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Article 1 - Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* including Appendix T and modified World Sailing Addendum Q attached, approved by Yacht Club de Monaco under rule 86.3.
- 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).
- 1.4. Add to rule 41 OUTSIDE HELP: (e) Help to recover from the water and return on board any person overboard, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- 1.5. Penalties shall not be taken within the *zone* of the windward mark or on the offset leg.
- 1.6. Melges 20 class only:
If the wind speed exceeds the specified limit the RC may display Oscar flag no later than the Warning Signal indicating that the umpires will not penalise for RRS 42.2(a) when the spinnaker is properly set. If the wind speed exceeds the specified limit after the starting signal the RC may display Oscar flag with repetitive sounds at a mark to signal to a boat that the umpires will not penalize for RRS 42.2(a) when the spinnaker is properly set and after she has passed the mark.
If the wind speed becomes less than specified limit after Oscar flag was displayed, the RC may display flag Romeo with repetitive sounds at a mark to signal to a boat that this sailing instruction no longer applies after she has passed the mark.

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 numbered stickers given by the organiser at registration on each side of the hull as far forward on the bow as possible. Penalty for non-compliance will be at IJ discretion.

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

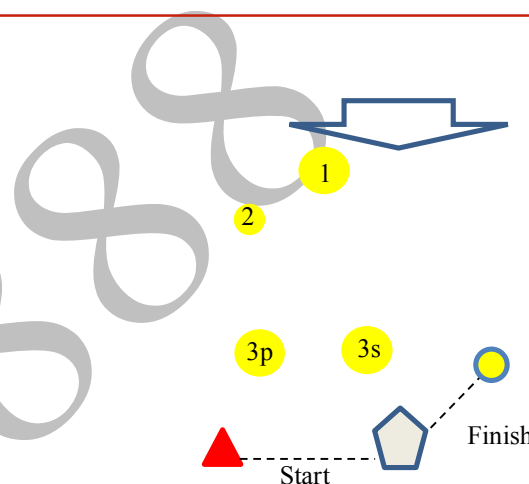
- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on Quai Louis II close to YCM main entrance. Competitors, are expected to check the board before and after each sailing day.
- 3.2. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the first 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 flag mast 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 Warning Signal for the first race each day will be given at the following times:
Friday: 11.00 am
Saturday: 11.00 am
Sunday: 11:00 am
- 4.2. Up to 9 races may be held per event. A maximum of 4 races may be held on any racing day.
- 4.3. The Race Committee will broadcast safety and racing information on VHF channel 72.

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 cylindric yellow 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. Course description:.. Start-1-2- gate (3P/3S)-1-2-3S-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 "Hooker VII" will display 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 and the course side of the port-end red inflatable buoy.
- 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.
- 6.4. In order not to be in the line of sight, the boats must not enter the triangle formed by the end of the starting line and the leeward gate (3p/3s) between the warning signal of the class and the preparatory signal of their class. The penalty will be at IJ discretion.
- 6.5. 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.

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Article 7 - Changing course marks after the start

- 7.1 In the case of a course change, the new mark will be inflatable orange tetrahedral buoy. 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.

Article 8 - The finish

The finishing line will be defined by the course side of a white inflatable tetrahedral buoy and the mast of the finishing boat displaying a blue flag.

Article 9 - Time limit

- 9.1 Any boat finishing more than twenty 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.

Article 10 - Protests and requests for redress

- 10.1 World Sailing Addendum Q is modified to the effect that the protest committee may hear protests after racing if the incident afloat was unseen.
- 10.2 Protest time limit is defined in Q2.3 and Q2.4.
- 10.3 Decisions of the IJ appointed by Yacht Club de Monaco will be final as provided in rule 70.5.
- 10.4 Hearings will be held under Q5.3 and if necessary, in the protest room located at the YCM Sailing Section.
- 10.5 Breaches of instructions 16,17,18, 20 and 23.3 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches and class rules breaches may be less than disqualification if the IJ so decides.

Article 11 - Arbitration

- 11.1 Before any hearing, the parties of a *protest* shall participate in an arbitration.
- 11.2 A boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an unseen incident by umpires may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
- 11.3 A Post-Race Penalty is a 20% Scoring Penalty (30% for rule breach within the *zone*) calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies. This changes rule T1(c).

Article 12 - Scoring

- 12.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

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 RC.

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 - Haul out

No boats are to be lifted out of the water during the regatta except with the written authorisation of the race committee until the prize giving.

Article 18 - Mooring

Harbour dues will be free from Wednesday 1st February to Sunday 5th February. Boats are moored under the responsibility of each skipper.

Article 19 - Organisation boats

- 19.1 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"
- 19.2 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 20 - Safety

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

Article 21 - Prize giving

Prize giving will take place at the Yacht Club de Monaco 45 minutes after the last boat has crossed the finish line. Prizes will be awarded to attending competitors only.

Article 22 - 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 23 - Media, images and sound

- 23.1 The OA may require media personnel, equipments and electronic devices to be carried on board at any time.
- 23.2 The position of these personnel and equipment will be determined by the RC and may be advised verbally.
- 23.3 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.
- 23.4 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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