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Standard Notice of Race
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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) **[insert class]** Class Rules **[for ORC Classes]**
 - d) World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (Category shall be decided by the OA and ORC)
- 2.3 No national authority prescription will apply (*excpetions can be made only to the rules applying to the sailors form the host country, i.e. national sailing licence*)
- 2.4 Under RRS 87, ORC Rule 206 is changed as follows:
 - a) All sails shall have been measured and stamped by an ORC measurer. During the pre-race equipment inspection, sails will be marked for the event by stamp, sticker and/or inspector's signature.
 - b) The maximum number of sails shall be as defined in ORC Rule 206 with one additional mainsail allowed. The second mainsail shall have a minimum of one set of reef points. The mainsails may be interchangeable.
 - c) The number of sails carried on board may vary from day to day but shall remain the same for each individual race day, including days with multiple races even in the case of damage to sails. The race day begins when the boat leaves for the race course from its dock or mooring.
 - d) Sails damaged during the series may be repaired. Sails beyond repair may be replaced with permission of the Technical Committee

(Note: 2.4 is mandatory for the ORC championships and optional for other events)
- 2.5 Minimum crew weight as defined in ORC Rules 102.3 and 200.1(b) shall apply.
- 2.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

3 Advertising

World Sailing 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 both sides of the first 20% of the hull
- advertisement to be displayed on 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 on-board 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 and Classes

4.1 Competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Code.

4.2 The regatta is open to all boats with valid ORC International certificate with $8.56 < CDL \leq 16.4$ complying with **[insert class for class events]** rules. The flotation date on an ORC International Certificate shall not be earlier than **[insert date which shall be 5 years prior the start of the championship]**.

4.3 Classes are defined by the CDL and the minimum and maximum number of entries as follows:

Class A:	$16.400 \geq CDL > 11.590$	max. 50 entries (30 from one country)*
Class B:	$11.590 \geq CDL > 9.770$	max. 50 entries (30 from one country)*
Class C:	$9.770 \geq CDL > 8.560^{**}$	max. 50 entries (30 from one country)*

*Note: * The maximum number of entries per class may be agreed between the organizer and the ORC. In cases where the number agreed is over 50, a racing format with gold and silver divisions may be devised.*

*** Lower limit of CDL may be agreed with ORC's permission*

To assign a World Champion title in a class the number of boats plus the number of countries shall be not less than 14. If the minimum number of boats in a class is not met, that class can be grouped with the closest class. In this case, only one Championship title will be assigned to the combined classes.

The person who is the owner or charterer or borrower of an entered boat shall be a national of the country they are representing. "National" is defined as either the holder of a passport or identity card, or a similar document stating residential status in the country represented.

Classes will have separate starts and separate results.

4.4 Eligible boats may pre-register until **[insert date which shall be one month to the start of the championship]** by completing the on-line registration form at **[insert website]** and sending the copy of the **[insert ORC International or ORC Class certificate]** to:

[insert organizer]

[insert address]

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

[insert E-mail address]

4.5 A boat is considered pre-registered if the following documents are received:

- a) Completed and signed entry form
- b) Last valid **[insert ORC International or ORC Class]** certificate.
- c) Entry fee payment confirmation

The list of pre-registered boats will be updated on the event's website upon receipt of each new entry.

- 4.6 If less than 50 boats in total and less than 30 boats from one country are pre-registered in a class before **[insert date which shall be one month to the start of the championship]** all pre-registered boats will be accepted as final entries and additional entries will be allowed until the maximum number of entries as defined in NoR 4.3 is reached, but not later than **[insert date which shall be two weeks before the start of the championship]**.
- 4.7 If more than 50 boats in total or more than 30 boats from one country are pre-registered in a class before **[insert date which shall be one month to the start of the championship]** final entries will be accepted by the organizer's discretion in agreement with the ORC by considering:
- a) international representation of the fleet
 - b) boat's and skipper's racing record, particularly in previous ORC Championships
 - c) chronological order in which boats are pre-registered

The final list of accepted entries will be published on the event's website at **[insert date which shall be one month to the start of the championship]**. Pre-registered boats whose entry is not accepted will be listed on the "waiting list" and can replace any of the accepted boats that cancel their participation before the start of the championship. The entry fee received from any boat whose entry is not accepted will be re-funded.

