



NOTICE OF RACE

2026 Rolex Middle Sea Race

17 October 2026





ROLEX MIDDLE SEA RACE



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Welcome Note from the Commodore

It is a great honour to welcome you to the 2026 Rolex Middle Sea Race.

Set against the dramatic backdrop of the Mediterranean, the Rolex Middle Sea Race offers one of offshore sailing's most iconic and unforgettable courses.

From the start in Malta's historic Grand Harbour, the race leads competitors past a sequence of legendary landmarks —the looming presence of Mount Etna, the passage through the Strait of Messina, the unforgettable sight of Stromboli erupting through the night sky, the remote beauty of Lampedusa and Pantelleria, and the demanding stretches of open sea that test both skill and endurance. These moments leave indelible memories for all who take part, and it is this unique blend of natural beauty, strategic complexity, and challenge that continues to define the race.

The Rolex Middle Sea Race remains a flagship fixture on the international sailing calendar, attracting a truly global fleet. Last year's edition welcomed 117 boats representing 31 nations, proof of the race's enduring appeal, and we look forward to welcoming an even broader international presence in 2026.

On behalf of the Royal Malta Yacht Club, I extend my sincere gratitude to Rolex, our long-standing title sponsor, whose unwavering support has been instrumental in establishing the race as a benchmark of excellence in offshore sailing. We are also grateful for the continued support and collaboration of the Royal Ocean Racing Club, whose support plays a vital role in delivering an event of the highest standard. Our appreciation also extends to Visit Malta and Yachting Malta, whose backing helps us showcase our beautiful islands and historic Club to the wider world, welcoming sailors from across the globe.

We are equally grateful for the cooperation and support of the local councils and public authorities whose involvement plays a vital role in bringing the Rolex Middle Sea Race to life. The ongoing collaboration with the Ta' Xbiex, Floriana and Valletta Local Councils, Transport Malta, and other entities ensures that the race is delivered safely and seamlessly, while enhancing the experience for sailors and the wider community.

A race of this calibre would not be possible without the tireless efforts of the many volunteers, officials, and Royal Malta Yacht Club staff who work behind the scenes. Their dedication, professionalism, and commitment are fundamental to the success of the event, and I thank them sincerely for their invaluable contribution.

On behalf of the Royal Malta Yacht Club, we look forward to welcoming you to Malta and to sharing once again in the competitive spirit and friendship that define the Rolex Middle Sea Race.



Mark Napier
Commodore

Royal Malta Yacht Club



ROYAL MALTA YACHT CLUB

The Organising Authority for the Rolex Middle Sea Race 2026 is the Royal Malta Yacht Club (RMYC) in collaboration with the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC). The Rolex Middle Sea Race forms part of the RORC Season's Points Championship, the International Maxi Association (IMA) Mediterranean Maxi Offshore Championship and the Class40 Mediterranean Trophy 2026.



ROLEX MIDDLE SEA RACE 2026 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Activity	Location	Time
Monday 02 March	Entries Open	www.myrmyc.rolexmiddlesearace.com/	12:00
Friday 18 September	Entry Closing Date	www.myrmyc.rolexmiddlesearace.com/	12:00
Friday 25 September	Late Entries Close (late fee applicable)	www.myrmyc.rolexmiddlesearace.com	12:00
Friday 09 October	Rating Deadline	The latest date by which a valid Rating or Class Certificate shall be issued to the boat and allocated to the entry	23:59
Monday 12 October	Registration Opens	Royal Malta Yacht Club	12:00
Wednesday 14 October	Yachting Malta Coastal Race	Marsamxett Harbour	Earliest warning signal 09:00
Wednesday 14 October	Owners Reception and YMCR Prize Giving	The Villa	19:30
Thursday 15 October	Crew Party	Xara Lodge	20:00
Friday 16 October	Registration Closes	Royal Malta Yacht Club	16:30
Friday 16 October	Weather Briefing and Race Briefing	Grand Hotel Excelsior	18:00
Saturday 17 October	Race Start	Grand Harbour	11:00
Saturday 24 October	Prize Giving	Mediterranean Conference Centre	12:00

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NoR) means that a breach of this rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

The notation '[SP]' in a rule in the NoR means that for a breach of this rule a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.2(a) and A5.

