. (Modifies Rule 78.2 of the RRS).
- 6.9 Sailing Instructions: The Sailing Instructions will be available once the Registration has been lodged in the Race Office, in accordance with point 6.5 of this Notice of Race.

## 7. SCHEDULE AND COURSES

### 7.1 Schedule and Courses:

Saturday	1/7	All boats moored in dedicated event berths from 18.00hrs.
Sunday	2/7	Registration 10.00 – 16.00hrs. Equipment inspections from 09.00hrs till final day of event.
Monday	3/7	Registration 10.00 – 12.00 hrs. Official practice race from 13.00hrs. Skippers Meeting 17.00 hrs.
Tuesday	4/7	Race day
Wednesday	5/7	Race day
Thursday	6/7	Race day
Friday	7/7	Race day
Saturday	8/7	Race day and event prize giving ceremony (17.30hrs)

For your information possible racing areas are:

Race area Achilles : 39° 41' 459 N - 19° 54' 296 E  
Race area Odysseus : 39° 48' 794 N - 19° 56' 582 E  
Race area Alcinous : 39° 37' 013 N - 19° 56' 012 E  
Island Ereikousa : 39° 53' 277 N - 19° 35' 002 E  
Island Othonoi : 39° 51' 124 N - 19° 23' 637 E

- 7.2 The intention is to sail a minimum of two coastal races and have two days with two WL races each. The fifth scheduled race day may be designated as coastal, WL or lay day depending on the actual and the forecasted conditions. Based on a coastal counting for two WL's a maximum of eight "counted" WL's shall be sailed in the first four days of the event and on the final day of the event a maximum of two WL races shall be sailed. The event will be valid if three or more races are sailed. Per day a maximum of three WL races or one coastal race may be sailed.

- 7.3 The Scheduled time of the first warning signal each day will be at 12.00 hours.

## 8. MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION

- 8.1 Boat and sail measurement and inspection will take place as indicated in 7.1 at the discretion of the Maxi 72 Class Manager. A boat shall provide a minimum of 2 people to help with the checks. Each boat shall be presented for measurement in the condition the boat is intended to race. The Class Manager will advise all boats that have registered of available time slots which each boat can reserve.
- 8.2 The Class Measurer will carry out daily safety and measurement controls during the event.
- 8.3 The Class and IRC Certificates that the boats race under will be distributed by email to the boats no later than 15.00 hours on 1<sup>st</sup> July. The protest time limit for rating protests by boats, except relating to changes made during the event, expires at 15.00 hours on 2<sup>nd</sup> July.
- 8.4 All boats shall accept an event measurer to seal their lifelines with the correct tension. A broken seal shall be reported in writing to the measurer within one hour after finishing of the race and the report shall include a reason for the broken seal.

## **9. SCORING**

- 9.1 The Low Scoring System will be applied Appendix A4 of the RRS. Either there shall be one WL discard in case more than four WLs are sailed or there shall be a one race (WL or coastal) discard in case more than five races are sailed including at least two coastals.
- 9.2 Coastal races scoring: the coastal race will be awarded one score with a 1.25 factor. The final score for each boat will be equal to her scored points multiplied by 1.25.
- 9.3 For the purpose of a series tie in accordance with RRS A8, scores shall be places rather than points.

## **10. JURY, PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 10.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. All decisions will be final as per RRS 70.4.
- 10.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty except if the incident takes place when at least one of the boats is in the zone of a rounding or finishing mark.
- 10.3 A declaration of accepting the penalty shall be filled with the Race Office upon finishing within the protest time limit.
- 10.4 In order to minimise protests Jury members may follow the racing on the race course. If they observe a red flag they will use the following signals to help boats take appropriate action:
- (a) A green and white flag with one sound means 'The judges saw the incident and believe that no rule was broken.'
  - (b) A red flag with one sound means 'The judges saw the incident and believe that one boat has or more boats have broken a rule.' The judges will hail or signal each boat identified.
  - (c) A yellow flag with one sound means 'The judge(s) did not observe the incident or are unable to make a decision'.

The signals displayed by the Jury Boat are for information only. If a red flag is displayed, the identified boat is not obligated to take a penalty. If a yellow or green and white flag is displayed, any boat may still protest another boat.

- 10.5 Redress Limitation: Redress shall not be given for a greater number of races than completed in the event.

## **11. BERTHS, CONTAINERS, TRAILERS, CARS**

- 11.1 Boats entering the event will have event berths reserved for them in Gouvia Marina from 12.00 hrs 27<sup>th</sup> June till 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017, 12.00hrs. For this period the berth and berth consumption fees for the race boats and team tenders (max 1 per team) are included in the Entry Fee. Container, car and van/trailer parking will be supplied close to the regatta berths.
- 11.2 Berths shall be occupied under the sole responsibility of each boat's skipper.
- 11.3 Containers and trailers will be permitted to arrive from 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017, 09.00hrs, and shall be collected no later than 10<sup>th</sup> July. Crane support and power connection will be supplied at cost if not arranged by the forwarding agent. Please inform us of your needs in a timely manner. Storage and parking rates are included in the Entry Fee for the period 26<sup>th</sup> June - 10<sup>th</sup> July.

