

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

BORA Sailing Championship 2022 – Varna

June, 2nd - 5th, 2022

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 World Sailing Appendix UF - Umpired Fleet Racing, provided with these Sailing Instructions will apply.
- 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 by which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the Jury with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
 - 1.3.3 [DP] denotes a rule that when breached the penalty may, at the discretion of the Umpires / Protest Committee / OA, be less than disqualification.
- 1.4 Class rules will not apply.
- 1.5 The rules for handling the 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 the event sponsors advertising as applied by the OA.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or tracking equipment as specified by the organizing authority.
- 2.3 The use of other cameras, sound equipment or tracking equipment will not be allowed.

3. [DP][NP] Code of conduct

- 3.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any requests from the regatta officials.
- 3.2 Competitors shall handle any boats or equipment provided by the organizing authority with proper care and seamanship, and in compliance with all written instructions.
- 3.3 Boats not racing shall avoid the area where boats are racing and any official / support 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 ceremonies.
- 3.5 The presence of the skipper is recommended at the Skippers Meeting and at any media events (to be announced at least 2 hours in advance).

4. [NP] Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the electronic notice board via Viber and the Official Notice Board (ONB) located at the Race Office at LZ Yachting 1991 yacht club.

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.

6. Signals Made Ashore

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole located near the Yacht club.

6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in race signal AP.

7. Regatta format

7.1 The regatta format is Small Fleet Umpired Racing.

7.2 The regatta consists of a Qualifying Series in the first two days, and a Final Series during the last day of the event, after completing races from any unfinished flights from the Qualifying Series.

7.3. All the teams carry on their points from the Qualifying series into the Finals.

7.4. Final Series consist of Gold and Silver fleets. The top 4 placed teams from Qualifying Series race in the Gold fleet, the remaining 4 teams race in the Silver fleet.

7.5 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.

7.6 Each race will be sailed using 4 identical Laser SB20 boats provided by the OA.

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

7.8 [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, 2th	Friday, 3th	Saturday, 4th	Sunday, 5th
9:00-18:00 Practice Sailing, Registration	8:00-9:30 Late Registration	9:30 Skippers Meeting	9:30 Skippers Meeting
	9:30 Skippers Meeting	10:00 First possible warning signal	10:00 First possible warning signal for the day
	10:30 First possible warning signal	18:00 Last possible warning signal for the day	15:30 Last possible warning signal
		19:00 Cocktail party	18:00 Prize-giving ceremony

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 between the racing area and the Yacht club pontoon.

11. Racing Areas

Attachment A shows the approximate location of the racing area.

12. The Course

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

13. Marks

13.1 All marks are inflatable round buoys.

13.2 The exact colors of the marks will be announced at the skippers meeting.

14. The Start

14.1 The starting line will be between an **Orange flag** displayed on the race committee boat on the starboard end, and a **yellow buoy** on the port end.

14.2 To alert the boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound for at least one minute 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 the **Blue flag** on the race committee boat at the port end, and a **yellow buoy** at the starboard end.

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 Appendix UF will apply.

18.2. There shall be no appeal for hearing on the decisions of the Umpires / Protest Committee.

19. Scoring

19.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply with double points for the Gold fleet in the Final Series.

19.2 If there are unfinished flights in the Qualifying Series, the teams with less races sailed, will be assigned points equal to the average of the scores from all their previous races.

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

19.4 [SP] If a team does not comply with NoR 6.1 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.

19.5. 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 so far.

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

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

20.2 All substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be made by the OA. Any changes from the teams to the standing rigging are prohibited.

20.3 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, as specified in **Appendix C / 3.3.**

21. [DP] Crew Change

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

21.2 After finishing, the changeover takes place with the jib hoisted and the mainsail standing.

21.3 Boats shall proceed to the on water Change Zone area immediately after their finish.

22. Official Boats

Official boats will be marked as follows:

Official Boat	Flag
Race Committee	Flag " RC"
Umpire	Flag "JURY"
Safety & Technical Boat	Flag "S"

23. Support Boats

Support Boats will not be allowed.

24. [DP][NP] Trash disposal

24.1 Each team shall make sure no trash is left on the boat after the race is completed, before the change.

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

25. [DP][NP] Berthing

The OA provides berthing for the boats.

