

# ALPHA BANK Regatta

## Romania Cup 3<sup>rd</sup> Stage

21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> of July, 2017

Marina LifeHarbour - Limanu

**Organizing Authority:** LifeHarbour Limanu & Nautic Yachting Club under the authority of the **Romanian Yachting Federation**

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

In all sections the following abbreviations apply:

RC Race Committee

RRS World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020

[NP] – Rules that are not grounds for protest by a boat.


[DP] – Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the Jury.




## PART 1 - GENERAL

### 1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

**LifeHarbour** and **Nautic Yacht Club** is inviting you all to take part in the **ALPHA BANK Regatta** to be held in LifeHarbour Limanu, Romania between 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2017.


### 2. RULES

- 2.1. Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS.
- 2.2. The following rules will also apply:
  - 2.2.1 ORC Rating System Rule.
  - 2.2.2 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulation for category 4.
- 2.3 No national authority prescription will apply.
- 2.4 Automatic, mechanical and wind vane devices for steering shall be prohibited.
- 2.5 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the **ORANGE** starting line flag  will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 2.6 In case of a **triple-number** scoring method, before the warning signal of each race the RC will be display one of the following flags and/or may display on a board {L, M, H} to indicate the provisional scoring method:

Wind	Flag	Notice on board
Light	Numeral one 	L
Medium	Numeral two 	M
High	Numeral three 	H

If there is a substantial change in wind speed during the race, the RC may decide to use a different time correction. This will be indicated by displaying the appropriate board on the finishing vessel. Any decision by the RC in

connection with the application of the Triple Number System will be no ground for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

- 2.7 If **Flag F**  is displayed (no sounds) at any mark, that mark shall be left on the required side and boats shall then proceed directly to the FINISH, leaving out any further marks of the course.
- 2.8 [DP] Appendix 1 of these SI shall apply for the bow numbers. Protests on the bow numbers can be lodged only by the RC. This changes RRS 60.1 and 60.3.
- 2.9 Length of course, directions of leg and wind will be decided by RC and will not be grounds for seeking redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

### 3. CLASSES [NP]

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Boats will be divided in Classes {ORC-A; ORC-B; ORC-C} according to the Notice of Race requirements.

### 4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Marina Limanu.



### 5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09.00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 22.00 on the day before it will take effect.

### 6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Marina Limanu at the official flag pole.
- 6.2 When **Flag AP**  is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 min.' in the race signal AP.
- 6.3 When **Flag Y**  is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

### 7. SCHEDULE





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- 7.1 For (4) races are scheduled including one (1) offshore race, three (3) inshore race.
- 7.2 Times of the first possible warning signals are defined as follows:
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| 22.07.2017 | 10.30 | offshore race |
| 23.07.2017 | 10.30 | inshore races |
- 7.3 On the last day of regatta, no warning signal will be given after 15:30, but to continue a general recalled race in progress.
- 7.4 The Organizing Authority and/or the RC reserve the right to modify the above program according to weather conditions and/or other unforeseen reasons.

### 8. CLASS FLAGS

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The class flag will be:

ORC-A	Flag W	
ORC-B	Flag T	
ORC-C	Flag R	
<b>All classes</b>	Flag O	

### 9. THE START

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- 9.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 9.2 [DP] When a starting sequence is in progress, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as a rectangle 50 meters from the starting line and marks in all directions.
- 9.3 The start of 2 (two) or more classes can be combined. In case of combining classes, the class flags will be hoisted together. RC shall use Flag-O for a common start for all classes.
- 9.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes in the inshore races and 15 minutes in the offshore race(s) after her Start signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.1.
- 9.5 After signaling an individual recall, the RC will attempt to broadcast the sail number, bow number or name of boat that has not started and is identified as OCS on VHF channel. Delay in the radio broadcast of these calls, or the order in which they are made, or any omission or failure in the emission or reception of these, will not be grounds for a request for redress by the boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and this rule does not reduce, modify or exonerate each boat's responsibility to start in accordance with the RRS.

### 10. PENALTY SYSTEM

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The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 while outside a Zone will be One-Turn penalty (one tack and one gybe). This changes RRS 44.1.

## 11. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

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- 11.1 In addition to complying with RRS 61, a protesting boat shall inform immediately after finishing or retiring, by VHF, the RC of her intention to protest and the identity of the protested boat(s) and receive confirmation from the RC. This changes rule 61.1(a).
- 11.2 Protest forms are available at the race office. For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 11.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at Marina Limanu, beginning at the time posted.
- 11.3 Notices of protests by the RC or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 11.4 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing or request for redress for a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered:
  - 11.4.1 within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day
  - 11.4.2 no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

## 12. SCORING [NP]

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- 12.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2. Inshore race results will be determined by corrected times calculated by Triple-number coefficient.
- 12.3. Offshore race results will be determined by corrected times calculated by Time-on-Time coefficient.
- 12.4 The scoring point's coefficient for inshore races is 1.00 and for offshore race is:
  - course length < 40 Nm -> scoring coefficient: 1.20
  - course length > 40 Nm -> scoring coefficient: 1.50
- 12.5 The regatta is valid if one race are completed.
- 12.6 One discard will be allowed if 4 races are completed, but the offshore race shall not be discarded.

