



25th International Offshore Ionian

Sailing Week 2013



NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY – VENUE

The Nautical Clubs of Patras, Kerkyra, Kefalonia – Ithaki, the Nautical Club of Ithaki “Proodos” and the Nautical Club of Kefalonia announce the Offshore Sailing Regatta “**25th International Offshore Ionian Sailing Week 2013**”. The event will be held from Sunday August 4th to Sunday August 11th 2013.

2. RACE AREA

The event will be sailed in the waters of the bay of Patras and Ionian Sea, starting from Patras and visiting Mesolongi, Sami at the island of Kefalonia and Ithaki to finally finish at Preveza.

3. SECRETARIAT

3.1 The address of the Secretariat and the Race Office, until the start of the regatta is:

Sailing Club of Patras,

Terpsithea Marina, 26441 Patras,

Tel.: +30 2610 423939 & +30 6974157853

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Email: info@sailingclub.gr, iopatra@gmail.com

3.2. The Secretariat currently operates on working days Monday and Wednesday 09:00 to 14:00 & 18:00 to 21:00 and Tuesday, Thursday Friday 09:00 to 17:00.

3.3. During the Event the Secretariat will operate on the Race Committee boat or in other local places published on the notice board of the Race Committee boat.

4. RULES

The event will be governed by:

- Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013 - 2016
- ORC Rating Systems 2013
- IMS Rule 2013
- IRC Rule 2013
- ISAF Offshore Special Regulations 2012 – 2013. The Event is classified in Category 4. VHF on board is mandatory, VHF channels 16 and 72 must be included. A liferaft is mandatory if prescribed for the boat by the National Regulations.
- 2013 Prescriptions of the Hellenic Sailing Federation / Hellenic Offshore Committee.
- From sunset to sunrise, the 1972 International Rules for Preventing Collisions at Sea Board as amended in November 1981, replace the Part 2 Right of Way Rules of the RRS.
- This Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and their amendments. In case of contradiction, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- Where there is a conflict between languages, the Greek text of all documents shall prevail.
- The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race.
- Amendments will be published on the Official Notice Board and on the Club's website

5. CO-ORGANIZERS, PRIZE SETTING & SPONSORS

5.1 All sponsors and supporters will be published in time.

5.2. It is the responsibility of each of the participating boats to correctly place the sponsor's logos. Failure to this or not appearance of logos at the all duration of the regatta may impose penalty on the boat's results. The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display a sponsor's decal to both sides of the bow at the all duration of the Regatta, according to ISAF Advertising Code, Regulation 20.4.1. The decals will be provided by the Organizing Authority.

5.3 The Organizing Committee may ask from the participating boats without any cost to them, to install video camera or position transmitting system, and reserves the right to use any photos or videos from the Regatta to improve the public relations of the Regatta and her destinations.

6. ADVERTISEMENT

6.1 The Regatta is under category C of the Rule 20, Part IV of the ISAF Advertising Code 2013. Therefore boats bearing individual advertisement during the Regatta must comply to the above-mentioned Rule and with their National Authority Regulations.

6.2 Boats bearing advertisements must carry the relative permission from their National Authority. This permission must be submitted together with the Race Entry form.

6.3 ISAF Advertising Code will take effect from the sunrise of Saturday August 3d up to the sunset of Sunday August 11th.

7. BOAT ELIGIBILITY

7.1. The Regatta is open to boats rated under ORCi, ORC Club, ORC Club Non Spinnaker, and IRC, of LOA longer than 7m holding a valid 2013 Rating Certificate. Boats with a certificate as Sportboats, J24 and boats with similar specifications will constitute a separate class. In the case the required number of boats to form a class is not achieved, in order to have valid race, the boats will be merged with the corresponding class of their certificate (ORCi, ORC Club).

