

Regatta VARNA CHANNEL CUP 2023

Dates:	8 - 11 June 2023
Organizers:	Varna Municipality Ultramarine SSC Yacht club LZ Yachting 1991
Town:	Varna
Country:	Bulgaria
Sponsors:	Prolam OOD and ConForma EOOD

Sailing Instructions

[DP] denotes a rule, for which the penalty for a breach shall be at the discretion of the IJ and may be less than disqualification.

[NP] denotes a rule, the breach of which shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. Rules

- 1.1 The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2021-2024).
- 1.2 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR 2022–2023, Appendix B – Inshore races); (See **Appendix 1**).
- 1.3 International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCS).
- 1.4 Rules of ORC and IRC 2023.
- 1.5 When a *racing* boats meet vessel which is not racing, the rules of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing shall be replaced by those of Part B of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.

2. [NP] Classes

- 2.1 Boats will race in the following classes, subdivided into divisions:
ORC and IRC
- 2.2 There will be two starting groups. The placing of boats in different divisions and starting groups shall be made according to the entry forms received and shall not be grounds for protest or request for redress.
- 2.3 A minimum of five boats shall form a division.

3. Notices to competitors

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board (in front of the Race Office, located at **LZ Yachting 1991** office). Notices will also be posted on the event website: <http://www.varnachannelcup.com> and (if possible) in Facebook: Регата Варна Ченъл Къп / regatta Varna Channel Cup и Viber groups BSA - NOTICE BOARD and Регати - Дискусии.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted not later than **one hour** before the warning signal of the affected race, but any change to the schedule of races will be posted by **21:00** on the day before it will take effect.

5. Signals made ashore

- 5.1 Flag signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast of s/y Tivia (in front of the Race Office).
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '*1 minute*' is replaced with '*not less than 40 minutes*' in the race signal AP.

6. Schedule of races:

Thursday 08.06.2023

- 10:00 – 19:00 hrs. Registration.
15:00 hrs. “Pro – Am” race (see **Appendix 2**).

Friday 09.06.2023

- 08:00 – 08:55 hrs. Late registration.
09:30 hrs. Skippers briefing.
11:00 hrs. “Windward-Leeward” races in front of the Maritime Park (see **Appendix 3**).

Saturday 10.06.2023

- 10:00 – 19:00 hrs. Channel races (Sea-Lake-Sea) via the channel under the Bridge. (see **Appendix 4A и 4B**).
- IMPORTANT:** After 19:00 hrs. the fairway will be open for ships and the boats shall keep clear of it.

Sunday 11.06.2023

- 10:00 hrs. Races in front of the Maritime Park (see **Appendix 3**).
- Prize giving and closing ceremony – As soon as possible after the races.

Times of the first warning signal for the day:

Thursday,	08.06.2023	- 15:00 hrs.
Friday,	09.06.2023	- 11:00 hrs.
Saturday,	10.06.2023	. - 10:00 hrs.
Sunday,	11.06.2023	. - 10:00 hrs.

All times local: UTC+3.

[NP] The Organizing Authority and/or the Race Committee reserve the right to modify the above programme according to weather conditions and/or other unforeseen circumstances.

- 6.1 Up to ten races are scheduled including:
 - up to three Channel races.
 - Seven windward - leeward inshore races.
- 6.2 There will be no more than **4** races per day.
- 6.3 On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be given after **15:30** hrs unless it follows a signal of general recall or postponement of a race, whose warning signal has been given before 15:30 hrs. If the start of the Starting Group 1 is delayed after 15:30, SI 6.3 shall not apply to the Starting Group 2.

7. Starting flags

- 7.1 Starting group 1 : ORC A, ORC B and IRC 1 - white flag with black letters “ORC”.
- 7.2 Starting group 2 : ORC C, ORC P and IRC 2 - blue flag with black letters “ORC”.

8. Race courses and marks

- 8.1 The courses are shown in the Appendices to these instructions.
- 8.2 The marks are also described there.

