



## **Sailing Instructions**

### **Turkish Naval Forces Cup International Offshore Yacht Race 54<sup>th</sup> Edition 14 - 18 JULY 2025**

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Race Officials are using a web-based program to assist with the management of this regatta. It provides electronic forms for such actions as scoring inquiries, protests, equipment substitutions, etc. And it provides for electronic communication with competitors if competitors have provided an email and/or telephone number accepting SMS. Competitors will be notified electronically of protest time limits, confirmation of a protest filing, scheduled hearing times, etc. This electronic system allows competitors to move freely about the event and remain in contact with relevant officials. And all competitors have electronic access to the scoring inquiries, jury decisions, etc.\*

**Notice: This electronic notice board is the Official Notice Board (ONB) for this regatta.**

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#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- *Breaches of rules in the sailing instructions marked [NP] shall not be grounds for protests or request of redress by a yacht. This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1(a)*
- *The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the International Jury, be less than disqualification. Guidelines for discretionary penalties are available on the World Sailing.*

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#### **ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The organising authority of this event is Turkish Offshore Racing Club

- Race Office will be located at:
  - Before the Race: Tezmarin Office, Kalamıs İstanbul
  - During the Race D-Marin Göcek Marina



**Official Notice Board**

## **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The Race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2. RRS 90.3(e) shall apply.
- 1.3. The latest version of the following rules will also apply:
  - 1.3.(a). The WS Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS)
  - 1.3.(b). The WS Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) for Category 3. When details of Special Regulations cannot be met the OA may accept an alternative.
  - 1.3.(c). IRC Rules, Parts A, B, C.
  - 1.3.(d). AMH Rules for multihulls
  - 1.3.(e). (DP) WS Appendix TS (Traffic Separations Schemes (TSS), applies to all Canakkale Strait WP. (See Appendix A)
  - 1.3.(f). RRS Appendix WP.
- 1.4. The rules of RRS Part 2 will be replaced with the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at sea between sunset and sunrise from 14 to 18 July 2025.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between the rules above, the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and its amendments will be valid according to their date. This changes RRS 63.5(c).
- 1.6. YB Tracking System shall be used in the race.
- 1.7. The official language of the event will be English. If there is a conflict between any translated texts, the version written in English shall prevail. This changes 63.5(c).
- 1.8. No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.9. Under World Sailing Development Rule DR21-01, change definition *Start* as follows:  
*Start*: A boat starts when her hull has 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 minute before her starting signal.  
When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition *Start*, she may return to the pre-start side of the line to comply with item (a) of the definition of *Start*. If she does not, the starting penalty shall be 1% of her elapsed time added to it or at least 2 places, whichever is the greater.
- 1.10. Automatic and wind-vane devices for steering are permitted. (This changes RRS 52 and amends IRC Rule15)
- 1.11. Water Ballast.
  - 1.11.(a). RRS 51 does not apply to water ballast system declared on the IRC Certificate. This changes RRS 51
  - 1.11.(b). Other than a genuine manual galley or marine toilet pump and the scoop valves or pump that are part of a certified/rated water ballast system or engine intake, no other scoop valves or pumps shall be connected in any way or form capable of taking onboard seawater.
- 1.12. The nationality of a yacht shall be determined by the port registration of the country in which it is registered.

## **2. INTERNATIONAL JURY**

- 2.1. An international jury (IJ) will be appointed for this race as per RRS Appendix N. Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.3(a).

## **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions and/or supplement will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least two hours before the first scheduled warning signal of the day and will not be delivered to each boat individually
- 3.2. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 (hrs) on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.3. Oral changes may be made only on the water [see RRS 90.2(c)]. The Race Committee will announce the relevant changes before the warning signals by VHF (ch73). Failure to hear these changes shall not be grounds for a request for redress. *This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1(a)*

## **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals from the shore will only be given at the Starting Line for the starting procedures.

## **5. COMMUNICATION WITH THE COMPETITORS**

- 5.1. Notices to the competitors will be posted on the official notice board which will be electronic (online). It can be accessed via the race website ([www.tayk.org.tr](http://www.tayk.org.tr) & [www.guneyyarisi.com](http://www.guneyyarisi.com)) or at the following URL: <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/10440/event>
- 5.2. Notices may also be sent via email. Failure or delay to send or receive the notice will not be ground for request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 5.3. Radio communication with the Race Committee during the regatta will be on VHF channel 73. The Race Committee may give verbal confirmation of any race signal over VHF Channel 73. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 5.4. [DP] Except when communicating with the race committee, a boat while racing, shall not transmit or receive communication of any information not publicly available to all participating boats. This changes RRS 41(c).
- 5.5. It is mandatory to have a VHF marine radio and to keep it on during the race. All yachts need to listen on VHF Channel 73, Channel 16 and during the İstanbul and Canakkale Bogazi crossing, the relevant Sector Channels unless otherwise instructed.

