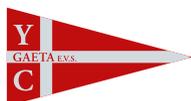




VOLCANO RACE 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

Gaeta - Aeolian Islands - Gaeta (Italy)
May 18 - 24, 2015



Notice of Race

ORGANIZATION

The race will be organized by the International Maxi Association (IMA) in collaboration with the Yacht Club Gaeta E.V.S. and Base Nautica Flavio Gioia SpA.

1 - RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by:
- the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2013 - 2016);
 - During the night between sunset and sunrise Part 2 of the RRS will be replaced by the I.R.P.C.S./ColRegs/International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea;
 - RRS Rule 55 is amended by adding the following sentence: "However discarding wool or elastic bands when setting sail is permitted.";
 - the 2015 IMA Class rules;
 - for the Maxi boats the IMA Class Rule 2.4.3 is modified to remove the restriction on the number of sails that may be carried on board during the race. Boats are free to carry any number of sails during the race as long as they are declared on the sail inventory at registration;
 - the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 with life raft compulsory on board;
 - IRC Rules Parts A, B and C shall apply.
 - the Sailing Instructions including Appendices;
 - No National Authority prescriptions will apply except Part 6 of prescriptions of the FIV (Italian Sailing Federation), which will apply only to Italian nationals.
- 1.2 The official language for the race is English.
- 1.3 In the event of a discrepancy between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 - ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may display advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code. Boats shall display Event Advertising in compliance with ISAF Regulation 20 and as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display the following throughout the period starting one hour after the completion of registration and ending one hour after the prize giving following the race:
- (a) Sponsor's pennant on the backstay;
 - (b) Sponsor's decal on each side of the bow.
- 2.3 The Organizing Authority may also require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of on board video cameras for the official television production and/or a tracking system.
- 2.4 Boats intending to display advertising during the race shall state in the entry form the nature of such advertising.
- 2.5 Boats are responsible to inform advertisers and sponsors that no activities advertising any brand will be permitted ashore in Gaeta without the consent in writing of the Organizing Authority obtained before the start of the race.

3 - ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

The race is open to all Maxi Boats as defined in the 2015 IMA Rules. Maxi boats must have a valid 2015 IRC rating certificate approved by the IMA Technical Office. Participants must complete the event entry form and transmit it to the

IMA Race Secretariat (info@internationalmaxiassociation.com) on or before 31 March, 2015.

4 - FEES

The non-refundable entry fee for IMA members is 800 Euro. The entry fee for non IMA Members is 1200 Euro. Fees should be transmitted by 20 April, 2015 to:

BANQUE PRIVÉE
EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD S.A.
18, Rue De Hesse
CH 1204 GENEVA - SWITZERLAND
Account N°: 1 320 700
IMA - INTERNATIONAL MAXI ASSOCIATION
SWIFT N°: PRIBCHGG
IBAN N°: CH4608571320700010000

As "Object", please state the **NAME of the BOAT** and the word "**VOLCANO RACE 2015**".

5 - REGISTRATION and CONTROLS

Measurement controls and safety inspections will take place in Gaeta on Monday and Tuesday 18 and 19 May. Registration documents must be completed with the Organizing Authority prior to 1700 on 19 May, 2015.

6 - SCHEDULE

Monday 18th May

09.00 - 18.00 Registration, Measurement and Inspection

Tuesday 19th May

09.00 - 18.00 Registration, Measurement and Inspection
13.00 Short Practice Race
18.00 Competitor's Briefing
19.00 Crew Party

Wednesday 20th May

13.00 First Signal - Volcano Race

Sunday 24th May

11.00 Awards presentation
(or earlier if all boats have finished)

7 - MEASUREMENT

Valid 2015 IRC rating certificates shall be received by the IMA Technical Office prior to 17.00 GMT on Friday 15 May, 2015. A copy of the certificate shall be emailed to the ATO at: technical@internationalmaxiassociation.com

8 - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration; a preliminary version may be available on the IMA website.

9 - VENUE

The race will be held in the southern Tyrrhenian Sea.