## **12. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS**

- 12.1 Team support boats shall be registered with the O.A. as set out in the entry form.

- 12.2 Only support boats that have registered and carry identification provided by the O.A. will be allowed in the racing area. A Safety Zone might be defined in the S.I.
- 12.3 Team support boats shall keep clear of the racing area at all times during racing. Any coach or support boat that interferes with the racing in any way, including creating excess wash or hindering an official boat carrying out its duties, shall cause their affiliated boat(s) to be liable for a penalty at the discretion of the International Jury.

### **13. HAUL-OUT, DIVING RESTRICTIONS AND REPAIRS**

- 13.1 Boats may not be hauled out after the 30<sup>th</sup> of June until the finish of the final race without prior written permission of the O.A.
- 13.2 Only divers registered with the O.A. are permitted to dive for cleaning purposes inside the marina.
- 13.3 Repairs shall not cause recertification. Sail repairs during the event shall not be made without prior permission of the O.A. Sail Repair Application forms will be available at the Race Office.

### **14. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 14.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 14.2 All boats shall be equipped with a Marine VHF transceiver capable of operating on VHF channel 9, 16 and 72.

### **15. TROPHIES AND PRIZES**

- 15.1 The 2017 Corfu Challenge Trophy for first placed boat in the overall score.
- 15.2 Event trophies for the 2nd and 3rd placed boats in the overall score.

### **16. MEDIA RELEASES AND RIGHTS**

- 16.1 Competitors and crew members on the competing boats grant, at no cost, the MGSC, Gouvia Marina, the IMA, the Maxi 72 Class and affiliated companies the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in any media (being television, print and internet media), including video footage, for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information relating to their involvement in the 2017 Corfu Challenge.
- 16.2 The image and media rights of the event are the exclusive property of the Maxi72 Class and are shared with the MGSC, Gouvia Marina and the IMA.
- 16.3 As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting the waiver of rights of 16 and 17.

### **17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 17.1 Competitors agree to be bound by the World Sailing RRS 2017/2019, the SI and the NoR. Competitors agree that the sole and inescapable responsibility for the nautical qualities of any boat participating in the 2017 Corfu Challenge, including her rigging, the safety equipment on board and the competence, behaviour and dress of her crew is that of the Owner/Charterer of the yacht. Competitors also agree to take any and all responsibility for all damages whatsoever caused to third persons or their belongings, to themselves or to their belongings, ashore and at sea as a consequence of their participation in the event, and hereby relieve from any responsibility, and agree to indemnify on a full indemnity basis and hold harmless, the O.A. MGSC, Gouvia Marina, IMA, Maxi 72 Class, its servants, agents and sponsors and their representatives in respect of any claim arising there from.

17.2 Competitors are acquainted with World Sailing RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing".

## 18. CONTACT DETAILS, TRAVEL & LOCAL FACILITIES

- **MGSC Race Office:** Mr. Michalis Tsatsopoulos  
Mail: [info@corfusail.com](mailto:info@corfusail.com)  
Address: Marina Gouvia Sailing Club, Ntinou Theotoki 2A, Corfu, Greece.  
Phone: +30 2661091900  
Fax: +30 2661020007
  
- **The event accommodation agency:** Key Tours Vacations. [www.keytours.com](http://www.keytours.com)  
Contact: Andreas Larentzakis  
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- **Maxi 72 Class** Manager: Rob Weiland  
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## 19. PRESS OFFICE

- 19.1 Journalists wishing to obtain accreditation to cover the regatta please contact:  
VPR Media & Marketing  
Mail: [press@corfuchallenge.com](mailto:press@corfuchallenge.com)  
Phone: +1 631-871-3635.
- 19.2 Information about the 2017 Corfu Challenge will be available on:  
[www.corfuchallenge.com](http://www.corfuchallenge.com) (under construction)  
[www.maxi72.com](http://www.maxi72.com)

## 20. LOCAL MARINE REGULATIONS

- 20.1 All participants are advised that they may participate only if their boat is correctly dispatched to navigate in the waters where the event is to be held and that the boat's skipper has the license to do so. Each boat is responsible to possess all the complementary insurance he/she esteems necessary besides the one required in the Notice of Race.

## 21. MODIFICATIONS TO THIS NOTICE OF RACE

- 21.1 The organisation reserves the right to modify this Notice of Race. Any modification of this Notice of Race carried out before 1 July 2017 will be published in adequate form (RRS 88.2) on the event ([www.corfuchallenge.com](http://www.corfuchallenge.com)) and class ([www.maxi72.com](http://www.maxi72.com)) websites and will be communicated by email to teams that made their entry.

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