



# **VOLCANO RACE 2015**

May 18 – 24, 2015

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **ORGANISATION**

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the International Maxi Association (IMA) in collaboration with the Yacht Club Gaeta E.V.S..

### **1. RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by:

- the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2013 – 2016);
- During the night between sunset and sunrise Part 2 of the RRS will be replaced by the I.R.P.C.S./ColRegs/International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea;
- RRS Rule 55 is amended by adding the following sentence: “However discarding wool or elastic bands when setting sail is permitted.”;
- the 2015 IMA Class rules;
- for the Maxi boats the IMA Class Rule 2.4.3 is modified to remove the restriction on the number of sails that may be carried on board during the race. Boats are free to carry any number of sails during the race as long as they are declared on the sail inventory at registration;
- the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 with life raft compulsory on board;
- IRC Rules Parts A, B and C shall apply.
- the Sailing Instructions including Appendices;
- No National Authority prescriptions will apply except Part 6 of prescriptions of the FIV (Italian Sailing Federation), which will apply only to Italian nationals.

1.2 The official language for the race is English.

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

### **2. NAVIGATION LIGHTS**

From sunset to sunrise and in case of poor visibility, the navigation lights must be switched on.

### **3. FINISHING AT NIGHT**

See Sailing Instruction 17 for the finish procedure.

### **4. VENUE**

Race Headquarters will be located in the Yacht Club Gaeta E.V.S. from 18 May to 24 May. The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be located just outside the Race Office. For contacts see Section 36.

## **5. ENTRIES**

According to the number and characteristics of entries, boats may be divided in accordance with IMA Rules and /or other groups. Effective Categories /Groups will be defined by the OA at 1800 hours on 19 May.

## **6. REGISTRATION FORMALITIES**

To qualify as an official competitor the following shall be completed with the Race Office by 1700 hours on 19 May:

- Complete Registration with the Organizing Authority, including entry form duly signed, crew list, sail inventory and entry fee.
- Disclaimer and Photographic Rights Form duly signed by each crew member.
- Rating Certificate approved by the Association Technical Officer (ATO). The certificate shall be signed by the owner or owner's representative.
- A written declaration by the owner/skipper to comply with ISAF Sailing Regulations governing Offshore Racing – Category 3 and to have on board a qualified life raft for the entire crew.

Yachts not complying with the above formalities are not eligible for the event without approval of the International Protest Committee.

Values of rating certificates issued on or before 15 May, shall not be modified without OA approval.

## **7. BRIEFING**

The Official Briefing for the Maxi fleet will be held 1800 hours on 19 May at a location to be determined. Two representatives of each boat may attend.

## **8. AMENDMENTS TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTICE OF RACE TO COMPETITORS**

8.1 Any amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the ONB not later than 0830 on the day that the amendment is to take effect except that any change in schedule will be posted prior to 2000 on the day before it will take effect. It is the responsibility of competitors to acquaint themselves with these notices.

8.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB.

## **9. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

9.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flag staff located at Yacht Club Gaeta E.V.S..

9.2 The display or removal of signals will be announced by sound signal and possibly via radio on VHF Channel 72. There will be no grounds for request of redress in the case of mistakes or omission of sound or radio signals. (This amends RRS 60.1 (b) and RRS 62.1).

9.3 When Flag "AP" is displayed ashore, no Warning Signal will be made prior to 60 minutes after "AP" is lowered ashore.

## **10. SCHEDULE**

Monday 18 May

0900-1800 Registration, Measurement and Inspection

1900 Crew Party

Tuesday 19 May

0900-1800 Registration, Measurement and Inspection

1300 Short Windward/Leeward Race, scored separately from the Volcano Race

1800 Competitor's Briefing

Wednesday 20 May

1300 First Signal – Volcano Race

Sunday 24 May

1100 Awards presentation (or earlier if all boats have finished)

## **11. STARTING AREA**

The Starting area will be located within a radius of approx 4 NM from the Yacht Club Gaeta E.V.S.

