

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Sailing Club of Patras, the Sailing Club of Corfu, the Hellenic Offshore Racing Club, branch of Corfu, the Athletic Nautical Club of Zakynthos, the Athletic Club of Ithaca "Proodos", the Nautical Club of Kefalonia – Ithaca, the Nautical Club of Lefkada the Nautical Club of Mesolongi are organizing the Offshore Rally "21st International Ionian Sailing Week", to be held from Saturday August 1st to Sunday August 9th, 2009.

2. VENUE

2.1 The races will be held in the waters of the Gulf of Patras and in the Central Ionian Sea, starting from Patras, continuing to Mesolongi, Ag. Pelagia-Kefalonia and finish in Kyllini.

3. SECRETARIAT

3.1 The addresses of the secretariat and the Race Office are the following:

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SAILING CLUB OF MESOLONGI

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KYLLINI HARBOUR OFFICE PRES Tel: 26230-92339, Fax: 26230-29072

Changes in the addresses of the Secretariat and the Race Office during the Rally will be posted on the announcement board before the beginning of every event.

4. RULES

All sailing races of the 21st International Sailing Week will be subject to the following rules, as they will be in force on the date of the rally.

- Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009 - 2012
- ORC Rating Systems 2009 – ORC International & ORC Club
- IMS Rule 2009
- IRC Rules 2009 Parts 1, 2, and 3
- ISAF Offshore Special Regulations 2008 - 2009

The Event is classified in Category 4.

VHF channel 16 is mandatory.

- 2009 Prescriptions of the Hellenic Sailing Federation / H.O.C.
- From sunset to sunrise, the 1972 International Rules for Preventing Collisions at Sea as amended in November 1981 replace RRS, Part 2 Right of Way Rules

- The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions and their amendments.
- Where there is a conflict between languages, the Greek text of all documents shall prevail

5. EVENT SPONSOR

5.1 The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to bear a logo of the sponsor for the duration of the Regatta, according to ISAF Advertising Code, Regulation 20.4.1.1. Any boat bearing advertisements of competitors' to the sponsors' products will not be allowed to race.

6. ADVERTISING

6.1 ISAF Advertising Code will apply. Therefore boats bearing individual advertisements during the regatta must comply with the above-mentioned Rule and with their National Authority Regulations.

6.2. The provisions of regulation 20 of ISAF will be in force from 08:00 Saturday, August 1, 2009 until Saturday, August 9, 2009, 24:00.

6.3 Boats bearing advertisements must carry the relative permission of their National Authority and are obliged to submit a copy of this permission attached to the race entry form.

7. BOAT ELIGIBILITY

7.1 The race is open for boats rated IMS, ORC Club and IRC, of total length equal or more than 7 meters and holding a valid rating certificate for 2009.

7.2 No boat shall compete in more than one measurement category.

7.3. A measurement category is valid with the minimum participation of eight (8) boats.

7.4 The entry fee for a rating class is set at the amount of 50 euros.

8. ENTRIES

8.1 Entry forms must be submitted to the Secretariat of Patras Sailing Club no later than Sunday, August 2, 11.00 hours.

8.2 Entries shall be written on the enclosed official Entry Form.

8.3 Entries shall be accompanied with a copy of a valid rating certificate, as required by the National Authority and the class regulations, by a valid insurance policy for the boat and the receipt of the entry fee.

8.4 No boat will be allowed to participate if it does not comply with the conditions of the aforementioned articles.

8.5 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

9. DATES – ITINERARIES – RACES & SOCIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE

9.1 The 21st International Ionian Sailing Week 2009 consists of 4 races.

9.2 The schedule is:

Saturday August 1st 2009

12:00 to 18.00 RATING CHECK - BOAT INSPECTION

Sunday August 2nd 2009

11:00 Entries deadline

12:00 to 18:00 RATING CHECK - BOAT INSPECTION

18:00 hours SKIPPERS MEETING

20:30 OPENING CEREMONY

MONDAY August 3rd 2009

11:00 1st BOAT RACE SAIL- AROUND BEACONS 16nm

20:30 1st BOAT-RACE AWARDS CEREMONY

TUESDAY August 4th 2009

11:00 2nd BOAT RACE PATRA – MESOLONGI 24nm

WEDNESDAY August 5th 2009

21:00 2nd BOAT-RACE AWARDS CEREMONY

THURSDAY August 6th 2009

11:00 3rd BOAT-RACE MESOLONGI - AG. PELAGIA (KEFALONIA) 48nm

FRIDAY August 7th 2009

21:00 3rd BOAT-RACE AWARDS CEREMONY

SATURDAY August 8th 2009

11:00 4th BOAT RACE AG. PELAGIA – KYLLINI 28nm

SUNDAY August 9th 2009

21:00 AWARDS CEREMONY - CLOSING CEREMONY

10. MERGING OF CLASSES

10.1 At least 8 boats shall be entered in each IMS and ORC Club class for the races to be held.

10.2 IMS boats: The IMS class shall be divided into subcategories of boats by IMS A and IMS N, and those in other categories, depending on participation. For the creation of subcategories and of their corresponding classes, there is a minimum participation of 8 boats (per category/ class)

10.3 ORC Club Boats: ORC Club class shall be divided in classes depending on participation based in the General Purpose Hose. For the creation of classes, there is a minimum participation of 8 boats per class.

