1. **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

1.1 The Sailing Club of Northern Aegean announces the race under the title "ROUND THASOS - KAVALA RACE" on 24 & 25 May 2025 and is incorporated in the racing program of open sea sailing of E.I.O EATH.

1.2 The race will be held in the maritime area of the Gulf of Kavala and around the island of Thassos with a gate at Evraiokastro and a total distance of (62) sixty-two nautical miles.

1.3 The race will be valid as long as at least the timing at the gate is carried out.

1. **RULES**
2.1 The “ROUND THASOS – KAVALA RACE” will be conducted in accordance with the following rules, as they apply during the race period.
2.2 The Racing Rules of Sailing (R.R.S.) 2025–2028 of WORLD SAILING.
2.3 The International Measurement System (IMS Rule).
2.4 The International ORC Rating Systems Rules: ORCi and ORC Club.
2.5 The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations governing offshore racing.

2.6 This present notice.

2.7 The Sailing Instructions of the race and any amendments to them.
2.8 The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2025–2028 by WORLD SAILING.
2.9 From sunset to sunrise, the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (1972), as amended in November 1981, will replace Part 2 of the RRS.
2.10 The Special Provisions of the H.S.F. Offshore Commission (E.A.TH) for 2025, in accordance with the 2025–2028 International Racing Rules for Offshore Sailing for each rating system.
2.11 The provisions of the National Authority (Hellenic Sailing Federation – H.S.F.).
2.12 The current Sports Law.
2.13 The race is classified as Category 3 under the above-mentioned regulation, with a life raft required.
2.14 All boats will be provided with GPS trackers, which must remain operational throughout the duration of the race.
2.15 All boats must be equipped with VHF radios with channels 12, 16, 69, and 72 as mandatory.

1. **ADVERTISING**
3.1 The race will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the WORLD SAILING Advertising Code. Therefore, boats wishing to display individual advertising during the race must comply with the requirements of the aforementioned code, as well as any regulations set by their National Authority and the current relevant circular of the Offshore Commission (E.A.TH) / Hellenic Sailing Federation (H.S.F.).
3.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to require participating boats to display the event sponsor’s logo.

**4. ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE**

4.1 The race is open to ORC International and ORC Club registered boats. The boats must have a valid certificate of measurement for 2025 from the Hellenic Sailing Federation or other National Authority that according to the YEAR BOOK of the O.R.C. is entitled to issue certificates.

4.2 The entry fee is set at 10,00 €, for each participating person on a boat.

**5. DECLARATIONS OF PARTICIPATION**

5.1 Participation forms must be submitted to the IOBA secretary. The secretariat is open from Monday to Friday from 09:30 to 14:00.

5.2 The address of the Secretariat until 23/05/2025 is :

 64200 Keramoti Beach,

Kavala

tel. 2591051180,

nasc.gr

e.mail:info@nasc.gr

 On 24 & 25/05/2025 the secretariat and the committees will be located at the cafe/bar/restaurant "cityzen", address:

Ethn. Antistaseos 1 ( at the corner of NOK ).

 Information will also be given by Mr. Panagiotis Vafia (at reasonable hours) daily at 6973018991.

5.3 The following documents must be presented upon registration:

 The boat's registration must be written on the special form available from the IOBA secretariat.

5.4 A valid ORC certificate dated before 24/4/2025. This amends RRS 78.2.

5.5. A valid insurance policy for third party liability and a certificate from the insurance company that the boat is also covered for racing.
5.6 A crew list including full name, athlete ID number, phone number, email, and weight for each crew member.
5.7 Contact phone numbers for both shore and onboard, including the name of the designated contact person.
5.8 A boat's entry will not be accepted if it does not comply with the requirements of the aforementioned articles.
5.9 No changes to the rating certificates will be accepted after registration, unless requested by the Technical Committee and approved by the Protest Committee.
5.10 Changes to the crew list may be made until Saturday, May 24, 2025, before 10:00 a.m., by completing the crew change form. After this time, crew changes can only be made with written permission from the Protest Committee.

**6. MERGING OF CLASSES - MERGING OF CATEGORIES**

6.1 The Race Committee reserves the right to merge classes according to participation, at least five (5) entries are required for each class. The merging of classes will be given at the Skippers' meeting.

**7. CALCULATION OF TIME CORRECTION**

 For boats counted by ORCi. and ORC club the "Time on Time, All purpose " system will be applied. The data of the Race Committee's calculations will not be subject to any request for correction by the competitors.

**8. SCORING SYSTEM**

 For all boats the low scoring system according to Annex A4 of the WORLD SAILING International Sailing Regulations 2025-2028 will apply.