## **12. STARTING PROCEDURE**

12.1 RRS 26 applies. The Maxis will start in a single group. The class flag for the Maxi fleet is GOLF

12.2 Starting Line: The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end of the line and a starting mark at the port end. The starting mark may be replaced by a Service boat displaying an orange flag. In this case the starting line will be between the staffs displaying an orange flag on each boat. The Race Committee Boat and/or Service boat on the starting line may hold their position with the use of engines.

12.3 All support boats shall keep well clear of the starting area and, after the preparatory signal, are not to approach within 100 meters of any competing boat. Infringement of this Rule by a boat's support vessel may result in the imposition of a scoring penalty against that boat by the International Protest Committee.

12.4 All signals may be repeated on VHF channel 72. Radio signals are for information only. There will be no grounds for request of redress in the case of omission or mistakes in the broadcast of radio signals. (This amends RRS 60.1 (b) and RRS 62.1).

12.5 Both the Race Committee Boat and the Service boat rate as marks.

12.6 A boat shall start no later than 10 minutes after the starting signal. The Race Committee may extend the limit of 10 minutes for special circumstances (This amends RRS 60.1 (b) and RRS 62.1).

## **13. INDIVIDUAL RECALLS**

The Race Committee will attempt to identify and hail OCS boats on VHF Channel 72. Failure to transmit such information, receive such notification, or the order in which recalled boats are broadcast will not be grounds for redress. (Amends RRS 60.1 (b) and RRS 62.1).

## **14. COMMITTEE BOAT, PROTEST COMMITTEE BOAT, SERVICE BOATS AND PRESS BOATS**

14.1 The Race Committee boat will be identified by a large IMA flag and an orange flag and will normally be the starting boat.

14.2 Service boats will be identified by a white flag with "S".

14.3 The Protest Committee boat will display a white flag with "J".

14.4 Vessels used by Press, Photographers, Film Crews, VIP's, etc. are not under the jurisdiction of the Race Committee.

## **15. MARKS**

Mark WHISKY - Weather Mark after the Start (if used)

The Race Committee may position a yellow cylindrical buoy - mark WHISKY - as a weather mark between 1 and 2 NM from the starting line in the direction indicated with numbers on a board on the R.C. Boat. Prior to the warning signal, the race committee boat will display a red flag if the mark is to be left to port or a green flag if the mark is to be left to starboard. If there is no red or green flag, there is no weather mark WHISKY.

FINISH Mark and FINISH Line for the Volcano Race

The Finish Mark will be located at approximately 41° 13.14' North, 13° 35.0' East. The Race

Committee Station will be located at approximately 41° 12.8' North, 13° 34.6' East. The distance from the Race Committee Station to the Finish Mark is approximately 820 Meters and the bearing is approximately 039° True.

## **16. RACE COURSES**

### **16.1 WINDWARD/LEEWARD COURSE**

16.1.1 Marks for the Windward/Leeward course will be yellow cylindrical buoys. A change mark, if utilized, will be an orange cylindrical buoy.

#### **16.1.2 COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The starting area will be within four nautical miles of Yacht Club Gaeta E.V.S..

The starting mark will be a yellow cylindrical buoy or a race committee service boat displaying an orange flag.

The race marks will be yellow cylindrical buoys. The windward mark will be between 1 and 2.5 NM from the start line and the leeward mark will be approximately .2 NM miles above the start line.

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag and the course side of the nearby finish mark. Please refer to Annex ONE for the course diagram.

#### **16.1.3 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

a) RRS Rule 33. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark (original shape and color)

b) Boats shall pass between the Race Committee service boat signaling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee service boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1 and RRS 33.

c) If the Race Committee decides to change the position of the leeward mark, the original mark will be repositioned and is to be left to port.

### **16.2 VOLCANO RACE COURSE OPTIONS**

The starting area will be within four nautical miles of Yacht Club Gaeta E.V.S. Depending upon the wind direction, mark WHISKY may be used.

#### **Option 1**

After the start and possible mark WHISKY, the boats shall proceed to Strombolicchio, leaving Strombolicchio to starboard; then to Vulcano, leaving Stromboli and Vulcano to starboard; then to Alicudi, leaving Alicudi to starboard; then to the finishing line in Gaeta, leaving Capri to port and the finish mark to starboard. (see Annex TWO).

