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Standard Notice of Race
2015

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On separate lines insert the full name of the regatta, the inclusive dates from measurement until the final day and closing ceremony, the country, the region if applicable, a city or town, and the name of the sailing waters.

1 Organizing Authority

The **[insert class and championship]** is organized by the **[insert hosting authority]** in conjunction with **[insert co-organizer, if any]** under the authority of **[insert name of National Sailing Federation]** and under the overall authority of the Offshore Racing Congress (ORC).

2 Rules

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 2.2 The following rules will also apply:
 - a) IMS Rule
 - b) ORC Rating Systems Rule
 - c) ORC Championship Rules
 - d) **[insert class]** Class Rules **[for ORC Classes]**
 - e) ISAF Offshore Special Regulations
(except for Sportboats, all races will be Category 3 (with or without the liferaft aboard – to be decided by the OA and ORC). For Sportboats, ORC Sportboat Class Rules will apply).
- 2.3 No national authority prescription will apply.
- 2.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

3 Advertising

ISAF Advertising Code will apply. Competitors & Boats advertising will be without restriction. Event Advertising by the Organizing Authority will be:

- bow numbers with advertisement which have to be displayed as forward as possible on the both sides of the first 20% of the hull
- advertisement to be displayed on the both sides of the foremost 20% of the mainsail boom
- sponsor's flag that has to be flown on the backstay throughout the entire event.

The Organizing Authority may also require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of onboard video cameras, position devices, and guest riders whose on-board position restrictions are defined in the Sailing Instructions.

[exclude any of event advertising if not used]

4 Eligibility

Competitors shall comply with ISAF Eligibility Code. The regatta is open to all boats with valid ORC International certificate complying with **[insert class for class events]** rules and ORC Championship Rules. **[for the ORC International World Championship, the Organizing authority and the ORC may set upper and lower GPH limits]**.

5 Corinthian Division and Trophy

For the Corinthian Division and Trophy the ISAF Sailor Classification Code, Regulation 22 shall apply and all crew shall hold a valid Group 1 classification. Unclassified sailors will be deemed to be Group 3. A boat entered in the Corinthian Division shall also be entered automatically in the Open Division and shall be eligible for prizes and trophies in both divisions. Details of the ISAF Sailor Classification Code and information on how to apply can be found on the ISAF website: www.sailing.org/classification.

The closing date for the receipt of valid Corinthian entries shall be **[insert date which shall be no later than 10 days prior to the start of registration]**. Each entry shall include a complete crew list and show the classification and ISAF Sailor ID for each crew. All crew shall hold valid classifications prior to this date that do not expire until after the final day of the regatta. Late entries and incomplete entries cannot be considered for this division.

Should a boat whose Corinthian entry has been checked and accepted need to change a crew member between the closing date of the entry and the start of the regatta, the name of the new crew member with their valid ISAF Sailor ID must be submitted to the Organizing Authority for their approval **[and for the approval of the International Jury]**. All crew lists will be posted on the Official Notice Board or website as soon as possible after the Registration deadline.

Note: A representative of the ISAF Sailor Classification Commission will be present during registration and will carry out spot checks. Competitors shall attend interviews with the Commission when requested to do so. Competitors are reminded that the Commission has the power to change a classification at the event with no prior notice. Any changes are effective immediately.

6 Entries and Entry Fee

6.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it to the:

[insert organizer]

[insert address]

[insert telephone number (including country and area codes)]

[insert fax number (including country and area codes)]

[insert E-mail address]

[insert website address, if any]

with a copy of the yacht's rating certificate, in duplicate, before **[insert date one month, before the start of championship]**.

6.2 The non-refundable entry fee of **[insert entry fee]** per boat should be **[insert acceptable methods of payment]** forwarded to

[insert bank details]

- 6.3 A boat is considered to be Pre-registered if the following documents are received before **[insert date one month, before the start of championship]**:
- a) Completed and signed official entry form
 - b) Current **[insert ORC International or ORC Class]** Certificate
 - c) Entry fee payment confirmation
- 6.4 The organizer is not responsible for any costs incurred by the non-acceptance of a boat's registration.
- 6.5 Late entries may be accepted at organizer's discretion **[insert restrictions]**.

7 Registration

- 7.1 Each Owner or Skipper must personally register in the Race Office located in **[insert location]**, from **[insert date and time]** until **[insert date and time]**.
- 7.2 The following documents shall be presented at registration:
- a) Valid **[insert ORC International or Class]** certificate issued before **[insert date and time]**
 - b) Valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of **[insert amount]**
 - c) If advertising is displayed, a respective National Authority permission
 - d) Crew list with name, surname, national sailing licence number, **[ISAF Sailors Classification Code and ISAF Sailor ID - insert when applies]** and weight for each crew member
 - e) Contact phone number both on boat and land, including the name of contact person
 - f) Liability acceptance form, duly filled out and signed
- This changes RRS 78.2.
- 7.3 No changes shall be made on ORC International certificates after **[insert date and time]** unless prescribed by the Measurement Committee and International Jury's approval.
- 7.4 Measurement protests by the boats shall be accepted up to two hours after the posting of the final ratings.
- 7.5 Crew lists may be amended up to **[insert date and time]** by filling a new form showing the changes. After this time, changes in crew may be made only with the written permission of the International Jury.
- 7.6 Protests by boats regarding ISAF Sailors Classification Code shall be accepted up to **[insert date and time which shall be no later than at the end of the first day's racing]**.

