

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

BORA Sailing Championship - Bourgas

10th -12th of September 2021

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 World Sailing Addendum Q, Umpired Fleet Racing, currently available on the World Sailing website shall apply: [https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AddendumQ08March2021-\[27122\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AddendumQ08March2021-[27122].pdf)
- 1.3 In all rules governing this regatta:
 - 1.3.1 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
 - 1.3.2 [SP] denotes a rule which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 1.4 Class rules will not apply.
- 1.5 The rules for the handling of boats (**Attachment C**) will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing.
- 1.6 The language of the regatta will be English. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. [DP][NP] Advertising, Identification, Cameras and Electronic Equipment

- 2.1 Boats shall display event sponsor advertising as applied by the organising authority.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organizing authority.
- 2.3 The use of other cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment will not be allowed.

3. [DP][NP] Code of conduct

- 3.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable requests from a regatta official.
- 3.2 Competitors shall handle any boats or equipment provided by the organizing authority with proper care and seamanship, and in compliance with any written instructions.
- 3.3 Boats not racing shall avoid the area where boats are racing and any official boats.
- 3.4 The OA may reduce or remove a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.
- 3.5 The presence of the skipper is compulsory at the Skippers Meeting and at any media events (to be announced at least 2 hours in advance).

4. [NP] Notices to Competitors

Due to COVID-19, notices to competitors will be posted on the electronic notice board via Viber. official notice board (ONB) located at windows of the storehouse of Yacht Club Port Bourgas.

5. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:00 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of the first races of a day will be posted by 20:00 hrs on the day before the day it will take effect.
- 5.2 Any re-assignment of course areas can be done 30 minutes before flag D is displayed ashore or 30 minutes before flag AP is removed ashore.

6. Signals Made Ashore

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole located at the roof of the club house of Yacht Club Port Bourgas.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

6.3[DP] Flag D with a sound signal means: 'The warning signals will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed or not before the scheduled time, whichever is later. Boats shall not leave their allocated berths until this signal is made.

7. Regatta format

7.1 The regatta consists of a Qualifying Series and Final Series. At the end of the Qualifying Series the top 4 placed boats will qualify and advance to the Final Series. The first boat to win two races will be the winner of the Final Series.

7.2 The Race Committee may change the format, terminate or eliminate any flight or race, when conditions or the remaining time scheduled do not permit the completion of the intended format.

7.3 The races will be short course umpired fleet racing.

7.4 Each race will be sailed using 4 identical one-design Laser SB20.

7.5 Teams will rotate / regroup as the event progresses ensuring all teams sail against other teams as many times as practical.

7.6 [NP] Teams will be allocated to a boat in a race by the Race Committee. The Pairing List will be published before the first warning signal of the first day of racing.

8. Schedule

8.1 Daily schedule:

Thursday, 9th	Friday, 10th	Saturday, 11th	Sunday, 12th
9:00-17:00 Pre-regatta Practice	8:30-9:30 Late Registration	9:00-9:30 Skippers Meeting	9:00-9:30 Skippers Meeting
	9:30-10:00 Skippers Meeting	TBD Races	TBD Races
9:00-20:00 Registration	11:00 First warning signal	19:30 Opening Ceremony, Welcome Party	17:30 Prize-giving ceremony Closing the event

8.2 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:30.

9. Class Flags and Signals Afloat

9.1 Class flags will be a white flag with blue Bora Sailing logo

9.2 If flag "R" is displayed before or with the warning signal, the use of the gennaker is prohibited. After the starting signal, the Race Committee may prohibit the use of the gennaker at a course mark by displaying flag "R" with repeated sound signals.

10. Change and Repair Zone

The change and repair zone will be at the Tatu Catamaran boat at berth No. 1 of at the pontoon of Yacht Club Port Bourgas.

11. Racing Areas

Attachment A shows the location of racing areas.

12. The Course

The diagram in **Attachment B** show the course, the course designations, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

13. Marks

13.1 Marks 1, 4s and 4p will be **Red cylindrical buoys**.

13.2 The starting marks will be the race committee boat displaying an **Orange flag** at the starboard end and an **Orange buoy** at the port end.

13.3. The finishing marks will be the race committee boat displaying a **Blue flag** at the port end and an **Orange buoy** at the starboard end.

14. The Start

14.1 The starting line will be between staff displaying **Orange flag** on the race committee boat and the **Orange buoy**.