#### **Option 2**

After the start and possible mark WHISKY, the boats shall proceed to Strombolicchio, leaving Strombolicchio to starboard; then to the finishing line in Gaeta, leaving Capri to port and the finish mark to starboard (see Annex TWO).

#### **Option 3**

After the start and possible mark WHISKY, the boats shall proceed to Strombolicchio, leaving Strombolicchio to port; then to the finishing line in Gaeta, leaving Capri to port and the finish mark to starboard (see Annex TWO).

#### **Option 4**

After the start and possible mark WHISKY, the boats shall proceed to Strombolicchio, leaving Strombolicchio to starboard; then to Isola Stromboli, leaving Isola Stromboli to starboard; then to the finishing line in Gaeta, leaving Capri to port and the finish mark to starboard (see Annex TWO).

**Option 5**

After the start and possible mark WHISKY, the boats shall proceed to Isola Stromboli, leaving Isola Stromboli to port; then to Strombolicchio, leaving Strombolicchio to port; then to the finishing line in Gaeta, leaving Capri to port and the finish mark to starboard (see Annex TWO).

**Option 6**

After the start and possible mark WHISKY, the boats shall proceed to Strombolicchio, leaving Strombolicchio to starboard; then to Vulcano, leaving Stromboli and Vulcano to starboard; then to Salina, leaving Salina to starboard; then to the finishing line in Gaeta, leaving Capri to port and the finish mark to starboard. (see Annex TWO).

**Option 7**

After the start and possible mark WHISKY, the boats shall proceed to Salina, leaving Salina to port; then to Vulcano, leaving Vulcano to port; then to Strombolicchio, leaving Stromboli and Strombolicchio to port; then to the finishing line in Gaeta, leaving Capri to port and the finish mark to starboard. (see Annex TWO)."

**Option 8**

A custom course to be published as an amendment to the Sailing Instructions utilizing the marks described above.

16.3 For the Windward/Leeward and Volcano races the course may be shortened at any of the indicated marks or islands indicated as part of the course. In this case, the boats will be informed by radio (VHF Channel 72) and/or by email and the finishing line will be between an orange flag on a Service Vessel and the indicated island or mark. The islands shall be left on the indicated side. At night the orange flag will be substituted by two fix white lights one over the other.

**17. FINISHING PROCEDURE for the VOLCANO RACE****17.1 Arrival Contact**

17.1.1 When boat's ETA to the finishing line is approx 3 hours, each boat shall inform by email or text messages IMA Results (Peter Lawson: +1 401-524-1335, email: technical@internationalmaxiassociation.com).

17.1.2 Boats shall contact the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72 one mile before finishing. If no response, contact the Technical Officer (Peter Lawson: +1 401-524-1335).

17.2 The finish line for the Volcano race is described in Section 15. above. See the attached drawing (Annex TWO) for information only.

17.3 Boats shall stand by on VHF channel 72 within 5 miles from the finishing line until they finish. Confirmation of finishing may be given by the race committee on VHF 72.

17.4 Boats are also requested to record their own finish time (local) and report it on the race declaration one hour after the mooring. Boats finishing at night shall deliver the declaration the following morning by 0900. The boats will take their own finish time and report it to the Race Office on the Race Declaration.

17.5 Boats are asked to call the marina on VHF channel 9 after finishing to advise them of your arrival.

17.6 The "Race Declaration" shall report that all Racing Rules have been followed during the race. The Race Declaration must be signed by the owner and the skipper.

17.7 An official welcome boat of the Yacht Club GAETA E.V.S. may meet and guide the boats to the assigned mooring buoy or mooring place.

17.8 For a shortened course paragraph 18 will not apply. After finishing, boats shall proceed to Gaeta to deliver the Race Declaration on arrival, at the Race Office.

## **18. TIME LIMIT**

For the Maxi Fleet

The time limit for the Windward/Leeward race on 19 May is 1600.

The time limit for the Volcano Race is Sunday 24 May at 0600.

The time limit for a shortened course for the Volcano race will be specified with the announcement of the course reduction.