## 13. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP] [NP]

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- 13.1 VHF radios are mandatory for all races. A marine VHF transceiver shall be carried, function properly and be readily accessible all times.
- 13.2 Boats retired for any reason in any race shall report to the RC as soon as possible, trying to contact it on VHF.
- 13.3 Any use of the engine for propulsion purposes for rescuing people, giving help or any other reason shall be reported after arrival in written form to the RC stating reasons for such procedure. If a boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race, the Jury may impose a discretionary penalty.

## 14. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

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- 14.1 The RC may approve crew changes (adding new crew members, replacing or disembarking crew members) by written skipper's request made no later than 2 hour before the scheduled time of the start of the first race of the day. The substituted crew member shall not be aboard on any other competing boat throughout the remainder of the series.
- 14.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be not allowed unless approved by the Jury. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Jury at the first reasonable opportunity.



## 15. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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At any time throughout the series even whilst yachts are racing, sails and yachts shall be subject to scrutiny and to checks for compliance with the rules at the discretion of the RC.

## 16. OFFICIAL BOATS

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- 16.1 RC boats will display a white flag with the text RC . Jury boat will display a red flag with the text JURY . Failure of any official boat to display her flag will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 16.2 Vessels used by press, photographers, VIPs etc. are not under the jurisdiction of the RC. Any action by these boats shall not be ground for seeking redress by boats. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

## 17. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

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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. A breach of this SI may results with a scoring penalty, after a hearing against the boat connected and/or withdrawal of permission to be in the racing area for one or more days.

## 18. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP]

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From 18:00 on the first day of the regatta boats shall not be hauled out except for the purposes of repairing damage; and only after written permission from the Jury. 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. COMMUNICATIONS [DP]

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- 19.1. Radio communication with RC during the regatta will be on **VHF channel 10**. The RC may give verbal confirmation of any race signal over VHF. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 19.2. Except when communicating with the RC, a boat while racing, shall not transmit or receive communication of any information not publicly available to all boats participating. This changes RRS 41.

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## **20. TROPHIES AND PRIZES**

Participants will be awarded trophies and medals for the first, second and third place in each class. The prize giving ceremony will be held on the last day of regatta a.s.a.p. after the results have been posted.

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## **21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

All those taking part in the regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Organizing Authority and any part involved in the organization disclaim any and all responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage injury or inconvenience that might occur to persons and materials, both ashore and at sea as a consequence of participation in the event. Each boat owner or his representative accepts these terms by signing entry form. The attention of competitors is drawn to World sailing Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing.

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## **22 Insurance**

All owners/skippers are responsible to have the third party liability valid insurance.

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# **PART 2 – INSHORE COURSE**

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## **22. THE COURSE**

- 22.1 Appendix 2 shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed.
- 22.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat may display, on a board the approximate compass bearing of the first leg. Failure by the RC to display the compass bearing shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1b.

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## **23. MARKS**

- 23.1 Marks will be inflatable yellow, red and blue buoys.
- 23.2 New mark as provided in instruction 24.1 will be yellow inflatable buoys.
- 23.3 A RC boat signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in in SI 24.2

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## **24. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 24.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. A new windward mark will be placed without the offset mark.
- 24.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the RC boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the RC boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1

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## **25. STARTING LINE**

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting vessel at the starboard end and the port end starting mark. The RC boat may hold position by using engine.

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## **26. FINISHING LINE**

Finishing line will be between a pole displaying an orange flag on the RC finishing boat at the starboard end and a finishing mark at the port end. The RC boat may hold position by using engine.

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## **27. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

The target time is 60 minutes and the time limit is 120 minutes after their starting signal.

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# **Part 3 – OFFSHORE COURSE**

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## **28. THE COURSE**



Appendix 3 shows the course.

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## **29. MARKS**

Marks will be inflatable yellow and red buoys.

### 30. WINDWARD MARK

RC may set a windward mark to obtain a start to windward, if necessary. If the windward mark is set, it will be approximately 1 NM 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. If no red or green flag is displayed, there is no “windward mark” and the start will go directly to the first mark as defined in the course diagram.

### 31. STARTING LINE

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting vessel at the starboard end and the port end starting mark. The RC boat may hold position by using engine.

### 32. FINISHING LINE

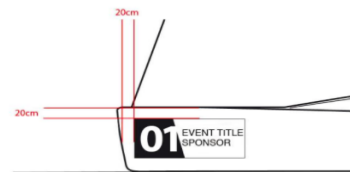
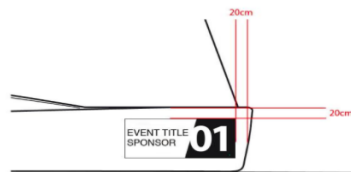
32.1 Finishing line will be between a pole displaying an orange flag on the RC finishing boat at the port end and a finishing mark at the starboard end. The RC boat may hold position by using engine.

32.2 If a Committee Vessel is not on station at the finish line, Competitors shall record their own finish time and the position of yachts ahead and astern of them if known. The recorded time and timepiece must be presented to the RC a.s.a.p. after finishing.

