



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

# *Bruges Open Cup Micro Magic 2018*

*17 and 18 March 2018*

Organisation: RCYBrugge (in collaboration with VVWBrugge & Aan de Plas)

### **Venue**

The competition will be held at the Sint-Pietersplas (Blankenbergsedijk 8000 Brugge Belgium) on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2018.

### **Race committee**

Race Officer

Willy Sablon

Judge

Georges Flas

Observer

Reinout Dekoninck

### **Program**

Friday 16 March 2018

13.00-17.00: training

Saturday 17 March 2018

9.00: boats check

10.30: briefing

11.00: regattas with lunch break - last warning signal no later than 16.30

19.00: Captains dinner (at chinese restaurant 'Gouden Rivier' in Bruges)

Sunday 18 March 2018

10.00-15.00: regattas with lunch break – last warning signal no later than 14.30

16.00: prizes ceremony

## **1 Rules**

### **1.1 RRS, MMICR and Sailing Instructions**

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing + Appendix E ([http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WorldSailingRRS20172020-\[20946\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WorldSailingRRS20172020-[20946].pdf)), the Micro Magic International Class Rules (<http://micromagic.info/wp-content/uploads/MM-Classrules-2015.pdf>) and The Sailing Instructions BOCMM2018.

The Sailing Instructions BOCMM2018 will prevail in case of conflict with these rules and/or the Notice of Race BOCMM2018.

Above all the race committee is free to act outside these documents if it feels appropriate to do so. Participants have no right to protest against any decision(s) of the Race committee.

## **1.2 Sportsmanlike manner**

MM Racing is fun and all sailors are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times.

## **1.3 Avoid collisions**

It is every sailor's responsibility to avoid collisions.

## **1.4 Infringing the rules**

Any boat that infringes the rules must take a penalty turn (one tack & one gibe).

However, a minor contact where no boat has been disadvantaged may be ignored if the infringed boat is happy to let both boats continue without calling for a penalty turn.

*Racing takes place under the basic principle of sportsmanship. A 'minor contact' is hard to define, but a boat must not be significantly impeded by the unlawful actions of a fellow competitor, so if in doubt please take a penalty turn without being asked. We are aiming for fun, fair and friendly racing.*

*Obvious 'mid ship' collisions will always be rewarded with a penalty turn of the 'offender', not complying can be a call for a DSQ.*

## **1.5 Sportsmanship**

The basic principle of competition sailing is sportsmanship. A small contact is difficult to define, but a boat shall not be affected by an illegal action of another participant. In the event of doubt, therefore it is best to always rotate a penalty button. The intention is that the game is for everyone to enjoy sailing.

## **1.6 Calls**

If in the eyes of a participant, an offence is committed by another participant, the participant calls and requests a penalty.

## **1.7 Call manner**

Given the international nature of this Bruges Open Cup Micro Magic 2018, in the event of an offence, the only way a participant can protest is;

**A participant calls twice (2x) first his/her own sail number followed by 'protest' followed by the sail number of the 'offender'.**

This is the only valid calling manner for all types of offences.

## **1.8 Against the clock course**

The first mark will be left at the left side of the boat.

However, at least 5 minutes before the start of a race may the Race Officer change direction.

## **1.9 Mark Room**

All references to the 'Zone' shall be taken to be 6 hull lengths (approximately 3 meters).

*The MM is only a short boat, but a zone of 6 boat lengths still gives enough time to decide if you have an overlap, or not, and then to take appropriate action to avoid a collision.*

In short, if there is no overlap before a competitor enters the 'Zone', or at the entering of the 'Zone', a competitor has no right for 'Room' at a mark.

## **1.10 Touch a mark**

A boat's hull or rigging may touch a mark of the course provided that mark has been rounded correctly as described on the course board.

*At distance it is easy to see if your boat has gone round the mark on the correct side, but it can be hard to tell if it had a minor contact with the mark. It is easier for competitors and race officials to allow touching marks as it can only slow you down to do so.*

## **1.11 Penalty**

The penalty shall be the One-Turn Penalty (One tack and one gibe).

However, if a boat does not voluntarily take a penalty for breaking a rule and a member of the Race committee has to award a penalty, that penalty shall be Two-Turns (two tacks and two gibes). This will be confirmed verbally when announcing the penalty.

Failure to take a penalty requested by a member of the Race committee will lead to that boat being disqualified from that race.

## **1.12 Hull, Keel and rudder use**

Each competitor may only use one Hull, one Keel and one Rudder during the whole event.

Exceptions may be allowed, only by a decision of the Race Officer, for instance in the event of proven damage.

## **1.13 Boat check**

All boats **may** be subject to checks for compliance to the MMI class rules, during registration and throughout the whole event.

### **1.14 Complying with the Class Rules**

When it is doubtful whether a boat complies with the rules or not, the Race Officer **can** raise a vote among all competitors to decide if a boat can compete or not. When 2/3 of the fleet votes YES the boat can compete, otherwise it should be modified complying the rules or withdrawn.

### **2 Notice to competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the 'Race Office' or given verbally at a briefing.

#### **2.1 Location of the Race Office**

The Race Office is located in the 'VWV-Sailing school' (first floor), near the sailing area.

#### **2.2 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions shall be either posted on the official notice board, given verbally at the briefing, or at a skippers meeting called by the Race Officer during the event.

### **3 Racing Area, Course and Marks**

The racing area will be notified to competitors at the competitors briefings.

The course and the marks will be shown on the course board at the Race Office.

