



OYSTER REGATTA 2010

NOTICE OF REGATTA

Porto Cervo, Italy

Tuesday 21st - Saturday 25th September



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA

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The Oyster Jubilee Regatta

Hosted by Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, Porto Cervo, Sardinia

21-25 September 2010



Introduction

The Oyster Regatta – Sardinia 2010, is Oyster’s 25th Regatta, and will follow a similar format to previous Oyster events, with the emphasis on a fun and friendly event for all the family, with low key racing by day and parties and dinners by night. As always, owners who prefer not to race are just as welcome to attend with their yachts and join in the social events.

Organising Authority

The regatta is organised by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS) in association with Oyster Marine Ltd (OML).

We are pleased to acknowledge the help and support given by our family of Sponsors and Supporters:

Event Partners:

Lewmar
Raymarine
Dolphin Sails
Pelagos Yachts
Pantaenius

Special thanks to:

Yacht Club Costa Smeralda
Yacht Club Porto Rotondo

Regatta Committee

Chairman	David Tydeman, Oyster Marine
Event Director	Liz Whitman, Oyster Marine
Race Committee	John Grandy and Peter Wykeham-Martin, GWM
Racing Ltd	Edoardo Recchi YCCS, Pete Lawson

This Notice of Regatta supersedes all previous information.

All times shown are local.

1 THE RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Yachts may use power winches and sail handling systems when racing.
- 1.3 When yachts meet while not racing they shall comply with the international Steering and Sailing Rules of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea (IRPCAS).
- 1.4 Owners and Skippers are asked to take note that, generally, Oysters are large yachts not equipped or crewed for quick tacking or manoeuvres that might be expected of an experienced racing crew. Any yacht being sailed in a reckless or aggressive manner or displaying poor seamanship may be excused from further participation at the sole discretion of the Regatta Committee.
- 1.5 The safety of a yacht and her entire management shall be the sole responsibility of the Person in Charge racing the yacht, who must ensure that the yacht and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. The Regatta is considered Cat 4 under the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations.
- 1.6 Sufficient lifejackets shall be carried at all times for all persons on board.
- 1.7 Anchors may be carried in their usual stowage position, on the stemhead, whilst racing.
- 1.8 In order to avoid any potentially dangerous situations, yachts may use their engines to motor clear, provided this is done in such a way as not to give unfair advantage. Yachts that do use their engines in this way shall report the circumstances to the Race Committee within an hour of finishing the day's racing, which may or may not apply a penalty.
- 1.9 Yachts may display advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code. Yachts shall display Event Advertising in compliance with ISAF Regulation 20.
- 1.10 Owners should note that no activities advertising any brand are permitted ashore within the Porto Cervo Marina Area.
- 1.11 No national authority prescriptions will apply except Part 6 of prescriptions of the FIV (Federation Italia Vela), which will apply only to Italian nationals: 'Italian sailors shall hold a valid Italian Sailing Federation card'.
- 1.12 English is the official language of the Regatta.
- 1.13 In any conflict between regatta documentation, the Sailing Instructions take precedence.

2 ENTRIES

- 2.1 Entries must be submitted on the official Oyster Regatta Entry Form to Jacqui Kotze at Oyster Marine in Ipswich, no later than 23 July 2010. Late entries will be admitted only at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

3 REGATTA HEADQUARTERS & REGISTRATION

- 3.1 The Race Office will be located at the Regatta Village in Piazza Azzurra at YCCS and will be open for Registration from 1000 to 1700 on 21 September and daily thereafter from 0930 to 1800.
- 3.2 All Owners/Skippers are requested to register at the Race Office as soon as possible on arrival after 1000 hrs on 21 September. Sailing Instructions and a Regatta pack will be available for collection. Owners/skippers are requested to study the Sailing Instructions and bring them to the Skipper's Briefing.
- 3.3 A list of all Competitions and prizes will be distributed at Registration.

