



VOLCANO RACE 2016

NOTICE OF RACE

16 - 22 May, 2016

Gaeta-Aeolian Islands-Gaeta (Italy)



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 2016 IMA Class rules for Maxis;
 - 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;
 - ORCi Rules for boats applying for dual scoring;
 - 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.
- 2.6 IMA Members are requested to display their IMA Flag on the head stay while moored.

3 - ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

The race is open to all Maxis and boats with a minimum IRC rating of 1.160. Boats with an LH less than 60 feet will sail in the Offshore fleet. All boats must have a valid 2016 IRC rating certificate approved by the IMA Technical Office. Participants must complete the event entry form and transmit it to the Race Secretariat at volcano.race@gmail.com on or before 1 April, 2016.

4 - FEES

The non-refundable entry fee is 1.200,00 Euro for the Maxi fleet and 800,00 Euro For the Offshore fleet. IMA members will get a discount and pay 800,00 Euro. Fees should be transmitted by 22 April, 2016 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 2016**".

The Organizing Authority may, at its discretion, accept a late entry but a penalty of 25% will be added to the entry fee for boats entering after the 1 April, 2016 deadline.

5 - REGISTRATION and CONTROLS

Measurement controls and safety inspections will take place in Gaeta on Monday and Tuesday 16 and 17 May. Registration documents must be completed with the Organizing Authority prior to 1700 on 17 May, 2016.

6 - SCHEDULE

Monday 16 May

0900-1800 Registration, Measurement and Inspection
1900 Crew Party

Tuesday 17 May

0900-1800 Registration, Measurement and Inspection
1300 Gaeta Trophy Race
1800 Competitor's Briefing

Wednesday 18 May

1300 First Signal – Volcano Race

Sunday 22 May

1100 Awards presentation
(or earlier if all boats have finished)

7 - MEASUREMENT

Valid 2016 IRC rating certificates (and ORCi certificates for dual scoring) shall be received by the IMA Technical Office prior to 1700 GMT on Friday 13 May, 2016. 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 and the Yacht Club Gaeta websites.

9 - VENUE

The race will be held in the southern Tyrrhenian Sea.

10 - THE COURSES

- 10.1 The race starting on Wednesday 18 May will be a distance race starting in Gaeta and proceeding around the Aeolian Islands and return, approximately 460 miles. Boats with an LH less than 60 feet will sail in a separate fleet and may sail a shorter course.
- 10.2 The Organizing Authority reserves the option to modify the race schedule and course based on weather conditions.

11 - PENALTIES

Unless Sailing Instructions state that a scoring penalty applies, a boat may take a Two Turns Penalty as permitted and described in RRS 44.2 for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 or a right-of-way rule of IRPCAS, whichever applies at the time. When the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS apply a penalty need not be taken until it is safe to do so. This adds to RRS 44.1.

12 - SCORING

There will be an overall IRC score for the Maxi fleet and a separate overall IRC score for the Offshore fleet. The Offshore fleet will be dual scored for boat submitting both IRC and ORCi certificates. There will be additional scoring for the IMA categories where there are at least four (4) competitors. The assignment of the entries to IMA

categories will be done by the IMA Technical Office with reference to the IMA Class Rules.

13 - MOORINGS

From 9 - 24 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.

14 - 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 for the Volcano Race, all boats will give a position report to 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.

15 - TRACKING SYSTEM

All 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 required during the safety inspection prior to the race.

16 - TROPHIES AND PRIZES

There will be a Line Honors Trophy awarded to the first boat to finish, a trophy awarded to the boat with the best corrected time in the Maxi fleet and a separate trophy to the boat in the Offshore fleet receiving the best corrected time. 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 Maxi 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.

17 - RESPONSIBILITY

17.1 The Person in Charge:

Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of Persons in Charge is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone" and to Special Regulation 1.02.1 which begins: "The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge...."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) the provision of a race management team and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed, in date and familiar to the crew.

17.2 The Organizing Authority:

The International Maxi Association (IMA), the Yacht Club Gaeta, the Base Nautica Flavio Gioia SpA and their servants, agents and sponsors accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property.

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

18 - CREW LIST

A crew list complete with full emergency contact details

for each member of the crew shall be supplied to the Organizing Authority at the time of registration

19 - 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.

20 - MEDIA RIGHTS

19.1 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 2016** ("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.

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

21 - CONTACTS

Email Address for Volcano Race Entries

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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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