10 - THE COURSES

10.1 The race for the Maxi fleet starting on Wednesday 20 May will be a distance race starting in Gaeta and proceeding around the Aeolian Islands and return, approximately 460 miles.

10.2 The Organizing Authority reserves the option to modify the race schedule and course based on weather conditions.

11 - SCORING

There will be an overall IRC score for all the Maxi fleet, and additional scoring for the IMA categories where there are at least four (4) competitors. The assignment of the entries to one or the other IMA category will be done by the IMA Technical Office with reference to IMA Class Rules.

12 - MOORINGS

From 11 - 26 May, Base Nautica Flavio Gioia will offer free mooring including: mooring, water, car parking, container parking. Electricity will be charged according to the consumption. Possibilities exist to also have containers and vans in the same area. Special arrangements need to be made with Base Nautica Flavio Gioia for transportation and storage containers while in Gaeta.

13 - RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

All boats shall be equipped with a Marine VHF transceiver capable of operating on VHF channel 9, 16 and 72. It will be mandatory that on the Volcano Race, all boats will give a position report with the race committee at 0800 and 2000 daily. It is the boat's responsibility to have adequate equipment to transmit positions when out of cell phone range. For race communications, the Organizing Authority will request en-route contact information of the boats during the race: cell phone, satellite phone, and/or email.

14 - TROPHIES AND PRIZES

There will be a Line Honors Trophy awarded to the first boat to finish and there will be a trophy awarded to the boat with the best corrected time on IRC. The Yacht Club Gaeta will also award a special trophy to be defined in the Sailing Instructions. The Gianfranco Alberini Perpetual Trophy, named after the late Secretary General of the IMA and the founder of the Volcano Race, will be awarded to a competitor who has shown a particular act of sportsmanship during the race. There will be IMA prizes for the winner, on corrected time, for each category where there are at least four (4) competitors.

15 - DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors agree to be bound by International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016, by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race. Competitors agree that the sole and inescapable responsibility for the nautical qualities of any yacht participating in the **VOLCANO RACE 2015**, her rigging, the safety equipment on board and the competence, behavior and dress of her crew is that of the Owner/Charterer of the yacht. Competitors also agree to take any and all responsibility for all damages whatsoever caused to third persons or their belongings, to myself or to my belongings, ashore and at sea as a consequence of my participation in the race, and hereby relieve from any responsibility, and agree to indemnify on a full indemnity basis and hold harmless, the Organizing Authority, International Maxi Association (IMA), Yacht Club GAETA, Base Nautica Flavio Gioia SpA, its servants, agents and sponsors and their representatives in respect of any claim arising therefrom.

15.2 Competitors are to be acquainted with ISAF Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

15.3 In any case, competitors agree that the Organizing Authority, IMA, Yacht Club Gaeta, Base Nautica Flavio Gioia SpA, its servants, agents and sponsors and their representatives have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to any vessel or property.

15.4 As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability.

16 - INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with adequate cover taking into account the value of the boats racing and the measure of damages likely to arise in the event of an accident.

17 - MEDIA RIGHTS

17.1 Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost, IMA and Yacht Club Gaeta, Base Nautica Flavio Gioia SpA, the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in any media (being television, print and internet media), including video footage, for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information relating to the **VOLCANO RACE 2015** ("the race"), and to the competitors and crew members' participation in such events. Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts also grant, at no cost, the International Maxi Association and Yacht Club Gaeta, Base Nautica Flavio Gioia SpA, the absolute right and permission to use their name, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in affiliated publications and press releases.

17.2 As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights.

18 - TRACKING SYSTEM

Boats shall carry an AIS Transponder in the Volcano Race. See OSR 3.29.1. Competitors shall ensure that the name of the boat is transmitted rather than the MMSI number. Competitors shall use their best endeavors to ensure that their AIS Transponder is switch on (i.e. transmitting and receiving) at all times while racing. Verification of proper AIS operation will be verified during the safety inspection prior to the race.

19 - CONTACTS

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IMA Class Rules:

http://www.internationalmaxiassociation.com/rules_.php

ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 3:

<http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSR2015Mo3life-%5B18233%5D.pdf>

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