4 IDENTIFICATION

- 4.1 In addition to Sail Numbers on mainsails, which are mandatory, all Yachts shall display a pair of identification vinyl stickers applied forward to each side of the bow. These will be issued at Registration. If you require Sail Numbers, these can be obtained in advance from Dolphin Sails who will be attending the regatta.
Tel: +44 (0) 1255 243366 Email: sails@dolphin-sails.com

5 EVENT FLAGS & ENSIGNS

- 5.1 Yachts will be issued with a complimentary Regatta Flag, which owners are required to fly throughout the event. Regatta Flags will be issued at Registration.
- 5.2 Class flags shall be flown from the backstay at all times whilst racing. Class Flags will be issued at Registration.
- 5.3 Participants are welcome to wear Ensigns during the event except when racing. Yachts that retire from a race should wear their Ensign as an indication to the Committee Boat and other participants. Yachts that cross the finishing line with Ensigns flying will be scored Did Not Finish.

6 SCHEDULE

Tuesday 21 September

1000-1700 Registration at the Race Office
1730 Skipper's Briefing - YCCS Upper Terrace
1930 Cocktail Party and Dinner - YCCS Terrace

NB: The skippers briefing is mandatory and up to 2 representatives from each yacht are requested to attend.

Wednesday 22 September

Race 1
Local racing starting and finishing at Porto Cervo
First warning signal 1200
Cocktail Party and Dinner – Hotel Romazzino

Thursday 23 September

Race 2
Local racing starting at Porto Cervo finishing at Porto Rotondo
First warning signal 1200
Cocktail Party and Dinner – Yacht Club Porto Rotondo

Friday 24 September

Race 3

Local racing starting at Porto Rotondo finishing at Porto Cervo

First warning signal 1200

Cocktail Party – YCCS Terrace

Owners to make own arrangements for dinner

Saturday 25 September

Race 4

Local racing starting and finishing at Porto Cervo

First warning signal at 1200

Final Prize Giving – Piazza Azzura, followed by Dinner - YCCS Terrace

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Sailing instructions will be available at Registration.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses to be sailed will be traditional Oyster courses laid along the coast and among the islands in the vicinity of Porto Cervo.
- 8.2 Two races shall be completed to constitute a series.

9 CLASSES

- 9.1 The fleet will be divided into classes by size and number at the discretion of the Regatta Committee. Details will be given at Registration.

10 HANDICAPPING

- 10.1 Races will be under 'Oyster Handicap' as decided by the Regatta Committee whose decision will be final. The Oyster Handicap endeavours to take account of performance related factors, crew, known IRC and CSA ratings, as well as information from designers and a review of the results of similar vessels in previous events and regattas.

11 USE OF OFFWIND SAILS

- 11.1 The use of spinnakers, both symmetric and asymmetric, and cruising chutes (MPS), with or without spinnaker poles, likewise for specialist headsails developed for reaching or running, is encouraged, but their intended use must be declared, since this will affect each yacht's handicap. Options for using off wind sails will be advised at the Skippers' Briefing. The Race Committee's decision on what constitutes an asymmetric, spinnaker or cruising chute will be final.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 Results will be calculated on a points tally using a low score system (.75 for 1st 2 for 2nd etc) and the results for the regatta will allow 1 discard if all races are sailed, otherwise all races will count. In the event of a points tie, the final result will be decided on the results of the last race and if that still results in a tie then it will be decided on the results of the preceding race.

13 CREWING

- 13.1 Owners/Skippers shall submit a final Crew List to the Committee Desk at Registration.

- 13.2 Yachts entered in an Oyster Regatta are expected to be adequately crewed so that the vessel can be operated safely.
- 13.3 It is a requirement of entry that all yachts intending to race up to and including the Oyster 575 shall carry as an absolute minimum at least three competent crew including the skipper.
- 13.4 Similarly from the Oyster 61 to Oyster 66 a minimum of four competent crew shall be on board and from the Oyster 68 to Oyster 82 a minimum of five competent crew shall be on board.
- 13.5 Some crew may be available, including Oyster owners, members of the Oyster Team and our Sponsors. Some of these crew will be very experienced, accomplished sailors, others not. The onus will be on each owner/skipper taking crew on an ad hoc basis to establish that crew's level of expertise. If additional crew are provided these should be in addition to the minimum crew specified in this Notice of Regatta. The event organisers take no responsibility for the performance of crew or any consequential loss or damage that might arise.

