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1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016* (RRS), the Class rules of the relevant Classes, the Notice of Race (except if any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions) and by the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions shall take precedence over the Notice of Race. Prescriptions of Romanian and Bulgarian Sailing Federations will not apply.
- 1.2 English shall be the official language. If necessary a competitor may bring his own interpreter to the hearing.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

- 2.1 Every competitor/crew may be entered by completing registration form with the Organizing Authority.
- 2.2 Entries shall be made on the official Entry form. The Entry form, completed in full, must be received by email office@clubulnautic.ro & mk_balchik@abv.bg, until June 1TH, 20.00 hours. Entry forms will be given upon arrival.
- 2.3 There will be no entry fee for participation in the regatta.
- 2.4 Competitors, team leaders, coaches, supporters, family and other personnel shall register at the Race Office no later than 18:00 on 09 June 2016.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located at the launching site.

4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than 1 hour before the first start of the day, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flagstaff, located at the launching site.
- 5.2 Flag AP with two sound signals when hoisted means ‘The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered with one sound signal.

5.3 Flag L with one sound signal means ‘A notice to competitors has been posted.’

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

The provisional timetable for the event is:

08 June 2016

12:00 - 18:00

Arrival and Registration

19:00

Opening ceremony

20:00 - 20:30

Briefing with Coaches and Team Leaders

09 June 2016

09:55

First possible warning signal

10 June 2016

10:55

First possible warning signal

11 June 2016

10:55

First possible warning signal

18:00

Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony

6.2 Races will be numbered sequentially in the order they are completed. No warning signal will be made after 14:00 on the last day of racing.

7 CLASS FLAGS

Class: 470

Flag: 470 class flag

Class: 420

Flag: 420 class flag

Class: Laser 4.7, Radial Standard

Flag: Laser class flag

Class: Optimist

Flag: Optimist class flag

Class: Cadet

Flag: Cadet class flag

8 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the waters of Black Sea, in front of Marina Eforia Nord.

9 THE COURSE

- 9.1 The diagram in Appendix 1 displays the courses, showing the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 Course will be set with each race planned to be approximately 35 - 60 minutes duration. A variation from the planned duration shall not be grounds for request for redress.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 The starting mark will be an yellow buoy. Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be a red buoys. The finishing mark will be a white buoy.
- 10.2 In case of a missing mark the boat replacing the mark with a flag M may maintain its position by engine and this shall not be ground for request for redress.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the windward side of the starting mark at the port end. The Race Committee boat may hold position by using engine.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

Change of course after the start will not be done (this changes RRS 33).

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat on its port end and the finishing mark on its starboard end. The Race Committee boat may hold position by using engine and this shall not be ground for request for redress.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Rule 44.1 and rule 44.2, Two Turns Penalty shall apply.
- 14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement (infringement) form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.
- 14.3. RRS Appendix P will apply.

15 TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish will be:

- Optimist, Cadet - 60 minutes after the starting signal.
- Laser (4.7, Radial, Standard), 420 and 470 - 50 minutes after the starting signal.

15.2 Boats (Optimist and Cadet) failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15.3 Boats Laser (Standard, Radial and 4.7), 420 and 470) failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 In addition to the requirements of RRS 61, a protesting boat shall inform the Race Committee boat stationed on the finishing line, immediately after her arrival, about her intention to protest.

16.2 Optimist boats shall not display a red flag according to RRS 61.1(a). (This amends RRS 61.1(a)(2). A boat required to display a flag shall do so until she is no longer racing, and shall inform the RC of the boat being protested immediately after finishing.

16.3 Protests shall be written in the official language on forms available at the Race Office and lodged there within the protest time limit.

16.4 The protest time will end 60 minutes after the finish of the last boat for the day. The end of the protest time will be posted as soon as known on the official notice board.

16.5 Notices, informing the parties to the protests and the witnesses about the order, the approximate time of hearings and the place of hearings will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after the protest time limit.

16.6. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16.7 All protests shall be heard and decided by a Protest Committee.

16.8 No measurement protests shall be accepted after the last race if the grounds for the protest were known on the previous day.

17 SCORING

17.1 The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A, will apply.

17.2 If 4 races are completed each boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores. If more races have been completed one race with boat's worst score will be excluded. No more than 12 races are scheduled, of which 3 races shall be completed to constitute a series.

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded to every boat placed first, second and third in each group and class.
- 18.2 An Interim Cup Will be presented to the Best Performing Club. One point will be awarded for 3th place, two points for 2nd place and three points for 1st place. The club with the highest total points it will be the winner.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT

- 19.1 Boats, spars and sails that have passed measurement and have been marked accordingly shall not be removed from the venue, including the racing areas and the waters leading to them, without prior written permission of the organising authority.
- 19.2 **Replacements Ashore:** Requests for substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall be made to the Race Committee. Permission will be given only when the Race Committee is satisfied that the item of equipment is severely damaged, not deliberately mistreated, and cannot be repaired satisfactorily. A request shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity in writing.
- 19.3 **Replacements Afloat:** When an item of equipment is damaged or lost shortly before a race and is replaced, the boat shall notify the Race Committee before the warning signal. As soon as practicable after coming ashore, the boat shall comply with instruction 19.2 and the replaced item shall be presented to the Race Committee. If the Race Committee decides that the item could have been used in the race or had been purposely damaged by anyone associated with the boat, the Race Committee may request action under rule 69.1(a).
- 19.4 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

20 OFFICIAL AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1 All *Race Committee* boats will display flags with letters RC. The boats of the Protest Committee will display a flags with black letters IJ.
- 20.2 Support boats shall keep clear from the restricted area, as defined in Appendix 2. In all cases they shall keep clear at least 50 meters from any competing boat from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the *Race Committee* signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 20.3 Support boats may only go into the racing area in case of emergency, requiring assistance, if there is no *Race Committee* boat around to give assistance.

21. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats. Competitors failing to comply with the requirement of RRS 55 may be subject to action by the Protest Committee.

22 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 22.1 Competitors' attention is drawn to the fundamental rule 4. They shall assess their own ability and their yacht seaworthiness and make sure they will be able to start or proceed on a race without risk, after taking into consideration the wind force, the sea state and forecast.
- 22.2 All competitors shall wear personal buoyancy while they are at sea. A wet suit or a dry suit or a trapeze harness is not considered as an adequate personal buoyancy aid. Competitors failing to comply with this requirement may be subject to action by the Protest Committee.
- 22.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify a Race Committee boat before leaving the racing area, or if not possible, the competitor shall immediately notify the Race Office after returning ashore and sign the Declaration list.
- 22.4 Boats not going afloat for the day's races shall inform the Race Office and sign the Declaration list, before the scheduled starting time.
- 22.5 All boats shall return to their allocated berth.
- 22.6 Competitors failing to comply with rules 22.3, 22.4 and 22.5 within the protest time limit will be penalised without a hearing by adding 1 point to their scores for the races concerned. (This changes RRS A5)

23 LIABILITY

- 23.1 All persons taking part in the Regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- 23.2 The Organising Authority and any other party or person, involved in the organisation of the event will not accept any liability for any loss, damage, injury or death which may occur to person or property, both ashore and afloat, as a consequence of participation in the Regatta.

RACE COMMITTEE

APPENDIX 1