

Greek Sails Round Poros Rally 2012

RALLY RULES & INSTRUCTIONS

'Round the cans' race

The 'round the cans' race will be held on **Saturday 27 October 2012** in Askeli Bay to the east of Poros town.

The course

The course will be a windward – leeward course with two windward yellow buoys and two leeward buoys also acting as start and finish lines.

The race will start to windward and consist of four windward legs and three downwind legs. Competitors may round either of the buoys at the end of each leg as long as they round leaving the Starboard buoy to Starboard or the Port buoy to Port, e.g. pass between the buoys. This is to avoid congestion at the buoys.

The Start

The start is at 13:00 with two warning signals before the start at 12:50 (10 min) and 12:55 (5 min).

The 10 min warning will be signalled from the starting vessel with a long blast of the horn and rising of the Greek Sails Flag.

The 5 min warning will be short blast of the horn and rising of the Greek flag. Start signal is a long blast of the horn.

If any yachts are over the line during the last minute before the start, a second short blast on the horn will sound, about three seconds after the starting signal. All yachts that were over the line should restart by rounding one of the two ends of the start line after the start signal.

The penalty for hitting any of the buoys is a 360 degree turn in open clear water, during the same leg, without interfering with other yachts.

Restrictions

- No Spinnakers
- No more than one main sail and one Genoa at any one time
- No iron Genoa's (!)
- No spinnaker poles
- No part of the crew's body outside the life lines, only the legs and arms if seated on the inside of the life lines.
- No more than one small can of beer per leg per crew member

The handicap system

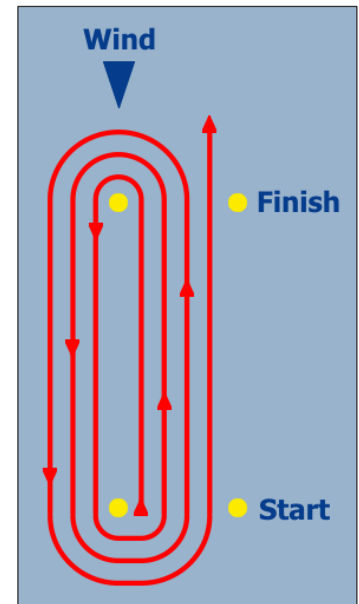
The handicap is based on overall length of yacht in feet. The calculation is made as follows:

$$10 \text{ seconds} \times \text{Difference in feet from largest yacht} \times \text{Distance in nautical miles}$$

e.g. If the course is 12nm and the largest yacht in the fleet is 45ft, then a 32 ft yacht will have handicap of $45-32= 13\text{ft} \times 10 \text{ Sec} \times 12\text{NM}= 1,560 \text{ seconds}$ or 26 Minutes.

Prize giving

The prize giving for this first race of the rally will be at the Asteria Cafe at 20:00 followed by drinks (no food).



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'Round the island' race

The 'round the island' race will be held on **Sunday 28 October 2012** around the island of Poros.

The course

The start line will be in Askeli Bay to the east of Poros town and the finish line just south of the Poros Image Hotel to the west of Poros town.

The course is around the island of Poros anticlockwise in an anti-clockwise direction. All adjacent rock and islands are free.

The Start

Yachts will start by sailing between the two yellow buoys in a west to east direction. The start is at 12:00 with two warning signals before the start at 11:50 (10 min) and 11:55 (5 min).



The 10 min warning will be signalled from the starting vessel with a long blast of the horn and rising of the Greek Sails Flag.

The 5 min warning will be short blast of the horn and rising of the Greek flag. Start signal is a long blast of the horn.

If any yachts are over the line during the last minute before the start, a second short blast on the horn will sound, about three seconds after the starting signal. All yachts that were over should restart by rounding one of the two ends of the start line after the start signal.

Restrictions

- No Spinnakers
- No more than one main sail and one Genoa at any one time
- No iron Genoa's (!)
- No spinnaker poles
- No part of the crew's body outside the life lines, only the legs and arms if seated on the inside of the life lines.
- No restrictions on beer or wine
- Each yacht must carry enough fuel to get around the island and must carry all necessary safety equipment
- Handicap system as above

Finish

Time limit is 5 hours. The finish line must be crossed from west to east.

Prize giving

At 18:00 on the Greek Sails quay followed by a barbeque.

Risk

All Skippers take part in the rally entirely at their own risk.