



YACHTING MALTA  
RACE WEEK

## **Veuve Clicquot Round Linosa Long Distance Offshore Race**

29th & 30th May 2021



# Veuve Clicquot

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ROYAL MALTA YACHT CLUB



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# NOTICE OF RACE

## Abbreviations

<b>SP</b>	Rules for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the Protest Committee with a hearing
<b>DP</b>	Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
<b>NP</b>	Rules that are not ground for protest by a boat. This changes Racing Rule of Sailing 60.1 (a)

## 1 RULES

**1.1** The *Veuve Clicquot Round Linosa Race* is organised by the Royal Malta Yacht Club, on behalf of Yachting Malta Limited and will be governed by this Notice of Race, as may be changed by the sailing instructions, by the following rules:

1.1.1 WS Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), 2021-2024,

1.1.2 IRC Rules and Regulations 2021

1.1.3 RMYC Racing Classes Rules 2021

1.1.4 Offshore Special Regulations (2020–2021) Category 3 (with Life raft)

1.1.5 The Sailing Instruction that may be issued for the event.

1.1.6 Between the hours of sunset and sunrise International Rules for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) shall prevail.

**1.2** Boats may display advertising as allowed by their classes according to WS Regulation 20. Boats may be required to display event advertising provided by the Organising Authority as provided for by WS Regulation 20.4.1.

## 2 ELIGIBILITY

**2.1** IRC Rated boats, with LOA of over 9 meters, are eligible to participate

**2.2** Boats must hold a current and valid IRC Rating Certificate.

**2.3** No alteration to a boat's TCC will be permitted for the duration of the series of races except as a result of a rating protest, to correct an error in a certificate or at the discretion of the racing committee, to include a genuine amendment which does not seek to gain unfair advantage contrary to the spirit of the IRC rule.

**2.4** Boats that are a one design class shall conform to class rules.

**2.5** The Owner or Person in Charge of each participating boat must be a paid-up voting member of the RMYC, or a Yacht club affiliated with its MNA.

**2.6** At least one member of the crew shall be familiar with First Aid procedures, hypothermia, drowning, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and relevant communications systems.

**2.7** It is recommended that at least 1 crew member has certification of attendance at a World Sailing. Offshore Personal Survival course.

**2.8** Any crew member under 18 year of age on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 shall present, on registration, a Parental Consent form countersigned by the supervising adult on board.

**2.9** Crews on short-handed entrants must all be over 18 year of age.

### **3 CLASSES**

**3.1** Participating boats may be split into IRC 1, IRC2 and IRC Cruiser classes. According to the RMYC Racing Classes 2021.

**3.2** Triple handed entries within each class are accepted.

**3.3** Boats may enter in the One-design class as defined in RMYC Classes 2021.

**3.4** The list of competing boats will be placed on the official notice board at the RMYC by 1600hrs of on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

**3.5** All keelboats must be equipped with a functioning marine VHF AIS transceiver capable of operating on International distress and all ship-to-ship channels.

**3.6 All boats shall keep their AIS transponders switched on and transmitting at all times while racing.**

**3.7** The Organising Authority may install a positioning transmitter on each entry. A monetary deposit, refundable on return of the transmitter, will be held.

### **4 REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEE.**

**4.1** All boats must register with the Club secretariat, by not later than 1230hrs on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.

**4.2** The entry fee collected by the RMYC, of €30 per boat is being donated to the Malta Community Chest Fund.

### **5 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

**5.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Royal Malta Yacht Club, or otherwise communicated, by VHF, to all participants 20 minutes before each race.

**5.2** All information pertaining to the Yachting Malta Race week will be available via an online mobile app **Eventory**. Access to the app is free of charge and provide the latest news updates for entrants and the general public of the Yachting Malta Race Week proceedings.

## **6 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 6.1** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted or otherwise communicated to the entrants at the briefing, or via vhf 20 minutes before the start.