## **19. RETIREMENT**

19.1 A boat that retires from the race shall immediately notify the Race Committee and/or the Race Office by phone, radio or any possible means until an acknowledgment is received by the Race Secretariat.

19.2 Boats that do not leave or return to Gaeta on a scheduled race day shall notify the Race Committee and/or the Race Office using any means possible before 1130 of the same day.

## **20. PROTESTS**

20.1 Protests shall be made in accordance with RRS 60 and 61.

20.2 Protests regarding a boat's rating and/or measurement shall be lodged not later than 1500 hours on 18 May. The protest shall indicate the matters to be examined. Rule 64.3(d) shall apply.

20.3 Protests forms are available at the Race Office. The completed protest form shall be lodged in the Race Office within one hour after the protesting boat has finished the race. Upon finishing the intent to protest must be communicated by radio to the Race Committee or the Race Office and acknowledged by the RC. The protest flag shall be flown for one hour after the incident and for the finish. (Amends RRS 61.1).

20.4 Hearings will take place in the afternoon after the finish of each race. Hearings for the Long race in the afternoon on 23 May or at an earlier time if all parties to the protest are available. All persons involved in the hearings shall remain available for the hearing.

20.5 The Race Committee or International Protest Committee intending to protest a boat under Rule 60.2(a) or Rule 60.3(a) because of an incident observed in the racing area shall inform her after the race by posting a notice on the ONB within the protest time limit of each race.

20.6 It is the boat representative's sole responsibility to check the protest notices at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Competitors are reminded of RRS 63.3 (b).

20.7 The International Protest Committee may impose penalties other than DSQ.

## **21. COMMUNICATIONS**

21.1 During the race, the Race Committee may use VHF 72 to broadcast information such as signals made ashore, course shortening, location of the Race Committee Boat, sail numbers of boats recalled, etc. A time check may be transmitted by the Race Committee over VHF Channel 72 approx. 30 minutes before the first scheduled warning signal of each race.

21.2 During the Volcano Race, all boats must be able to communicate with the Race Committee via satellite phone or email when not within VHF or mobile phone range.

21.3 Failure to receive or hear radio transmissions will not be grounds for request of redress (Amends RRS 60.1 (b) and 62.1 (a)).

## **22. SCORING**

22.1 The Low Point System RRS Appendix A will apply. The Volcano Race will be scored separately from the Windward/Leeward race.

22.2 The results will be on corrected time on time as indicated by the IRC Rule.

## **23. PENALTIES**

23.1 RRS 44.3 applies.

23.2 Report of the Race Committee on OCS, except for recording mistakes, is not grounds for redress. (Amends RRS 60.1 (b) and RRS 62.1).

## **24. NAUTICAL CHARTS**

The following nautical charts from "Istituto Idrografico della Marina" are utilized by the Race Committee: I.I. 14; 15; 129; 130; 131; 914; 915.

## **25. MOORINGS**

Free Moorings will be available in Gaeta from 16 May to 25 May.

For assistance with the mooring please contact the Yacht Club Gaeta on VHF Channel (71) and 16. On arrival in Gaeta all boats shall register with the Marina Office. Provision of water and electricity is not included in the entry fee and must be requested at the Marina Office. Payment for these services must be made to the Marina Office.

## **26. HAULING OUT**

Boats shall not be hauled out after 16 May, without prior written permission of the International Protest Committee. The cleaning of the hull at sea is permitted, as is the use of mask and air tanks.

## **27. RATING CERTIFICATES**

27.1 Owners and their representatives are advised that if there is the intent to request a reissue of the IRC Rating Certificate in the time period just prior to the start of the race, arrangements must be made directly with the appropriate Rule Authority issuing the certificate or the Rating Authority office responsible for processing the certificate. It is requested that a copy of the new certificate be sent to the ATO at [technical@internationalmaxiassociation.com](mailto:technical@internationalmaxiassociation.com) by the issuing office. It is each boat's responsibility to fulfill the requirements of Section 6 of the Sailing Instructions. A signed copy of the boat's IRC final approved certificate shall be received by the Organizing Authority prior to 10 May, 2015.