8 Schedule

- 8.1 Day 1, **[insert date]** - Registration and measurement
Day 2, **[insert date]** - Registration and measurement, Practice Race, opening ceremony
Day 3, **[insert date]** - inshore race(s)
Day 4, **[insert date]** - offshore race
Day 5, **[insert date]** - **[offshore race continued]** or **[second offshore race]**
Day 6, **[insert date]** - inshore race(s)
Day 7, **[insert date]** - inshore race(s)
Day 8, **[insert date]** - inshore race(s), closing ceremony

Note: For Continental and Regional Championships this schedule may be shortened with agreement with the ORC to not less than 6 days including two days of measurement, one day for the offshore race and rest of the days for inshore races

- a) The Organizing Authority has two options for offshore races:
- i) One offshore race of approximately 30-36 hours, for the slowest boat, scored as two races: the first score will be from the start to a control point approximately mid-course, and the second score will be from the start to the final finish.
 - ii) Two separate offshore races of approximately 10-12 hours duration for the slowest boat.

Note: For Continental or Regional Championships where a shortened schedule as defined above is used: One offshore race of approximately 10-12 hours, for the slowest boat, shall be conducted.

Offshore races may be re-scheduled when required by weather conditions.

- b) Inshore races shall be of approximately 1.5 to 2 hours duration.

- 8.2 Nine races are scheduled including two offshore races and seven inshore races. Inshore races will be windward/leeward races, except where unusual or extreme local conditions make it impossible to sail a windward/leeward course, then the International Jury may give permission to sail a substitute course.

Note: For Continental or Regional Championships where a shortened schedule as defined above is used: Seven races are scheduled including one offshore race and six inshore races.

- 8.3 The championship is valid if at least 4 inshore races and 1 offshore race or at least 3 inshore races and 2 offshore races are completed. One discard will be allowed if 7 races are completed, but if there is only one offshore race completed in the series it shall not be discarded.

Note: For Continental or Regional Championships where a shortened schedule as defined above is used: The championship is valid if at least 3 inshore races and the offshore race are completed. One discard will be allowed if 5 races are completed.

9 Measurement

Each boat shall be available for the measurement inspection from **[insert date and time]** until **[insert date and time]**. Measurement and rules compliance inspections will be carried out throughout the championship before or after each race with emphasis on boats well placed in the scoring. The inspection will also include freeboards whenever possible.

10 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available for each entrant at completion of the registration formalities.

11 Scoring

- 11.1 Windward/leeward race results will be determined by corrected times calculated by **[insert scoring method]**.

- 11.2 Offshore race results will be determined by corrected times calculated by **[insert scoring method]**.

- 11.3 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

12 International Jury

An International Jury appointed according to the RRS Appendix N will supervise the event; with no right of appeal according to the RRS 70.5.

13 Nautical charts

The following nautical charts of the **[insert issuing authority]** are utilized as a reference in the Sailing Instructions: **[insert chart numbers]**.

14 Moorings

[insert description of moorings and conditions for use].

15 Registration of arrival

[insert rules or regulations of registering foreign boats coming to regatta, if any].

16 Media rights

Competitors, owners and their guests give absolute right and permission to the Organizing Authority for any photography and video footage taken of persons and boats during the event, to be published and/or broadcast in any media, including but not limited to TV advertisements, whatsoever for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information.

17 Communication

Except when communicating with the Race Committee, a boat while racing, shall not transmit or receive communication of any information not publicly available to all boats participating.

18 Trophies and Prizes

[insert list of trophies and prizes including Corinthian and Owner/Driver trophies when applied, together with their respective requirements].

19 Disclaimer of Liability

All those taking part in the regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Organizing Authority, **[insert club]**, **[insert national sailing federation]**, ORC and any other party involved in the organization of the **[insert championship]** disclaim any and all responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage injury or inconvenience that might occur to persons and materials, both ashore and at sea as a consequence of participation in the event. Each boat owner or his representative accepts these terms by signing entry form. The attention of competitors is drawn to ISAF Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing.

20 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of **[insert amount]** per event. Regardless, it is the responsibility of the owners to hold adequate insurance cover for Tort Liability and Third Party Insurance (Property and Persons).

21 Further information

For further information please contact **[insert details]**.

In addition to this Notice of Race, the event organizer shall also supply the following documents:

- *Entry Form*
- *A list of accommodation possibilities with addresses, telephone and fax numbers, E-mail and/or website addresses, including prices where available*
- *A list of the nearest international airports*
- *A map or brochure of the venue*
- *A schedule of social events to be held during the Championship*