



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SOPOT MATCH RACE 2020 REGATTA CANCELLATION DECISION**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

rich tradition, the spectacle of the games and rank of the event put Sopot Match Race at the forefront of Polish events in the area of elite sports. Since 2004, we have made every effort to ensure that the regatta held in the waters of the Gulf of Gdańsk was an event at the highest level. Both from the sports as well as organizations point of view. This year, due to the current epidemiological situation and limited opportunities to work on the event, the regatta is cancelled.

Due to the dynamically developing situation related to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the work of the organizational staff, business partners, subcontractors and all entities involved in the organization of the event has been severely limited. In the current situation, we are not able to proceed with organizational activities according to the schedule, and thus - to provide the highest quality event.

Delay in organizational activities may result in serious image losses for all entities involved in the organization of the event, as well as for the sailing environment in Poland. The organizer of Sopot Match Race, taking full responsibility in meeting the planned dates and professional implementation of the regatta, could not allow such a risk.

The decision was dictated by the concern for the safety of the Sopot Match Race sailing community, as well as based on extensive analysis of the preparation schedule. The next edition of the regatta will take place on schedule in the summer of 2021.

Sincerely,  
Filip Grudziński  
Sopot Match Race CEO