



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

53nd GREEK REVOLUTION REGATTA – HYDRA 2026

March 27 – 29 2026
Saronic Gulf

OA : Organizing Authority
RC : Race Committee
NoR : Notice of Race
SI : Sailing Instructions

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
[NP] denotes a rule for which a boat cannot submit a protest. This changes RRS 60.1.

Part 1 - General

1. Organizing Authority

- 1.1. The Hellenic Offshore Racing Club is organizing the 53rd Greek Revolution Regatta – Hydra 2026 to be held from March 27 to 29 2026. The event will be sailed in the Saronic Gulf.
Host Club: Hydra Nautical Club (H.N.C.)

2. Rules

- 2.1. The event will be governed by the [Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\) 2025-2028](#)
2.2. The following rules will also apply:
2.2.1. [IMS 2026](#)
2.2.2. [ORC Rating Systems 2026](#)
2.2.3. World Sailing [Offshore Special Regulations \(OSR\) 2024-2025](#). The event is classified as Category 4 with the following addition:
• Stability Index ≥ 103
• 4.07 a & b (watertight searchlight and flashlight)
• 4.22.5 (Recovery Sling)
All boats must carry VHF radio with channels 16 & 72.
2.3. The prescriptions of the Hellenic Sailing Federation and the prescriptions of the Offshore Committee/HSF will apply.
2.4. Minimum crew weight as defined in ORC Rules 102.3 and 200.1(b) shall apply.
2.5. From sunset to sunrise, RRS Appendix RV Reduced Visibility replaces RRS Part 2.
2.6. A breach of RRS 56.2 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.
[NP]
2.7. The use of autopilot is allowed for Double Handed class boats.
2.8. In case of contradiction between the text of the NoR and the SI, the SI takes precedence.
2.9. The Greek language text takes precedence over any other language.

3. Classes

- 3.1. According to NoR 5, entries are separated to the following classes:



3.1.1. Performance

3.1.2. Sport

3.1.3. DH

3.1.4. Non-Spin/HSF (according to NoR 5.2.4).

3.2. Classes will have separate starts and Overall Results.

4. Communications to competitors

4.1. Notices to competitors will be posted to the [Official Notice Board](#), located at the [Official Event Website](#).

5. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

5.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted, before 9:30 on the day it will take effect, on the [Official Notice Board](#), except any change to the schedule of races that will be posted before 20:30 on the day before it will take effect.

6. Signals Ashore

6.1. Signals ashore, in Mikrolimano, will be hoisted on the flagpole on the HORC quay. At Hydra they will be hoisted at the flagpole of Hydra Nautical Club.

6.2. When flag “AP” is displayed ashore with 2 sound signals (1 sound when it is removed) it signifies «The race is postponed. The warning signal will not be given less than 30 minutes after the removal of flag “AP”».

7. Schedule of Races

7.1. The time of the starting signal of each race is shown below:

Friday March 27 12:00 Race 1 Faliro – Hydra

Sunday March 29 10:30 Race 2 Hydra – Faliro

7.2. The OA and/or the RC reserves the right to alter the above schedule to accommodate for predicted weather conditions or other unforeseen reasons.

7.3. The event is considered valid if one race is completed per class.

8. Class Flags

8.1. The Performance class flag is numerical pennant “2”.

8.2. The Sport class flag is numerical pennant “1”.

8.3. The DH class flag is numerical pennant “3”.

8.4. The Non-Spin/HSF class flag is numerical pennant “4”.

9. Start

9.1. A boat not starting within 20 minutes after her starting signal, will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

9.2. The RC, reserves the right to start more than one classes at the same time, by hoisting their corresponding class flags at the Warning signal.

9.3. Starting procedure signals will be broadcast, as a courtesy, on VHF channel 72. Omissions or errors in these broadcasts cannot be used for a request for redress (this changes RRS 60.1).

9.4. After an Individual Recall, as a courtesy the RC will make an effort to broadcast the sail number or name of the boats that have been recognized OCS on VHF channel 72. Any delay, omission or failure of these broadcasts cannot be used in a request for redress (this changes RRS 60.1).



- 9.5. Every boat intending to start a race, must sail close to the RC boat on the starboard end of the start line and report its sail number so that it is registered by the RC. This procedure must take place at the latest five (5) minutes before the scheduled Warning signal of the day. This procedure is not allowed after the Warning signal.
- 9.6. Boats that for any reason did not start or failed to comply with SI 9.1, must notify the RC, after the start, on VHF channel 72 of their intention to start. The same applies to boats that failed to comply with SI 9.5.
- 9.7. The RC will score DNC all boats that failed to comply with SI 9.5 or 9.6.
- 9.8. The RC reserves the right to extend the start time limit mentioned in SI 9.1, in case of low wind speeds.

