



BRICUL MIRCEA
REGATTA

10th – 13th of August, 2018
Marina EFORIE

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

In all sections the following abbreviations apply:

RC Race Committee

PC Protest Committee

RRS World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020

[NP] – Rules that are not grounds for protest by a boat.

[DP] – Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the PC.

GPS coordinates are in format degree and decimal minutes.

Marks coordinates are approximate. Their physical location may vary depending on wind, tide and sea state conditions.

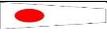
PART 1 - GENERAL

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The **BRICUL MIRCEA REGATTA** is organized by Black Sea Sailing, Marina Eforie and Marina Limanu under the authority of Romanian Sailing Federation.

2. RULES

- 2.1. Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS.
- 2.2. The following rules will also apply:
 - 2.2.1 ORC Rating System Rule.
 - 2.2.2 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulation, category 4.
 - 2.2.3 The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) will replace the rules of Part 2 of RRS from the actual sunset to the actual sunrise and all boats shall show the required navigational lights.
- 2.3 No national authority prescription will apply.
- 2.4 Automatic, mechanical and wind vane devices for steering shall be prohibited.
- 2.5 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the **ORANGE** starting line flag  will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 2.6 In case of a **triple-number** scoring method, before the warning signal of each race the RC will be display one of the following flags and/or may display on a board {L, M, H} to indicate the provisional scoring method:

Wind	Flag	Notice on board
Light	Numeral one 	L
Medium	Numeral two 	M
High	Numeral three 	H

If there is a substantial change in wind speed during the race, the RC may decide to use a different time correction. This will be indicated by displaying the appropriate board on the finishing vessel. Any decision by the race committee in connection with the application of the Triple Number System will be no ground for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

- 2.7 If **Flag F**  is displayed (no sounds) at any mark, that mark shall be left on the required side and boats shall then proceed directly to the FINISH, leaving out any further marks of the course.
- 2.8 Length of course, directions of leg and wind will be decided by RC and will not be grounds for seeking redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 2.9 Bow numbers shall be placed as forward as possible:



Protests on the bow numbers can be lodged only by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 60.1 and 60.3.

3. CLASSES [NP]

- 3.1 According to the Notice of Race requirements boats will be divided in:

ORC system	ORC-A&B (with division ORC-A and ORC-B) ORC-C
Rally	Only for offshore race.

- 3.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to adjust the eligibility criteria and/or reallocation of boats in the interests of fair competition. The decision of the Race Committee is final and not subject to appeal.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Marina Eforie.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09.00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 22.00 on the day before it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Marina Eforie at the official flag pole.
- 6.2 When **Flag AP**  is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 min.' in the race signal AP.

6.3 When **Flag Y**  is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1 Six (6) races are scheduled including one (1) offshore race and five (5) inshore races.

7.2 Times of the first possible warning signals are defined as follows:

11.08.2018	10.55	3 inshore races in front of Marina Eforie
12.08.2018	10.55	2 inshore races in front of Marina Eforie No warning signal will be given after 15:00, but to continue a general recalled race in progress.
13.08.2018	10.00	Offshore race: Eforie – 2 Mai

7.3 The Organizing Authority and/or the RC reserve the right to modify the above program according to weather conditions and/or other unforeseen reasons.

8. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be:

ORC-A&B	Flag W	
ORC-C	Flag T	
Rally	Flag R	
All classes	Flag O	

9. THE START

9.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

9.2 [DP] When a starting sequence is in progress, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as a rectangle 50 meters from the starting line and marks in all directions.

9.3 The start of 2 (two) or more classes can be combined. In case of combining classes, the class flags will be hoisted together. RC shall use Flag-O for a common start for all classes.

9.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes in the inshore races and 15 minutes in the offshore race(s) after her Start signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.1.

9.5 After signaling an individual recall, the RC may broadcast the sail number(s) and/or bow number(s) and/or name of boat(s) that was/were identified as OCS at the start, on VHF channel, but not earlier than 60 seconds after the starting signal. Delay in the radio broadcast of these calls, or the order in which they are made, or any omission or failure in the emission or reception of these, will not be grounds for a request for redress by the boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

The penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 will be **One-Turn** penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

11. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

11.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

11.2 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at Marina Eforie, beginning at the time posted.

11.3 Notices of protests by the RC or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

11.4 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing or request for redress for a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered:

11.4.1 within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day

11.4.2 no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

12. SCORING [NP]

12.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

12.2 Classes will have separate results. For divisions ORC-A and ORC-B results will be determined by extracting boats from the overall results without rescoring.