The notion '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. Guidelines for discretionary penalties are available on the World Sailing website.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028.
- 1.2. No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. [SP] Except when changed in the Sailing Instructions (SI), RRS part 2 rules will be replaced with the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS), or government right-of-way rules if applicable, at night. A scoring penalty (RRS 44.3) will apply for infringements under the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS. The scoring penalty will be detailed in the SI.

1.4. [DP] World Sailing's Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 2026/2027 Category 2 with RORC Prescriptions. [RORC Prescriptions](#)

1.5. [DP] IRC Rules A, B and C, MOCRA Rules, ORC Rating System Rules and other class rules as appropriate.

1.6. [SP] [DP] World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01 applies. The RRS definition of "Start" is changed as follows: Start A boat starts when her hull having been entirely on the prestart side of the starting line, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either;

(a) at or after her starting signal, or

(b) during the last 60 seconds before her starting signal.

When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition Start, she shall not return to the pre-start side of the line, and the starting penalty shall be 120 minutes added to her elapsed time. RRS 29.1 does not apply. This changes RRS A5.

1.7. [SP] [DP] RRS Appendix TS (Traffic Separation Schemes Version, Jan 2025), Section A applies to the Messina Strait TSS. The penalty for infringements will be detailed in the SI.

1.8. The use of an autopilot and power winches is permitted. This changes RRS 52 and amends IRC Rule 15.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. Sailing Instructions (SI) will be issued to boats that have met all the entry requirements by Monday 12 October 2026 and made available on the event website.

2.2. Where there is a conflict between the NoR and the SI, the SI shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5 (c).

3. [DP] [NP] ADVERTISING

3.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3.2. Boats taking part in the event may display advertising as permitted by and in accordance with Class Rules and World Sailing Advertising Code.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1. Boat Eligibility

4.1.1. [NP] The race is open to seaworthy boats which comply with the rules and regulations described in the NoR and the OSR 2026/7 Category 2 races and which are manned by





an adequate number of experienced crew who are physically fit to face all weather.

4.1.2. Responsibility for compliance rests with the Person in Charge of the boat. However, the RMYC will endeavour to help competitors to understand the OSR 2025/6 and reserves the right to conduct an OSR inspection on any competitors boat at any time. For this purpose, boats are to be made available for Scrutineering at the boat's assigned berth during the period between Monday 12 October and Saturday 17 October 2026. It is mandatory that the Person in Charge or his authorised representative be present at the time of inspection.

4.1.3. The Person in Charge shall, before registration opens, complete an OSR Category 2 Checklist on the Online Entry System.

4.1.4. The minimum crew on any boat shall be two.

4.1.5. Boats shall have a hull length of not less than 9 metres. A boat's hull length shall be taken as defined by IRC and ORC Rules and stated in its rating certificate.

4.2. Construction and Stability Eligibility
Boats must satisfy the stability requirements of Section 3 of the OSR.

4.3. Crew Eligibility

4.3.1. All crew members shall meet the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19 - Eligibility Code.

All crew members shall be at least 14 years of age by Friday 16 October 2026.

4.3.2. Any crew member still under the age of 18 by Friday 16 October 2026 shall supply the written consent of a parent or legal guardian, which consent shall be filled out by the parent or guardian and submitted on the Online Entry System.

4.3.3. Both the Person in Charge and crew in a Double-Handed entry shall be at least 18 years of age by Friday 16 October 2026.

4.3.4. [NP] The Person in Charge of each participating boat shall ensure that their boat is manned by an experienced and appropriately trained crew. The Person in Charge and at least 50% of the crew (but not fewer than 2) shall have previously taken part in an offshore race of extended duration.

4.3.5. [NP] At least 30% (but no fewer than 2) members of the crew including the Person in Charge shall have a valid certificate for training in survival at sea as required by OSR 6.01. Courses covering all topics included in an approved World Sailing Offshore Personal Survival Training Course given by suitably qualified and experienced instructors may be considered as satisfying this requirement. STCW is NOT an approved equivalent for the World Sailing Offshore Personal Survival Training Course.

