



Imperial Gozo Yacht Club

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Ghajnsielem Local Council Round Cominotto Laser Races

Round Cominotto Laser Races Event 30th March and 27th April 2008

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

1. **Rules:** The races will be governed by the current rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF); the Rules and bye-laws of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA); this Notice of Race and accompanying Sailing Instructions. In the event of any conflict between the above mentioned Rules and Regulations the provisions of this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
2. **Eligibility:** Laser dinghies with Standard or Radial sails. RRS rule 75 shall not apply.
3. **Entry and Registration:** Each participant must sign an Entry Form before taking part in the event and pay the entry fee of €5.00. The Clubhouse premises will be open for this purpose between 11.00 am and 12.00 noon on the day of race. Late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the Race Officer.
4. **Pre-race Briefing:** All participants are required to attend a pre-race briefing which will start at 11.30 am at the Club premises on the day of race.
5. **Series of Races:** The event shall be a series of two race days held on Saturday 30th March 2008 and Saturday 27th April 2008. The results of both race days shall be counted towards the final results. The "Low Point" scoring system contained in Appendix A to the RRS shall apply. A maximum of three races shall be held on each race day. In the event of three races taking place there shall be one discard. A minimum of one race on each race day shall constitute a valid event.
6. **Schedule:** The start of the first race on each race day is scheduled for 1.00 pm. The first warning signal is scheduled for 12.55 on each race day. The warning signal for any subsequent races will take place within a reasonable time after the end of the previous race, at the discretion of the Race Officer.

7. **Racing Area and Courses:** Two racing areas are proposed depending upon weather conditions and participants will be notified at the pre-race briefing.

Start Line: The start line will be either at Ghar Minka, approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile East of the entrance to Mgarr harbour or at Xatt-L-Ahmar and will be between a race buoy and flag onshore.

Course one: Round Cominotto. The course will begin from the start line towards Cominotto leaving the West Cardinal Mark to port, around Cominotto leaving it port, then through the Blue Lagoon and back to the start/finish line. Participants are advised to be aware of the rocks and shoals on the Cominotto side of the Blue Lagoon.

Course two: Round the rock at Mgarr Ix-Xini. The course will begin from the start line Westwards towards the rock in front of Mgarr Ix-Xini, passing round the rock leaving it to port, then towards a marker buoy set southwards of the rock, around the buoy leaving it to port and back to the start/finish line. Each individual race shall consist of one or more laps to be indicated by the Race Officer at the pre-race briefing. Participants are advised to be aware of the shallow reef extending several meters out from Tal-Fatima headland.

Note: An additional buoy may be used as a first mark to round after the start line depending upon wind direction.

8. **Flag Signals:** The flag signals will be displayed from land. Participants are required to familiarize themselves with these signals.
9. **Wind Conditions:** The Race Officer shall consult with participants regarding the suitability or otherwise of holding the race before making a decision to proceed to race or not.
10. **Support Boat:** A support rib will be operational during the course of each race.
11. **Prizes:** Prizes will be sponsored by the Ghajnsielem Local Council and will be presented at an event later in the year.
12. **Disclaimer:** Competitors participate in each race of the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Imperial Gozo Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.
13. **Insurance:** Insurance arrangements for third party liability for each participating boat shall be entirely the responsibility of each participant.