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Wishbone Windsurfing Promotions

40th Anniversary Commemorative Edition (1982-2022)

Selection Process Regulations (Final)

Organized in Association with the

Malta Young Sailors Club

It is intended to organize a windsurf crossing between Valletta, Malta and Pozzallo, Sicily, in early May 2022, hereinafter referred to as the "Event". A selection process will take place to select those who are to participate in the Event. Participation in the Selection Process is by invitation and/or application, and, eventual approval of the organizers.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. No National prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix T – Arbitration – will apply.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Sails and competitors may be required to carry advertising for event sponsors, which will be supplied by Malta Young Sailors Club in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 2.2. On the sail the event sponsors branding shall be placed immediately below batten #5 and as close to the leech as possible but without overlapping the sail corner reinforcement.
- 2.3. Competitors shall not cut or adapt the stickers in any way.
- 2.4. No Private Sponsors stickers can be displayed on any sail in use promoting products of direct competition to that our sponsors for this event, namely:
 - i. ENEMED, recognised as the "Official Fuels Partner" and the "Title Sponsor", of the Event as well as
 - ii. to any of the following Other Official Partners, namely, GasanMamo Insurance, S&D Yachts, Blye, Medcomms Marine Electronic, Cisk, and Roland Marina.

3. Entry

- 3.1. Eligible competitors shall register by means of an online application form on the Malta Young Sailors Club website: www.maltayoungsailors.com/windsurfing-event/
- 3.2. An entry is not valid until paid.
- 3.3. Registration shall close on 2nd February 2022.
- 3.4. A completed Parental Permission Form for entries under the age of 18 years is required. This form may be completed online but a printed copy shall be brought to registration.

4. Categories

- 4.1. Open (with a max sail size of 9m²)

5. FEES

- 5.1. The Entry Fee is €25.

6. Personal equipment

- 6.1. **MANDATORY**
 - i. The sailor shall wear a helmet that shall be to the minimum standard EN1385 or EN1077 if he/she is using hydrofoil equipment.
 - ii. The sailor shall wear a Personal flotation device that conforms to the minimum standard.

7. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 7.1. Competitors may be required to carry on their board's cameras, sound equipment or any other similar electronic devices.
- 7.2. Personal Cameras and their attachments may be carried provided that they do not affect the function or use of any existing part of the board or associated equipment.
 - i. Any footage or recording is to be made available to Malta Young Sailors Club upon request.
- 7.3. Malta Young Sailors Club retains the right to make use of footage or imagery obtained by competitors' electronic equipment throughout the entire series.

8. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 8.1. Notices to competitors will be posted online or on the Official Notice Board at MYSC St Paul's Bay Malta

9. CHANGES TO NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. Any change to the Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 60 minutes before the warning signal of the race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1230pm on the day it will take effect.

10. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE & AFLOAT

- 10.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Official Flagpole.
- 10.2. When Flag AP is displayed ashore competitors shall not go afloat '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

11. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 11.1. During the qualifying series substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed once a race has started

12. FORMAT OF RACING

- 12.1. A qualifying series shall be sailed which shall all only consist of long distance marathon races.
- 12.2. Before each qualifying race, the Principal Race Officer shall determine the suitable course from Appendix A after taking into consideration safety and weather conditions on the day. The final decision shall be taken by the Principal Race Officer. This is not a ground for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13. SCHEDULE

- 13.1. The qualifying series shall be composed of 4 qualifying races. If more than 3 races are completed 1 race will be discarded.
Unless otherwise decided or in the event of a postponement, the qualifying series shall take place on the following dates:

	<u>Date</u>	<u>First Warning Signal</u>
Q1	5/6 th February 2022	1030 AM
Q2	5/6 th March 2022	1030 AM
Q3	12/13 th March 2022	1030 AM
Q4	9/10 th April 2022	1030 AM

13.2. On the Wednesday preceding the dates established in Clause 13.1, the Principal Race Officer shall communicate in writing to all competitors:

- i. Whether the Qualifying race scheduled shall be raced on Saturday or Sunday;
- ii. The Course in accordance with the courses available in Appendix A;
- iii. AND/OR, whether the qualifying race scheduled is cancelled or postponed to another date.