4.3.6. [NP] As required by OSR 6.05 at least one crewmember shall be familiar with first aid procedures, hypothermia, drowning, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and relevant communications systems, and in addition, one other crewmember shall have a valid first aid certificate completed within the last five years.

5. CLASSES AND CATEGORIES

5.1. Boats shall hold valid rating/class certificate(s) by the Rating Deadline (Friday 09 October 2026, NoR 8.8). Boats racing under IRC, ORC & MOCRA may be required to submit a copy of their valid rating certificate should the Online Entry System be unable to identify the correct certificate. Every boat racing shall have on board a current valid signed copy of the rating and/or class certificate for the class or classes in which she is racing. Please allow sufficient time for your rating/class certificate to be processed and issued by the relevant authority.

5.2. The formation of any of the categories or classes is at the discretion of the RMYC and subject to minimum entries and the RMYC reserves the right to include entries within another class as necessary.

5.3. The IRC and ORC Categories will be subdivided into up to six classes per category. Provisional class splits will be

announced no later than with the SI; the final class allocation will be available no later than the Race Briefing.

5.4. IRC Category

5.4.1. Boats having a current and valid IRC rating certificate may enter in the IRC Category

5.4.2. IRC Rule 11.2 applies, and a boat may carry one more spinnaker than the number stated in its IRC certificate. For clarification this does not affect headsail limits.

5.4.3. IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by: The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be the number shown on the certificate. There is no weight limit. This provision overrides IRC Rule 22.4.1.

5.5. ORC Category

5.5.1. Boats having a current and valid ORC International or ORC Club rating certificate may enter the ORC Category.

5.5.2. In the ORC Category, there shall be no limit on the number of rated headsails and spinnakers that may be carried in the race. However, boats who elect to participate in both IRC and ORC rating categories shall be limited to the sails they are allowed in the IRC Category.

5.6. Double-Handed Class

5.6.1. [NP] A Double-Handed Class within IRC will be available subject to the participation of a sufficient number of entries.

5.6.2. Boats will be eligible for both Double-Handed and IRC rating band class & overall trophies.

5.6.3. [NP] Entries must satisfy the committee that they have suitable and adequate experience and that their boat is appropriately prepared for double-handed sailing.

5.7. Multihull Category

5.7.1. Boats rating 1.175 and greater with an endorsed MOCRA (Multihull Offshore Cruising and Racing Association) rating certificates may enter the multihull category of the race.

5.7.2. Open multihulls may race without any rating.

5.8. Offshore One Design (OOD) Classes

5.8.1. One design or level rating classes for boats complying with one design or class rules may be available subject to sufficient entries.

5.8.2. With prior permission from the Organising Authority, certain classes may be allowed to race under class rules (e.g. Class40, IMOCA, Figaro).

6. RESPONSIBILITY

6.1. Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of Persons in Charge is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3: "The

responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone" and to OSR 1.02.1 which states:

"The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge."

- 6.2. The Weather Briefing and Race Briefing shall be attended by at least two crew members of a boat intending to compete in the Rolex Middle Sea Race. It is strongly recommended that these briefings be attended by the Person in Charge and the Navigator.
- 6.3. The RMYC, its sponsors and other organising clubs, 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.
- 6.4. Crew members' attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 Life-Saving Equipment: "Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions." See also OSR 5.02.

7. INSURANCE

- 7.1. The Entrant, Owner or Charterer of a participating boat shall hold current, suitable and adequate marine legal liability insurance with respect to the boat, valid when racing, including wreck removal.

- 7.2. It is recommended that the Entrant, Owner or Charterer of a participating boat ensures the boat and crew are covered for towing expenses incurred should the boat become disabled. Please note coastguards around the race area may not provide a towing service and commercial companies may place a charge on this service.

- 7.3. The Entrant, Owner or Charterer of a participating boat will ensure that all crew members are aware of the importance of effecting appropriate personal insurance.

