



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS CYPRUS - ISRAEL Regatta 2026 02 October 2026 (Version 07 June 2026)	
1.	RULES
	<p>The CYPRUS – ISRAEL Regatta 2025 will be governed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025 – 2028. • ORC Club, ORC Rules 2025 • The Offshore Event is classified as WS (World Sailing) Offshore Category 2 with life raft compulsory (WS Offshore special regulations 2021-2022). • VHF channels 16 and 77 dual watch are mandatory. • From sunset to sunrise, the 1972 International Rules for Preventing Collisions at Sea as amended in November 1981 replace RRS, Part 2 Right of Way Rules and the most current amendments in force. • The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions and their amendments. • The Boats may carry an extra spinnaker and extra main in addition to the provided by ORC rules. • No national prescriptions apply • The English text of all documents shall prevail.
2.	NOTICES TO COMPETITORS
	<p>Notices to competitors will be posted on the Officials Notice Board located at the berthing area in Ayia Napa Marina.</p>
3.	CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
3.1	<p>Any change to the sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board, no later than in the 1 ½ hrs before the scheduled start of the race on the day it will take effect.</p>

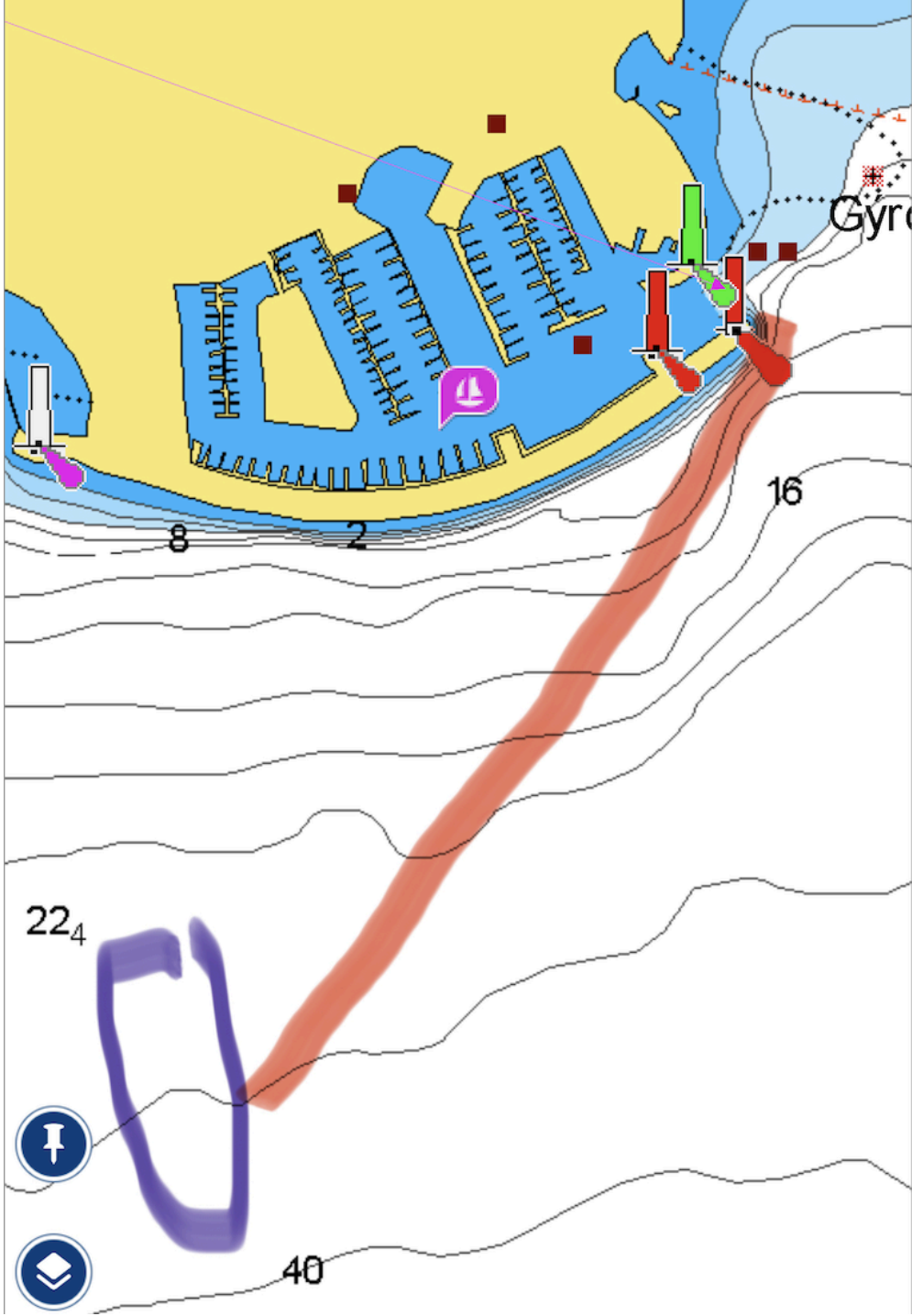
3.2	Any changes in the schedule of the race will be posted by 21:00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.
3.3	It is upon each boat to be informed for any notice or any change to the Sailing Instructions.