14 BERTHING

- 14.1 Berthing has been reserved for participating yachts at YCCS from 1000 hrs on Tuesday 21 September to 1000 hrs on Sunday 26 September and at Porto Rotondo for the night of Thursday 23 September. The cost of berthing for these dates is included in the entry fee.
- 14.2 Berthing may or may not be available for late entries received after the 22 July deadline.
- 14.3 All owners are requested to register with the Marina Office on arrival and must make arrangements to pay for all water, electricity and other services used before departure.
- 14.4 To reserve berthing at Porto Cervo before and after the dates shown in NOR 14.1 and for tenders please apply direct to the Porto Cervo Marina Office direct:
Tel + 39 0789 905111
Fax + 39 0789 91153
VHF Channel 9
Email: info@marinadiportocervo.com
- 14.5 Local regulations require that all boats MUST inform the Harbourmaster's Office by radio on VHF Channel 9 when they first arrive at a marina and each time they leave or enter harbour. Sailing is forbidden inside the Harbour.
- 14.6 For more information about facilities at Porto Rotondo please contact the Marina Office direct:
Tel: +39 0789 34203
Fax: +39 0789 34368
VHF Channel 9
Email: marinaportorotondo@tiscali.it
Website: www.marinadiportorotondo.it

15 COMMUNICATIONS

- 15.1 VHF Channel 72 will be used for all race committee communications.
- 15.2 Each yacht shall carry a working mobile (or satellite) telephone when racing. Competitors are reminded that RRS 41 (Outside Help) will be observed. Boats shall adhere to any position / safety reporting schedules in the Sailing Instructions.

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 The overall winners of each Class will receive the Oyster Regatta Trophy. The trophies are perpetual and arrangements for their safe keeping, insurance and return must be agreed with Liz Whitman.
- 16.2 Sponsor Prizes will be presented to the winning yachts in every race in each class.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 The Organising Authority, Race Organisers and Sponsors shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the Owner/Skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in races or any part of the regatta. Moreover, every Owner/Skipper warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.
- 17.2 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the Owner/Skipper who must ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience who are physically fit to face bad weather. The Owner/Skipper must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.
- 17.3 The Owner/Skipper bears full responsibility for the conduct and good behaviour of their crew and guests for the duration of the Regatta.
- 17.4 Neither the establishment of these conditions, nor their use by the Organising Authority and the Race Organisers, in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the Owner/Skipper. The crew is nonetheless advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.
- 17.5 It is a condition of entry that owners taking part in the Oyster Regatta Sardinia 2010 accept this disclaimer of liability on behalf of themselves and their crew.

18 INSURANCE

- 18.1 All entrants are required as a condition of participation in the Oyster Regatta Sardinia 2010 to hold third party indemnity insurance (under racing conditions if you intend to race) for the period of the Regatta, with adequate cover taking into account the value of the boats racing and the measure of damages likely to arise in the event of an accident.
- 18.2 All owners will be required to sign an insurance declaration at Registration.

19 MEDIA RIGHTS

- 19.1 By participating in the regatta, owners and their guests and crews grant, at no cost, the absolute right and permission for the Organising Authority and Sponsors to use their name, voice, image, likeness and representation of their boat in any media including, but not limited to, television, print, and internet media including video footage, for the purposes of editorial, advertising, promotion or press information. In this respect competitors' names and any biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known.
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SUPPLEMENTARY REGATTA INFORMATION

20 CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

- 20.1 A panel of judges will inspect each yacht berthed at YCCS between 1200 and 1700 on Tuesday 21 September. Prizes for the winners in each class will be presented at the final prize giving. Yachts will be judged by external condition, including topsides, decks, varnish, stainless, canvas work, rigging etc. NB: There will be no inspection below decks.

21 ADDITIONAL CREW

- 21.1 If you would like additional crew please register your interest ahead of the regatta with Jacqui Kotze at Oyster Marine who will endeavour to help.
- 21.2 Out of respect for our event sponsors, we request that other members of the marine trade who may be invited to crew by owners, attend on the understanding that they will not solicit for business during the regatta.

22 MEDIA

- 22.1 There is no restriction on broadcasting from a boat to the media during racing provided that there is no contravention of RRS 41 (Outside Help).

23 ON BOARD CAMERAS & SATELLITE POSITION FINDING

- 23.1 The Regatta Committee reserves the right to place a camera on board each boat for media purposes.
- 23.2 The Regatta Committee reserves the right to place position fixing equipment aboard each boat.