8. ENTRIES AND REGISTRATION

- 8.1. A boat shall enter the Rolex Middle Sea Race by using the Online Entry System linked from the Event Website: <http://www.rolexmiddlesearace.com> and pay the appropriate fee no later than 18 September 2026.
- 8.2. The entry system will present all requirements for the race, and competitors shall use their best endeavours to begin completing the requirements as soon as possible after entry.
- 8.3. Please allow sufficient time for the crew to register after invitation, since their information such as the Emergency Contact and documents such as Sea Survival, First





Aid or Passport Details require time for verification by the Organising Authority.

- 8.4.** [NP] Competitors shall maintain a Public Profile of their boat on the Online Entry System and include a colour photograph of the boat under sail.
- 8.5.** On arrival in Malta for the race, but no later than 16:30 on Friday 16 October 2026, the Person in Charge must complete the registration process at the Race Office, which includes the confirmation of the crew list with next of kin details submitted online.
- 8.6.** The Person in Charge and all the crew will be required to sign a Disclaimer of Liability and a Media Release and Image Rights Waiver, as set out in NoR 17 and NoR 18, which will be presented by the Online Entry System.
- 8.7.** At the discretion of the RMYC, an entry may be accepted after 18 September 2026 and shall be required to pay the specified late entry fee. No further entries will be accepted after 25 September 2026.
- 8.8.** A boat that has entered in time for one rating category, may at the discretion of the RMYC, be accepted to enter an additional category no later than the Rating Deadline and may be required to pay the fee specified in NoR 9.3.2.

- 8.9.** No applications for changes to rating certificates shall be allowed after Rating Deadline on Friday 09 October 2026 except to correct a genuine and verifiable error, to make corrections as a result of a rating protest before the start of the race, or in the case of ORC certificates to correct crew weight before the start of the race.
- 8.10.** An entry may be cancelled by advising the RMYC. Cancellations made before 18 September 2026 will be eligible for a full refund of the race entry fee. Cancellations made after this date will be eligible for a refund of 50% of the race entry fee. No refund will be given if an Entrant fails to notify the RMYC of cancellation by 10 October 2026 unless, in the opinion of the RMYC, just reason is given.
- 8.11.** The Entrant is the person considered responsible for the entry and shall be the person to appear in connection with the entry, together with the boat name, on any documentation pertaining to the event, including the results.
- 8.12.** The nationality of the entry shall be that country of which the Entrant is a citizen and shall be declared when making the entry
- 8.13.** The submission of documents requested by the RMYC does not exonerate the Entrant from any of his responsibilities and receipt

by the RMYC shall not imply verification of the validity or adequacy of the documents submitted to it.

9. FEES

- 9.1. The following fees shall be paid through the Online Entry System:
- 9.2. Base Entry Fee per LOA (m)* *Please see table below
- 9.3. Additional Rating Category or Additional OOD Class fee
 - 9.3.1. until 18 September 2026: **200 Euros**
 - 9.3.2. after 18 September 2026: **325 Euros**
- 9.4. Late Entry Fee: **500 Euros**
- 9.5. The Fees shall be paid through the Online Entry System. In exceptional

circumstances, competitors may enquire details for Bank Transfer from the RMYC.

- 9.6. Entrants who have been full members of the RMYC for at least two years are eligible for a rebate of 25% on these fees up to a maximum discount of 300 Euros and may apply for this discount by Email to info@rmyc.org.

10. COURSE

- 10.1. The course to be sailed will be detailed in the SI. An overview of the course follows below: Starting from Malta, boats will sail a course leaving to port the island of Sicily, observing the TSS in the Strait of Messina, the Aeolian Islands (including Strombolicchio), the Egadi Islands (except Marettimo), Pantelleria and Lampedusa, through the South Comino

Channel, keeping Malta to starboard, to the finish in Malta. Ustica, Linosa and Lampione are not marks of the course.

- 10.2. The length of the course is approximately 606 nautical miles. The length of the course is approximately 606 nautical miles.