- 5.6. Any WhatsApp communications for the purpose of fast communication between the Organising Authority or the Race Committee and the Persons in Charge of racing yachts will not be deemed to be outside help.
- 6. [NP] STARTING LINE**
- 6.1. Starting Line will be between a pole displaying an orange flag on the sea terrace in front of "Emirgan Korusu" on the EUROPEAN side and a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC RIB around the "ÇAKAL BURNU" on the ANATOLIAN (Asian) side.
- 6.2. *EUROPEAN side 41°06.429 N/ 029° 03.487 E / ANATOLIAN (Asian) side 41°06.336 N/029° 04.187 E*
- 7. [NP] FINISHING LINE**
- 7.1. The finishing line will be between a pole displaying a BLUE flag on the Turkish Naval Vessel anchored off KATRANCIK ISLAND at the port end, and the course side of the nearby orange cylindrical inflatable buoy on the starboard side.
- 7.2. RC FINISH Vessel GPS coordinates are 36° 41.449 N/ 029° 01.030 E
- 7.3. The positions of the race committee vessel and the buoy shall be as shown on the course charts.
- 8. [NP][DP] VHF COMMUNICATION**
- 8.1. It is mandatory to have a VHF marine radio and to keep it on during the race. All yachts need to listen on VHF Channel 73, Channel 16 and during the İstanbul and Canakkale Straits crossing, the relevant Sector Channels unless otherwise instructed.
- 8.2. Except in an emergency, a yacht shall not make radio transmissions while racing.
- 8.3. Any WhatsApp communications for the purpose of fast communication between the Organising Authority or the Race Committee and the Persons in Charge of racing yachts will not be deemed to be outside help.
- 9. RESTRICTIONS ON SAILS**
- 9.1. All boats may have at most two (2) mainsails on board.
- 9.2. Except for storm and heavy weather sails, boats claiming a rating reduction for using a single roller furling headsail shall not have a second headsail on board.
- 9.3. For IRC Division Boats, IRC Rules for headsails will be applied. IRC Division boats that have not declared a spinnaker or have not declared a spinnaker pole despite having declared a symmetric/asymmetric spinnaker, may not use a spinnaker pole, whisker pole or other such equipment.
- 9.4. The mainsail may only be replaced while racing if the sail sustains enough damage to make it unusable. In such a case, the boat shall inform the Race Committee of the situation via VHF Channel 73 and by writing when they return ashore. The boat shall present their damaged mainsail to the Race Committee for inspection.
- 10. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 10.1. A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat/s at **the first reasonable opportunity (as soon as possible)** as follows:
- 10.1.(a). When the protest concerns **an incident in the racing area** that she is involved in or sees, she shall:
- 10.1.a.i. **Hail** "PROTEST"
- 10.1.a.ii. **Inform** the protested boat/s by VHF (This changes RRS 60.2(a)),
- 10.1.a.iii. **Display** conspicuously a protest (red) flag **on the backstay**. If the boat has no backstay, protest flag shall be displayed on the best visible place at or near the boat stern. The flag shall be displayed until she is no longer racing.
- 10.1.a.iv. **Inform** the Race Committee at the finishing line by VHF about the identity of the boat to be protested and keep the protest flag displayed until it is confirmed by the Race Committee (This changes RRS 60.2(a)). **It is not necessary to inform the Race Committee at the time of the incident.**
- 10.1.(b). When protesting for any other reason, she shall inform the other boat/s **immediately** after coming ashore.
- 10.2. A boat that intends to protest but could not continue and finish the race, or retires, shall inform the Race Committee finishing vessel by VHF **as soon as possible** (This changes RRS 60.2(a)).
- 10.3. Protest forms are available at the Online notice board. Protests and Requests for Redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 10.4. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat finishes.
- 10.5. Notices will be posted electronically within 15 minutes after the end of the protest time to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Protest hearings will be held in the Race Office (Gocek Yacht Club).
- 10.6. Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or International Jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2(d).
- 10.7. The fee for a protest/request for redress by a boat will be **EUR250**. The fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld, or redress is granted or the protest/request for redress is withdrawn after permission of the IJ. This requirement does not apply to protests by the Race and Technical Committee or International Jury.
- 10.8. Class rules (Measurement) Protests: Both parties shall deposit in advance at the Race Office all expenses, related to the measurement to be carried out, such as measurer fees and/or renewed certificate fees. The successful party will be reimbursed.