12.3 Inshore race results will be determined by corrected times calculated by **WINDWARD/LEEWARD – Triple-number – Time_On_Time** coefficient.

12.4 Offshore races results will be determined by corrected times calculated by **COSTAL/LONG_DISTANCE – Time_On_Time** coefficient.

12.5 The scoring point's coefficient for inshore races is **1.00** and for offshore race is **1.20**.

12.6 The regatta is valid if one race is completed.

12.7 One discard will be allowed if 5 races are completed, but the offshore race shall not be discarded.

- 12.8 Boats still racing but not finishing within the time limit and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress will be scored **TLE (Time Limit Expired)** and receive a score of one place more than the last boat to finish in her class. This changes RRS 35 and A4, A5 and A11.

13. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP] [NP]

- 13.1 **VHF radios are mandatory for all races.** A marine VHF transceiver shall be carried, function properly and be readily accessible all times.
- 13.2 Boats retired for any reason in any race shall report to the RC as soon as possible, trying to contact it on VHF.
- 13.3 Any use of the engine for propulsion purposes for rescuing people, giving help or any other reason shall be reported after arrival in written form to the RC stating reasons for such procedure. If a boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race, the PC may impose a discretionary penalty.

14. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 14.1 The RC may approve crew changes (adding new crew members, replacing or disembarking crew members) by written skipper's request made no later than 2 hour before the scheduled time of the start of the first race of the day. The substituted crew member shall not be aboard on any other competing boat throughout the remainder of the series.
- 14.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be not allowed unless approved by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

15. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

At any time throughout the series even whilst yachts are racing, sails and yachts shall be subject to scrutiny and to checks for compliance with the rules at the discretion of the RC.

16. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 16.1 RC boats will display a white flag with the text RC . PC boat will display a red flag with the text JURY . Failure of any official boat to display her flag will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 16.2 Vessels used by press, photographers, VIPs etc. are not under the jurisdiction of the RC. Any action by these boats shall not be ground for seeking redress by boats. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

17. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

All support boats shall keep well clear of the starting area and, after the preparatory signal, are not to approach within 100 meters of any competing boat. A breach of this SI may results with a scoring penalty, after a hearing against the boat connected and/or withdrawal of permission to be in the racing area for one or more days.

18. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP]

From 18:00 on the first day of the regatta boats shall not be hauled out except for the purposes of repairing damage; and only after written permission from the RC. While hauled for this purpose, cleaning and polishing of the hull below the waterline will not be permitted. Appendages shall not be removed from the boat during the series.

19. COMMUNICATIONS [DP]

- 19.1. Radio communication with RC during the regatta will be on **VHF channel 10**. The RC may give verbal confirmation of any race signal over VHF. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 19.2. Except when communicating with the RC, a boat while racing, shall not transmit or receive communication of any information not publicly available to all boats participating. This changes RRS 41.

20. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

Participants will be awarded trophies and medals for the first, second and third place in each class.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All those taking part in the regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Organizing Authority and any part involved in the organization disclaim any and all responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage injury or inconvenience that might occur to persons and materials, both ashore and at sea as a consequence of participation in the event. Each boat owner or his representative accepts these terms by signing entry form. The attention of competitors is drawn to World sailing Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing.

22 Insurance

All owners/skippers are responsible to have the third party liability valid insurance.

PART 2 – INSHORE COURSE

22. THE COURSE

- 22.1 **Appendix 1** shows the course {Windward/Leeward, Trapezoid}, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

- 22.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat may display, on a board the approximate compass bearing of the first leg. Failure by the RC to display the compass bearing shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1b.

23. MARKS

- 23.1 Marks will be inflatable yellow, red and blue buoys.
23.2 New mark as provided in instruction 24.1 will be yellow inflatable buoys.
23.3 A RC boat signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in in SI 24.2

24. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 24.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. A new windward mark will be placed without the offset mark.
24.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the RC boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the RC boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1

25. STARTING LINE

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting vessel at the starboard end and the port end starting mark. The RC boat may hold position by using engine.

26. FINISHING LINE

Finishing line will be between a pole displaying an blue flag on the RC finishing boat at the starboard end and a finishing mark at the port end. The RC boat may hold position by using engine.

27. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

The target time is 75 minutes and the time limit is 135 minutes after their starting signal.

Part 3 – OFFSHORE COURSE

28. THE COURSE

Appendix 2 shows the course.

29. MARKS

Marks will be inflatable yellow and orange buoys.