11. PENALTIES

- 11.1. Penalties will be detailed in the SI.
- 11.2. An International Jury will be properly constituted under Appendix N (RRS 2025-2028)
- 11.3. The right of appeal from an International Jury decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.3 (a).

Base Entry Fees

Length Overall (LOA)	9.00 – 10.99m	11.00 – 12.99m	13.00 – 14.99m	15.00 – 16.99m	17.00 – 18.99m	19.00 – 20.99m	21.00 – 22.99m	23.00 – 24.99m	25.00 – 26.99m	27.00 – 28.99m	29.00 and above
Base Entry Fee	1000 €	1,100 €	1,250 €	1,700 €	2,250 €	3000 €	3,750 €	4,250 €	5000 €	5,750 €	231 € per metre

12. SCORING

- 12.1.** The IRC Category & Double-Handed class shall be calculated by the application of the IRC Time Corrector (TCC) as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time will be scored first and other boats shall be ranked accordingly.
- 12.2.** The ORC Category shall be decided by the application of the Time-on-Time Simplified Scoring Option, using the ToT Offshore rating as printed on each boat's certificate, as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time will be scored first and other boats shall be ranked accordingly.
- 12.3.** The Multihull Category shall be calculated by the application of the MOCRA Time Corrector Factor (TCF) as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time will be scored first and other boats shall be ranked accordingly.
- 12.4.** Boats in Offshore One Design and Open Multihull Classes with the lowest elapsed time will be scored first and other boats shall be ranked accordingly.
- 12.5.** Scoring penalties will be applied when determining a score. A boat subject to a scoring penalty is not eligible for a race record.

13. PRIZES AND AWARDS

- 13.1. OVERALL WINNER:** The Rolex Middle Sea Race Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner on corrected time of the IRC Category.
- 13.2.** First, second and third prizes in each class, where the number of entries is six or more boats and first and second prizes where there are only five or less boats in a class may be presented.
- 13.3.** The Boccale del Mediterraneo Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner on corrected time of the ORC Category.
- 13.4.** The RLR Trophy will be awarded to the first monohull boat to finish the race.
- 13.5.** The John Ripard Trophy may be awarded to the monohull competitor that breaks the current monohull course record.
- 13.6.** For the purpose of assigning the Malta Tourism Authority Trophy and the FIV Trophy below, the nationality of a boat will be the nationality the Entrant.
- 13.6.1.** The FIV Trophy will be awarded to the first Italian Boat on corrected time in the ORC Category.
- 13.6.2.** The Malta Tourism Authority Trophy will be awarded to the first foreign boat to finish the race on the water.



Race Course

Rolex Middle Sea Race



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nautical miles



13.7. For the trophies in 13.7.1, 13.7.2 and 13.7.3, boats are only eligible where the Person in Charge and more than 50% of the crew (including the Person in Charge) are passport holders of Malta. By way of an example, a boat of 12 crew (Person in Charge + 11 others) will require the Person in Charge and six other passport holders to be eligible for the Trophy.

13.7.1. The Transport Malta Trophy will be awarded to the first eligible boat under NoR 13.7 to finish the race.

13.7.2. The Arthur Podesta Trophy will be awarded to the first eligible boat under NoR 13.7 on corrected time in IRC Category.

13.7.3. The Teddy Borg Trophy will be awarded to the first eligible boat under NoR 13.7 on corrected time in ORC Category.

13.8. The Captain Morgan Trophy will be awarded to the first boat on corrected time in the Multihull Category.

13.9. The Alessandro Vattani Trophy will be awarded to the first boat to finish the race in the Double-Handed Class.

13.10. The Italian Ambassador's Cup may be awarded to any boat that is deemed to have performed an outstanding act of seamanship or sportsmanship.

13.11. The Swan Mediterranean Challenge Trophy may be awarded to the first Swan on corrected time in the IRC Category.

13.12. The BICREF award may be given for the best dolphin or whale sighting during the race. Full details on how to enter will be provided during the Skipper's Briefing.

13.13. The Yachting Malta Nations Trophy will be awarded to the best combined score of the top three entrants from the same nation in the IRC Category.