14.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound for at least three minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

14.3 RRS 26 is amended as follows:

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
3	Class flag;	One	Warning signal
2	P or black flag;	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed;	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

14.6 A boat starting later than two minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

15. Change of the Position of the Next Mark.

15.1 No changes of the course will be done while racing.

15.2 The course will not be shortened.

15.3 In case of a missing mark at a gate the remaining mark should be rounded, leaving the mark to port. This changes RRS 28.1 and RRS 34.

16. The Finish

The finishing line will be between staff displaying **Blue flag** on the race committee boat and the **Orange buoy**.

17. Time Limits

17.1 Time limits are as follows:

Time Limit	Finish window	Race Target time
20 min.	10 min.	15 min.

17.2 Boats failing to finish within the time stated in the Finish Window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

17.3 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

18. Penalty System

18.1 Direct Umpiring in accordance with World Sailing Addendum Q will apply.

18.2. There shall be no appeal from the decisions of the Umpires / Protest Committee.

19. Scoring

19.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

19.2 At least 3 races are required to be completed to constitute the regatta series.

19.3 There will be no discards - a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

19.3 [SP] If a team does not comply with NoR 9.1 or if a team does not arrive in time at the Change Zone as indicated in SI 10, this team will be scored DNC in this race without a hearing.

19.4. If a team is unable to participate in a race due to the non-release of its designated boat by the previous team or by the Boat Management, it will receive the average points, rounded to the first decimal place, of its results in the series.

20. [DP][NP] Safety Regulations

20.1 Teams not leaving the harbour for the day's races shall notify the regatta office as soon as possible.

20.2 A boat that retires from racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the regatta office as soon as possible after returning ashore.

21. [DP][NP] Substitution of Crew or Equipment

21.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee and shall comply with any restrictions in the Notice of Race.

21.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

21.3 If a crew, after changing and before the warning signal, finds a technical problem which was not indicated by the preceding crew, it shall immediately and before the warning signal, report this problem to the Race Committee or the Boat Management.

22. [DP] Crew Change

22.1 Each team must be ready to change at the Change Zone at the start of the previous race.

22.2 After crossing the finish line, the changeover takes place with the jib recovered and the mainsail standing.

22.3 Boats shall proceed to the transition area immediately after their finish.

23. Official Boats

Official boats will be marked as follows:

Official Boat	Flag
Race Committee	Flag " RC"
PRO	Flag "PRO"
Jury	Flag "JURY"
Measurer	Flag "MEASURER"
VIP	Flag "VIP"
Press/Media boats	Flag "MEDIA"
Safety Boat	Flag "S"
Medical	Flag " + "

24. Support Boats

Support Boats will not be allowed.

25. [DP][NP] Trash disposal

In addition to RRS 47 trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

26. [DP][NP] Berthing

When berthed, boats shall be kept in their assigned places. Boats shall not be moved from their assigned places until flag D is displayed.

27. [DP][NP] Radio Communication

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

28. Prizes and title

Prizes will be awarded as stated in the Notice of Race.

29. Disclaimer of Liability and Risk Statement

29.1 Competitors and support team participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 3, Decision to Race. Sailing is by its nature an

unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

1. 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 in the event;
2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
4. By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

29.2 The Organising Authority and all parties involved in the regatta organisation will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