- 10.9. All protests and requests for redress shall be written in the official language..
- 10.10. Parties shall bring their own interpreters to the hearing. The responsibility for the correctness of the translation is their own.
- 11. SCORING, NUMBER OF RACES AND PRIZES**
- 11.1. **Scoring:**
- 11.1.(a). The boats shall be arranged according to their Corrected Times (CT) in ascending order and given points under the RRS A4 Low Point System. The boat with the lowest point score after discretionary penalty points are added (if any) shall be the winner.
- 11.1.(b). The corrected time (CT) shall be calculated to two places after the decimal point with 0.50 or above being rounded upwards.
- 11.1.(c). Each division will have separate scoring.
- 11.1.(d). Scoring will be based on the number of accepted entries.
- 11.1.(e). In case of a tie RRS A8 will be applied
- 12. [DP] REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**
- 12.1. During the race, substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless approved by the Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee in electronically or if it is unable, written at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 12.2. A yacht which has furling headsail credit in their rating certificate shall not use any other head sail except storm and heavy weather jib.
- 13. MEASUREMENT & INSPECTION**
- 13.1. Whenever necessary, measurements will be performed by a team provided by the Race Committee.
- 13.2. The boats may be inspected before or after the race even without a protest.
- 13.3. Every owner of a boat is responsible for keeping his boat in the condition in which she was measured. Whether protested or not, if during the control of a boat, the TCC value is found to be higher than the value in the certificate by a margin greater than allowed by the rules, the boat will be penalized by the IJ.
- 14. [NP] RACE COMMITTEE VESSELS**
- 14.1. The Race Committee Vessels will display "RC" flags. The absence of an RC flag shall not be grounds for a request for redress. (This changes RRS 61.1.(a))
- 14.2. Vessels used by press, photographers, film crews, VIPs etc. are not under the jurisdiction of the RC. Any action by these boats shall not be grounds for a request for redress by boats. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 14.3. The Race Committee Vessels may use engine to keep their position at the starting and finishing lines due to weather conditions and/or technical reasons. This will not be ground for a request for redress. (This changes RRS 61.1.(a))
- 15. [NP] [DP] DECLARATIONS**
- 15.1. [DP] Person In Charge of a retiring yacht must promptly inform the Race Committee via VHF Channel 73 and must submit a written declaration as soon as possible.
- 15.2. When a yacht uses her engine to avoid collision, for rescue, or in a grave emergency, or uses its engine to charge its batteries without the turning the propeller or the shaft and continues to race, this needs to be declared in detail to the Race Committee no later than the expiry of the protest time limit.
- 15.3. Person In Charge of a yacht that has taken a Turn Penalty must submit their declaration forms to the Race Committee within the protest time limit via electronically or written. Yachts that fail to do so shall be deemed not having taken their Turn Penalties.
- 16. [DP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS, DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**
- 16.1. Without prior written permission of the Race or the Technical Committee, all yachts shall be afloat between the first race day and the protest time limit. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around any participating yacht during this time.
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**RACE ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