26. [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.

27. Prizes

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

28. Disclaimer of Liability and Risk Statement

28.1 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.

28.2 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.

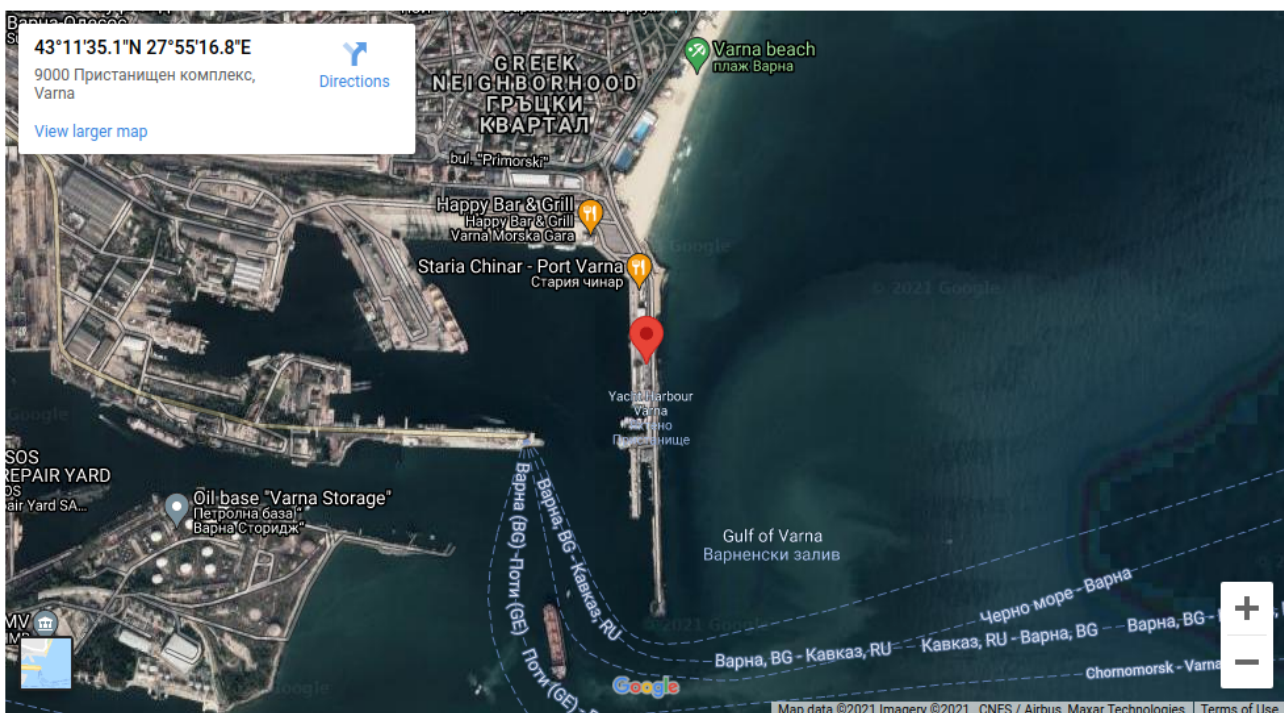
29. Rights to use name and likeness

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.

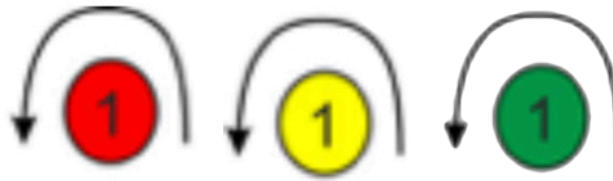
30. Insurance

Sports insurance for all participants, for the duration of the event will be provided for free from 24ins.bg, official sponsor of the Championship.

Attachment A – Race Areas



Attachment B – Course



Start – 1 – 2a/2b – 1 – Finish

Mark 1 (yellow) will be located upwind, seen from the starting line. Alternative marks for Mark 1, will be located left (green) and right (red).

The colour of the alternative mark (green or red) which shall be rounded will be displayed with a coloured flag at the starting vessel, before the following leg.

Mark 1 shall be passed on port side Marks 2a and 2b are gate-marks

[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 of any equipment damage, loss or malfunction after racing.

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 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 shall 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.