5.	SCHEDULE OF RACES - COURSES
5.2	
	Cyprus – Israel
	From Ayia Napa Marina, Friday 02 nd October 2026
	The warning signal will be given at 09:25
	Ayia Napa Marina – Gates as mentioned in S.I. 6.3 – Herzliya

6.	COURSE RESTRICTIONS
6.2	RACE: Cyprus - Israel
	Start Line: The Start will be as described in section 11 in the area of Ayia Napa Marina. For the boats racing for the first to finish the finishing gate will be Herzliya.
	Each participant boat shall record the crossing of a finishing line by photo of the boat GPS including the GPS time and position per paragraph 16. This photo will be submitted to the race committee by Email orc@iyc.co.il No farther course restriction.
6.3	The Race committee reserves the right to change course and course restrictions with announcement posted before 1 hours prior to the scheduled start of race.

9.	THE START															
9.1	Race will be started according R.R.S 26															
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9.2	A boat starting later than 10 minutes after the start signal will be scored "Did Not Start". This changes R.R.S. A4															
9.3	The decision of Race Committee to start or not start the race and the measurement of wind strength are not ground for request for redress.															
9.4	All signals will be announced by VHF, channel 77.															

The broadcasting of the signals will be for informative purpose only. Omission or mistake throughout broadcasting of signals by VHF will not be ground for request for redress. (this changes RRS 60.1)

10.	STARTING LINE
10.1	<p>RACE: Cyprus – Israel</p> 
	<p>The Start line will be between an IOSF (IYC) flag on the Committee Boat and the port entry to the marina, in the Ayia Napa Marina area.</p>
	<p>The starting signals will be given from the Race Committee signal boat. The Race Committee's boats may use its engine in order to maintain</p>

	their position. The line is always determined between the committee Boat and port entry to the marina and can be watched by a second race Committee boat. Race Committee boats will fly an IYC flag.
10.4	Race Committee may move the starting line to a new position, due to lack of wind, bad weather conditions or unexpected sea traffic, displaying the 'L' flag with one sound on the RC signalling boat.
10.5	The starting signal will not be given at less than 3 knots.

11.	FINISHING LINES
11.1	RACE: Cyprus – Israel
11.5	The finishing line, will be Herzeliya finish only.

12.	MARKS
12.1	RACE: Cyprus – Israel
	<p><u>Start at Aiya Napa, approx:</u></p> <p>34° 58.674'N 033°57.112'E</p>
	<p><u>Finish Gate Herzliya</u> between (GPS mark) and green light on brake water of Herzliya Marina entrance . If No GPS reception, spoofing or jamming, alternatively a 500 meter latitude line starting the marina lighthouse and westward and take also a photo of the boat relative to the light.</p> <p>32° 09.737N 034 47.199E 32° 08.650N 034 47.000E</p>

13.	CHANGE OF COURSE
	For the Cyprus Israel Race, the race committee reserves the right to change course. Such change will be communicated to the participants if altered after start via VHF, Mobile Phone or flag S near the gates. Each participant boat shall record the crossing of the gates line by photo of the boat GPS including the GPS time and position. This photo will be submitted to the race committee via orc@iyc.co.il

14.	INDIVIDUAL RECALL
14.1	Individual recall will be given according to R.R.S. 29.1 A premature or late starter has 30 minutes time limit to start properly.
14.2	The Race Committee will make an effort to announce on VHF the premature starters (boat's name or sail number) after the signal. Failure to do this will not be ground for request for redress.

