

Paphos International Sailing Club

PISC

Sailing Instructions

PISC Seasonal Series (the “Event”)

The notation ‘[DP]’ in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. Rules

- a) All Series Races will be governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017–2020*.
- b) No national authority prescriptions will apply.

2. Notice to Competitors

- a) Notices will be displayed on the PISC notice board located in the RIB shed at Agios Georgios.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- a) Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1100 hours on the day it will take effect, and will be accompanied by an audible sound and the flying of an “L” flag.
- b) Notwithstanding SI 3 a), a change to the courses or schedule for a day’s races may be made at the applicable competitors’ briefing.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- a) Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flag staff located between the RIB sheds and the dinghy park.
- b) When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the race signal AP.

5. Racing Format

- a) The Seasonal Series will consist of 4 separate Series:
 - 1st January – 31st March
 - 1st April – 30th June
 - 1st July – 30th September
 - 1st October – 31st December

6. Class Flags

- a) The Class flag will be the G Flag (Golf)

7. Registration

- a) Registration is required for each day of participation in racing by a competitor, prior to the first race of the day, entering details of the boat, helm and crew on the sign-up form in the RIB shed or elsewhere as advised by the Rear Commodore Sailing or those deputising on his or her behalf. Late registration, may be requested of the Beach Master who will notify the race committee by VHF radio.

8. Schedule of Races

- a) Every Saturday
 - Competitor briefing: 1100
 - Maximum of two (2) Series races back to back: First warning signal 1155
- b) Where multiple races are scheduled, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable after the preceding race.
- c) Unless AP has been displayed, a series of short horn blasts will be sounded to alert competitors that the warning signal for the first race of the day will be displayed within one minute.
- d) Abandoned races may be re-sailed.

9. The Courses

- a) The diagrams in attachment A show the courses, including the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- b) Prior to the warning signal for each race, the race committee signal boat will display the appropriate numeral and letter pennants (or the course number and letter by placard) to indicate the course.
- c) Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

10. Marks

- a) Marks 1, 2, 3, 4, 2S and 2P will be yellow cylindrical buoys.
- b) The starting and finishing marks will be a round red or white inner distance mark (IDM) and, where applicable, a yellow cylindrical or round white outer distance mark (ODM).
- c) When sailing a leg of the course and neither starting nor finishing boats may leave the IDM and ODM on either side.

11. Racing Area

- a) In the area bordering the mole at Agios Georgios harbour, Lara Point and South of Yeronisos Island.

13. The Start

- a) The starting line will be as shown on the course diagrams in attachment A.
- b) The race committee signal boat will not be anchored but will be on station close to the IDM at the starboard end of the line.

14. The Finish

- a) The finishing line will be as shown on the course diagrams in attachment A.
- b) The race committee signal boat will not be anchored but will be positioned by the IDM or ODM.
- c) Should the race committee signal boat not be on station when a boat is finishing it is the responsibility of each boat to record their own elapsed finishing time and make note of those boats that finish immediately before and after them.

15. Protests

- a) Protest forms are available from the Race Officer of the day (ROD).
- b) Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the ROD no later than 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat is ashore.
- c) 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 location and at the time as posted.
- d) If the hull length of the protesting boat is less than 7 metres, she need not display a red flag. This changes RRS 61.1(a)(2).
- e) Breaches of SI 17, 21 and 25 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

16. Scoring

- a) One race is required to be completed to constitute a Series.
- b) Discards:
 - i. When fewer than five (5) Series races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - ii. When from five (5) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - iii. When from eight (8) to ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
 - iv. When from eleven (11) to thirteen (13) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
 - v. When from fourteen (14) to sixteen (16) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her four worst scores.
 - vi. When seventeen (17) to nineteen (19) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her five worst scores.
 - vii. When twenty (20) to twenty two (22) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her six worst scores.
 - viii. When more than twenty two (22) races have been completed, a boat's series will be the total of her race scores excluding her seven worst scores.
- c) Corrected time will be determined using the most recent Portsmouth Yardstick numbers published by the Royal Yachting Association, which may be modified by the Rear Commodore Sailing (RCS) by publishing on the notice board in the RIB shed no later than 48 hours before the beginning of the Series.
- d) Competitors who are required by the RCS to perform beach or safety duty will be scored average points of their non discarded race points in that Series. The maximum number of days of race duties will be three per series, unless a concession is made on a case by case basis by, and at the discretion of, the RCS.
- e) A boat that did not come to the starting area, scoring abbreviation code DNC, shall be scored the maximum number of boats sailing in any one race during the series, plus 1. This changes RRS A9.
- f) A boat that did not finish, did not start, was on course side or retired from a race, scoring abbreviation codes DNF, DNS, OCS or RET respectively, shall be scored the number of boats that came to the starting area in that race plus 1. This changes RRS A9.

17. Safety

- a) Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- b) In sustained winds of Beaufort Force 4-5 or higher, or in any other circumstances where it is felt warranted, the RCS, or those deputising on his or her behalf, may advise competitors to use masthead buoyancy devices, by announcement at the competitors' briefing on the day of racing.
- c) A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible by hailing the signal boat or a safety boat or by advising the Beach Master. [DP]
- d) Each boat shall be launched on instruction from the Beach Master. Competitors are to comply with instructions of the Beach Master. [DP]

18. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- a) Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is permitted.
- b) For the avoidance of doubt, a boat is entered into the Seasonal Series. Substitution of helm and/or crew is permitted.

19. Borrowed Boats

- a) Entrants may be able to sail a boat borrowed from the Organising Authority. Borrowed boats shall be raced "as-is". Competitors may not seek redress for errors or omissions on the part of the Organising Authority, including but not limited to, equipment failure. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

20. Prizes

- a) Prizes will be awarded to the first to third place helm and crew for each of the four seasonal Series. Where a boat has been sailed with more than one helm and/or crew, the prizes will be awarded to the most frequent helm and/or crew.

21. Radio Communication [DP]

- a) Except in an emergency, using VHF channel 68, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions nor receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

22. Risk Statement

- a) Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the Event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - i. they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part;
 - ii. they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property while afloat or ashore;
 - iii. they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own acts or omissions;
 - iv. their boat is in good order, equipped to sail and they are fit to participate;
 - v. the provision of a sailing management team, patrol boats and other volunteers by the Event organising authority does not relieve competitors of their own responsibilities;
 - vi. the provision of patrol boat cover is a convenience provided to participants and is limited to such assistance as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
 - vii. it is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the sailing venue or referred to in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions and to attend any safety briefing held;

viii. they will not participate if under the undue influence of alcohol, drugs or if otherwise unfit to participate.

23. Disclaimer of Liability

- a) Each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they take part in the Event of their own free will and entirely at their own risk and that the Paphos International Sailing Club shall not be nor be deemed to be responsible or liable whether in contract or in tort or under any statute for any personal injury (including illness) which they may suffer or any damage sustained by them to their personal property during the Event or any other loss or damage suffered by them as a result of participation in the Event.

24. Insurance

- a) Each competitor agrees and acknowledges that their boat is adequately insured with cover against third party claims.

25. Event Advertising [DP]

- a) Boats may be required to display event advertising supplied by the organising authority on the forward part of the hull or the transom.

26. Rights to use Names and Likenesses

- a) By participating in the Event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority the rights in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion, any results, photo, audio and video recordings and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue until their final departure without compensation.