10.4 The Race Committee is entitled to merge classes depending on participation, according to current regulations. The class definition shall be announced at the skippers' meeting.

11. TIME CORRECTION SYSTEM

11.1 For ORC International and ORC Club boats, "Performance Line Scoring" shall be applied.

11.2 For IRC boats, "Time on Time" shall be applied.

12. SCORING SYSTEM

12.1 RRS Low Point System shall apply (RRS Annex A4.1)

12.2 The winners of the 21st International Ionian Sailing Week will be designated by the total of their points in all races.

12.3 All sailing races at the race of the 21st International Ionian Sailing Week have a weighting factor of 1.00.

12.4 The Sailing Instructions will set out the way any potential dead heats will be handled.

12.5 Class Ratings Scores will be according to Overall Rating Scores.

13. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

13.1 The sailing instructions shall be handed over to the representatives of the participating boats at the skippers' meeting.

14. IRREVOCABLE APPEALS

The decisions of the Appeal Committee of the 21st International Ionian Sailing Week 2009 shall be irrevocable upon relative permission of the Hellenic Sailing Federation.

15. RATING CHECK AND BOAT INSPECTION

15.1 Safety, measurement checks and inspections will be carried out at any time in accordance with H.S.F. / H.O.C. Prescriptions, Art. 8.

15.2 It is the intention of the Race Committee to inspect every boat before the Regatta start. To facilitate this, every boat shall be at the disposal of the Measurement Committee on Saturday August 1, Wednesday July 15 from 12:00 to 18:00 hrs and Thursday July 12 from 12:00 to 18:00 hrs with a member of the regatta crew available.

15.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect any boat without prior notice any time before or after each race.

15.4 Each boat must hold a copy of her Rating Certificate accompanied with the Measurement inventory and her Accommodation Certificate (where it is applicable)

15.5 The person in charge of a boat must submit to the Measurement Committee a signed inventory of the sails existing on board, before the beginning of the inspection.

15.6 ORC i & ORC Club boats are allowed to use only sails that have been officially measured.

15.7 IRC boats are allowed to change headsails and spinnakers during the regatta, provided that their number and their area comply with the boat Rating Certificate. This modifies IRC Rule 26.1.5(d)

16. CREW LIST

16.1 The person in charge of the participating boats must provide to the Secretariat a crew list filled in the appropriate form no later than Sunday, August 2nd 2009, 11:00 hrs.

16.2 Crew changes are permitted provided that the race committee has been notified in writing, at least 1 hour before the start of each race.

16.3 For safety and responsibility reasons concerning the person in charge of a boat and the Race Committee, submission of wrong or incomplete crew list may disqualify the boat in the current race.

17. DECISION TO RACE & DISCLAIMER

17.1 All participants of the 21st International Ionian Sailing Week 2009, agree to conform with the International Sailing Regulations of ISAF (RRS 2009 – 2012), the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race.

- All participants accept full responsibility for the sailing ability of their boat, their rigging, their crew and their safety equipment.
- All participants also agree to undertake in full all responsibility for possible damage to third parties of their belongings, themselves or their belongings at shore or at sea in consequence to their participation in the race, excluding from any liability the organising clubs, the Racing Committee, the Jury, the sponsor and any member involved with the race under any capacity and agree in full to be held liable for the conduct and attire of their crew, their representatives and their guests.

17.2 The Organising Clubs, the Organizing Committee, the Jury, the Race Committee, the sponsor and any other person involved in the organization of the 21st International Ionian Sailing Week 2009, cannot be held liable for any physical or material damage, injury or death or any other unforeseen circumstance during the race. At registration, the designated representative of each boat will be asked to sign a relevant declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability.

17.3 The safety and management of the boat, including Third Party Liability insurance, is the sole responsibility of the owner/participant who must make certain that the boat is absolutely seaworthy and is sailed, by experienced and adequate, in numbers crew, in good physical condition, able to confront extreme weather conditions.

The owner/participant must reassure the good condition of the hull, the rigging and all boat's equipment. He must also reassure that all safety equipment is adequately maintained and the crew knows where it is kept and how to use it.

18. INSURANCE

It is the responsibility of the Owner of each participating boat to hold a current and valid Third party Liability insurance for the boat covering eventual damage to persons or property in accordance to the Greek legislation.

19. SKIPPER'S MEETING

The Skippers' Meeting will be held at the Tutor Hall of the Sailing Club of Patras, on Sunday August 2nd 2009, at 18:00 hrs.

20. RIGHT to USE

All competitors and crew members automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the sponsors of the 21st International Ionian Sailing Week 2009 the unrestricted right and permission in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their own discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of him/her (television, press and internet) during the period of the regatta and after at no cost.

21. PRIZES

21.1. Prizes will be given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd winner of each group of class for the categories: ORC INTERNATIONAL, ORC Club & IRC for every single race.

21.2. Prizes will be given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall winner of every group of class the above categories for the total of the four races.

21.3. Prizes will be given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall winner of the above categories.

22. MOORINGS FACILITIES

22.1 All participating boats will have free mooring in the harbors visited. The race committee will endeavour to have space reserved for the participating boats.

22.2 Water and Ice will be provided free of charge in all moorings.