



Shorthanded Regatta 2022

07 – 09 October 2022

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation [DP] in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the Protests Committee.

The notation [NP] means that infringement of this rule shall not be protested by boats. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

1. RULES

- 1.1 The “Rules” as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing for 2021-2024.
- 1.2 The international Collision Regulations.
- 1.3 The requirements of the Bulgarian Maritime Authority about equipment of vessels.
- 1.4 2022 ORC Rules.
- 1.5 2022 Bulgarian Sailing Association Rules for Keelboat Racing.
- 1.6 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) for 2022-2023. The race is designated as Category 4 race (Short races, close to shore in relatively warm or protected waters normally held in daylight). The compulsory equipment for this category is listed in **Appendix 1**.
- 1.7 World Sailing Development Rule DR21-01 “Alternative Starting Penalty”.
- 1.8 In case of discrepancy between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SI), the SI and their amendments shall prevail.
- 1.9 The official language of the event is Bulgarian language.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 All notices shall be posted (uploaded) on the Official electronic notice boards in **Viber** groups “**BSA - NOTICE BOARD**“ and “**Регати - Дискусии**“ and on the event’s site: <https://www.facebook.com/events/3153620991622771/?ref=newsfeed>.
Posted notices shall be considered as official notification to competitors and shall replace notices on an Official notice board ashore.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted on the Official electronic boards and event’s site not later than 2 hours before the scheduled warning signal for the race on that day.
- 3.2 Any change to the schedule of races shall be announced in the same way by 20:00 hrs. on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.3 Oral changes may be made only on the water [RRS 90.2(c)]. The Race Committee shall announce the relevant changes before the warning signal by VHF Ch.73. Such changes shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

4. EVENT PROGRAM

4.1 First day: 7th October (Friday)

- 16:00 – 18:30 hrs. Submission of documents and registration at “LZ Yachting 1991” Yacht club’s office and inspection of boats.
- 18:30 hrs. Skippers briefing (in front of “LZ Yachting 1991” Yacht club’s office).

Second day: 8th October (Saturday)

11:00 hrs. Race No.1: Varna – Balchik (ca. 17.3 n.m.)
Race course and type of race: Described in **Appendix 2**.

Third day: 9th October (Sunday)

11:00 hrs. Race No.2: Balchik – Varna (ca. 23.3 n.m.)
Race course and type of race: Described in **Appendix 3**.

In the last day of the regatta no warning signal shall be made after 13:00 hrs.

Prize giving – immediately after the end of the protest time or after the hearings (if any).

The social program will be available at registration.

4.2 Warning signals time:

Race No.1: 10:55 hrs. (All boats start together)

Race No.2: 10:55 hrs. (Pursuit race with individual start for each boat)

5. CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

5.1 The regatta will be held for class ORC.

5.2 Boats in Class ORC may be allocated into several divisions: ORC A, ORC B, ORC C.

A division shall consist of three or more boats.

5.3 The allocation of boats into divisions shall be exclusively at Race committee's discretion and shall not be grounds for request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

5.4 The class flag of all divisions shall be a white flag with letters "ORC".

6. COURSES

6.1 The courses and marks are described in **Appendices 2 and 3**.

6.2 Absence of Race committee's observation on passing the marks shall not be grounds for request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

6.3 Courses may be shortened or modified at Race committee's discretion, depending on the weather conditions and/or other unforeseen circumstances.

7. START

7.1 Race No.1 shall be started according to RRS 26.

If possible, the starting count-down shall be broadcasted on VHF Ch.73. Failure of such broadcast shall not be grounds for request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

7.2 The starting lines are described in **Appendices 2 and 3**.

7.3 In race No.1: Boat which starts more than 10 minutes after the starting signal shall be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

7.4 In race No.2: Boat which starts more than 10 minutes after the last given starting signal shall be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

7.5 After an individual recall the Race committee shall try to announce on VHF Ch.73 the sail number or the name of the boat/s, identified as being OCS. This shall not be considered as outside help. Absence or delay of such announcement, as well as the failure to receive it shall not be grounds for request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

7.6 In accordance with the World Sailing Development Rule DR21-01 "Alternative starting penalty", the definition *Start* is changed as follows:

"A boat *starts* when her hull having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either

(a) at or after her starting signal, or

(b) during the last 10 sec. before her starting signal."