7.2 The participation of boats with ORC Club certificates issued by a foreign national authority is permitted only if the terms and conditions of issuing ORC Club certificates by the Hellenic Offshore Committee (HOC) are fulfilled, as per 2013 prescriptions of the HOC clause 5.1. Specifically the sails of the boats with an ORC Club certificate and rating of GPH<700 must be from woven polyester materials only and will not contain materials such as Kevlar, Carbon etc. The Organizing club Sailing Club of Patras, reserves the right to decline any such participations.

7.3. The entry fee will be 50 Euro per boat.

7.4. In case the entries to the class ORC Club Non Spinnaker are not enough to constitute a valid race, the boats are considered as they have additionally applied to the ORC Club class as well.

8. ENTRIES

8.1 Entries must be submitted to the Sailing Club of Patras Secretariat, completed in full, not later than Sunday August 4th, 11:00 hours.

8.2 Entries shall be submitted using the official Entry Form.

8.3. Entry Forms shall be accompanied by:

- A copy of the current Rating Certificate 2013, as required by the National Authority & the Class Rules.
- A copy of the boats Insurance Certificate.
- The Entry Fee.

8.4. No application will be accepted if not in compliance of the above.

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

9. PROGRAMME – SOCIAL EVENTS – SCHEDULE OF RACES

The 25th International Offshore Ionian Sailing Week 2013 consists of a series of four (4) races. The programme is as follows:

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th of August 2013,

12:00 to 18:00 Boat inspections in the venue of Patras Marina

Sunday 4th August, 2013,

11:00 deadline for applications

19:00 Skippers briefing

Monday, August 5th

11:00 1st Race Patra – Mesolongi (22nm distance)

Tuesday, August 6th

11:00 2nd Race Mesolongi – Sami (36 nm distance)

Wednesday, August 7th,

21:00 Price award ceremony

Thursday, August 8th

3rd Race Sami – Ithaki (22nm distance)

Friday August 9th

21:00 Price award ceremony

Saturday August 10th

4th Race Ithaki – Preveza (34 nm distance)

Sunday August 11th.

Price award ceremony. Closing ceremony

10. MERGING or DIVIDING OF CLASSES

10.1 The Race Committee reserves the right to merge or divide the fleet in accordance with current international and Hellenic Offshore Committee's rules, according to the number of participating boats. In addition it reserves the right to divide classes into sub-classes according to the number of participating boats. Limits for each class and the final lists with mergers or divides will be announced at the Skipper Briefing.

10.2 Five entries and 3 starters are necessary in order to form a valid class.

10.3. Boats with an ORC Club Certificate without spinnaker are compulsory placed in the class ORC Club no Spinnaker, as per clause 11.4.2.1 of the Hellenic Offshore Committee's prescriptions to the International Sailing Instructions 2013.

11. TIME CORRECTION SYSTEM

11.1 The "Performance Curve Scoring – Constructed Course" will be applied to the ORCi boats. In case of not enough wind data according to the decision of the race committee, the Committee can alternatively use the "Triple Number Scoring" or the "OSN".

11.2 For the ORC Club & ORC Club no Spinnaker boats will be applied the "Performance Line"

11.3 For the IRC boats will be applied the "Time on Time"

11.4 The data used by the Race Committee regarding distances, velocity and direction of the wind are undisputable and are not subject to any request of Redress or Dispute.

11.5 The time limit for the ORC boats is defined according to the formula "GPH x 2 x Distance" and for the IRC boats according to the formula "BDF x 2 x Distance". In case of light winds forecast or dead calm during a leg or the Regatta, the Race Committee can set up in the Race Instructions an alternative factor in the above formulae to create a longer time limit allowing the slow boats to finish.

11.6 In case the number of the ORC Club no Spinnaker boats do not form a separate class and are merged with the ORC Club boats, and there will be no usage of spinnakers in one or more races of the Regatta due to sailing upwind, the Race Committee can alternatively use the No Spinnaker rating for all the ORC Club boats, as per Hellenic Offshore Committee 2012 circular.

