



POLISH YACHTING ASSOCIATION

GUIDELINES OF THE POLISH YACHTING ASSOCIATION ON THE ORGANIZATION OF SAILING REGATTAS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

I. Introduction

Due to the emergency situation regarding the COVID-19 epidemic, all activities resulting from the organization and conduct of sailing regattas will be carried out in compliance with specific sanitary requirements.

Participation in the regattas is at the participant's own responsibility. Each participant waives any claims against the regatta organizers, in particular against the Polish Yachting Association, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

The rules were introduced to ensure the safety of all participants of the above-mentioned activities and result directly from generally applicable legal regulations (recommendations regarding social distancing, the permissible specified number of people, the need to cover the mouth and nose, disinfect hands, etc.).

II. Sailing regattas

1. Information procedures regarding the conducting of a sailing regattas (notice of race, organizational announcements) should be published only in electronic form.
2. Accepting regatta applications and other procedures relating to the competitor's start in the regatta must be in electronic form, without personal contact.
3. The starting fees are collected only in the form of bank transfers related to the regatta registration procedures.
4. Communication between the organizer, the judging committee and other entities involved in the organization of the regatta, and the competitors and coaches (announcements, start lists, results, weather forecast, technical matters) should be carried out only via electronic means of communication (electronic boards, screens, telecommunication devices).
5. The opening ceremony of the regatta and any accompanying events during the organization of the event may take place without the participation of the public, while respecting the principles of social distance.
6. Providing direct transport of the crew and the coach from their place of residence to the area of the regatta organization in compliance with generally applicable laws. It is recommended that sailors reach the place where the yacht is stationed by their own means of transportation.
7. At the harbour all procedures that are in force shall be in compliance with generally applicable laws.
8. No accompanying persons may stay in the marina's designated zones, where the regatta takes place.
9. The organizer of the regatta provides only such sanitary facilities, which are regularly disinfected and have disinfectants available to users.
10. The sailors must comply with the current recommendations for covering the mouth and nose during their entire stay in the premises where the regattas are being held.
11. The required technical inspection of the equipment should be carried out without the participation of the competitors, in a place designated by the organizer.
12. The necessary equipment will be prepared for collection by participants in a way that does not require entering the premises. Participants shall collect the equipment one at a time, keeping the correct distance between each other.
13. The maximum number of persons on the yacht must correspond to the number of persons admitted to sail on a given unit, as defined by the documents corresponding to the type and class of that unit, i.e.:
 - 1) tonnage certificate (if applicable),
 - 2) measurement certificate (if applicable),
 - 3) safety certificate (if applicable),
 - 4) registration document (if applicable).

14. When changing the crew, the places where the crew was in contact with the yacht must be disinfected.
15. Persons participating in the organization of the regatta should minimize the risk of contact with competitors and third parties, including using their own transport.
16. The settlement of disputes arising (handling of protests) should, where possible, take place by means of telecommunications or with the minimum number of persons required. Participants involved in the dispute resolution should use personal protective equipment in accordance with current recommendations.
17. As a last resort, protests can be held in a specially prepared room, to which one can enter at distance of at least 2 meters, before entering the room, all protesters are required to disinfect their hands. People keep the distance of 2 meters from each other in the room.
18. The closing ceremonies and awarding winners are held with the number of participants limited to the necessary minimum, in compliance with generally applicable laws. It is recommended to shorten the ceremony only to awarding the winners.
19. Presentation of other information (acknowledgements, sponsors, etc.) will happen only via telecommunication devices.