9. [NP] Start and Finish

- 9.1 Races will be started according to RRS 26.
- 9.2 [DP] During starting procedures, boats whose warning signal has not been made, shall keep clear from the starting boats.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing lines shall be as described in the Appendices.
- 9.4 If both starting groups will start together, both starting flags will be displayed.
- 9.5 A boat that does not start within **10** minutes in the inshore races and **15** minutes in the Channel race(s) after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 9.6 After signalling an individual recall, the race committee will attempt to broadcast the sail number or name of the boat(s) that has/have been identified as OCS on VHF channel **73**. The failure or delay of that broadcast shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a) and shall not be considered an outside help.
- 9.7 For the purpose of World Sailing Development Rule DR21-01, the definition *Start* is changed as follows:

Start - A boat *starts* when, with her hull having been entirely on the pre- start 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 10 sec. before her starting signal.

When a boat crosses the starting line according to item (b) of the definition *Start*:

- 1) she may return to the pre-start side of the line to comply with item (a) of the definition of *Start*, or
- 2) she shall take a Two-Turns Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2. If she does not do the penalty turns, her elapsed time shall be increased by 90 sec.

If the boat crosses the starting line more than 10 seconds before her starting signal, she shall return to the pre-start side of the line and start in accordance with item (a) of the definition *Start*.

10. Penalties

- 10.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn penalty (one tack and one gybe) except in case of item (b) of SI 9.7.
- 10.2 All performed penalty turns shall be declared in writing on a form in the race office within the protest time limit. Failure to declare the penalty turns will mean that the boat did not take a penalty.
- 10.3 For breaches of World Sailing Special Regulations (OSR), RRS 47 and any Sailing Instruction marked with [DP], which at its discretion the Protest Committee finds insignificant, it may impose any penalty less than Disqualification, or not impose a penalty at all.

11. Protests and hearing requests

- 11.1 In addition to the requirements of RRS 61, a protesting boat shall inform by VHF Channel 73 the race committee at the finishing line of her intention to protest and the identity of the protested boat(s) as soon as possible after finishing or retiring from the race.

- 11.2 Protest forms are available at the race office. There shall be a fee of BGN 50 for protests/hearing requests. For protest, necessitating use of a crane, there shall be an additional fee of BGN 400.

The protest/hearing request, together with the fee, shall be lodged at the race office within the protest time limit. The requirement of a protest fee does not apply to protests/requests for redress from the race, technical or protest committees.

- 11.3 Protest Time limit is **60** minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The same time limit applies to protests/ requests for redress by the race, technical or protest committees about incidents they observe in the racing area. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 11.4 Notices of protests by the race, technical or protest committees will be announced as stated in SI 3 to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 11.5 Notices to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses will be announced as stated in SI 3 within 30 minutes after the protest time limit.

12. Scoring

A. Race Scoring

12.1 For class ORC:

- (a) windward/leeward races shall be scored by means of a PCS with constructed courses.
- (b) channel races shall be scored by corrected times, calculated by **ToD** (Time on Distance – **All Purpose**) or **ToD Triple Number scoring (Low-Medium-Hi)**.
- (c) **[NP]** The decision on the scoring method and scoring parameters used will be at the sole discretion of the race committee and together with course length and wind directions will not be grounds for request for redress by boats. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

12.2 For class IRC:

Results for all races shall be determined by the corrected times, calculated using Time on Time **TCC** coefficient. (For each boat its elapsed time will be multiplied by its TCC).

- 12.3 For “Pro-Am” race – General placing under ORC and if possible – by divisions.

B. Regatta results:

- 12.4 The regatta shall be scored using Low Point System (RRS A4).
- 12.5 The regatta shall be valid if at least 2 races are completed. One discard will be allowed if more than 4 races are completed. If there is only one channel race completed, it shall not be discarded.

13. [DP] Safety regulations

- 13.1 Boats retiring for any reason from a race shall notify the race committee on VHF channel 73 as soon as possible and declare it on a form at the race office within the protest time limit.
- 13.2 Any outside help or use of the engine for propulsion purposes for rescuing people, giving help or any other reason shall be reported to the race committee on VHF channel 73 and on arrival ashore in writing, stating the reasons for such procedure and the times of starting and stopping

the engine. If a boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race, the Protest Committee may impose a discretionary penalty less than a disqualification or not to impose a penalty at all..

14. [DP] Replacement of crew or equipment

- 14.1 The Race Committee may approve crew changes (adding new crew members, replacing or disembarking of crew members) requested in writing by the skipper not later than 1 hour before the scheduled time of the warning signal for the day.
- 14.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless approved by the technical committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to that committee at first reasonable opportunity.

15. Equipment and measurement checks

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water (by VHF channel **73**) or after arriving in harbour (by telephone), a boat may be instructed by the technical committee to proceed immediately for inspection.

