



BRICUL MIRCEA
REGATTA

12th - 14th of August, 2016

The 4th edition of Romania Cup

Marina Eforie

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

In all sections the following abbreviations apply:


- RC Race Committee
PC Protest Committee
RRS ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016
[NP] Rules that are not grounds for protest by a boat.
[DP] Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the PC.




PART 1 - GENERAL

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY


Black Sea Sailing Association, Clubul Sportiv Black Sea Competition and Marina Eforie, under the authority of the **Romanian Yachting Federation**, is inviting you to take part in the **Bricul Mircea Regatta**, to be held in Marina Eforie, Romania, 12th to 14th of August 2016.

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 ISAF offshore special regulation for category 5.
2.2.3 The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) will replace the rules of Part 2 of RRS from the actual sunset to the actual sunrise.
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]

The division of the boats will be ORC-A and ORC-B


4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS


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

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 21.00 on the day before it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Marina Eforie at the official flag pole.
6.2 When **Flag AP**  is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 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



7.1 Three (3) races are scheduled including one (1) offshore race, two (2) inshore races. Times of the first possible warning signals are defined as follows:

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7.2 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

The class flag will be:

ORC-A	Flag W	
ORC-B	Flag T	

9. THE START

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 classes can be combined. In case of combining classes, the class flags will be displayed together.

9.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

9.5 Individual recall will signaled as soon as possible after the start signal. After signaling an individual recall, the RC will attempt to broadcast the sail number or bow number or name of boat that is identified as OCS on VHF. A failure or delay or the order of the broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 will be One-Turn penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

10.2 In case of a protest for an infringement of Rule 55 in the RRS the PC may impose any penalty, at its discretion.

11. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

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 race committee 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 Eforie, beginning at the time posted.

11.3 Notices of protests by the RC or PC 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 PC 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]

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 points coefficient for inshore races is 1,00 and for offshore race is 1,20

12.5 The regatta is valid if one race are completed.

12.6 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

13. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP] [NP]

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 PC may impose a discretionary penalty.



14. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 14.1 The PC 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 PC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the PC at the first reasonable opportunity.

15. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

- 16.1 RC boats will display a white flag with the text RC . PC boat/s 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, film crews, 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]

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 result 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]

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 PC. 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]

- 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. [DP] 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.

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.

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 ISAF Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing.

PART 2 – INSHORE COURSE

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.

23. MARKS

- 23.1 Marks will be inflatable yellow, orange and red buoys.

- 23.2 New mark as provided in instruction 26.1 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 26.2

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

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.

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.

27. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

The target time is 60 minutes and the time limit is 135 minutes after their starting signal.

Part 3 – OFFSHORE COURSE



28. THE COURSE

Appendix 3 shows the course.

29. MARKS

Marks will be inflatable yellow and orange 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.

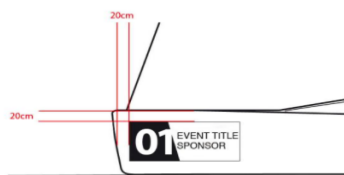
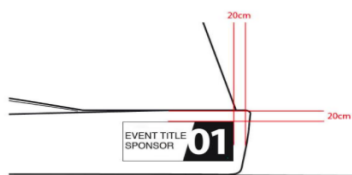
32. FINISHING LINE

- 32.1 Finishing line will be between a pole displaying an orange flag on the RC finishing boat at the starboard end and a finishing mark at the port end. The RC boat may hold position by using engine.
32.2 Boats that finish by night shall illuminate their numbers when finishing, and in case of doubt shall try to identify themselves to the RC after finishing.
32.3 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 race committee a.s.a.p. after finishing.

Fair wind,
Race Committee

APPENDIX 1 – BOW NUMBERS

Bow numbers shall be placed as forward as possible:



CORRECT



NOT CORRECT

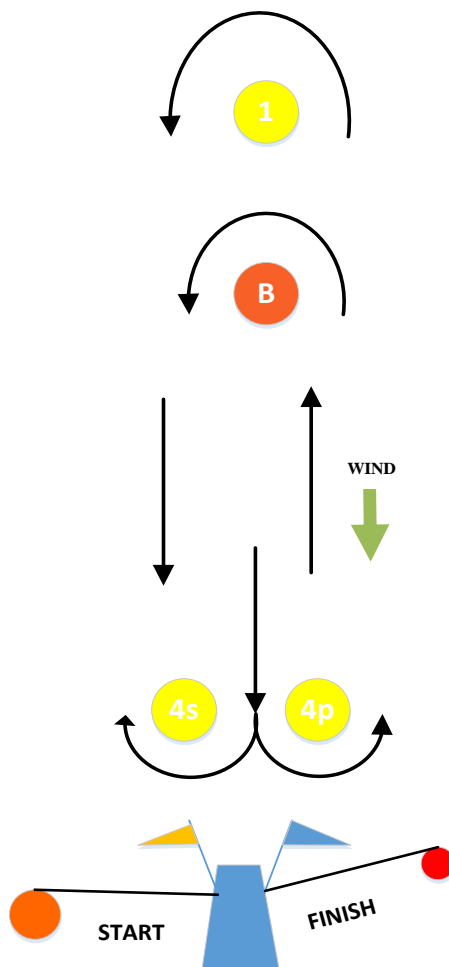


APPENDIX 2 – THE INSHORE COURSE

The racing area will be in front of Eforie harbor.

This drawing is a schematic. The distances and mark positions are not to scale.

WINDWARD-LEEWARD COURSE



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:

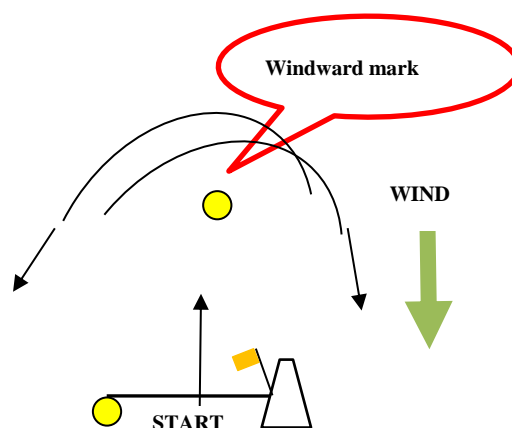
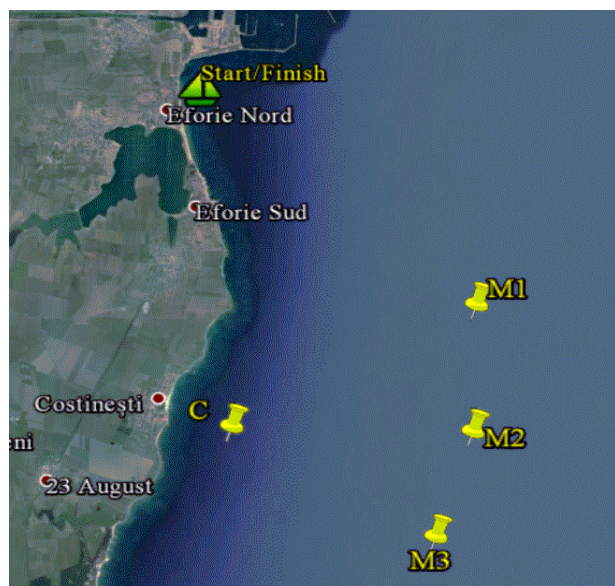
Course ID	Course to be sailed
L2	START – 1 – 4s/4P – 1 – FINISH
L1	START – 1 - FINISH
LB2	START – B – 4s/4p – B – FINISH
LB1	START – B – FINISH

When one gate mark is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port

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 **Eforie** 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;	x = 1 or 2 or 3
Course 1C	START – [WM] – C (port) – FINISH	
Course 1x	START – [WM] – Mx (port) – FINISH	
Course 2C	START – [WM] – C (port) – PinEnd (port) – C (port) – FINISH	
Course 2x	START – [WM] – Mx (port) – PinEnd (port) - Mx (port) - FINISH	
Course 3x	START – [WM] – C (port) – Mx (port) – FINISH	
Course 4x	START – [WM] – Mx (starboard) – C (starboard) – FINISH	
Course 5x	START – [WM] – C (port) – Mx (port) - C (starboard) – FINISH	
Course 6x	START – [WM] – Mx (starboard) - C (starboard) - Mx (port) – FINISH	
Course 7x	START – [WM] – C (port) – Mx (port) - C (port) – Mx (port) – FINISH	
Course 8x	START – [WM] – Mx (starboard) - C (starboard) - Mx (starboard) - C (starboard) – FINISH	

Waypoint coordinates		
C	N43 56.000	E28 40.000
M1	N44 00.000	E28 45.500
M2	N43 56.000	E28 47.000
M3	N43 53.500	E28 46.000

The approximate distances	
Start - C	7,8 NM
Start - M1	6,0 NM
Start - M2	9,7 NM
Start – M3	11,5 NM
C – M1	5,6 NM
C – M2	5,1 NM
C – M3	5,0 NM