Official Notice Board

GÖCEK YACHT CLUB

24th GÖCEK AUTUMN RACE WEEK & ATATÜRK CUP
November, 09-13 2026 / GÖCEK – TÜRKİYE

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as stated in the Notice of Race (NoR).

1.2 [NP] Denotes that the breach of that rule will not be grounds for a protest or a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1(a).

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. 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 (This changes RRS Rule 25.1).

2.2. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

2.3. [NP] 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. Failure to hear these changes shall not be grounds for a request for redress.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

3.1 Signals ashore will be displayed on the Race Committee Vessel while she is in the Marina. There will be no other signals made ashore.

3.2 If the AP flag is displayed on the Committee Vessel in the marina, the warning signal for the first division(s) will be made not less than thirty (30) minutes after the AP is removed.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 As stated in the Notice of Race.

5 [DP][NP] CLASSES AND DIVISION PENNANTS/WARNING SIGNALS

5.1 Division composition and pennants will be posted as a part of the SUPPLEMENT on the official notice board after closing of registration.

5.2 All competing boats must display on both sides of the hull the allocated numbers and stickers throughout the event.

5.3 The Division pennant must be flown at the backstay of the boat. If the boat has no backstay, the division pennant shall be displayed on the best visible place close to the boat stern.

5.4 Sponsor flags shall be displayed on spreaders or shrouds and stickers shall be placed on both sides of the hull.

5.5 The Protest Committee may penalize boats that don't carry their numbers, pennants, stickers, and sponsor flags.

5.6 Except for the division pennant and protest flag (when necessary), no other flags (including national flag) shall be flown on the backstay during any race.

5.7 It is advisory to have national letters and/or numbers on the sails. (App G)

6 [NP] COURSES

6.1 The courses, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left, are as shown on the course charts in the SUPPLEMENT.

6.2 RC Vessels, Marks and their locations for the courses will be approximate and shall not be grounds for a request for redress.

6.3 For all races, the Race Committee will announce the course of the day by VHF and the appropriate code flag will be

displayed on the Committee Vessel before the warning signal. Failure to receive the announcement shall not be grounds for a request for redress.

6.4 All boats shall avoid and sail clear of obstructions and shallow water areas.

6.5 Changes of courses, starting or finishing lines is at the discretion of the Race Committee and shall not be grounds for a request for redress.

7 [NP] MARKS

7.1 The marks shall be as described in the SUPPLEMENT.

7.2 Presence or absence of numbers and different shapes/colours of the marks shall not be grounds for a request for redress.

8 [NP] THE START

8.1 The starting line will be between a pole displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel and the course side of a buoy. The position of the RC vessel and the buoy shall be as shown on the course charts.

8.2 Races shall be started as stated RRS rule 26.

8.3 The sequence of the starts for all races shall be stated in the SUPPLEMENT and posted on the official notice board after the closing of registration.

8.4 **[DP]** Boats shall check in with the race committee each day before the warning signal of their first race, by passing close by the starboard side of the committee vessel on port tack and await acknowledgement from the race committee.

8.5 **[DP]** Except when complying with SI 9.5 all boats shall keep at least 100 m away from the starting line until their warning signal. Violation may be subject to protest by the Race Committee.

8.6 Boats starting later than 10 minutes after their starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

8.7 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound. The flag will be displayed for at least five (5) minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

8.8 **[DP]** Before the moment in which the preparatory signal is given, the boats must have their engines stopped. Boats, which violated this rule, may be penalized after being protested.

8.9 **Individual Recall**: The Race committee will attempt to broadcast the division number/hull (sticker) number of OCS boats on VHF. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for redress (This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1))". The Race Committee's announcements shall not be considered as outside help.

8.10 The finishing line will be between a pole displaying a BLUE flag on the Committee vessel and the course side of a buoy. The positions of the Race Committee vessel and the buoy will be as shown on the course charts.

8.11 If the Race Committee signals a shortening of the course, the finishing line will be between a mark and a staff displaying code flag S on a Race Committee Vessel.

8.12 **[DP]** After finishing, the boats shall clear the finishing line and keep away from it.

9 [NP][DP] VHF COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 It is mandatory to have a VHF marine radio and to keep it tuned to Ch as described at the Supplement during the races. Receive or not of Race Committee announcements shall not be grounds for a request for redress.

9.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make any private transmissions via VHF.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 A boat may take a TWO-Turn penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing. She may take a One -Turn penalty when she may have broken rule 31.

10.2 The Discretional Penalty **[DP]** imposed by the Protest committee in case of a breach of a rule will be in scoring points.

11 [NP] TIME LIMITS

11.1 The time limits for the races will be provided together with the course charts as a part of the SUPPLEMENT.

11.2 Finishing Window: (ONLY for when the leeward/windward course applied) The time limit for a boat to finish, after the first boat of her division, which sails the course and finishes, is 30 minutes. Boats that are still racing but do not finish within the finishing window, will be scored (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10. This rule will only apply to upwind and downwind racecourses.

11.3 When the Race Committee is convinced that no boat will finish within the time limit for their divisions, the Race Committee reserves the right to extend the time limits before their expiration time. The Race Committee will inform all competitors via VHF. This shall not be ground for a request for redress.