When a boat *starts* in accordance with item (b) of the definition *Start*, she may return on the pre-start side of the starting line to comply with item (a) of the definition *Start*, but if she does not, the starting penalty shall be:

- a Two-Turn Penalty according to RRS 44.2 (as soon as possible), or
- an increase of her elapsed time by 90 sec.

- 7.7 In adverse weather conditions for race No.1, the starting vessel may maintain her position using her engine. This shall not be grounds for request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 7.8 **[DP][NP]** Prior to the warning signal, all boats in the starting area shall sail close to the starting vessel or the location of the starting team in order to be recorded by the Race committee.
- 7.9 **[DP]** A boat, which will not participate in a race, shall inform the Race committee or the Race office by VHF or a mobile phone.
- 7.10 **[DP]** A boat, which retires from a race, shall inform at first reasonable opportunity the Race committee or the Race office by VHF or a mobile phone.

8. FINISH

- 8.1 The finishing lines are described in **Appendices 2 and 3**.

9. PENALTIES

- 9.1 The alternative penalty “Two-turns” is replaced by “One-turn”, (one tack and one gybe). This changes RRS 44.2. **The “Two-turns” starting penalty, prescribed in Development rule DR21-01, remains unchanged.**
- 9.2 A boat, which has taken a penalty or has retired from a race, shall sign a declaration form at the Regatta office before the end of the protest time. Failure to declare this will mean that the boat did not take a penalty or retired.
- 9.3 Following a report by the Race/Technical committee alleging infringement of OSR, ORC Rules, RRS 55 and rules of SI, denoted as **[DP]**, the Protest committee may impose at its own discretion a penalty less than disqualification (DSQ) or not to impose any penalty.
- 9.4 Any penalties for infringement of OSR shall apply only to the race before the inspection. The boats are expected to do everything possible to remove the problem before the next race. Failure to do so may lead to further penalties (See SI 14.6).

10. TIME LIMITS FOR FINISHING

- 10.1 The time limits for finishing are stated in **Appendices 2 and 3**.
- 10.2 Boats not finishing within these time limits shall be scored “Did not finish” (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 10.3 Time limits for finishing do not change in cases of shortening of the course.

11. RACE CO-EFFICIENTS

- 11.1 The co-efficient of both races shall be 1.0.

12. HEARING REQUESTS

- 12.1 In addition to all requirements of RRS 61, a boat, intending to protest, shall declare this to the Race committee at the finishing line immediately after her finishing (or as soon as she retires from the race), stating the sail number/name of the protestee.
Informing the Race committee by VHF during the incident is not necessary and is not an alternative to the above requirement. Failure to comply with SI 12.1 may render such protest invalid.
It is advisable to use also VHF for informing the protestee during the incident.
- 12.2 The protest flag, required by RRS 61.1, shall be displayed on the backstay from the time of the incident until after finishing and the acknowledgment by the Race committee. (If the boat has no backstay – close to the stern).
- 12.3 The hearing requests shall be written on forms available at the Race office and shall be lodged there before the end of the protest time, which shall end 60 min. after the finish of the last boat for the day.
The end of the protest time shall be posted, according to SI 2.1, as soon as known.
- 12.4 Announcements about the lodged hearing requests shall be posted according SI 2.1 within 15 minutes after the end of the protest time to indicate where and when there will be hearings in which the boats are parties or named as witnesses. The boats have sole responsibility to watch for such announcements. Failure to do so shall not be grounds for request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

- 12.5 Before the end of the protest time announcements about protests by the Race, Technical or Protest committees shall also be posted according to SI 2.1. They shall be deemed as the notifications to the boats, required by RRS 61.1(b).
- 12.6 The hearings by the Protest committee shall take place as soon as possible after the end of the protest time.
- 12.7 Hearing requests, concerning the boat allocation into divisions shall be lodged not later than 2 hours after the list of accepted boat entries is posted.
- 12.8 **[NP]** Requests for hearing under class rules, concerning boats from other divisions, shall not be heard by the Protest committee.
- 12.9 **[NP]** Hearing requests, necessitating boat haul-out (for checking weight, draft, etc.) shall not be heard by the Protest committee.
- 12.10 **[NP]** Requests for hearing under class rules shall not be accepted on the last racing day, irrespective of the reason being known from the previous day or not.
- 12.11 Cases involving RRS 69 shall not be heard by the Protest committee.

13. SCORING

- 13.1 The boats shall be scored as follows:
 - Scoring for race No.1: according to boats' corrected time - ToD (All purpose)
 - Scoring for race No.2: according to boats' finishing position.
- 13.2 The Low point system of RRS Appendix A shall apply.
Final placing shall be based on the placings in races No.1 and No.2.
- 13.3 Tie-breaking in the final placing shall be done according to RRS A8.
- 13.4 One race is required to validate the regatta.
- 13.5 The placings after each race and the final placing shall be posted according to SI 2.1.

14. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 14.1 The equipment of all participating boats shall meet the OSR requirements for a category 4 event (see **Appendix 1** below).
- 14.2 **[DP]** When required by a Technical committee inspector, the boat shall be made available for safety equipment check.
- 14.3 By signing the Entry form, each skipper confirms the presence of the safety equipment, listed in **Appendix 1**, on board.
- 14.4 **[DP]** All boats shall have functioning propulsion engines and navigation lights and meet the requirements of the Bulgarian Maritime Authority for the respective regatta courses.
- 14.5 Any use of propulsion engine for saving people, rendering assistance or any other reason shall be reported to the Race committee by VHF Ch.73/mobile phone as soon as possible and on arrival ashore in writing, stating the reasons for the undertaken actions as well as the times of starting and stopping the engine. If the boat has not gain significant advantage by her action, the Protest committee may impose at its own discretion a penalty less than disqualification (DSQ) or not to impose any penalty.
- 14.6 An inspected boat with established non-compliance with Appendix 1, shall correct it and prove to a Technical committee inspector her full compliance not later than 1 hour before the start of the race on the next day. Failure to do so shall lead to exclusion of the boat from the respective race.
- 14.7 **[DP]** After mooring, the boat shall inform the Beach Master of her position by VHF/mobile phone.

15. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 15.1 The Race committee may approve a crew substitution, requested by the skipper in writing not later than 1 hour before the scheduled warning signal for the race on that day.
- 15.2 Replacement of damaged or lost equipment shall not be done without Technical committee's approval. The request for replacement shall be presented to the Technical committee at first reasonable opportunity.

16. [DP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

16.1 Boat or equipment may be checked at any time for compliance with class rules and SI. On the water or on arrival ashore a boat can be instructed by the Technical committee on VHF Ch.73 to proceed immediately to the specified place for inspection.

17. ADVERTISING

17.1 Any advertising shall comply with World Sailing Advertising Code. Boats shall carry advertising stickers/materials, provided by the Organizer.

18. SUPPORT BOATS

18.1 [DP] All support boats shall keep clear of the starting area and after the preparatory signal shall not come closer than 100 m to any racing boat. Infringement of this instruction may lead to action under RRS 60.3(d) and 64.5, including adding penalty points to the scoring of the supported boat and/or ban of the support boat from the racing area for one or more days.

18.2 Vessels used by press, photographers, film crews, VIPs etc. are not under the jurisdiction of the RC. Any action by these vessels shall not be grounds for request for redress by competitors. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

19. HAUL-OUT; DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

19.1 Boats shall not be hauled out from the time of their registration until their finishing in race No.2, except under conditions of preliminary written permission by the Technical committee.

