



Sails of Hope

Blind Match Race Regatta

Etgarim Sailing Club

Tel Aviv, Israel, 15-17 June 2023

Notice of Race

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be Etgarim (Challenge), the Israel Outdoor Sports & Recreation Association for the Disabled.

2 VENUE

The venue will be Tel Aviv Marina, Tel Aviv, Israel.

3 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME (all times are local times - GMT + 3)

3.1 Schedule

- (a) Registration online at <https://etgarim.org/sails-of-hope-2023/> until 1 June 2400.
- (b) Race office open from 0900 on 14 June.
- (c) Confirmation of registration, including all payments and ophthalmological certificates from 14 June 0900 until 15 June 0900.
- (d) First briefing at 15 June 1000.
- (e) First meeting with umpires following the first briefing.
- (f) Practice race on 15 June from 1200-1700.
- (g) Opening ceremony on 15 June at 1930.
- (h) Racing days from 16 June to 17 June.
- (i) Time of the first attention signal each day will be 1100.
- (j) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1400.
- (k) Closing ceremony and prize giving on 17 June at 1500.



3.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) Initial briefing.
- (b) Daily briefing.
- (c) Prize giving.

4 COMPETITORS ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 A team shall conform to the requirements for the 'Three-Person Keelboat' as in Paragraph 3.4 of Appendix 1 to Part 1 of the Para World Sailing Race Management Manual 2017-2020 – see <http://sailing.org/tools/documents/FinaldraftRMM270318V2-%5b23696%5d.pdf>
- 4.2 All competitors in a team shall be IBSA classified, provable by Blindness Grading Form completed and signed by an accredited Ophthalmologist issued within twelve months of the start of the event;
- 4.3 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 4.4 Late entries, after 1 June 2400, will be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

5 ENTRIES

5.1 Entering

- (a) The team shall be entered on completion of registration and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made in USD or Euro, by credit card, bank transfer or cash (for deposits).
- (b) A valid ophthalmological certificate for each competitor shall be produced at the time of registration.

5.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of NIS 3,000 shall be paid by 1 June 2400.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on 1 June on the event website.

7 COMMUNICATIONS

The online official notice board is located at www.etgarim.org

All boats shall carry a VHF transceiver supplied by the OA. The competing teams are encouraged to bring their own transceivers, as there is a limited number available. Coaches are required to bring their own radios.

On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.



7 RULES

- 7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix CBS (2021) and the World Sailing Race Management Manual for Para-Sailing Events 2017-2020. (Originally published, May 2017), including Appendix 1 - Blind Sailing Rules of Race Management
- (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply and will also apply to any practice sailing. Class rules and national prescriptions will not apply.

7.2 A Protest Committee (PC) will be appointed.

PC decisions will be final – the right of appeal from a PC decision is denied.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

8.1 The event will be sailed in Sonar type boats.

8.2 Four boats will be provided.

8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Foresail.

8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the race committee.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be three. All registered crew shall sail all races.

Each boat shall have a sighted boat captain designated by the OA, who will also serve as safety officer and observer. The boat captain will sail the boat out of the marina and back and be responsible for hoisting and lowering of sails, taking care of the motor, etc. The boat captain may help and advise the crew regarding rig tuning, sea and wind conditions, etc., while not racing and up to the attention signal.

9.2 When a registered skipper is unable to participate in a race, the RC may authorize an original crew member to substitute.

9.3 When a registered crew member is unable to participate in a race, the RC may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

9.4 If a competing team is lacking, permanently or temporarily, a crew member, the OA may provide a sighted volunteer as substitute. This substitute crew member shall wear a full blindfold at all times on the water except for short breaks authorized by the RC, and shall be classified B3 for purposes of team classification.

10 EVENT FORMAT

10.1 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin or divided into groups based on a draw



10.2 The event will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1 -

Full round robin(s) or round robin(s) in groups (depending on entrant numbers).

Stage 2 -

Knock-Out Series which may consist of Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and/or Finals (depending on the number of entrants) with each Series being scored first to score 2 points.

10.3 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favor of later stages.

11 COURSE

11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.

11.2 The intended course area will be outside Tel Aviv Marina. The race areas are shown at Addendum A. On Saturday 17 June fleet races for several classes will be held as part of the Regatta. Allocation of racing areas will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.

12 ADVERTISING

12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organizing Authority, World Sailing regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

12.2 (deleted)

12.3 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

13.1 The winning team will be awarded the title of Sails of Hope BMR Champion. Medals will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams.

13.2 Additional prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

14.1 If required by the OA, Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.

14.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

14.3 The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

14.4 Personal details, such as the telephone numbers or email addresses of competitors, shall be used only for the purposes of communicating with competitors on matters concerning the event. Names, affiliations and likeness of competitors may be released for the purposes of publicity.