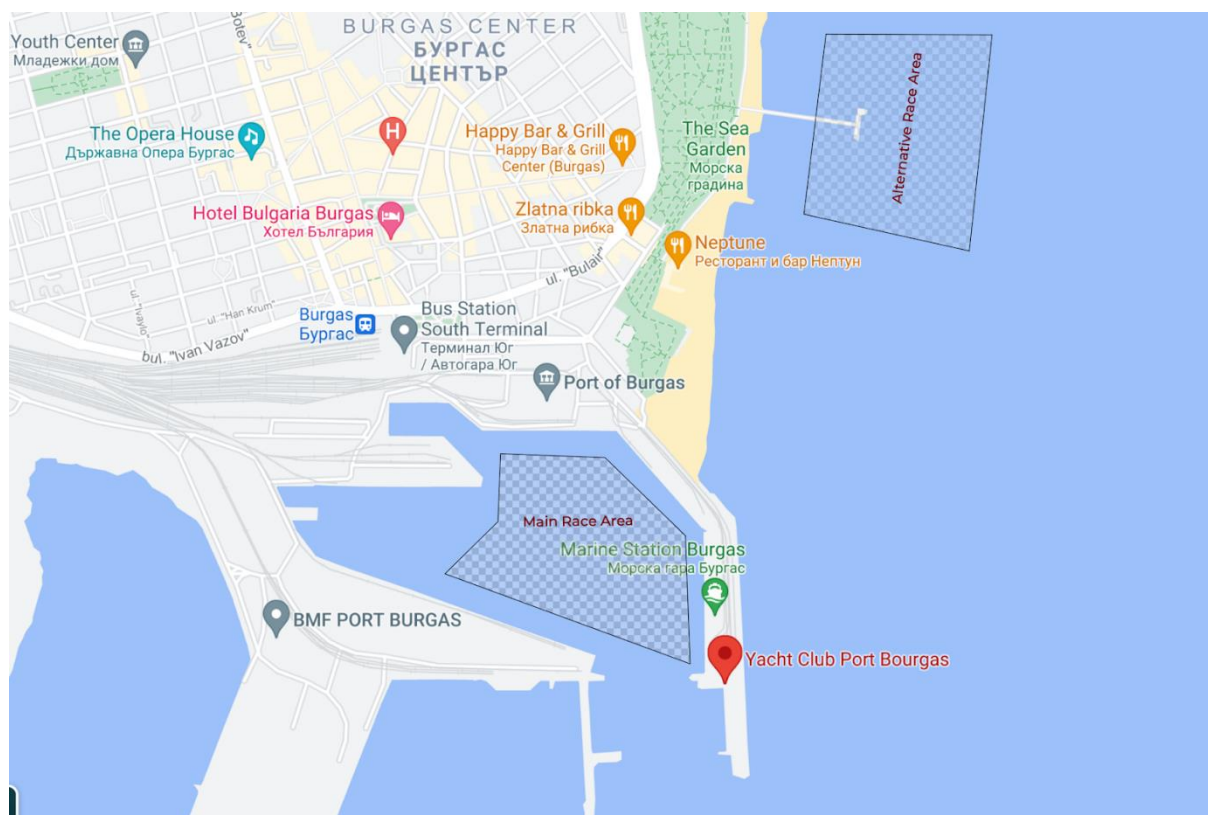
30. Rights to use name and likeness

By participating in this regatta competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and their sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the regatta, and of all of his or her material related to the regatta, without compensation.

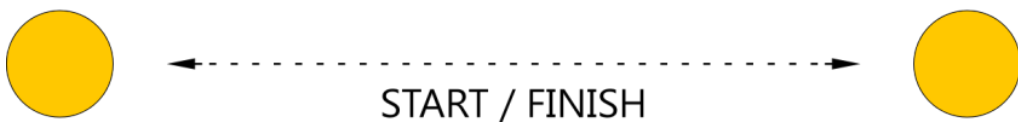
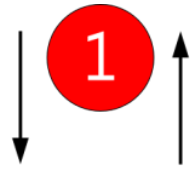
31. Insurance

The third-party liability insurance for all participants will be provided for free from 24ins.bg, official sponsor of the Championship.

Attachment A – Race Areas



Attachment B – Course



START- 1 – 4s/4p –1 – FINISH

[DP] Attachment C – Handling the Boats

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 While all reasonable care is taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 1.2 Competitors shall report to the Race Office, at first reasonable opportunity after returning to shore, of any equipment damage or malfunction.

2. PROHIBITED ITEMS AND ACTION

Except in an emergency or in order to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by an umpire otherwise, the following is prohibited:

- a. Any additions, omissions or alternations to the equipment supplied.
- b. The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted.
- c. The replacement of any equipment without the permission of the race committee.
- d. Sailing the boat in a manner that it is reasonable to predict that significant further damage or injury would result.
- e. Moving equipment from its normal storage position except when being used.
- f. Boarding a boat without prior permission.
- g. Marking directly on the hull or deck with permanent ink.
- h. Marking sails, perforating sails or adding additional wind threads to sails.
- i. Tying in or holding together the set jib
- j. Littering of the hull including the cockpit.

3. HANDOVER OF THE BOATS

- 3.1 The handover of a boat to the next team may only take place in the presence of the Boat Management or on the water or at the changing jetty as previously agreed.
- 3.2 Before handing over a boat to the next team, the crew must restore it to its original condition.
- 3.3 Defects or damages detected by the teams shall be reported immediately to the Boat Management.

4. OTHER RULES

- 4.1 Team positioning - when tacking or jibing, the crew must everywhere just not hold on to the standing and running rigging to support the manoeuvring.
- 4.2 Bowsprit - the bowsprit shall be fully reefed except when the gennaker is set, set or recovered and shall be recovered at the first reasonably practicable opportunity after the gennaker has been recovered. In no case shall the bowsprit be set before passing mark 1 with the bow.
- 4.3 The bowsprit shall only be operated with the lines provided.
- 4.4 Shrouds and forestay - shrouds and forestay may not be adjusted during the entire time on the water. The backstay may be adjusted during the race.