

Article 1 - Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* including the Notice of Race and its amendments. In case of discrepancy between the mentioned rules and these Sailing Instructions, the latter shall prevail, approved by Yacht Club de Monaco.
- 1.2. The competitors' attention is drawn to the fundamental rule 4 DECISION TO RACE establishing that: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
Competitors are personally responsible for any material damage or personal injuries which may occur to their boat or themselves and should not start or keep racing without taking into account the wind, the sea state and the weather forecasts, when they think they may be in danger.
- 1.3. Recorded video and images from any source: press, media or support boat, or data/video of positioning electronic devices (tracking) cannot be used as evidence during the hearings and shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rules 63.3, 63.6 and 60.1 (b).

Article 2 - Sail numbers and identification

- 2.1. The sail number on the mainsail of a boat must correspond to the number declared on the entry form. Penalty for non-compliance will be at the discretion of the IJ.
- 2.2. Competitors shall display the bow stickers given by the organiser at registration on each side of the hull as described in appendix. Penalty for non-compliance will be at IJ discretion.

Article 3 - Notices to competitors, changes to the sailing instructions and signals made ashore

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on Quai Louis II close to YCM main entrance. Competitors, are expected to check the board before and after each sailing day.
- 3.2. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the first start of the day, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8 pm on the day before it will take effect or by the protest time limit, whichever is later.
- 3.3. Signals ashore will be displayed at the main flag pole situated on Quai Louis II close to YCM main entrance.
- 3.4. When flag AP (Answering Pennant) is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.
- 3.5. When Flag AP over H is displayed ashore it means: "THE START IS POSTPONED, BOATS SHALL NOT LEAVE THE HARBOUR".
- 3.6. If the AP flag is displayed with a class flag, it refers only to that class.

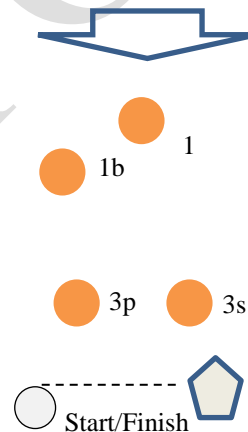
Article 4 - Schedule of races

- 4.1. The intended programme and schedule of races will be as follow, but the Race Committee reserves the right to change the schedule at its discretion, taking into account weather conditions or all other factors which may impact the fairness of the racing.
- 4.2. A maximum of 10 races are scheduled of which at least 1 have to be completed by each class for the event to be valid.
- 4.3. The Warning Signal for the first race each day will be given at the following times:

Tuesday	2.00pm practice race
Wednesday:	9.30am Skipper Briefing
	11.00am First Warning Signal
Thursday:	11.00am First Warning Signal
Friday:	11.00 am First Warning Signal
Saturday:	11.00 am First Warning Signal
- 4.4. A maximum of 3 races may be held on any racing day if there is a delay in the schedule.
- 4.5. The Race Committee will broadcast safety and racing information on **VHF channel 72**.
- 4.6. On the last schedule day of the event no warning signal will be made after 3.00pm

Article 5 - Courses and marks

- 5.1. The course is located in the Bay of Monaco. Marks should be left on port.
 - 5.1.1. Course marks will be cylindrical orange inflatable buoys.
 - 5.1.2. RC signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg on the committee vessel before the preparatory signal.
 - 5.1.3. Races may be shortened at any mark, provided that a shortened race has a minimum of 3 legs (2 windward and 1 leeward)
 - 5.1.4. Course description: Start-1-1b- gate (3P/3S)-1-1b-Finish.



WARNING: The boats must not enter the Heliport zone marked by the cardinal buoys, situated to the south of the Fontvieille Port sea wall, and must keep within the Port channel markers when entering or leaving the Port. Failure to comply with this instruction could result in a penalty at the IJ discretion.

- 5.2. RC signal boat, named "Seabus", will display a YCM Flag.

Article 6 - The starting line and procedure

- 6.1. The starting line will be between the mast displaying orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end of the line and the white inflatable mark on the port end on the course side.
- 6.2. A Line Observation boat, identified by a white flag, may be situated at the extension of the port-end starting mark. This boat ranks as an obstruction. Boats must not pass between this boat and the starting mark. The penalty will be at discretion of the IJ.
- 6.3. The class flag will be used as warning signal.

Class Swan 50'	White flag with logo of the class
Swan 45'	Red flag with logo of the class
Class Swan 42'	Blue flag with logo of the class
- 6.4. RC may communicate by radio VHF individual and general recalls. The call will be done at the first reasonable opportunity after the start. Bow numbers, sail numbers or boat names may be used for identification. Delay in the radio communication of these calls, the order in which they are made, omission or failure in the emission or reception shall not be grounds for requesting redress. (This modifies rule 62.1(a)). This rule does not reduce, modify or exonerate each boat's responsibility to start in accordance with the rules.
- 6.5. In the case of unfavorable conditions the race committee boat on the starting line may maintain their position by using the engine.