19.2 Diving equipment, plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around the boats from the preparatory signal for the race No.1 until the finishing in race No.2.

20. COMMUNICATION

20.1 All boats shall be equipped with VHF radio transmitters. During the regatta they shall be tuned to Ch.73. Availability of a charged mobile phone on-board is mandatory.

20.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

21. PRIZES

21.1 Prizes shall be awarded to the first three boats of each division. Boats not represented during the prize giving and closing ceremony shall not be awarded prizes.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITIES

22.1 All competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 3).

22.2 The Organizer and any person involved in organizing and conducting the regatta will not accept any liability for losses, material damages, personal injury or death, that might be sustained, on the water or ashore, in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**RACE COMMITTEE
Shorthanded Regatta 2022**

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INSPECTION CARD

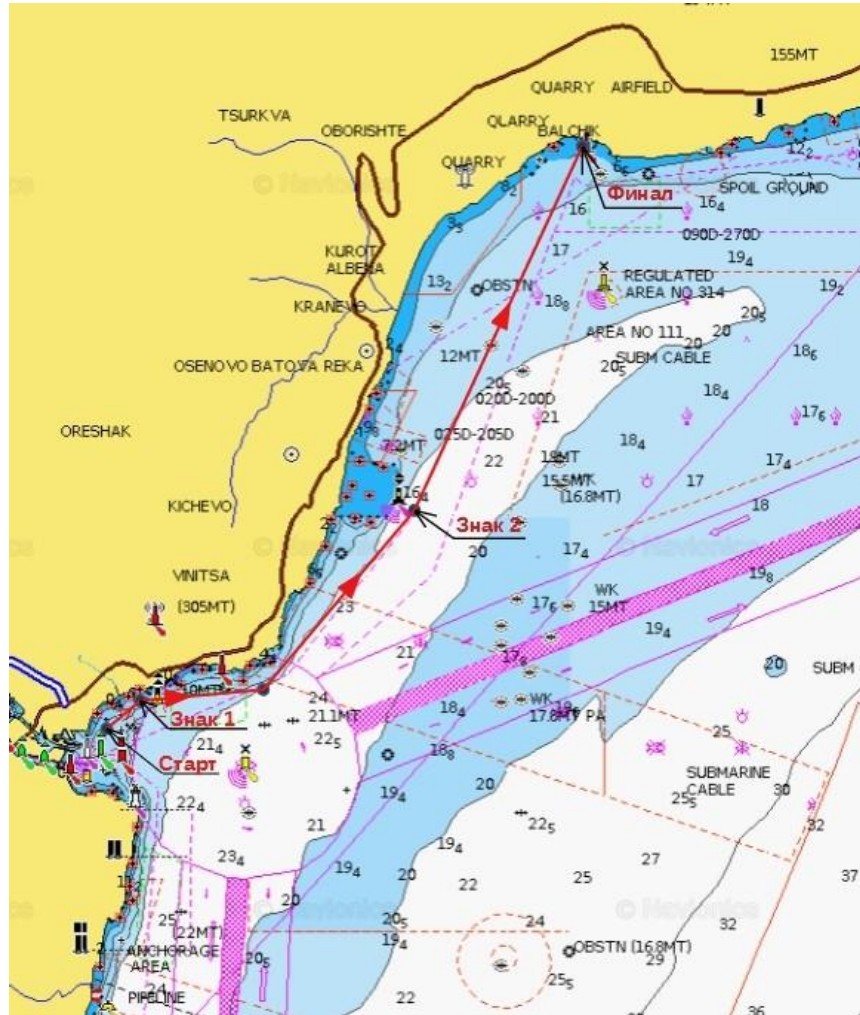
Special rules of Bulgarian Sailing Federation for offshore races of category 4
(Short races, close to shore in relatively warm or protected waters normally held in daylight)