12. SCORING SYSTEM

12.1 The Low Point Scoring System of R.R.S. Appendix A.4. shall apply. There shall be no discard.

12.2 The weighting factor for the offshore races is 1

12.3 The winners of the Regatta will be designated by the sum of their points on all offshore races.

12.4 The regatta is valid if two races are completed.

12.5 The scoring of the classes will be derived from the overall scoring.

12.6 Any series score tie between boats be resolved as per Sailing Instructions.

13. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skippers' Briefing.

14. INSPECTIONS

14.1. Safety, measurement checks and inspections will be carried out at any time in accordance with the rules of the Hellenic Offshore Committee of the Hellenic Sailing Federation.

14.2 All boats will be available for inspection from Saturday August 3d (12:00 to 18:00) until Sunday August 4th, with at least a crew member on board.

14.3. The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect any boat without prior notice before the start of any race, during mooring and after the finish of any race.

14.4. Each boat must hold a copy of her Rating Certificate accompanied with the Measurement Inventory (where it is applicable) in either paper or electronic form.

14.5. ORCi & ORC Club boats are allowed to use only sails that have been officially measured and stamped.

4.6 An alternative mainsail is allowed on board and can be used, provided it is in compliance with the rating certificate and has been reported to the Race Committee prior to the skippers briefing.

15. CREW LIST

15.1 The crew list for each boat attached to the Entry Form, shall be received in full by the Secretariat no later than Sunday August 4th, 11:00 hrs.

15.2. Crew lists may be amended subsequently only following written application to the Race Committee by use of the appropriate form at the latest an hour before the start of each race.

15.3 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.

16. DECISION TO RACE & DISCLAIMER

16.1 All participants in the Regatta “**25th International Offshore Ionian Sailing Week 2013**” agree to comply with the above mentioned rules, the Sailing Instructions the Notice of Race and their amendments. All participants accept full responsibility for the sailing ability of their boat, their rigging, their crew and their safety equipment. All participants race with their own responsibility/

16.2 The Organizing Clubs, the Organizing Committee, the Jury, the Race Committee, the Inspectors, the Sponsor and any other person involved in the organization of the Regatta, cannot be held liable for any physical or material damage, injury or death or any other unforeseen circumstance to the participants or their boats, before, during or after the race which is described in this Notice of Race. Attention is drawn to the fundamental rule 4, “Decision to participate in a race” of Part 1 of the RRS of ISAF which states that : “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.

Upon registration, the designated representative of each boat accepts this disclaimer of liability.

16.3 All boats must have the minimum by law 2743/99 Third Party Liability Insurance. The Third Party Liability Insurance must include racing risks and Third Party Eventual Damages to persons or property during race participation as described in clause 3 of the Hellenic Offshore Committee additions to the International Rules of Racing. The yacht must submit a relevant certificate.

16.4. During the race the VHF operation in channels 16 and 72 is mandatory. The operation of the mobile phones declared to the Race Committee is obligatory.

17. SKIPPER BRIEFING

The Briefing will be held on Sunday August 4th, 19:00 in the training hall of the Sailing Club of Patras

18. RIGHTS OF USE

The Organizing Clubs and the Sponsors reserves the right to use visual materials from the Regatta to their his own will without any demand from the participants.

19. TROPHIES & PRIZES

19.1 Trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3d winners of every class ORCi, ORC Club, ORC Club Non Spinnaker and IRC, as well as sportboat for the individual races.

19.2 Trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3d overall winner of every class ORCi, ORC Club, ORC Club Non Spinnaker and IRC, as well as sportboat for the individual races.

19.3 Trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd 3d overall winners of the Regatta of above classes

20. MOORING FACILITIES

Free mooring will be provided to all boats to all ports of the Regatta. The Organizing Committee will exercise all efforts to ensure free mooring for all escorting boats

The Organizing Committee