13.14. For the purposes of assigning the trophies listed in NoR 13, other than the prizes being awarded for each class, each Category will be considered as one class with overall results. The RMYC will retain possession of these main trophies and all winning Entrants will be awarded a keepsake, which in the case of the Rolex Middle Sea Race Trophy will be a miniature of the trophy itself.

13.15. The interpretation of the terms of award for all trophies and prizes will be made by the Organising Authority, whose decision is final.

14. [DP] COMMUNICATIONS

14.1. A boat may, without infringing RRS 41, request and receive repetition of information broadcast by the Race Committee or be told whether or not a broadcast has been made.

14.2. Rule 41(c) is replaced by: A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except (c) help in the form of information which is available on a public domain, free or by paid subscription. This shall include navigational,

weather, tide or current information from any source which is readily available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription, but shall not include information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any direct human input not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation. By way of an example and interpretation, any publicly offered Internet weather data, forecasts, or cloud routing service available to all competitors, whether on a subscription or free basis, is permitted. Permissible Internet-sourced weather data, forecasts, or cloud routing services accessed by a yacht while racing must be computer-generated and free from any direct human input from off the boat.

15. TRACKING

15.1. It will be mandatory for boats to carry a tracking device for the Rolex Middle Sea Race. The units are standalone and will be issued upon completion of registration. The entry fee includes tracking.

15.2. Once issued to the boat the tracking device becomes the responsibility of the Entrant and loss of or failure to return the tracker will be charged at 800 Euros. A deposit or a Credit Card authorization may be required by the Organising Authority.

16. BERTHING

- 16.1.** Berthing may be provided for participating boats at no additional cost by the RMYC at marinas in Marsamxett Harbour and Grand Harbour, at the Grand Hotel Excelsior, at the RMYC or at any other locations as necessary from Monday 12 October until Sunday 25 October 2026.
- 16.2.** Berths will be allocated to competing boats by the RMYC. The use of the berths at the RMYC is subject to weather conditions and boats may need to be relocated in adverse conditions. Persons in Charge making use of these berths do so at their own risk and responsibility.

17. DISCLAIMER

As part of the registration process, each Entrant and individual participating competitor will be required to sign a declaration accepting the following disclaimer of liability: I agree to be bound by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028, by the SI and NoR. I agree that the sole and inescapable responsibility for the nautical qualities of any boat participating in the Rolex Middle Sea Race 2026, her rigging, the safety equipment on board and the competence, behaviour and dress of her crew is that of the Person in Charge of the boat. I 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 Rolex Middle Sea Race 2026, and hereby relieve from any responsibility, and agree to indemnify on a full indemnity basis and hold harmless, the Royal Malta Yacht Club, its servants, agents and sponsors (in particular but not limited to Rolex SA and affiliated companies) and their representatives in respect of any claim arising therefrom.

I am acquainted with RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule 3: "the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." In any case, I agree that the Royal Malta Yacht Club, its servants, agents and sponsors (in particular but not only Rolex SA and affiliated companies) 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.

18. MEDIA RELEASE AND IMAGE RIGHTS WAIVER

As part of the registration process, each Entrant and individual participating competitor will be required to sign a declaration accepting the following media









release and waiver of rights. Competitors on the competing boats grant, at no cost, Royal Malta Yacht Club (RMYC), Rolex SA and affiliated companies, and other sponsors of the Rolex Middle Sea Race at the discretion of the RMYC, 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 their involvement in the sport of sailing, in particular the Rolex Middle Sea Race, and to the competitors and competing boats participation in such events. Competitors on the competing boats also grant, at no cost, Rolex SA and affiliated companies, the absolute right and permission to use their name, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in **“The Rolex Magazine”**, edited by Rolex SA. Competitors name, voice, image, likeness and biographical material shall not be used by Rolex SA and affiliated companies in a way which constitutes an endorsement of Rolex’ products by said competitors, unless the relevant competitor is engaged by Rolex SA or affiliated companies to endorse Rolex’ products or gives his/her prior written consent to such use. ■



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