



IGYC – ROUND COMINOTTO LASER RACES *Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions*

The Imperial Gozo Yacht Club will be holding the second round of the Round Cominotto Laser Races, sponsored by the Ghajnsielem Local Council. The Races will take place on Sunday April 29th with up to three races taking place.

1 Rules

The Round Cominotto Laser Races will be governed by the following Rules and Regulations: The International Sailing Federation's (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005-2008; the Rules and bye-laws of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA); this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict between the above listed Rules and Regulations and the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the latter shall prevail. RRS Rule 75 shall not be in effect for these races.

The Imperial Gozo Yacht Club, the Ghajnsielem Local Council and all personnel involved in the running of this event decline all and any responsibility in the event of damage and/or loss of things and/or of people either at land or at sea and in conjunction or not with this event. By being present at or near the starting line at the times stated below, all participants accept and become directly responsible for their actions and any accidents that may happen. All those who intend to participate in this event are to carefully read RRS Fundamental Rule 4.

2 Eligibility

Laser dinghies with Standard and Radial sails

3 Registration

Racers with dinghies that comply to the above requirements may enter this race by paying LM1 to the race officer or anyone designated by him up to 2 hours before the start of the races.

4 Programme

Sunday April 29th 2007 1300hrs 1st warning signal Race 4. Races 5 and 6 following immediately after the end of Race 4, at the discretion of the Race Officer.

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The above dates and times may be changed by and at the discretion of the Race Officer in case of inclement weather.

Prize giving will be held at an event organized by the Ghajnsielem Local Council, to be announced at a later date.

5 Scoring

The 'Low Point' scoring system as in ISAF App. A will be used. In the two rounds, up to six races will be sailed and if three or more races are sailed, there will be one discard. The overall racing event will be deemed valid if two races are sailed.

6 Signals

Signals shall be made either ashore from a place indicated during the briefing or from a Race Committee boat.

7 Racing Area and Courses

Two racing areas have been chosen as possibilities depending on the weather and shall be indicated to racers by 10:00am on the date of each race:

Racing Area C - Cominotto

Starting area and the finish line will be in the vicinity of Ghar Minka which is approximately 1/4 a mile East of the entrance to Mgarr harbor. The course will begin from the starting area described above, south towards Cominotto leaving the west cardinal mark to port, followed by one or more laps (as indicated by the race officer) around the isle of Cominotto, leaving it to port, then through the Blue Lagoon. Racers shall then head back towards the finish line as described in the first sentence above. Racers are advised to be aware of the rocks and shoals on the Cominotto side of the Blue Lagoon.

Racing Area X - Xatt L-Ahmar

Starting area and finish line will be in the vicinity of the inlet at Xatt-L-Ahmar. The course will be from the starting area at Xatt-L-Ahmar, westwards towards the rock in front of Mgarr ix-Xini. One or more laps (as indicated by the race officer) shall be sailed around the Mgarr Ix-Xini rock leaving it to port, then towards a buoy set southwards of the coastline, which shall be left to port. Racers shall then head back towards the finish line as described in the first sentence above. Racers are advised to be aware of the shallow reef extending several meters out from Tal-Fatima headland.