10. Penalties

- 10.1. The penalty for infringements of RRS Part 2 rules outside of the Zone it will be a One-Turn Penalty – one tack and one jibe. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 10.2. The maximum DP penalty for minor infractions of OSR or RRS 47 will be a 10% scoring penalty in accordance to RRS 44.3(c). [DP]

11. Protests

- 11.1. Hearing requests can be filed through the Official Event Website, within 2 hours of the finish of the protesting boat.
- 11.2. Measurement protests from another boat will not be accepted after Friday March 27 2026, 10:00 (this changes RRS 60.1 and 61.3).
- 11.3. Protests by the RC, the Technical Committee and the Protest Committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board as required by RRS 60.2(a)(2).
- 11.4. The hearing schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board for the benefit of parties and witnesses.
- 11.5. The time limit for RRS M1.4, is 30 minutes from the publication of the decision.

12. Scoring

- 12.1. The overall score of each boat will be the sum of all individual race scores.
- 12.2. Performance class will use PCS - Constructed Course or alternatively one of the custom scoring options Saronikos.
- 12.3. Sport and Non-Spin/HSF will use one of the custom scoring option Saronikos.
- 12.4. DH class will use one of the custom scoring option Saronikos,
- 12.5. The actual race distance will be used to calculate corrected times.
- 12.6. The scoring of division will be extracted from the Overall scoring of each class.
- 12.7. The decision on the method of scoring and its parameters remains at the sole discretion of the RC and along with distance, course and wind direction cannot be the basis of a request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 12.8. In case of a tie, RRS A8 applies.

13. Safety Regulations

- 13.1. Boats that for whatever reason at any point of the course decide to retire from the race must inform the RC as soon as possible on VHF channel 72 or by calling the phone numbers mentioned in SI 28. [DP, NP]
- 13.2. Any boat not intending to race must inform the RC before the scheduled Warning signal of the day. [DP, NP]



13.3. Any use of engine for propulsion for rescue, assistance or any other reason must be reported in writing, including the reasons, to the RC, after the arrival of the boat. If the PC finds that the boat did not get a significant advantage may impose a DP penalty. [DP]

14. Crew Substitution or Equipment

- 14.1. Crew substitutions are allowed only with the permission of the RC and must be submitted with the [Crew Substitution form](#) at least 1 hour before the scheduled Warning signal of the day. [DP]
- 14.2. For safety and responsibility reasons concerning the person in charge of a boat and the Race Committee, the identification of a wrong or incomplete crew list may disqualify the boat in the current race.
- 14.3. The total crew weight of each boat must not exceed the maximum referred in her Rating certificate. [DP]
- 14.4. Replacement of damaged or lost equipment is not permitted without prior written permission by the RC. Such [requests](#) must be submitted to the RC at the first opportunity. [DP]

15. Measurement and Safety Inspection

- 15.1. The Technical Committee reserves the right to inspect any boat without prior notice any time and at any place (land or sea) from 26.03.2026, 10:00 until 1 hour after the protest time limit of the last race.
- 15.2. Each boat must make available to the Technical Committee a copy of its rating certificate.
- 15.3. The person in charge of every participating boat must submit to the Technical Committee a signed inventory of the sails existing on board, before the beginning of the inspection.
- 15.4. All sails used while racing must be measured and stamped.

16. Event Boats

- 16.1. Event boats will show a yellow “RC” flag. Failure to show the previously mentioned flag cannot be used as a basis for a request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1).
- 16.2. Boats used by the press, photographers, media etc are not under the jurisdiction of the RC. None of their actions can be used as a basis for a request for redress (this changes RRS 60.1).

17. Support Vessels

- 17.1. No support vessels are allowed in the racing area. [DP]

18. Communication

- 18.1. Communication with the RC during the event will be on VHF channel 72. The RC may transmit acknowledgment of signals on the above mentioned channel. Failure of such transmission may not be basis for a request for redress. This changes RRS 60,1).
- 18.2. While racing, except in an emergency or when communicating with the RC or while using equipment provided by the RC or OA, a boat shall not transmit or receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats (including payed services). Custom or proprietary navigation or weather forecasting devices are not allowed. There are no restriction in competitor communication in VHF channel 72. This changes RRS 41.[DP]
- 18.3. VHF channel 72 will be used by the RC as the search and rescue communication channel. See RRS 37.