27.2 The list of rating values shall be issued by the Measurement Committee by 1230 on 18 May approved and signed by the ATO. Thereafter no changes of the rating values are possible unless as a consequence of controls and inspections and with the approval of the International Protest Committee.

27.3 It is reminded to all the competitors in the Maxi fleet that the rating certificates shall be approved by the IMA Technical Office.

## **28. TRACKING SYSTEM**

28.1 AIS will be used to track the position of participating boats in the Maxi fleet during the race and participants will be required to keep AIS on and operational at all time while racing. The Organizing Authority may use the information received from the system for media coverage of the race as well as for technical and safety purposes.

28.2 In any case, it is a skipper's responsibility to provide the Race Office, when racing the Volcano race, with the daily position at 0800 and 2000 local time by VHF acknowledged messages or SMS text messages and/or emails.

## **29. CONTROL, MEASUREMENT and INSPECTION**

29.1 The IMA Technical Office (ATO) may rule on all matters of rating, accommodation, equipment and associated Rules and Regulations and ISAF Offshore Special Regulations. The ATO's ruling shall

be final. It shall advise the Race Committee and the Protest Committee on any related disputes and propose appropriate penalties for infringements.

29.2 The IMA Technical Office has the right to undertake random inspections and measurement checks on any entered boat throughout the registration period and after the finish of each race. All boats shall be available for inspection between 0800 and 1800 hours each day during the registration period. In the event of a protest, access for inspections may be requested at any time.

### **30. CREW LIST**

30.1 The entire crew list shall be lodged at the Race Office at registration.

30.2 The Organizing Authority may direct a television team or photographer to be on board a boat additional to the crew list, for a limited period during the departure or arrival phases. Other guests on board shall be on the crew list.

### **31. ECOLOGICAL RULES**

While moored and at sea all boats shall respect all the rules to prevent pollution and environment damages. The International Protest Committee may take action in case of infringements of the above ecological rules.

### **32. PHOTOGRAPHIC AND TELEVISION MEDIA RIGHTS**

Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost, the IMA and Yacht Club Gaeta E.V.S 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 the IMA's involvement in sailing events, in particular the VOLCANO RACE 2015 ("the regatta"), and to the competitors and crew members' participation in such events. As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights (See S.I. Par. 6).

### **33. DISCLAIMER**

33.1 Competitors agree to be bound by International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016, by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race. The Rules of RRS Part 2 shall not apply between the times of local sunset and sunrise and shall be replaced with the right of way rules of IRPCAS (International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea). Competitors agree that the sole and inescapable responsibility for the nautical qualities of any yacht participating in the VOLCANO RACE 2015, her rigging, the safety equipment on board and the competence of her crew is that of the Owner/Charterer of the yacht. The Owner/Charterer and crew will be held jointly responsible for the conduct of the yacht's crew before, during and after a race. Misconduct may result in both the Owner/Charterer and crew being excluded from future races and renders a boat liable to disqualification. Competitors shall agree to take any and all responsibility for all damages whatsoever caused to third persons or their belongings, or to themselves and their belongings, ashore and at sea as consequence of their participation in the regatta, and hereby relieve from any responsibility, and agree to indemnify on a full indemnity basis and hold harmless, the Organizing Authority, International Maxi Association (IMA), Yacht Club Gaeta E.V.S, in respect of any claim arising therefrom.

33.2 Competitors are to be acquainted with ISAF Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

33.3 Competitors agree that the Organizing Authority, IMA, Yacht Club Gaeta E.V.S., agents and sponsors have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss



of, or damage to any vessel or property.

33.4 As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability.

#### **34. ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

All types of electronic aids, including radar, GPS, etc., are permitted. Weather information from any source is permitted. (Amends RRS 41).

#### **35. TROPHIES**

Further to the Notice of Race, the complete list of Trophies will be published at the end of registration.

#### **36. CONTACT INFO FOR THE EVENT**

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#### **37. EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

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Attachments:

Annex ONE, Windward/Leeward course

Annex TWO, Gaeta Finish Line for the Volcano Race