

Regatta VARNA CHANNEL CUP

21 – 24 May 2022

NOTICE OF RACE

[DP] means that the penalty for a breach of that rule will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification.

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The regatta is organised by Varna Municipality and yacht club LZ yachting 1991.

2. RULES

2.1 The “Rules” as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the World Sailing

2.2 The following rules will also apply:

- The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2022-2023 (OSR) – Appendix B – Inshore races;
- The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS);
- 2022 ORC / IRC Rules.
- Rules for offshore regattas /Bulgarian Sailing Association/

2.3 The official language of the event will be English.

2.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2.5 If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions and their amendments will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

3. [DP] ADVERTISING

The World Sailing Advertising Code (Regulation 20) will apply. The boats shall display the advertising materials, supplied by the Organising Authority (hull stickers and flags).

4. ELIGIBILITY AND CLASSES

4.1 The regatta will be conducted under ORC and IRC handicap systems.

4.2 All boats shall hold valid ORC or IRC rating certificates.

4.3 Classes shall be determined by the Race Committee and this shall not be grounds for request for redress.

4.4 Not less than 5 boats will form a class.

5. ENTRY FEES

5.1 There will be entry fee 15 leva per person for boats entered before 22 May.

5.2 Boats entered on 22 May will be charged a late entry fee of €15/BGN 30.

5.3 Bank details:

IBAN: BG08BUIN95611000235168 in Leva

Allianz bank

Yacht club LZ yachting 1991

6. ENTRY

6.1 Online preliminary entries will be accepted until 17:00 (local) hrs. on 20 May 2022 on YachtClub@LZyachting.com.

6.2 Entries on the venue will be accepted on 21 May from 10:00 until 19:00 hrs. at the Race Office.

6.3 Late entries - 08.00 - 08.55 hrs. on 22 May.

6.4 In addition to completed entry form, each boat shall present at the Race office:

- Boat sailing permit, valid for 2022.
- Valid skipper competence certificate.
- ORC / IRC rating certificate, valid for 2022 – for all boats in ORC / IRC classes*
- Insurance policy for the whole crew – minimal coverage €1000 per person.
- Third party insurance policy - minimal coverage €10 000.

* This changes RRS 78.2.

8. SCHEDULE

Saturday, 21 May 2022

10:00 - 19:00 Submission of entries at the Race Office – Varna Passenger Terminal);

- 15:00 Pro-Am Race in front of Varna Seaside Park;
Sunday, 22 May 2022
 8:00-8:55 Submission of late entries at the Race Office;
 9:30 Skipper briefing;
 11:00 Races via the Channel;
Monday, 23 May 2022
 10:00 Races in Varna bay;
Tuesday, 24 May 2022
 10:00 Races in Varna bay;
 17:00 Prize giving and closing ceremony.

9. [DP] INSPECTION

- 9.1 Each boat shall be available for inspection in the period 10:00 – 19:00 hrs. on 21 May 2022.
 9.2 During the event, before and/or after each race spot inspections may be carried out on boats chosen by the Race Committee.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be supplied when entering the boat.

11. RACE COURSES

- 11.1 The race courses will be set in Varna bay and in the lake via the Channel and will be shown in Appendix 1 to the Sailing instructions.
 11.2 Depending on weather conditions or other circumstances, the race courses may be changed at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer. Such changes will be announced by Amendments to the Sailing instructions.

12. SCORING

- 12.1.1 For ORC classes – according to corrected times as follows:
 - Races in the bay – Windward/Leeward will be scored using **PCS with constructed courses**
 - Channel races results will be scored by corrected times calculated by **ToD or ToD Triple Number scoring (Low-Medium-Hi)**
 12.1.2 For IRC classes – according to corrected times under the system “Time on Time”.

12.2 *The decision on the scoring method and scoring parameters used for a race will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee. This includes the length of the course, directions of the legs and the wind details such as strength and direction. These will not be grounds for a request for redress by the boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b)*

- 12.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
 12.4 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 12.5 When only one race via the channel has been completed, the race score for that race will not be excluded.
 12.6 The race coefficients for each race will be stated in the Sailing instructions.

13. [DP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

From 9:00 hrs. on 22 May 2022 until the end of the event no boats shall be hauled out of the water, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Technical Committee. If hauled out, no cleaning and polishing of the underwater part of boat’s hull is allowed.

14. COMMUNICATIONS

- 14.1 All boats shall have a VHF radio on board. During the event a constant communication will be maintained on **VHF Channel 73**.
 14.2 Presence of mobile phones and use of Tracking **raceQs** on board are recommended.

15. PRIZES

First 3 boats overall in every class will be awarded prizes.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely on their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to race. Skippers bear the responsibility for crew members under age.
- 16.2. The Organising Authority and any person involved in organising and conducting the regatta will not accept any liability for losses, material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior, during or after the regatta.
- 16.3. Competitors shall observe the RRS, the Notice of Race and the Sailing instructions. The competitors are solely responsible for the seaworthiness, spars, rigging, sails, safety equipment of their boats, as well as the training and skills of their crews. Skippers are responsible for the behaviour and clothing of their crews, representatives and guests.

17. [DP] SAFETY

- 17.1 All boats shall have properly functioning navigation lights and shall comply with the requirements of the Maritime authorities for the respective regatta courses.
- 17.2 All competing boats shall carry at least the minimum safety equipment, according to OSR 2022 Appendix B – Inshore races. Skippers will be required to sign declarations to that effect.

Minimum safety equipment (OSR 2022 - Appendix B - Inshore races)

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| 1 | One strong bucket with a lanyard and of at least 9 l capacity |
| 2 | One compass (a handheld is acceptable) |
| 3 | One fire extinguisher, if an electrical system, engine or cooking stove are present on board. |
| 4 | One anchor |
| 5 | One lifebuoy with a drogue |
| 6 | One heaving line 15-25m, no less than 6 mm diameter, ready accessible to cockpit. |
| 7 | One sturdy and sharp knife in a sheath, securely attached and readily accessible from the deck and the cockpit. |
| 8 | Each crew member shall have a personal flotation device which shall be equipped with a whistle and be clearly marked with yacht's or wearer's name. If inflatable, regularly checked for air retention. Unless otherwise specified by the Class rules or Sailing instructions, it shall have at least 150N buoyancy, ensuring that an unconscious person will be held with a face above the water and with a body position at 45 degrees to the water surface. |

18. BERTHING

Berthing of boats during the event will be free.

19. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

The social programme will be available during the entry procedure.

20. TV AND MEDIA

By entering the event, all participants automatically grants to the Organizing Authority the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of competition in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Event without compensation.

21. INFORMATION

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Additional information:

- Weather forecast;
- Supply of food, fuel, spare parts, repairs and berthing;

Person to contact: George Dimitrov, mobile phone +359888263169

22. OFFICIAL TIME

All times in the Notice of Race are according to Bulgarian local summer time (GMT +3 часа).

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