19. Trophies



- 19.1. Prizes will be awarded to the Overall winners of each class and division winners according to the number of entries.
- 19.2. The Hydra Nautical Club will present special prizes to the first **three** winner of each division of Race 1, on Saturday March 28 2026 at 13:00 in front of the Dormition of the Mother of Lord Hydra Orthodox Cathedral Church.
- 19.3. The prize giving ceremony will be held at a time and place that will be communicated, in advance, to competitors via email.

20. Disclaimer

- 20.1. Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. Hellenic Offshore Sailing Club and any other party involved in the organization of the event will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event. Every owner, person in charge or charterer of a boat accepts these terms by signing the Entry Form.
- 20.2. We draw your attention to Fundamental rules RRS 2, 3 and 4 in Part 1 of the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing.

Part 2 – Races

21. Courses

- 21.1. The course of Race 1 is Start at Faliro – Finish at Hydra, distance 35 NM. No restrictions.
- 21.2. The course of Race 2 is Start at Hydra – Finish at Faliro, distance 36 NM. No restrictions.
- 21.3. Starting and finish line near Hydra are indicatively shown in Appendix A.

22. Start

- 22.1. The start line at Faliro, will be between a yellow “RC” flag on the RC signal boat to starboard and a yellow “RC” flag on an RC RIB or an orange flag on a buoy with a staff to port.
 - 22.1.1. The RC signal boat will be anchored near Mikrolimano harbor.
 - 22.1.2. Start signals will be shown aboard the RC signal boat that will be anchored on the starboard side of the line.
- 22.2. The start line at Hydra, will be between an orange “RC” flag, near the Hydra Nautical Club flagpole to starboard and an inflatable yellow buoy to port. Start signals will be shown from the starboard end of the line
 - 22.2.1. In case of adverse weather conditions, the RC may move the start line to a different position by issuing a notice to competitors.

23. Mark to Windward

- 23.1. In Race 1, the RC may set a windward rounding mark M1, a yellow inflatable buoy, at a distance of approximately 1,2 NM from the start line. The magnetic bearing to mark M1 will be shown aboard the RC boat, before the warning signal, along with:
 - 23.1.1. a red flag if M1 is to be left to port or,
 - 23.1.2. a green flag if M1 is to be left to starboard.

24. Finish Lines

- 24.1. At Hydra, the finish line will be between the red light at the entrance of Hydra harbor to port and a yellow inflatable buoy to starboard, set approximately **at a bearing of 300°** and a **distance of 220 meters**. In case the buoy is missing, the RC will finish boats on the previously described finish line. During night time, the buoy will be fitted with a white strobe light.



- 24.2. At Faliro, the finish line will be between the green flashing light on the SW end of the breakwater of the Stadium of Peace and Friendship to starboard and a blue flag on the YCG grounds to port.
- 24.3. Finishing boats must report their name and sail number on VHF channel 72 immediately after their finish. It is the responsibility of each boat to ascertain her finish.
- 24.4. The finish of each boat will be signaled with a sound.
- 24.5. Missing, spent or malfunctioning lights at the finish marks cannot be used as a basis for a request for redress (this changes RRS 60.1).

25. Time Limits

- 25.1. Finish time limits for each boat is calculated as 2,3 times the All Purpose Handicap (A.P.H.) multiplied by the number of miles of each race as per SI 21.

26. Finish During Night Time

- 26.1. Boats that approach the finish line must shine a light on their sails. Immediately after their finish they must report boat name and sail number on VHF channel 72. It is the responsibility of the boat to make sure that the RC has correct identifying information. [DP]

Part 3 – Information

27. Web Links

Email: info@horc.gr

Website: <https://horc.gr/agonas-ydras/>

[Official Notice Board](#)

[Official Event Website](#)

Crew Substitution



Protest form



Submit a Question



Equipment Substitution



28. Race Committee Contact Numbers

28.1. For Race 1: 6946653510

28.2. For Race 2: 6974353168, 6932671572

29. Committees

29.1. Protest Committee

Michalis Mitakis, Chairman

Konstantinos Limperakis

Nikos Dimou

Makis Kapotsis

29.2. Race Committee

Akis Pateniotis, RO



Antonis Assimacos
Antonis Pateniotis
Theologos Tavoularis
Thanasis Protopsaltis

29.3. Technical Committee
Antonis Assimacos

29.4. Media
Panos Dimitrakopoulos

The Race Committee
March 26 2026



Appendix A

Diagram 1

Start and Finish lines at Hydra

This chart should not be used for navigation