5 Entry Fee

- 5.1 The entry fee of **[insert entry fee which may vary in amounts based on class and date of payment]** per boat shall be **[insert acceptable methods of payment]** forwarded to **[insert bank details]**
- 5.2 The organizer is not responsible for any costs incurred by the non-acceptance of a boat's registration.
- 5.3 Late entries may be accepted at organizer's discretion **[insert restrictions]**.

6 Corinthian Division and Trophy

For the Corinthian Division and Trophy, the World Sailing 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 World Sailing Sailor Classification Code and information on how to apply can be found on the World Sailing 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 World Sailing 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 including a valid World Sailing 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 World Sailing 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.

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:
- Valid **[insert ORC International or Class]** certificate issued before **[insert date and time]**
 - Valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of **[insert amount]**
 - Crew list with name, surname, **[World Sailing Sailors Classification Code and World Sailing Sailor ID - insert when applies]** and weight for each crew member
 - Contact phone number both on boat and land, including the name of the contact person
 - 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 and approved by the Technical Committee before or during the pre-race equipment inspection and before the start of the first race.
- 7.4 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 that may delegate this responsibility to the race committee.
- 7.5 The time limit for a protest by a boat regarding the World Sailing's Sailors Classification Code is **[insert date and time which shall be no later than at the end of the first day's racing]**. This changes RRS 61.3.

8 Schedule

- 8.1 Day 1, **[insert date]** - Registration and measurement
Day 2, **[insert date]** - Registration and measurement
Day 3, **[insert date]** - Registration and measurement, Practice Race, opening ceremony
Day 4, **[insert date]** - long offshore race
Day 5, **[insert date]** - long offshore races continued
Day 6, **[insert date]** - inshore race(s)
Day 7, **[insert date]** - inshore race(s)
Day 8, **[insert date]** - short offshore race
Day 9, **[insert date]** - inshore race(s), closing ceremony

Note: For Continental Championships, this schedule may be shortened to include two racing days for two short offshore races and three racing days for six inshore races

Approximate duration of the long offshore race will be 30-36 hours for the slowest boat, while for the short offshore race this will 10-12 hours for the slowest boat. Inshore races will be of approximately 1 to 1.5 hours duration. The schedule may be changed depending on the wind conditions.

- 8.2 Eight races are scheduled including two offshore races and six 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.
- 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. Offshore races shall be not be discarded and 1 discard will be allowed on inshore races if 5 or 6 inshore races are completed.

9 Measurement

Pre-race measurement checks will take place from **[insert date and time]** until **[insert date and time]**. Booking of time slots for inspections by the boats will be available through the online system from **[insert date which shall be one week before the start of the championship]**. 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.

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]**.

12 International Jury

An International Jury will be appointed in compliance with RRS 91(b) and Appendix N. Decisions of the International Jury will be final according to the RRS 70.5.

13 Support boats

All support boats shall be registered at the race office. Identification numbers will be provided by the organizer. These numbers must be visible at all times.

14 Nautical charts

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

15 Berthing

[insert description of berthing and conditions for use]. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbour.

16 Haul-out Restrictions

From 9.00 hrs of the first scheduled day of registration until the end of the last scheduled race of the series boats shall not be hauled out except for the purposes of repairing damage; and only after written permission from the International Jury. While hauled for this purpose, cleaning and polishing of the hull below the waterline will not be permitted. Appendages shall not be removed from the boat during the series.

17 Registration of arrival

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

18 Media rights

Competitors, owners and their guests grant 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.

19 Communication

Except in emergency or when communicating with the Race Committee, a boat that is racing, shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

20 Trophies and Prizes

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

21 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, see RRS 4 - Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, **[insert club]**, **[insert national sailing federation]**, ORC and any other party involved in the organization of the regatta will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Each boat owner or his representative accepts these terms by signing the entry form.

22 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).

23 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*