Article 7 - Changing course marks after the start

- 7.1. In the case of a course change, the new mark will be yellow inflatable cylindrical buoy and mark 1b will not be replaced. Subsequent change will revert to the original mark.
- 7.2. If the gate is not positioned, a single Mark will be set and shall be rounded to port.
- 7.3. If the Race Committee decides to change the position of the Leeward mark (gate), the Originals gate marks will be repositioned.

Article 8 - The finish

- 8.1. The finishing line will be defined by the course side of an white inflatable buoy and the mast of the finishing boat displaying a blue flag.
- 8.2. In the case of unfavorable conditions the Race Committee boat on the starting line may maintain their position by using the engine.

Article 9 - Time limit

- 9.1 Any boat finishing more than 15 minutes after the first boat has sailed the course and finished, will receive the same number of points as a boat that Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. (This changes rule 35 and A4)
- 9.2 The time limit for the first boat to complete the course is 90 minutes.
- 9.3 If any boat completes the first leg of the course within 40 minutes, the RC may abandon the race and give another stars as soon as possible.

Article 10 - Protests and requests for redress

- 10.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 10.2 The same protest time limit 45mn after the last one on the last race applies to protests by the Race Committee or the Jury about incidents observed in the racing area.
- 10.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the end of the protest time limit, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, and the parties shall keep in the proximities of the jury room.
- 10.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or the jury will be posted until the end of the protest time limit, to inform boats under RRS 61.1 (b).
- 10.5 An International Jury shall be appointed by the Organizing Authority. Decisions of this International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5

Article 11 - Measurement and Equipment controls and Tracking Devices

- 11.1 On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Technical Committee measurer to proceed immediately to the measurement control area.
- 11.2 Once the provisional results of the day have been published for the first time, the Technical Committee will publish on the ONB the list of boats to be controlled. The boat owner's or responsible will come to the Principal Measurer immediately, to be assigned a measurement control time and place. The boat owner or responsible is committed to verify whether his boat has been appointed for measurement control
- 11.3 At least two crew members and a representative of the owner shall be present during the measurement checks. All measurers, while been carried out, will have two readings: measurers and owner or representative.

- 11.4 Boats may be required to carry on board **tracking devices system**, as required by the Organizing Authority. This decision shall not in any way affect the boats measurement certificate.

Article 12 - Scoring

- 12.1 The low point system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3 The total score of each boat will be the overall sum of all sailed races – there will be no discard.

Article 13 – Retirements

In the best interests of safety, all competitors who retire shall inform, by any means possible, the RC boat as soon as they return ashore. The IJ may take disciplinary action if this is not respected.

Article 14 - Replacement of crew during the regatta

Any crew change must be requested in writing before the race and must be authorised by the RC.

Article 15 - Replacement of damaged equipment

These replacements must be limited to damage judged irreparable. This decision will be the responsibility of the Technical Committee.

Article 16 - Trash disposal

Trash shall remain onboard until the end of the last race of the day but to throw the trash in the water will be considered a breach even between races. A penalty for breaking rule 55 is at IJ discretion.

Article 17 - Mooring

Harbour dues will be free from Saturday 24th February to Sunday 1st April. Boats are moored under the responsibility of each skipper.

Article 18 - Organisation boats

Official boats will be identified as follows:
Race Committee with flag "YCM"
Press Boat with green flag "PRESS"
Safety boat with red flag "SAFETY"
Jury Boat with yellow flag "JURY"
Coach boat with orange flag "COACH"

All official YCM boats (mark layers, safety, press, committee, recorder,...) will be considered as vessels of limited manoeuvrability and competitors shall comply with the International Regulation for preventing Collisions at Sea (IRCPAS)

Article 19 - Safety

All competitors have to wear a personal floatation device. Penalty for non-compliance will be at IJ discretion.

Article 20 - Prize giving

Prize giving will take place at the Yacht Club de Monaco at 5.30pm Saturday 31st March

Article 21 - Disclaimer of liability

OA 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.

Article 22 - Media, images and sound

- 22.1 The OA may require media personnel, equipments and electronic devices to be carried on board at any time.
- 22.2 The position of these personnel and equipment will be determined by the RC and may be advised verbally.
- 22.3 Tracker gps units shall be collected by crew each day before racing and returned back after racing until one hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. Boats not complying with this instruction may be penalized at discretion of IJ.
- 22.4 The organization Authorities shall have the right to use any image, sound recorded and navigation data.

Abbreviations: OA – Organising Authority, RC – Race Committee, IJ – International Jury

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