15 COACH BOATS

- 15.1 The OA will provide if requested in advance, at competitors' cost (NIS 600 per day, including fuel), RIBs as coach boats. Coaches without their own boats may sail on the ferrying boats or RC boats.
- 15.2 Any coach boats obtained by competitors shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached. A coach boat is any boat that is under the direction or control of a person gathering information or giving material support for the benefit of particular competitors either on the water or off.
- 15.3 Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organization may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the PC to the associated skipper or team.

16 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- 16.1 Each team is requested to provide a national flag approximately 150cm x 90cm for display from flagpoles.

17 RISK STATEMENT (DISCLAIMER)

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) They are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, safety boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;





18 INSURANCE

The OA shall insure with all boats with suitable third-party liability insurance.

19 TRAINING CAMP

The OA will try to organize a training camp before the event, at no additional cost, on 13-14 June. A notice to that effect will be issued once the camp is set up.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, contact Etgarim Sailing Club, Tel Aviv Marina, Israel.

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Event website: <https://etgarim.org/registration-form-for-sails-of-hope/>

References:

Para World Sailing Race Management Manual (RMM) 2017-2020:

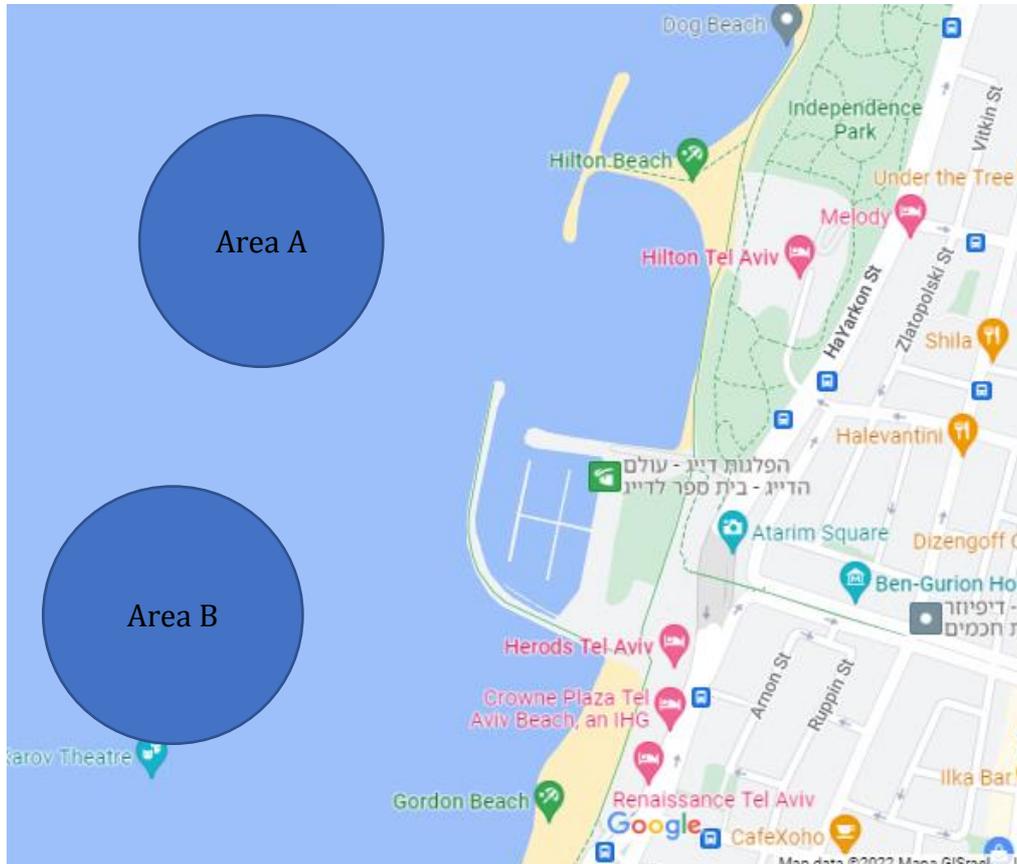
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Appendix CBS for Blind Match Racing (2016):

[http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AppendixCBSCouncilApprovedNov2017-\[23938\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AppendixCBSCouncilApprovedNov2017-[23938].pdf)



Addendum A: Racing Areas



Addendum B: Transportation, Accommodation and Refreshment

All transport costs from competitors' homes to the event venue and back are their own responsibility and at their own cost. The OA may help in providing suitable transportation from Ben-Gurion Airport to the venue and back.

Suitable accommodation will be provided by and on behalf of the OA.

Breakfasts will be included in the hotel package or provided by the OA.

Lunches will be provided by the OA on the water or at the clubhouse.

Drinking water will be provided by the OA.

Dinners will be provided by the OA as part of the social programme.