16. [NP] Official boats

- 16.1 Official boats shall display **RC** flags. Failure of any official boat to display such flag shall not be grounds for request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 16.2 Vessels used by press, photographers, film crews, VIPs etc. are not under the jurisdiction of the race committee. Any action by such boats shall not be grounds for request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

17. [DP] Support boats

All support boats shall keep well clear of the starting area. After the preparatory signal, they shall not come within 30 meters of any competing boat. A breach of this SI may result in actions under RRS 60.3(d) and 64.5, including a scoring penalty for the boat concerned and/or withdrawal of permission to be in the racing area for one or more days.

18. [DP] Haul-out restriction

From 09:00 on 9th June boats shall not be hauled out except for the purposes of repairing damage and only after written permission from the Protest Committee. While hauled for this purpose, cleaning and polishing of the hull below the waterline shall not be permitted.

19. [DP] [NP] Communication

- 19.1 During the regatta radio communication with race committee shall be on VHF channel **73**. The race committee may repeat any race signal (including the start count-downs) over VHF channel **73**. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately shall not be grounds for request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 19.2 Except when communicating with the race committee, while racing a boat shall not transmit or receive any information not publicly available to all participating boats. This changes RRS 41.

20. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to boats on 1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall in each division.

21. Disclaimer of liability

All persons taking part in the regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. The organizing authority, Yacht Club “LZ yachting 1991”, Varna Municipality, IRC, ORC, and any other party involved in the organization of the regatta Varna Channel Cup 2023, disclaim any and all responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, death, injury or inconvenience that might occur to persons and materials, both ashore and at sea as a consequence of participation in the event. By signing the entry form each boat owner or his representative accepts these terms. The attention of competitors is drawn to World Sailing Fundamental Racing Rule 3: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone”.

**Race Committee
Varna Channel Cup 2023**

APPENDIX 1

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Special regulations for inshore races OSR 2022-2023 – Appendix B – Inshore races

Boat:; Sail No.....

No.	PORTABLE EQUIPMENT CHECK LIST	Skipper	Inspector
1	One strong bucket of at least 9 litres capacity with a lanyard.		
2	One compass (a hand-held is acceptable).		
3	One fire extinguisher required if electrical system, engine or stove on board.		
4	One anchor with chain and rope.		
5	A life buoy with a drogue.		
6	A heaving line, no less than 6 mm diameter, 15 - 25 m long, readily accessible to cockpit.		
7	A strong, sharp knife, sheathed and securely restrained shall be provided readily accessible from the deck or a cockpit.		
8	Each crew member shall have a personal flotation device which shall be equipped with a whistle; is clearly marked with yacht's or wearer's name; if inflatable, regularly checked for air retention. Unless otherwise specified by a boat's applicable class rules or by sailing instructions, personal flotation devices shall have at least 150N buoyancy, arranged to securely suspend an unconscious man face upwards at approximately 45 degrees to the water surface.		

As skipper, I declare that:

I have been acquainted with and comply with SR for OSR- Appendix B

Today I checked the availability of all necessary safety equipment, listed above, and have instructed every crew member how to use his personal safety equipment.

Signed:.....

Date:06.2023

Skipper:

APPENDIX 2

“Pro – Am” race

Race details will be announce by VHF and posted on Viber groups: BSA – Notice board and Pezamu – duckycuu, after assessing the weather conditions on 8th June 2023.

APPENDIX 3

“Windward-Leeward” races

Time limit for finishing for all classes – 100 min.

Marks 1, 1a and 2p shall be left to port.

Mark 2s shall be left to starboard.

The marks shall be inflatable buoys with the following colours:

Starting mark – **orange**; marks 1, 1a, 2p and 2s – **yellow**; finishing mark – **green**.

Starting line: Between an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the right end and the course side of an inflatable mark at the left end.

Finishing line: Between a blue flag on the race committee vessel at the right end and the course side of an inflatable mark at the left end.