1. **ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**
9.1 For infringements of Part 2 and Rule 31 “Touching a Mark” of the WORLD SAILING Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Rules 44.1 and 44.2 will apply, with a one-turn penalty. This constitutes a modification of Rule 44.1.
9.2 For infringements other than those in Part 2 or Rule 31 of the RRS, Article 15 of the 2024 Racing Regulations of the Offshore Commission (E.A.TH)/H.S.F. will apply.
9.3 When the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGs) are in effect (from sunset to sunrise), a scoring penalty will apply (RRS 44.3). The penalty will be a time addition of 10 minutes to the boat’s actual time for each infraction.
9.4 The maximum discretionary penalty for minor infringements of the Offshore Special Regulations or RRS 47 will be a 10% scoring penalty calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c).
9.5 Appendix P will not apply.
2. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
The Sailing Instructions will be distributed to the competitors at the skippers' meeting or may be sent to the participants' email addresses.
3. **MEASUREMENT CHECKS AND INSPECTION OF PARTICIPATING BOATS**
11.1 Boats will be inspected in accordance with Article 7 of the Racing Regulations of the Offshore Commission (E.A.TH) / Hellenic Sailing Federation (H.S.F.).
11.2 All boats must be available for inspection by the Measurement and Boat Inspection Committee from Friday, May 23, 2025, at 17:00, until Sunday, May 25, 2025, immediately after the end of the race at 16:00. 10% of the participating boats will be inspected.
11.3 The inspections will be carried out by the Technical Committee.
11.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect any boat without prior notice.
11.5 Each boat must have a copy of its valid measurement certificate on board and a crew member available for the inspection.
11.6 The owner/skipper of each boat is required to submit a list of all sails on board to the Inspection Committee before the inspection begins.
11.7 Boats must use only measured sails during the race.
11.8 The skipper/owner of each boat must be aware that under R.R.S. 78.1, they are responsible for maintaining the boat in compliance with the class rules.

**12. CREW LIST – CREW CHANGES**

**12.1** The owners/skippers of the participating boats must submit a written list with the names of all crew members, using a special form available from the race office, along with the entry form, no later than one hour before the start of the "skippers' meeting."

**12.2** Changes to the crew composition are allowed only if the Race Committee is informed in writing, using a special form available from the race office, no later than one (1) hour before the start of the race.

**12.3** For safety and liability reasons—both for the skipper/owner of the boat and the Race Committee—any incorrect or incomplete crew list may result in the disqualification of the boat from that particular race.

**12.4** The total crew weight aboard each boat during the race must not exceed the maximum crew weight specified on the measurement certificate. Scales provided by the Committee may be used for weighing.

**13. LIABILITY**

**13.1** All participants compete in accordance with fundamental rules 2, 3, and 4 of Part 1 of the Racing Rules of Sailing (R.R.S.), "Decision to Race." It is within the jurisdiction and is the sole responsibility of the skipper of each boat to decide whether to start or continue in a race. It is the responsibility of the skipper and those operating the boat to assess the level of training and seamanship of their crew, the seaworthiness of the hull, the condition of the rigging, the safety equipment, wind strength, sea state, and weather forecasts in order to decide whether or not to participate in the scheduled race.

**13.2** The Organizing Authority, the Club, the Race Committee, the Protest Committee, the Technical Committee, and any other party involved in organizing the race bear no liability whatsoever for any total loss, damage to the boat or equipment, personal injury, or death of any person, or any other incident that may occur to competitors or their boats before, during, or after the race, whether on land or at sea. It is especially emphasized that competitors participate entirely at their own risk and with full awareness of the consequences. They accept full responsibility for any damages that may be caused to third parties, their property, themselves, or their own property, both on land and at sea, as a result of their participation in the race, and they release IOVA (the organizing yacht club), the Race Committee, the Protest Committee, the Technical Committee, and all others involved in the organization from any liability.

**13.3** It is the responsibility and sole duty of the skipper and those operating the boat to assess the adequate level of training and experience of the crew, as well as whether the number of crew members is sufficient to safely operate the boat. They must also evaluate the current condition and seaworthiness of the boat they are aboard in relation to the wind strength, sea state, and weather forecasts, and decide whether or not to participate in the scheduled race or regatta. Furthermore, they confirm that all safety equipment is properly maintained and that the crew knows where it is stored and how to use it. The skipper also assumes full responsibility for the behavior of the crew, representatives, and guests.

**13.4** The sponsors are exempt from any liability in the event of an accident, terrorist act, vandalism of areas used for the event, or any other incident that may cause damage to participants, boats, or facilities used in the organization.

**13.5** All boats participating in the race must have, at a minimum, valid third-party liability insurance coverage as stipulated by Law 2743/99. The owners/skippers or those operating the boats are responsible for any accident or other incident involving the boats or their crews. Therefore, they must sign contracts for full insurance coverage as well as third-party liability insurance.

**13.6** The insurance policy must explicitly cover civil liability toward third parties during the boat’s participation in sailing races.

**14. SKIPPERS' MEETING**
The skippers' meeting will take place on **Saturday, 24/05/2025 at 11:00 AM** at the café-bar-restaurant **“cityzen”**, located at 1 Ethnikis Antistaseos Street (on the corner of the Nautical Club of Kalamata – NOK).

**15. TROPHIES**
Trophies will be awarded for the overall ranking as well as to the winners of any additional categories, depending on participation.

**16. PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY**
The prize-giving ceremony will take place at the **“cityzen” café-bar-restaurant**, located at 1 Ethnikis Antistaseos Street (on the corner of NOK).

**17. DATES – RACE & EVENT SCHEDULE**

**- Saturday, 24/05/2025, 10:00 AM** – Deadline for submission of entry forms

**- Saturday, 24/05/2025, 11:00 AM** – Skippers’ Meeting

**- Saturday, 24/05/2025, 2:00 PM** – Start of the Race
Route: **Kavala – Thassos Island Circumnavigation (from the East) – Kavala**, with a total distance of **62 nautical miles**

**- Sunday, 25/05/2025, 4:00 PM** – Prize-giving ceremony following the resolution of any protests
(If all procedures are completed earlier, the ceremony may also be held earlier.)

1. **MEDIA RIGHTS**
Competitors, boat owners, and their guests grant the organizer full rights and permission to publish and/or broadcast, through any media channels—including but not limited to television advertisements—photographs or video footage of individuals and boats taken during the event, for informational, promotional, or press release purposes.

 THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE