

# **Regatta VARNA CHANNEL CUP**

**8 –11 June 2023**

## **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 organized by Varna Municipality, Ultramarine SSC and Yacht Club LZ yachting 1991, supported by ConForma EOOD and Prolam EOOD.

### **2. RULES**

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

2.2 The following rules shall also apply:

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

2.3 The official language of the event shall be English.

2.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will shall prevail.

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 shall apply. The boats shall display the advertising materials, supplied by the Organizing Authority (hull stickers and flags).

### **4. ELIGIBILITY AND CLASSES**

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

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

4.3 Both classes shall consist of divisions, determined by the Race Committee and this shall not be grounds for request for redress.

4.4 Not less than 5 boats shall form a division.

### **5. ENTRY FEES**

5.1 For boats entered not later than 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023 there shall be entry fee of BGN 20 per crew member.

5.2 Boats entered after 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023 shall be charged a late entry fee of €20/BGN 40.

5.3 Bank details: Yacht Club LZ yachting 1991  
IBAN: BG08BUIN95611000235168  
Currency: BGN  
Bank: Allianz bank Ltd.

### **6. ENTRIES**

6.1 Preliminary online entries will be accepted until 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023, by means of the form <https://forms.gle/LMHN3udWENDT5f6V9> or on the Organizer’s e-mail [YachtClub@LZyachting.com](mailto:YachtClub@LZyachting.com).

6.2 Registration: entries shall be submitted from 10:00 until 19:00 hrs. on 8<sup>th</sup> June at the Race Office.

6.3 Time for late entries - 08.00 - 08.55 hrs. on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

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

- Boat sailing permit, valid for 2023.
- Valid skipper’s competence certificate.
- ORC/IRC rating certificate, valid for 2023 (This changes of RRS 78.2).
- Insurance policy for the whole crew – minimal coverage €1000 per person.
- Third party insurance policy - minimal coverage €10 000.
- **(For competitors under 18 years of age)** Formal declaration of consent, signed by a parent or

guardian. Declaration forms are available on request from the Race Office.

## 7. SCHEDULE

### *Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023*

- 10:00 - 19:00 Submission of entries at the Race Office  
(LZ Yachting 1991 -Varna Passenger Terminal);  
15:00 Pro-Am Race in Varna bay, in front of the Seaside Park;

### *Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023*

- 8:00 - 8:55 Submission of late entries at the Race Office;  
9:30 Skipper briefing;  
11:00 Races in Varna bay;

### *Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023*

- 10:00 - 19:00 Channel races

### *Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023*

- 10:00 Races in Varna bay;  
Event closing party and prize giving – as soon as possible after the last race.

## 8. [DP] INSPECTION

- 8.1 Each boat shall be available for inspection in the period 10:00 – 19:00 hrs. on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023.  
8.2 During the event, before and/or after each race spot inspections may be carried out on boats chosen by the Technical Committee.

## 9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be supplied during the registration.

## 10. RACE COURSES

- 10.1 The race courses will be set in Varna bay and in the lake via the Channel and will be shown in Appendices 3 and 4 to the Sailing instructions.  
10.2 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.

## 11. SCORING

- 11.1.1 For ORC divisions – according to corrected times as follows:  
- Races in the bay (Windward/Leeward) shall be scored using **PCS with constructed courses**.  
- Channel races shall be scored by corrected times calculated by **ToD (All purpose) or ToD Triple Number scoring (Low-Medium-Hi)**.  
11.1.2 For IRC divisions – scoring by corrected times under the system “Time on Time” (**ToT**).  
11.2 The decision about the scoring method and scoring parameters used for any 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 parameters such as strength and direction. These will not be grounds for a request for redress by the boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b)  
11.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.  
11.4 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.  
11.5 When only one race via the channel has been completed, the race score for that race will not be excluded.  
11.6 The race coefficients for each race will be stated in the Sailing instructions.

## 12. [DP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

From 9:00 hrs. on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023 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.

## 13. COMMUNICATIONS

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

#### 14. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the first 3 boats overall in every divisions.

#### 15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely on their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to race. Skippers shall bear the responsibility for crew members under the age of 18 years.
- 15.2 The organizing Authority and any person involved in organizing 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.
- 15.3 Competitors shall comply with the RRS, the Notice of Race and the Sailing instructions. The skippers shall be solely responsible for the seaworthiness, spars, rigging, sails, safety equipment of their boats, as well as the training and skills of their crews. They shall also be responsible for the behaviour and clothing of their crews, representatives and guests.

#### 16. [DP] SAFETY

- 16.1 All boats shall have properly functioning navigation lights and shall comply with the requirements of the Maritime authorities for the respective regatta courses.
- 16.2 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)

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.

#### 17. BERTHING

Berthing of boats during the event will be free of charge.

#### 18. SOCIAL PROGRAM

The social program will be available during the registration.

#### 19. 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.

#### 20. INFORMATION

[www.varnachannelcup.com](http://www.varnachannelcup.com)

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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

#### 21. OFFICIAL TIME

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