15.	GENERAL RECALL
	General recall will be given according to R.R.S. 29.2

16.	TIME
	The race times and time limits mentioned in these Sailing Instructions are the official Cyprus local time (UTC +3 Hrs.).

17.	WEATHER
	Effort will be made to provide weather information prior to the race

18.	GROUPING OF BOATS
	The Race Committee reserves the right to group the boats in one group or divide the fleet into several groups. Such grouping will be posted on the notice board prior to race.

19.	TIME LIMITS
19.1	Race Finish time limit 04 October 2026 16:00:00
19.2	To finish the race, participant boat needs to pass through at least one of the above gates from north to south before the race time limit.

20.	SYSTEM TO APPLY
	Time on time Offshore will apply. For first to finish no time correction.

21.	INFRINGEMENT OF RULES DECLARATION
	In case of infringement by a boat of any rule mentioned in the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions during the race, the person in charge must declare it, no later than 2 hours after the finish of the boat by writing to the race office.

22.	PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS
22.1	Protests will be submitted to the race office within 1 hours after finish.
22.2	To facilitate the receipt of protests, contact the race Committee through VHF 77 or call Ron Barmatz +972 543972901
	The same time limit also applies to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and RRS 62.2
22.3	Protests shall be written on special form available at IYC web site.
22.4	Protests shall be heard by Protest Committee on Monday 13 th October 2025 at the Race Committee offices at offices at Herzliya Marina. The hearing may use teleconferencing methods such as SKYPE.
22.5	The Race committee or Protest committee will inform all persons in charge of the boats for the exact time of their protests hearing according to RRS 61.1(b)

22.6	A person in charge of a boat involved in a protest must arrange, on his own responsibility, the presence of their witnesses at the place of the hearing.
22.7	The Race committee or the Protest committee intending to submit protest against a participating boat according to RRS60.2(a) or RSS 60.3(a) for an incident noticed at the racing area, are obligated to inform immediately with a notice in the official notice board after the finish of the race with the protest time limit of the last boat.

23	ENGINES
23.1	Engines should be switched off before the preparatory Signal (four minutes before start).
23.2	Use of engines for battery charging is allowed after start. Use of engine for propulsion is forbidden. Each engine use for propulsion must be declared on VHF to the race Committee, at the starting and the end of the use recording the boat position. Also, a written form, reporting the reason for use of engine, must be submitted no later than five hours after the boat finish.

24	ABANDONMENT OF RACE – NATIONAL FLAGS
24.1	All boats retiring the race must inform as soon as possible the Race Committee, giving the following details:
	Sail Number
	Place of retirement
	Time of retirement
	Destination Harbor
	In case of retirement please contact the race committee: On VHF 77 or at mobile Ron Barmatz +972 543972901
24.2	Courtesy Flag: Skippers are obliged to fly the Cyprus courtesy flag when they sail in the Republic of Cyprus waters, and fly Israeli courtesy flag when sail in Israeli waters at the right cross of their mast according to the nautical tradition.

25.	COMMUNICATION BY VHF – ELECTRONIC AIDS
25.1	During the race all boats are required to keep listening on VHF channel 77 during the race (dual watch)
25.2	Except when communication with the race committee, a boat while racing, shall not transmit or receive communication of any information not publicly available to all boats participating. This amends RRS41. This also applies for the mobile phones.
25.3	Any Electronic aid is allowed.