30. WINDWARD MARK

RC may set a windward mark to obtain a start to windward, if necessary. If the windward mark is set, it will be approximately 1 NM from the starting area and the RC will, before the warning signal, display a **RED flag**  which indicates the mark shall be left to port, or a **GREEN flag**  indicating the mark shall be left to starboard. If no red or green flag is displayed, there is no “windward mark” and the start will go directly to the first mark as defined in the course diagram.

31. STARTING LINE

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting vessel at the starboard end and the port end starting mark. The RC boat may hold position by using engine.

32. FINISHING LINE

- 32.1 Finishing line will be between a pole displaying a blue flag on the RC finishing boat at the starboard end and a finishing mark at the port end. The RC boat may hold position by using engine.
32.2 If a Committee Vessel is not on station at the finish line, Competitors shall record their own finish time and the position of yachts ahead and astern of them if known. The recorded time and timepiece must be presented to the RC a.s.a.p. after finishing.

Fair wind,

Race Officer

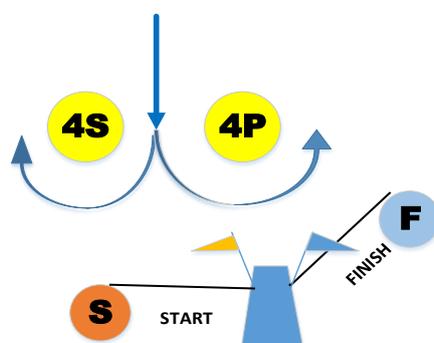
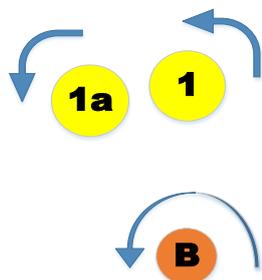
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APPENDIX 1 – THE INSHORE COURSE

Racing area will be the Romanian Coast of the Black Sea with the starting line positioned close to Marina EFORIE.
This drawing is a schematic. The distances and mark positions are not to scale.

Windward/Leeward

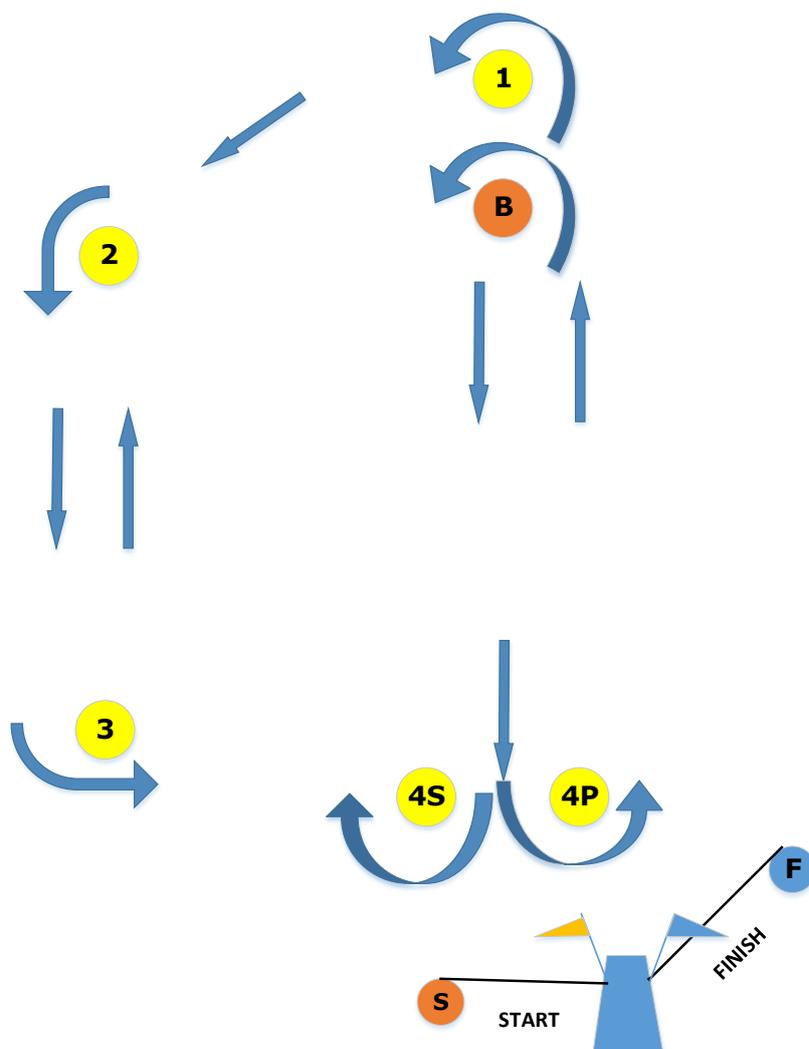


Mark 4S and 4P constitute the gate. If one mark is missing the other one shall be left to port; this change RRS 34.