Event:	SHORTHANDED REGATTA 2022		
Boat's name:	Sail No.	Checks (V) by	
Inspector (Name and signature):		Skipper	Inspector
1	Any ballast/generator shall be mounted stationary. Heavy movable item shall be appropriately fixed.		
2	Permanently installed marine magnetic steering compass		
3	Navigation lights pare bulbs		
4	Hand-held marine VHF transceiver, watertight or with a waterproof cover		
5	Radio receiver for marine broadcasts		
6	Tapered soft wood plug stowed adjacent to every through-hull opening		
7	At least 2 fire extinguishers, easily accessible, in different parts of the boat		
8	Fire blanket adjacent to every open flame cooking device		
9	Torch and a powerful white light searchlight, waterproof, with spare bulbs and batteries		
10	First aid kit and manual (adequate to the conditions , of sailing duration and number of people on board)		
11	Foghorn, shroud cutter, strong knife securely restrained, easily accessible from the cockpit.		
12	Radar reflector, octahedral (with 12'' circular or 16'' rectangular plates and documented RCS 2 m ²)		
13	Navigational charts and sailing directions (pilots) for the sailing area. Depth sounder		
14	Laminated diagram of the boat, clearly showing the location of principal items of safety equipment		
15	Pyrotechnical signals – 4 red hand flares and 2 orange smoke flares		
16	Life jacket for each crew member, with whistle, reflective material, marked with the boat's or wearer's name, light (white, >0.75 cd, >8 hrs.) and crotch/thigh straps, with 150N buoyancy. If inflatable, whit automatic/manual gas inflation system, compliant with ISO 12401 or 12402-3. If manufactured after 1/1/2011- with lifting loop and sprayhood.		
17	Heavy weather jib - area less than 13.5% of height of the fore triangle squared, attachment to the stay independent of any luff groove. For sails made after 1/1/2011: area less than (0.255 x luff length x (luff perpendicular + (2 x half width))).		
18	Anchor – easily accessible, with 2-5 m. chain and rope.		
19	Companionway hatch covers - secured to the boat (e.g. by lanyards) against loss if boat is capsized.		
20	Lifelines – stainless steel, double (LOA >=8.5 m.), single (LOA <=8.5 m.), deflection in the middle: upper/single – 5 cm @ 4 kg; lower – 12 cm @ 4 kg.		
21	Bilge pump, fixed, hand operated, handle (if removable) secured by a lanyard.		
22	Two buckets, each with a lanyard and of at least 9 l capacity.		
23	Lifebuoy with a drogue, with a floating buoy, marked with the boat's name, with reflective material, within helmsman's reach.		
24	Heaving line, 15 - 25 m long, readily accessible from deck or cockpit.		
25	One member of the crew familiar with First Aid procedures, hypothermia, drowning, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and relevant communications systems.		
<p>As a skipper I declare:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I am familiar with Rule 3 of RRS 2020-2024 and accept the responsibility for the decision about the participation and racing of the boat in the Regatta. 2. Today I checked the presence on board of all necessary equipment listed above and instructed every crew member how to use his/her personal flotation device. <p style="text-align: center;">Skipper's name and signature:.....</p>			