24 PREPARATION

- 24.1 While the onus is on owners to prepare their yachts for the event, the following check list may be useful:
- Clean bottom, i.e. really clean, not just diver scrubbed, around the waterline.
 - Rigging check including condition of halyards, remembering that halyards for in-mast furling mainsails and furling headsails may have been aloft for some time and may need inspecting.
 - Sails – check condition of tack head and outhaul, leech line adjustment.
 - Prop – make sure that prop is folded/feathered when sailing.
 - Steering – check cables - do they need tensioning?

25 EVENT BOOKING FORM

- 25.1 An Entry Form must be completed and returned with payment in full to Jacqui Kotze at Oyster Marine in Ipswich, to arrive no later than Friday 23 July 2010. There will be no refunds unless, at the discretion of the Regatta Committee, your place can be re-sold, in which case a refund may be offered.
- 25.2 Due to space and capacity limitations, participants are strongly advised to return their Entry Forms early as places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Vegetarian meals can be offered provided they are requested in advance. We regret we are unable to provide for any other dietary requirements.

26 EVENT CLOTHING & MERCHANDISE

- 26.1 Customised event shirts and hats are available. Please order on the Merchandise Booking Form and collect from the Committee Desk at Registration on 21 September. In order to fulfil your requirements, all orders for Event Clothing MUST be received by latest Friday 13 August.

27 COMMUNICATIONS WITH OYSTER MARINE

- 27.1 All communications up to 1600 GMT on Thursday 16 September should be with Jacqui Kotze or Liz Whitman at Oyster Marine in Ipswich. Thereafter, communications during the event should be with Jacqui or Liz Whitman or other members of the Oyster Regatta Committee via mobile or VHF. All contact numbers and VHF channels will be confirmed at the Skippers' Briefing.

28 OYSTER OPEN HOUSE

- 28.1 The Oyster Open House will run throughout the event starting on 21 September when yachts are berthed at YCCS. Each yacht will be given an Oyster House Flag and flying this from your spreaders will indicate your willingness to take part. This in turn means that if you see yachts with the blue house flag flying you are welcome to arrange a convenient time to go onboard.

29 DINGHIES

- 29.1 Dinghies may be left at YCCS whilst racing.

30 FUEL AND WATER

- 30.1 Fuel and Water is available in Porto Cervo and at Porto Rotondo. Participants must pay for all services used before departure.

31 CHARTS & CRUISING GUIDE

- 31.1 Participants will be issued with course guides covering the racing areas at Registration. However, the onus will be on participants to have whatever navigational charts and equipment they consider necessary. If you are not familiar with Porto Cervo and surrounding Sardinian waters you may wish to purchase Italian charts N° 42, 43, 323, 324, 325, 910 published by Istituto Idrografico della Marina. Charts can be ordered directly from the Institute Passo dell' Osservatorio 4, 16134 Genoa, Italy, Tel: +39 010 246 3528, Fax: +39 010 261400. We also recommend Imray Chart M8 North Sardegna.

32 PHOTOGRAPHY & EVENT FILMING

- 32.1 Photographs will be taken during the regatta and a selection of material will be available after the event. Tim Wright is our official photographer and is offering owners a 50% discount off his list price for CD's of images of your yacht. Photographs can be ordered direct from Tim during the regatta or via his website at www.photoaction.com
- 32.2 When sailing, the Regatta Committee request that fenders are stowed below deck. When at sea and during aerial photo shoots owners and crews should endeavour to make their yachts as photogenic as possible. Cooperation with the media team should provide a unique opportunity to acquire some top quality pictures of your yacht.

33 DRESS CODE

- 33.1 When using the YCCS facilities after 1900 hrs, gentlemen are requested to wear collared shirts, long trousers and closed shoes (ie not sandals or flip flops). Whilst jackets and ties are not mandatory, we ask that participants adopt smart attire for the prize giving party at YCCS. Most of the evening functions will be, at least, partially outside and we recommend all participants come suitably prepared for cool evenings.

34 DRINKS

- 34.1 Unless stated as complimentary or included with dinner, drinks during the Regatta will be available by cash bar or by direct payment to the provider at the function.

35 CONTACT DETAILS & FURTHER INFORMATION

In the first instance please direct all enquiries to Jacqui Kotze, Rebecca Twiss or Liz Whitman at Oyster Marine: Tel: +44 (0) 1473 688888

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