Fair wind,  
Race Officer  
Cristian TABACU            NRO/ROUCT1

### APPENDIX 1 – BOW NUMBERS

Bow numbers shall be placed as forward as possible:



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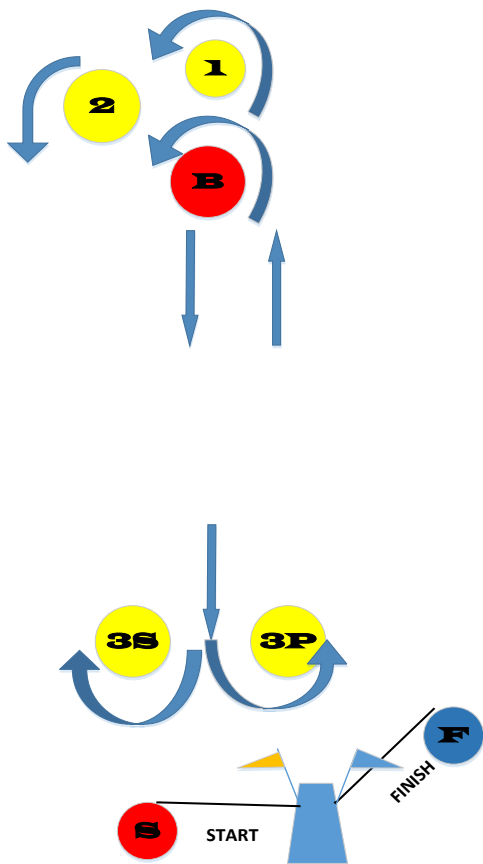


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**APPENDIX 2 – THE INSHORE COURSE**

Racing area will be the Romanian Coast of the Black Sea with the starting line positioned close to Mangalia Harbor.  
 This drawing is a schematic. The distances and mark positions are not to scale.



Mark 3S and 3P constitute the gate. If one mark is missing the other one shall be left to port; this change RRS 34.

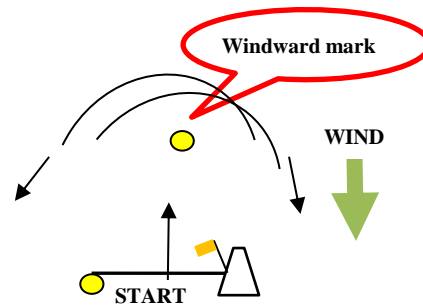
Before the warning signal of each race, RC will announce on VHF and/or may display on a board one of the following possible courses:

Course ID	Course to be sailed
<b>A2</b>	Start-1-3S/3P-1-Finish
<b>A1</b>	Start-1-Finish
<b>B2</b>	Start-1-3S/3P-B-Finish
<b>B1</b>	Start-B-Finish
<b>C2</b>	Start-B-3S/3P-B-Finish
<b>AT2</b>	Start-1-2-3S/3P-1-2-Finish
<b>AT1</b>	Start-1-2-Finish
<b>BT2</b>	Start-1-2-3S/3P-B-Finish

### APPENDIX 3 – THE OFFSHORE COURSE

This drawing is a schematic. The distances and mark positions are not to scale. GPS coordinates are in format degree and decimal minutes. Marks coordinates are approximate. Their physical location may vary depending on wind, tide and sea state conditions.

The starting area will be in front of Mangalia harbor.



The time limit for all boats will be **9 hours** after their starting signal.

Before the warning signal, RC will announce on VHF and/or may display on a board one of the following possible courses:

Course ID	Course to be sailed, where x = 1 or 2 or 3 or 4
<b>1</b>	Start-[WM]-C(port)-Finish
<b>2x</b>	Start-[WM]-Mx(port)-Finish
<b>3x</b>	Start-[WM]-C(starboard)-Mx(starboard)- Finish
<b>4x</b>	Start-[WM]-Mx(port)-C(port)- Finish
<b>5x</b>	Start-[WM]-C(starboard)-Mx(starboard)-C(port)-Finish
<b>6x</b>	Start-[WM]-Mx(port)-C(port)-Mx(starboard)-Finish
<b>7x</b>	Start-[WM]-C(starboard)-Mx(starboard)-C(port)-Mx(starboard)-Finish
<b>8x</b>	Start-[WM]-Mx(port)-C(port)-Mx(starboard)-C(port)-Finish

#### Waypoint coordinates

<b>C</b>	N43 56.000	E28 40.000
<b>M1</b>	N43 58.000	E28 47.000
<b>M2</b>	N43 56.000	E28 47.000
<b>M3</b>	N43 54.000	E28 46.500
<b>M4</b>	N43 48.000	E28 44.000

#### The approximate distances

<b>Start - C</b>	8,2 NM
<b>Start - M1</b>	12,2 NM
<b>Start - M2</b>	10,7 NM
<b>Start - M3</b>	9,0 NM
<b>Start - M4</b>	5,0 NM
<b>C - M1</b>	5,4 NM
<b>C - M2</b>	5,1 NM
<b>C - M3</b>	5,1 NM
<b>C - M4</b>	8,5 NM