Race 1

Type: Coastal race

Distance – 17,3 p.m.; Start: *One for all boats*



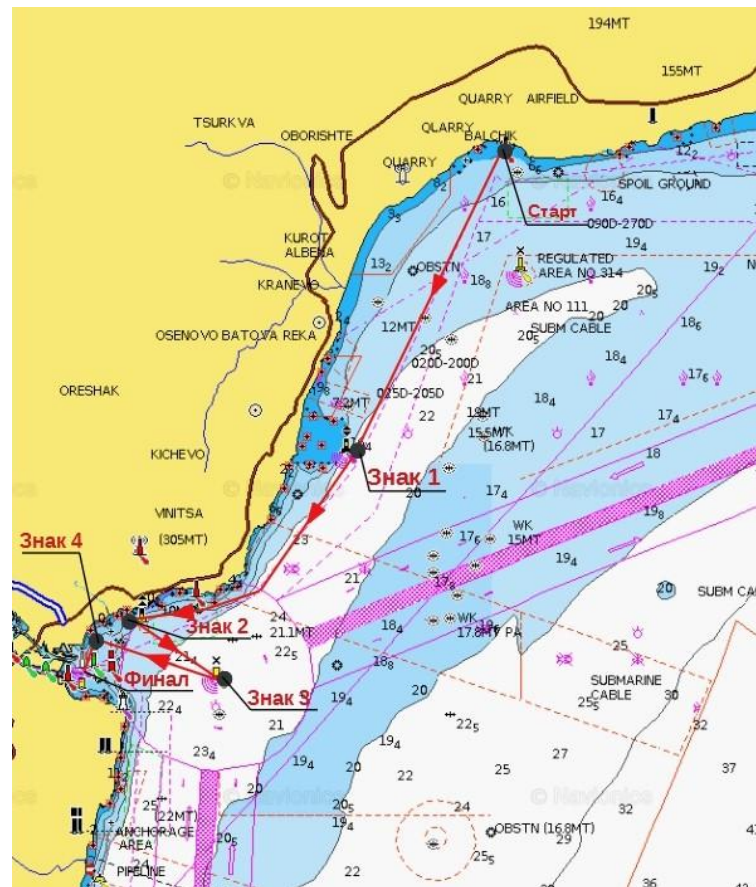
Start – Mark 1 (to starboard) – Mark 2 (to port) – Finish

1. Starting line: Between an **orange** flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of an **yellow** inflatable buoy at the port end.
* In the region of the South beach (approximately near the point $43^{\circ} 11,776' N$ u $27^{\circ} 55,610' E$)
2. Mark 1 (**to starboard**) – (south of Mole 103, approximate co-ordinates $43^{\circ} 12,335' N$ & $27^{\circ} 57,002' E$).
3. Mark 2 (**to port**) – Navigation hazard Alaja Bank ($43^{\circ} 16.600' N$ & $28^{\circ} 4.500' E$).
* The buoy is missing, co-ordinates are supplied for the purpose of avoiding the hazard.
4. Finishing line: between a **blue** flag at the navigation light of Balchik Marina and the navigation light of Port Balchik.
5. Time limit for finishing: 250 min. (6 hours)

Race 2

Type: Pursuit race

Distance - 22,3 n.m ; Start: *Individual for each boat*



Start – Mark 1 (to starboard) – Mark 2 (to port) – Mark 3 (to starboard) – Mark 4 (to port) – Finish

1. Starting line: between an **orange** flag at the navigation light of Balchik Marina and the navigation light of Port Balchik.
2. Mark 1 (**to starboard**) – Navigation hazard Alaja Bank ($43^{\circ}16.600' N$ & $28^{\circ}4.500' E$).
* The buoy is missing, co-ordinates are supplied for the purpose of avoiding the hazard.
3. Mark 2 (**to port**) - (south of Mole 103, approximate co-ordinates $43^{\circ}12,335' N$ & $27^{\circ}57,002' E$).
* **yellow** inflatable buoy
4. Mark 3 (**to starboard**) - Navigation mark “Turning buoy” (approximate co-ordinates $43^{\circ}10,529' N$ & $028^{\circ}00,575' E$).
5. Mark 4 (**to port**) - metal buoy “Lucho’s Buoy 1” - in front of South beach (approximate co-ordinates $43^{\circ}11,800' N$ & $027^{\circ}55,565' E$).
6. Finishing line: between a **blue** flag at lighthouse Varna and Buoy 103 (green).

A list, showing the earliest starting time of each boat, shall be posted on the Electronic notice boards
(see SI 2.1)

Every skipper shall receive a printed copy of that list at the Skipper’s briefing.