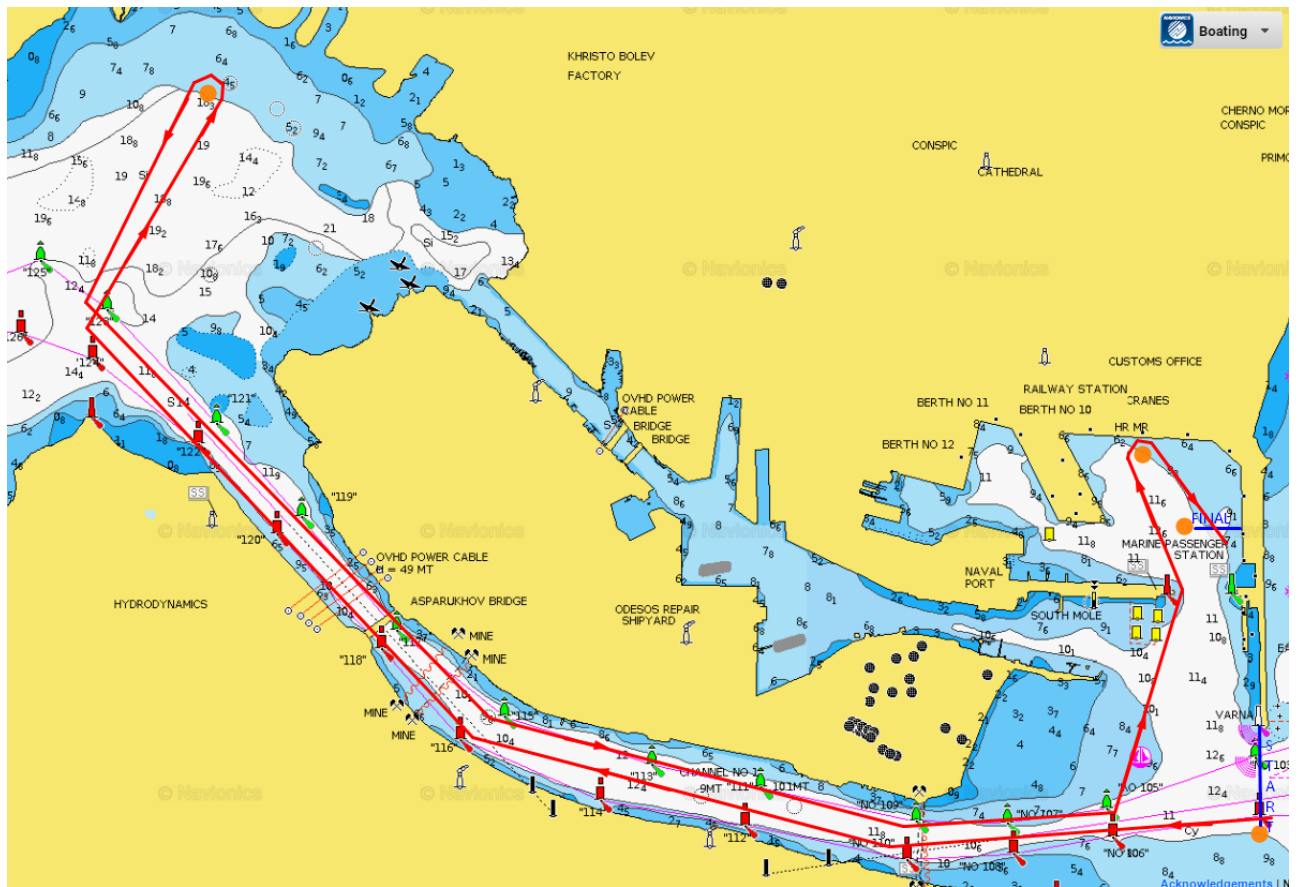


Possible “Windward-Leeward” Courses

Name (to be announced by VHF)	Order of passing the marks
B1	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p - Finish
B2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p– Finish

APPENDIX 4B

Channel Race for slow boats



1. Starting line: Between race committee vessel at the left end and the green buoy No. 103, situated south of the lighthouse.
2. Gate between navigation buoys Nos. 123 and 124, (the third pair of buoys after the bridge).
3. Red navigation buoy № 2 , situated at 0.2 n.m. southeast of sailing club “Briz” piers (to be left to port).
4. Gate between navigation buoys Nos. 123 and 124.
5. Green navigation buoy No. 105 (to be left to port).
6. Inflatable buoy opposite piers station No. 4 (to be left to starboard).
7. Finishing line: Between a blue flag ashore, west of the Passenger Terminal Varna, behind Yacht club LZ Yachting 1991 (left end) and an inflatable buoy, situated west of the flag (right end).

Time limit for sailing the course – 3 hours for all classes.

Course length – 6.4 n.m.

Race co-efficient: 1.2