#### **3.1 Racing Area**

Participants, who do not start in a relevant race, must under no circumstances uphold themselves in the Racing area. Not complying with this rule can result in a DSQ (Disqualified)!

#### **3.2 Practice area**

If necessary, there will be a practice area designated.

#### **3.3 Course Change**

During a heat, shortening of the course shall be signaled by two sound signals followed by verbal announcement.

Confirmation of the new finish line on the leg before the leading boat approaches the shortened finish. The new finish line will be in the vicinity of one of the course marks.

### **4. The Start**

#### **4.1 Race call**

The Race Committee will call for the race by horn signal, which indicates the start off the countdown. The race start timer will be started and the 2 minutes countdown to the start off the race will start.

#### **4.2 Repair time**

Repair time can be requested only at the Race Officer in the vicinity of the race track and gives a maximum of 3 minutes 30 seconds after the finish of the last boat until commencing the next start procedure. This applies only with competitors who have to start in the next race again!

#### **4.3 Individual call ( outside rule during false start )**

If there is an individual call for a false start the caller has return in full to the starting side of the course by sailing along the starting line, go outside the starting buoy and cross the starting line again to re-enter the race.

#### **4.4 Black Flag rule**

The racing committee can decide at all times to use the Black Flag rule.

If the Black Flag rule is effective, then the participants of that race are not allowed during the period of 30 seconds before the race start signal, to be in the area windward or course side of the starting line and inside the lay lines. If a participant finds him/her self in the 'forbidden zone' within the time limit it results in a DSQ !

### **5 The Finish**

After the finish of a participant, his boat shall leave the race area as soon as possible, while not interfering with other participant. If, for whatever reason, a participant crosses the finish line more than once the last time will be entered as the participants definitive finish position for that race!

#### **5.1 End of a race**

After the last participant of a race has finished, or the maximum time (5 minutes after the first finished participant) for a competition has passed, a horn signal will be sound. This will also be the sign that the race area is free for the next race.

#### **5.2 Time limit**

Boats failing to finish within 5 minutes after the boat that sails the correct course and finishes first, will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish). The Race Officer may change this time limit.

## **6 Behavior and Attitude of Competitors**

Any dispute(s) still unresolved after a race finishes will be dealt with by the Judge.

*Please resolve all disputes on the water so the event may run as smoothly as possible.*

*Disputes resolved after a race finishes may result in a participant or both participants being scored DSQ. Much better to take a quick penalty turn during the race.*

Continuing badgering about a dispute solved or not, can result in a/both participant(s) being scored DSQ. The first time shall a warning been given, two warning results in DSQ!

## **7 Authorized actions of a member of Race Committee**

### **7.1 Impose a penalty**

A member of Race Committee may impose a penalty (a two turns penalty 720 degrees) if he/she observes an incident where a penalty turn was requested but not executed by the offending boat, or an incident where no penalty was requested but the member of Race Committee considers one is appropriate. He/she may impose the penalty on either, or both boats involved.

### **7.2 Disqualify and re-dress**

A member of Race Committee has the right to disqualify, give a redress, or expel a competitor.

### **7.3 Inform**

A member of Race Committee, or a fellow competitor, may inform a competitor, at any time that he/she has not sailed the correct course.

### **7.4 Not sailing the correct course**

At all the marks of the sailing course a member of Race Committee can control if a competitor is sailing the correct course. If a competitor is observed not to sail the correct course and after the competitor is informed, he/she is not correcting his rounding of the mark, the concerning competitor will receive a DSQ!

### **7.5 Complaints**

Competitor's complaints can be addressed to the Judge.

## **8 Protests**

### **8.1 Protests**

Protests are not allowed.

### **8.2 Conflict is not resolved**

If competitors cannot resolve a dispute during the race, they can take their dispute, with a witness if possible, to the Judge as soon after the race finishes as possible. The Judge will hear both sides and take a decision. That decision will be final and may result in DSQ, redress, or no penalty being applied.

## **9 Results**

### **9.1 ZW-scoring**

Scoring system is the 'ZW Sail Regatta Scoring program' (<http://www.zw-scoring.nl/>).

A copy of results will be available at the Race Office.

### **9.2 Discard races**

There will be 1 discard for every 5 races sailed.

### **9.3 'Beste Bruggeling' trophy**

It will be a trophy for the best sailor who lives in Bruges.

### **9.4 Prizes**

For all competitors.

## **10 Self-governed**

To a large extent the racing is self-governed, if all competitors respect the rules and take penalty turns as required, the member of Race Committee will observe the race in the background and focus on the good conduct of the competitors.

## **11 Micro Magic racing is fun**

Please keep it that in mind!

## **12 Sail Number and Frequency**

The race organization will assign each participant a unique sail number (usually it's the normal sail number). When two or more participants have the same sail number or frequency, the participant with its name higher in the alphabetical order will keep its sail number or frequency, the other boat will be required to prefix its sail number with a 1, 2, etc. until any conflict is resolved. 35 MHz is not allowed.

### 13 Insurance

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organizing authorities, will not accept any liability for material or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. So you need insurance.

### 14 Fee and Registration

Fee: - Competition: € 25,00 per participant.

- Captains dinner: to pay in restaurant.

Registration (for Competition and Captains dinner) is done together with the payment.

The fee has to be paid in complete and in advance at the latest on **March 1th 2018** to:

RC Yachting Brugge

IBAN: BE18 9731 3069 1265

BIC: ARSPBE22

**With communication:** BOCMM2018 / Name skipper / Sailnummer / ... x Captains dinner

No refund is possible after March 1th 2018 due to commitments made by the organization.

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