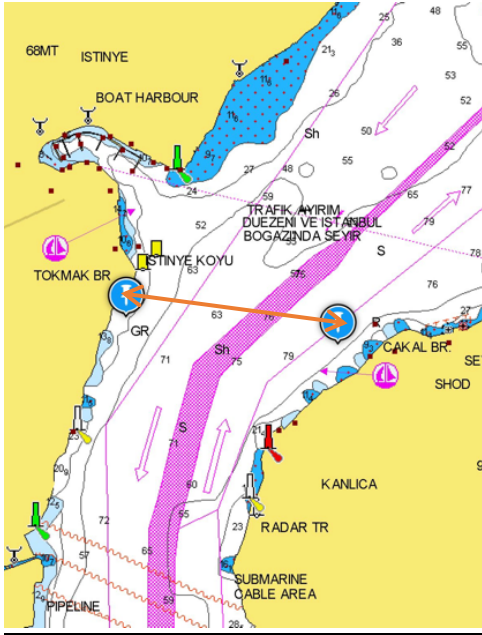


## **APPENDIX A: RACE COURSE DETAILS**

### **STARTING LINE:**

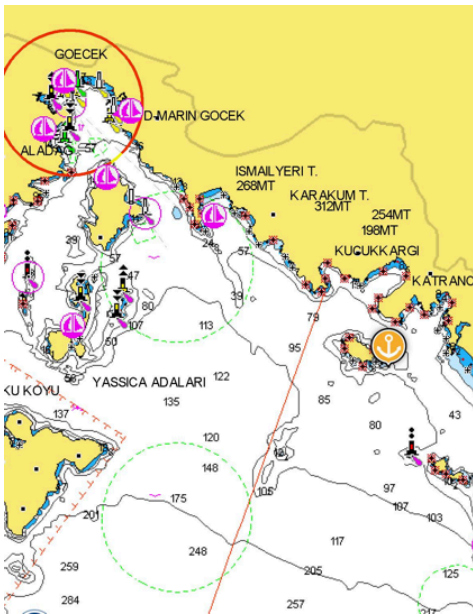
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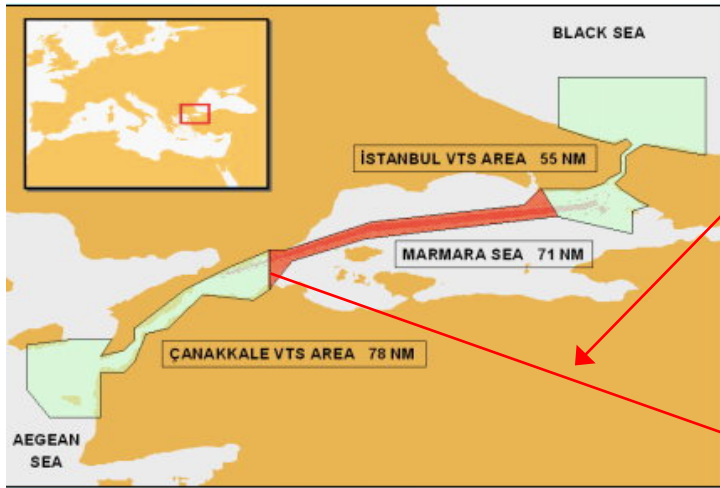


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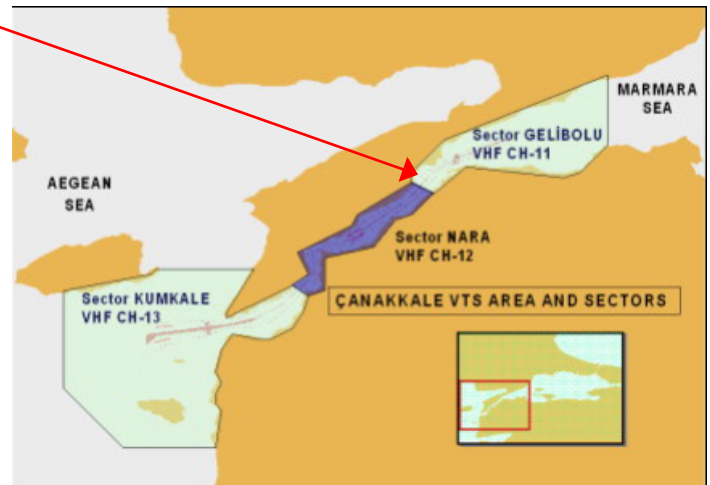
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## ISTANBUL BOGAZI – MARMARA SEA & CANAKKALE BOGAZI



START: İstanbul Boğazı (Bosphorus)



## MID-POINT COORDINATES (WP) FOR THE CANAKKALE BOGAZI STRAITS

1:	40° 25',940 N	026° 45'.130 E
2:	40° 23'.740 N	026° 41'.190 E
3:	40° 20',260 N	026° 37'.730 E
4:	40° 13',380 N	026° 27',730 E
5:	40° 12',100 N	026° 23',440 E
6:	40° 11',585 N	026° 22',845 E
7:	40° 08'.960 N	026° 23'.270 E
8:	40° 08'.070 N	026° 22'.960 E
9:	40° 04'.240 N	026° 18'.450 E
10:	40° 02'.590 N	026° 15'.250 E
11:	40° 01'.320 N	026° 09'.350 E
12:	40° 00'.310 N	026° 00'.190 E
13:	39° 58'.850 N	025° 57'.680 E
The GPS coordinates for the mid-point line are listed above.		