13.3. A Competitor's briefing shall be held 60mins before the first warning signal of every qualifying race mentioned in Clause 13.1.

14. RACING AREAS

14.1. The Racing Areas shall be the Maltese Territorial Waters.

15. COURSES

15.1. Diagrams of the some examples of the courses which may be used are annexed and marked as "Appendix 1".

15.2. The Principal Race Officer shall decide the course to be raced on the day of every qualifying race which shall be notified during the Competitor's briefing.

16. MARKS

16.1. The starting, finishing and rounding or passing marks shall include inflatable blue marks.

16.2. The Principal Race Officer shall also have the discretion to use any cardinal mark or similar mark as a rounding or passing mark.

17. THE START

17.1. All races will be started by using the following signals: (This changes RRS Appendix B rules 26.1 and 26.2).

<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Sound Signal</u>	<u>Visual Signal</u>	<u>Description</u>
-	Three signals	Orange flag	Stand-by to first warning signal
3 minutes	One signal	Romeo Flag	First warning signal
2 minutes	One signal	P or U or Black Flag	Preparatory signal
1 minute	One long signal	P or U or Black Flag removed	One minute signal
0	One signal	Class flag removed	Start

- 17.1. Due to the nature of the Event and for reasons of safety, no races shall start if the wind does not exceed 10 knots and shall not start if the wind exceeds 20 knots. The final decision to race shall be at the sole discretion of the Principal Race Officer.
- 17.2. The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and either:
 - i. the course side of the laid starting mark, or
 - ii. an orange flag displayed on land in the area adjacent to Malta Young Sailors Club
- 17.3. A competitor starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 17.4. It is intended to have 1 race per day.
- 17.5. To alert boards that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed (with three sound signals) at least 2 minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 17.6. When a Green flag is displayed together with the warning signal for course racing format, the boards shall start on starboard tack.
- 17.7. When a Red flag is displayed together with the warning signal for course racing format, the boards shall start on port tack.

18. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 18.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move a mark (or move the finishing line).

19. THE FINISH

- 19.1. The finishing line will be between the finishing mark and the course side of the laid mark (or the flag staff on this mark if present) at the other end of the finish line.

20. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 20.1. Penalties for breaches of Rules and rules in the NOR/SI marked are at the discretion of the International Jury and may be less than disqualification.
- 20.2. Penalties for breaches of rules in the NOR/SI marked will be 1 (one) point for each infringement applied by Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing. The penalty is applied to each race in which the instruction was infringed. However, the Race Committee or Technical Committee may protest a board when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. A board that has been penalized with standard penalty can neither be protested by another board for the same incident nor can another board request redress for this committee action. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and A5.

21. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 21.1. Time limits and target times are in minutes and as follows:
 - i. Marathon – 210mins
- 21.2. Boards failing to finish within the 90 minutes, after the first competitor sails the race according to RRS 28, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35 and A5.

- 21.3. Boards failing to finish by 1730, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS35 and A5.

22. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 22.1. Hearing request forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 22.2. For Course Racing and Marathon, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last competitor has finished the last race of the day or when the race committee signals no more racing for that day, whichever is later.
- 22.3. Notices will be posted within 20 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 22.4. Hearings will be held in the Protest Room.
- 22.5. On the last scheduled day of the Series, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day, or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.2.

23. SCORING

- 23.1. The low point scoring system shall be used for every race of this Qualifying Series.
- 23.2. If the number of competitors registered exceeds twelve (12) in number, the last three competitors shall not be eligible to participate in Q3.
- 23.3. After Q3 is raced and if the number of competitors registered exceeds twelve (12) in number, the last three competitors shall not be eligible to participate in Q4.

24. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 24.1. A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee and/or the closest support boat as soon as practicable.
- 24.2. Competitors not racing for any of the racing days shall inform the Race Office.

25. SUPPORT BOATS

- 25.1. Support Persons shall comply with the Support Boat Regulations
- 25.2. No personal support boats/outside assistance are allowed to the sailor except for an emergency/rescue by the fleet of the MYSC.

26. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 26.1. While on the water, a competitor shall not carry equipment capable of making radio transmissions or receiving radio communications, except for equipment provided by the Organising Authority. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 26.2. For purposes of safety, support boats may monitor the Race Committee working channel, but cannot transmit on this channel except in the case of an emergency.

27. PRIZES

- 27.1. A token of participation may be awarded to each competitor at the end of the Qualifying series.

- 27.2. Following 4 successful qualifying races, with the best 3 races / results to count. The Organisers shall select 2 experienced 'veteran' sailors, 2 'newcomers' sailors, and 1 foreigner to participate in the Event. The organizers reserve the right to add another (reputable) contender, but this will not affect those who qualify through the Qualifying Races.
- 27.3. To participate in the Event the foreign windsurfer will be issued with a direct invitation.

28. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 28.1. Rule 4 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a board's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is his/hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- i. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their board to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - ii. They are responsible for the safety of themselves and their board and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - iii. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - iv. Their board is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 28.2. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the race organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- 28.3. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 28.4. The fact that the Race Committee or Technical Committee conducts inspections, or not, of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this NOR/SI.

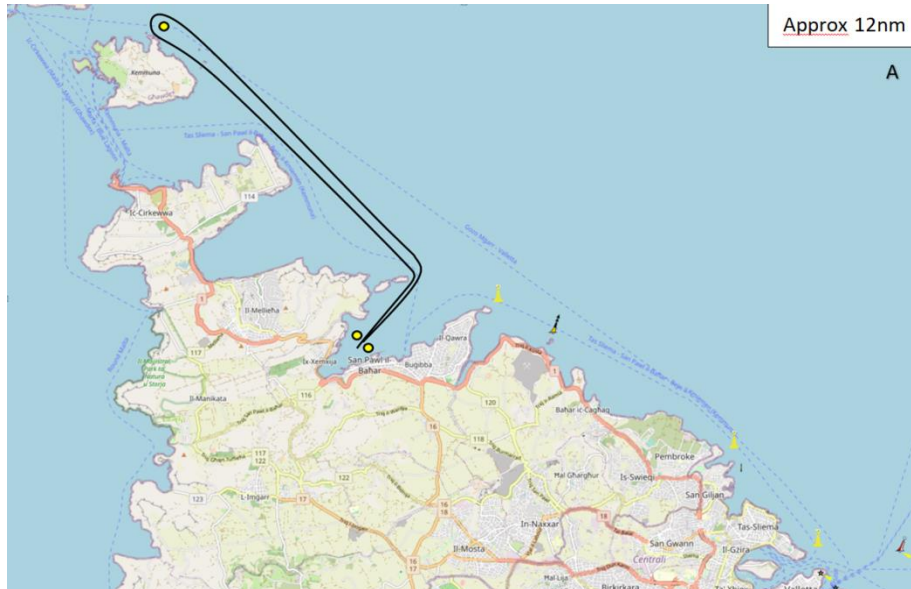
29. TELEVISION AND MEDIA

- 29.1. In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to MYSC 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 them, taken during the period of the event as defined in the NOR/SI in which he/she participates, without compensation.