Before the warning signal of each race, RC will announce on VHF and/or may display on a board one of the following possible courses:

Course ID	Course to be sailed
L2	START → 1 → 4S/4P → 1 → FINISH
L1	START → 1 → FINISH
La2	START → 1 → 1a → 4S/4P → 1 → 1a → FINISH
La1	START → 1 → 1a → FINISH
LB2	START → B → 4S/4P → 1 → FINISH
LB1	START → B → FINISH
LB2a	START → B → 4S/4P → 1 → 1a → FINISH
LC2	START → B → 4S/4P → B → FINISH

Trapezoid



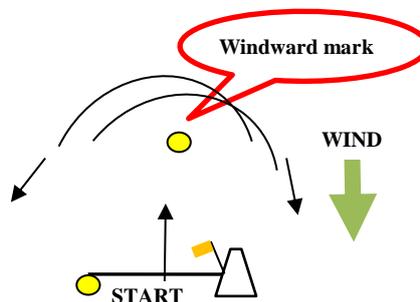
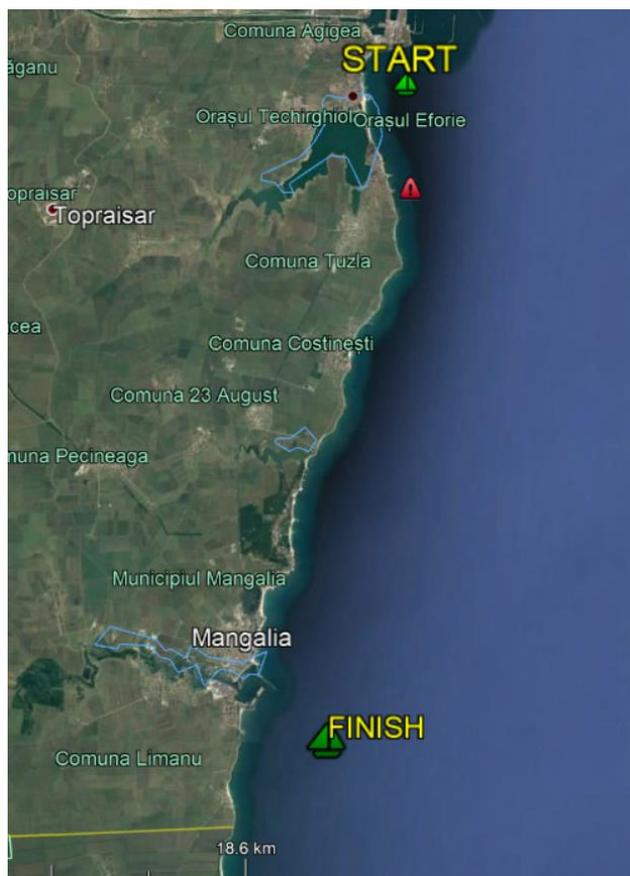
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Course ID	Course to be sailed
I1	START → 1 → 4S/4P → 1 → 2 → 3 → FINISH
I2	START → 1 → 4S/4P → 1 → 4S/4P → 1 → 2 → 3 → FINISH
O1	START → 1 → 2 → 3 → 2 → 3 → FINISH
O2	START → 1 → 2 → 3 → 2 → 3 → 2 → 3 → FINISH
IB1	START → B → 4S/4P → 1 → 2 → 3 → FINISH
IB2	START → B → 4S/4P → B → 4S/4P → 1 → 2 → 3 → FINISH
T	START → 1 → 2 → 3 → FINISH

APPENDIX 2 – THE OFFSHORE COURSE

This drawing is a schematic. The distances and mark positions are not to scale. GPS coordinates are in format degree and decimal minutes. Marks coordinates are approximate. Their physical location may vary depending on wind, tide and sea state conditions.



The starting area will be in front of Marina Eforie.

The **time limit** for all boats will be **6 hours** after their starting signal.

Waypoint coordinates	43° 46.000 N
FINISH	28° 38.000 E

Course: START → [WM] → FINISH (18 NM)

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS: Please pay attention for offshore race, near coordinates:

44° 00.979' N

28° 40.288' E

The estimated water depth less than 1.90 m.