26.	COMMUNICATION WITH THE RACE COMMITTEE
26.1	Prior to Start
	Ayia Napa: IYC, Ron Barmatz – Organizing and Race Committee Officer Cellphone: +972 543972901 ron@iyv.co.il

	Herzliya: IYC, Ron Barmatz – Organizing and Race Committee Officer Cellphone: +972 543972901 ron@iyc.co.il

27.	MEASUREMENT CHECKS AND INSPECTION
27.1	Safety checks and inspection may be carried out in accordance to the WS and ORC prescriptions.
27.2	Every boat must be available on October 01 st 17:00-18:00 hrs. with an available competent crew member.
27.3	Inspection will take place at the berthing area.
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27.5	Each boat must hold a copy oRating Certificate

28.	CHANGE IN THE CREW OR EQUIPMENT
28.1	The crew list can be modified till 01 st October 2026, 17:00

29.	NAVIGATION AT NIGHT
29.1	From sunset to sunrise all boat must have navigation lights ON according to the Regulations for Preventing of Collisions at Sea. The sails must in no way obstruct these lights.

30.	SCORING SYSTEM
30.1	The low Point System will be used without a discard.
30.2	Trophies will be awarded according to the Notice of Race

31.	PENALTIES - INFRINGEMENTS OF RULES
31.1	Two full turns Penalty will apply as in RRS44.2
31.2	A boat that had taken a penalty under RRS31.2 or RRS44.2 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the secretariat, within the protest limit.
31.3	In case of infringement of RRS 31.1 (touching the mark), the penalty will be according to RRS31.2 (one full turn penalty)

32.	LIABILITY RELEASE
32.1	All participants of the CYPRUS - ISRAEL Regatta 2025 agree to conform to the current International Sailing Regulations, the sailing Instructions, the Notice of race and any additional corrections to the sailing instructions.

32.2	All participants accept full responsibility for sailing ability of their boat, their rigging, their crew and their safety equipment. All participants also agree to undertake in full all responsibility for possible damage to third parties of their belongings, themselves or their belongings at shore or at sea in consequence to their participation in the race, excluding from
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	liability IYC - the Israeli Yacht Club, The Race Committee, The Protest Committee, any member involved with the race under any capacity and agree in full to be held liable for the conduct and attire of their crew, their representatives and their guests.
32.3	IYC - the Israeli Yacht Club, the organizing committee, the Protest committee, the Race Committee and any other person involved in the organization of the CYPRUS - ISRAEL Regatta 2026, cannot be held liable for physical or material damage, injury or death or any other unforeseen circumstance, before during or after the race. At registration, the designated representative of each boat will be asked to sign a relevant declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability.
32.4	The safety and management of the boat, including third party insurance, is the sole responsibility of the owner/participant who must reassure that the boat is absolutely seaworthy and skippered by adequate in number and experience crew in good physical condition to confront extreme weather conditions.
	The owner/participant who must reassure the good condition of the hull, the rigging and all boat's equipment. He must also reassure that all safety equipment is adequately maintained, and the crew knows where it is kept and how to use.
32.5	We draw your attention to the fundamental rule RRS 4, Part 1 of the International Sailing Regulation of WS. "Decision to participate in a race".

33.	INSURANCE
	All boats participating in the CYPRUS - ISRAEL Regatta 2026 shall be insured with valid third party insurance liability coverage of at least US\$1,000,000

34.	RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS
	By participating in the CYPRUS - ISRAEL Regatta 2026, all participants automatically grant to the Organizing authority and sponsors the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their own discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of him/her during the period of the competition and after without compensation. The names of the participants and curriculum material can also be used or reproduced in any known way.

35.	PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY
	A trophy will be awarded to the fastest boat that finishes the course. Trophies will be awarded to the first 3 places and to the boats in the ORC1 and ORC2 groups.
	The Prize giving ceremonies of the CYPRUS - ISRAEL Regatta 2026 will take place as follows: RACE: CYPRUS – ISRAEL In Herzliya, on Monday the 05 th October 2026, 19:30 (Israel Time) at Herzliya Yacht Club.

36.	PROTEST COMMITTEE
	Chairman: Mr. Shlomo Goldstein

- Note that 5 radius miles excluded zone around Karish Platform Coordinates:
N33 12.14 E034 17.04

- Please search for notice to mariners at
<http://asp.mot.gov.il/en/shipping/notice2mariners>

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37.	RACE COMMITTEE
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