



ROMANIA CUP 2016 General Rules

In all sections the following abbreviations apply:

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

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

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA)

ROMANIA CUP 2016 will be organized by Black Sea Sailing Association, LifeHarbour Limanu and Romanian Royal Yacht Club.

2. RULES

2.1. **ROMANIA CUP 2016** shall be sailed according to the following rules:

- a) ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS)
- b) IMS Rule
- c) ORC Rating System Rule.
- d) ISAF offshore special regulation

2.2 No national prescriptions will apply.

2.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

3. ADVERTISING [DP]

Boats will display sponsorship advertising received from the organizing authority and will take care that these remain visible and attached on the boats in accordance with the sailing instructions provided by the OA at each regatta.

The participants should ensure a 25% Hull space for advertising/sponsors of **ROMANIA CUP 2016** materials which must be placed on the forward part of the boats. Boom advertising provided by the Organizing Authority will be placed on 20% of its surface. A sponsor's flag maximum 500 x 750 mm can be required on the backstay. It may be required to be carried out throughout the regatta (see 6) and even when the boat is in harbor or ashore.

4. ELIGIBILITY [NP]

4.1 **ROMANIA CUP 2016** is open to all boats having a valid ORC certificate.

4.2 The division of the boats will be ORC A (racer) and ORC B (cruiser). The boats will be divided in according to the GPH value:

ORC A GPH \leq 670

ORC B GPH $>$ 670

In a variation of max 2% from this value (GPH=670), participants can switch the category by request.

4.3 The ORC class A boats with ORC Club certificate will be eligible only if it were subject to displacement verification by weighing and sails & rig measurements.

4.4 A boat must be present at minim one of the regatta listed on point 6. In order for a yacht to fulfil its entry status in the Romania Cup, it must start at least one of the scheduled races.

5. ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEE

5.1 Eligible boats may enter by filling in an entry form posted on the competition's official website.

5.2 Entries have no fees.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Five (5) regattas are scheduled to be held on the following dates:

08 – 11.06.2016 Poseidon-Balchik International Regatta

24 – 26.06.2016 Regina Maria Regatta

22 – 24.07.2016 LifeHarbour Regatta

12 – 14.08.2016 Bricul Mircea Regatta

6.2 The ROMANIA CUP 2016 is valid if at least 2 regatta are completed.

7. MEASUREMENTS

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 Race Committee.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notices to competitor, competitors list, results and rankings will be posted on the official web site and on the notice board which will be situated on each regatta organizing place.

9. SCORING RULES [NP]

- 9.1 Only registered boats will be scored. Scoring is based on “**boat name**”.
- 9.2 For the ROMANIA CUP 2016 regattas ranking the **HIGH-POINT PERCENTAGE scoring system** will apply. This changes rules RSS A4.1, A4.2, and A9.
- 9.2.1 Define **R** to be the number of boats that came to the starting area in a particular race. A boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place than the number of boats that came to the starting area. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored 0 (zero) points.
- 9.2.2 The race score for each boat will be a percentage calculated without decimals as follows:
- Race Score = (R-P+1)/R*100**
- Where: **R** = the number of boats that came to the starting area
P = place in the race
- 9.3 All individual races from the regattas listed at point 6 are counted together.
- 9.4 The following scoring coefficients will apply:

Inshore Races:	scoring coefficient 1,00
Offshore/Costal races: route length < 40 Nm	scoring coefficient 1.20
Offshore/Costal races: route length > 40 Nm	scoring coefficient 1.50

- 9.5 When more than 10 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her races scores excluding one inshore worst score and one offshore/costal worst score.
- 9.6 The boat with the highest series score is the winner, and others are ranked accordingly.
- 9.7 Series ties will be broken using rule A8.

10. MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors and crew members on the competing boats grant, at no cost, the Organizers and affiliated companies the unrestricted right and permission to use the name, voice and the images of yacht and crew themselves for any text, photograph or video footage, as well as representations of the boats published and/or broadcasted with any media (including but not limited to Press and TV advertisements or Internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information.

11. PRIZES

One trophy will be awarded to the winner of each class.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in **ROMANIA CUP 2016** entirely at their own risk. 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.

13.FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information check the competition’s official website www.romaniacup.ro .

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY
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