Appendix 1

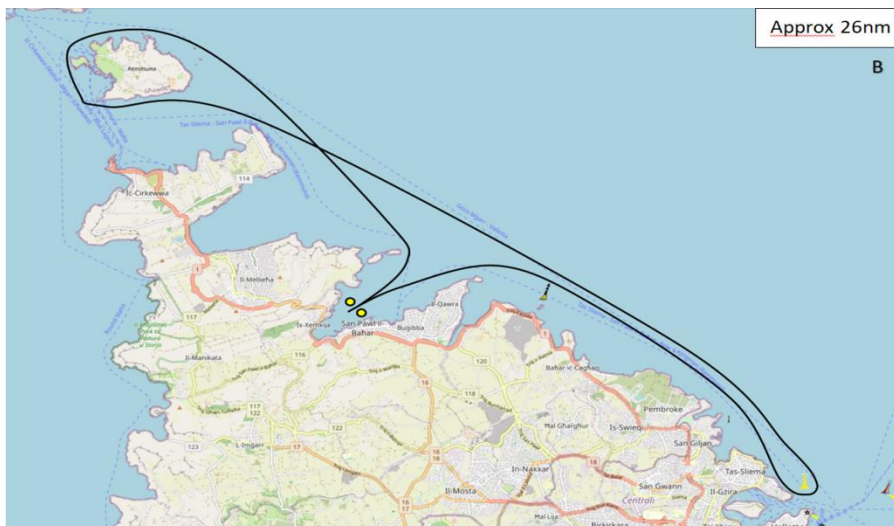
Course A

START – ST. Paul’s Island to Port – M1 – ST. Paul’s Island to Starboard – FINISH



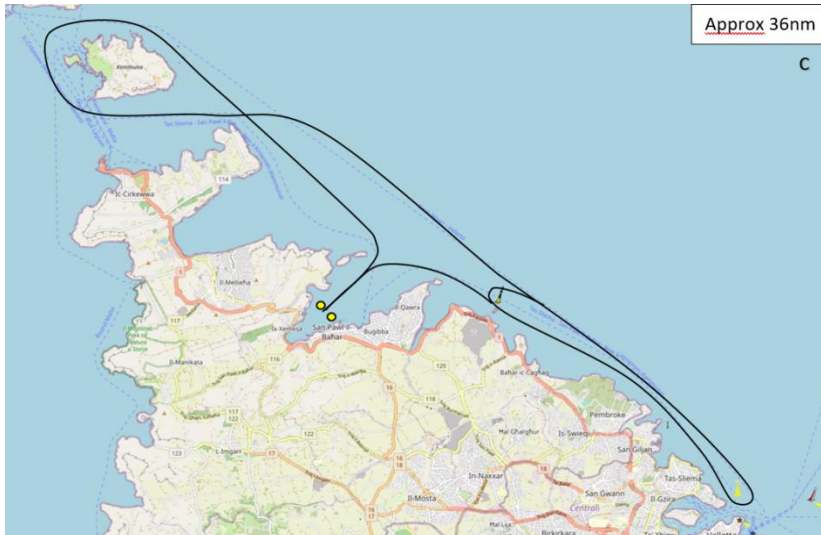
Course B

START – St. Paul’s Island to Port – Round Comino to Port – Sliema Special Mark to Starboard – FINISH



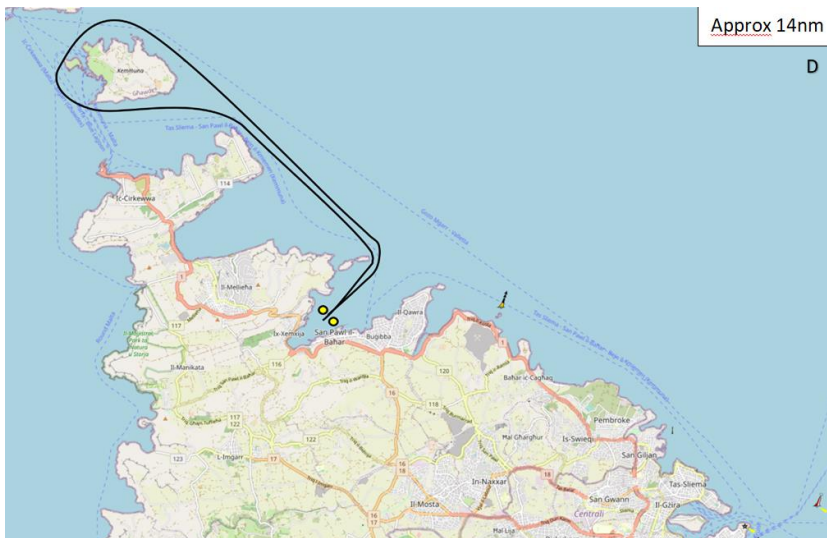
Course C

START – St. Paul’s Island to Port – Round Comino to Port – Sliema Special Mark to Starboard – Starboard - Ghallis Cardinal Mark to Starboard – Sliema Special Mark to Starboard – FINISH



Course D

START – St. Paul’s Island to Port – Round Comino to Port – St. Paul’s Island to Starboard – FINISH



Course E