11.4 Shortening the course shall not affect the time limit for finishing.

12 HEARING REQUESTS

12.1 A boat intending to protest; in addition to complying with RRS 60.2 shall also Inform the Race Committee at the finishing

line of the identity of the boat to be protested and keep the protest flag displayed until this is acknowledged by the Race Committee. “It is not necessary to inform the Race Committee at the time of the incident”.

12.2 A boat that intends to protest but could not continue and finish the race, or retires, in addition of complying RRS 60.2(c) shall also inform the Race Committee finishing vessel by VHF as soon as possible.

12.3 Protest forms are available at the Online Notice board. Protests and Requests for Redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

12.4 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Committee Vessel docks at the Marina.

12.5 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.

12.6 A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening not later than the protest time limit if it is informed of the decision on the previous day. On the last day of racing, the reopening time limit is 15 minutes after being informed of the decision (This changes RRS 63.7).

12.7 The fee for a protest/request for redress by a boat will be as stated in the Notice of Race. 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 Protest Committee. This requirement does not apply to protests by the Race, Technical and Protest Committee.

12.8 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.

12.9 All protests and requests for redress shall be written in the official language, stated in the Notice of Race.

12.10 Parties shall bring their own interpreters to the hearing. The responsibility for the correctness of the translation is their own.

13 [DP][NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

13.1 A boat retiring for any reason in any race shall report to the Race Committee as soon as possible.

13.2 All boats shall carry appropriate anchor and chain/rope during the races. However, between the first warning signal and the finish the anchors shall not be carried on the stem head and shall be stowed inside the chain locker or in a suitable place on board.

13.3 All boats are required to carry the safety equipment, required by the Offshore Special Regulations for the category of the race stated in the Notice of Race.

13.4 In wind conditions of more than twenty-five (25) knots or a risk to life and safety of property, the Race Committee may not start the race or may shorten or abandon the race. This shall not be ground for a request for redress.

14 [NP] DECLARATIONS

14.1 There is no obligation to submit a written declaration about finishing the race.

14.2 Boats that took a One-Turn or Two-Turns Penalty, or retired from the race, shall sign declaration forms via online ONB within the protest time limit. Failure to declare this will mean that the boat did not take a penalty.

14.3 **[DP]** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee by VHF. as soon as possible stating her division colour and number and send an electronic declaration form ONB within the protest time limit. Failure to comply with this requirement may lead to imposing a penalty for the next race.

14.4 **[DP]** Any outside help or use of engine for rescuing people, giving help or any other reasons shall be reported to the Race Committee via online (ONB within the protest time limit, stating the reasons for such actions and the times of starting and stopping the engine (if used).

15 [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

15.1 Any crew changes (adding new crew members, replacing or disembarking crew members) shall be notified to the race office, on line, no later than 2 hours before the scheduled time of the start of the first race of the day. Crew changes will be automatically approved unless the race committee declines this change for a reason.

15.2 During the regatta, 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.

15.3 No participating boat is allowed to have more than two (2) main sails, the second to be substituted only in case of damage to the first one during the race. In such a case the boat is required to inform the Technical Committee by VHF and to submit an online statement if it is unable as soon as they reach the shore and present their damaged main sail to the Technical Committee. Failing to do so may result in a penalty imposed by the Protest Committee.

15.4 The boats which have furling headsail credit in their rating certificate shall not use any other head sail (except storm and heavy weather jib).

15.5 The boats shall not use any pole (spinnaker, whisker, or any other kind) if not declared to UNCL/RORC.

16 MEASUREMENT & INSPECTION

16.1 Whenever necessary, measurements will be performed by a team provided by the Race Committee.

16.2 The boats may be inspected before or after any race even without a protest.

16.3 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 Protest Committee.

17 [NP] RACE COMMITTEE VESSELS

17.1 The Race Committee Vessels will display "RC" flags. The absence of an RC flag shall not be grounds for a request for redress.

17.2 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).

17.3 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.

18 LIABILITY

18.1 The Sailing races can be dangerous. Competitors participate in the Race entirely at their own risk. See **RRS 3 Decision to Race:** "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

18.2 Göcek Yacht Club (The Organizer of these races), its representatives, sponsors, the Race, Technical and Protest Committees are not responsible for any loss, damage, death, or personal injury, taking place directly or indirectly because of the races.

18.3 In particular, the owners of the boat and his/her crew should accept the following:

18.3.1 Responsibility for their crew (insurance included), for the seaworthiness of the boats, for safe navigation, decision to start and/or to continue to race.

18.3.2 By participating in the race, each competitor, boat owner and support person agrees to be governed by the rules of SI 1, to accept the penalties imposed and other actions, taken under these rules, subject to the appeal and review procedures provided in them, as the final determination of any matter arising under the rules and with respect to such a determination, not to resort to any court or other tribunal not provided by the rules.

18.3.3 Before the start of the race, owners or skippers shall brief their crews. Their signatures on the entry form denote acceptance of all these responsibilities.

19 DATA PROTECTION

19.1 The OA, in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), will use information provided by competitors for the purposes of GYC event management only. This data will be held in compliance with the GDPR and will not be shared with any third parties or used for marketing purposes other than contacting competitors by email, post, SMS and telephone with information regarding this event or future events. Competitors will be required to provide their specific consent to this on their entry form.

19.2 Competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event if they do not infringe the privacy rights of participants.

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