## **7 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 7.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on a mast at the Royal Malta Yacht Club up to one hour before the scheduled start time. Or later, at the start line in Grand Harbour.

## **8 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 8.1** Race Briefing Friday 28th May, 2021 at RMYC at 1900hrs. If Covid-19 restrictions dictate, this may be held virtually. All entrants will be advised of this with a personal link.
- 8.2** Start. Saturday 29th May First Warning at 0900hrs.
- 8.3** The race committee reserves the right to alter the schedule for weather or other considerations

## **9 CLASS FLAGS**

- 9.1** Divisions International Code Flag Whiskey (W)  
Unless otherwise instructed at the VHF briefing 20mins before the start.

## **10 RACING AREA**

- 10.1** Racing area will be Central Mediterranean.

## **11 THE COURSE**

- 11.1** From the Start in Grand Harbour, sail, leaving to Port the North Cardinal Mark at Ghallis Rocks, through the South Comino channel, rounding the island of Linosa to Port the Island of Filfla to Port to finish at the entrance of Marsamxett Harbour.

## **12 MARKS**

- 12.1** Any additional marks will be as detailed in the briefing prior to the race.

## **13 THE START**

- 13.1** Races will be started using RRS 26, with the first warning signal given 5 minutes prior to the starting signal.
- 13.2** The start line will be from a mast at the Saluting Battery Valletta to the Port hand mark at the entrance to GHM, Birgu.

## **14 THE FINISH**

- 14.1 The Finish will be at a line from the Flagpole on Tigne Tower and a mast set up at the 'Gunpost' on Valletta Bastions due South from Tigne.
- 14.2 Any alternative finish line will be advised to boats at the briefing before the start.
- 14.3 Boats are to advise Spinnaker on Channel 72 when approaching the finish line.

## **15 PENALTIES**

- 15.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31.2 or under RRS 44.1 for breaking a Rule of Part 2 shall inform the Race Committee before the end of protest time.

## **16 TIME LIMITS**

- 16.1 The maximum time limit shall be **2200hrs on Sunday 30th May, 2021. This changes RRS 35.**

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 Scoring will be on corrected time for IRC rated boats.
- 17.2 One design class boats will be scored on a class system where applicable.

## **18 PRIZES**

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded for the 1st 2nd and 3rd in each Class.
- 18.2 Prizes for 1st & 2nd Triple Handed Results in each Class will be awarded.
- 18.3 A Line Honours Trophy, setting an annual course record will be awarded.

## **19 COMMUNICATIONS**

- 19.1 All boats are to call Spinnaker on VHF Ch. 72 when approaching the finish line. Spinnaker may also be contacted on mobile phone 79028442 at any time while racing.
- 19.2 A boat that has retired from any race shall report to Spinnaker on VHF Ch.72 or on mobile phone 79028442, by SMS, giving its position at the point of retirement and its intentions thereafter.
- 19.3 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of each race, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **20 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 20.1 Boats intending to Protest are to advise the Race Committee, via VHF, immediately after finishing.
- 20.2 Protest forms may be downloaded from the club race website.

- 20.3 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be lodged at RMYC secretariat, before the Protest Time Limit.
- 20.4 The protest time will end at 1530hrs on 30th May, 2021. *This changes RRS 61.3 & 62.2.*
- 20.5 Protests will be heard at the RMYC, by the appointed Protest Committee at times posted on the Club Notice board.

## 21 DISCLAIMER

- 21.1 All competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to *WS RRS 4, Decision to Race*. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for personal or material damage, injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race. The safety of a boat and her entire management, including adequate insurance cover shall be the sole responsibility of the owner and or the person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise during the duration of the race.
- 21.2 Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management. The RMYC, race organisers and/or sponsor shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.

## 22 INSURANCE

- 22.1 By participating, each boat acknowledges and implies that it has adequate third-party liability insurance, including wreck removal cover, valid while racing.

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