



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA



MINI MAXI ROLEX WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2013

NOTICE OF RACE

PORTO CERVO, 1st - 7th SEPTEMBER





The International Maxi Association (IMA), an ISAF International Class, has the right to organize the World Championship for the Maxi fleets.

The organization of the World Championship 2013 for the Mini Maxi fleet has been confirmed to the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda in conjunction with IMA and will take place in Porto Cervo from September 1st to September 7th, within the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup.

The Sponsor of the Regatta is Rolex SA.

ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES AND VENUE

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IMA web site: www.internationalmaxiassociation.com

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the following:

- (a) The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016;
- (b) The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 with life rafts compulsorily on board except that jackstays are not required to be fitted on deck (amends OSR 4.04);
- (c) 2013 IMA Class Rules are invoked www.internationalmaxiassociation.com. In addition Class Rule 3.1 is also invoked. The title of World Champion will be assigned to the top scoring boat of the Mini Maxi Fleet in compliance with the IMA Class Rules including the Owner/Driver Rule;
- (d) The IRC Rules 2013 Parts A, B and C shall apply. For the purposes of IRC rules 21.1.5 (d) and (e) this regatta is on consecutive days, yet the sails carried on board need not remain the same for the duration of the event but sails need to remain the same for each day of racing. The day begins when the boat leaves the dock for the first time each day;
- (e) IRC rule 22.4 is deleted;
- (f) ORCi Rating System may be used for scoring for the Racer/Cruiser boats that will submit this optional Rating Certificate. If more than 5 boats will submit ORCi certificate and additional trophy will be awarded by the O.A. to the best scored boat under ORCi;
- (g) Exceptions to RRS 77 shall be granted by the Organizing Authority upon written request prior to the close of registration;
- (h) Notwithstanding anything in the above rules to the contrary, power assisted winches, canting keels, trim tabs and water ballast are permitted as long as each is declared on the IRC certificate;
- (i) The Sailing Instructions including Appendices A (FIV prescriptions), Bravo (Coastal and Islands Courses), Charlie (Windward/leeward courses) and Delta (decal and flags placement diagram);
- (j) Modification to RRS Rule 51: add "Sails shall not be moved from one side to the other while tacking or gybing. Only in cases of emergency and/or to prevent it from falling into the water or resting in a waterway will sails be permitted to be moved."

1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply except Part 6 of prescriptions of the FIV (Italian Sailing Federation), which will apply only to Italian nationals. A copy of that prescription is in Appendix A.

1.3 In the event of discrepancy between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions take precedence. This change Rule 63.7.

1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Boats may display advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code. Boats shall display Event Advertising in compliance with ISAF Regulation 20 and as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 Boats will be required to display the following throughout the period starting one hour after the completion of registration and ending one hour after the finish of the last race of the regatta:



- a. Sponsor's pennant on the backstay;
- b. Sponsor's decal and identification numbers on each side of the bow.

2.3 In addition boats will be required to display the event battle flag and a sponsor pennant on the forestay throughout the same period but only while moored.

2.4 The Organizing Authority will supply the pennants, decals and flag at registration.

2.5 The Organizing Authority may also require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of on board video cameras for the official television production and/or a tracking system.

2.6 Boats intending to display advertising during the regatta shall state on the entry form the nature of such advertising.

2.7 Boats are responsible to inform advertisers and sponsors that no activities advertising any brand will be permitted ashore within the Porto Cervo Marina area without the consent in writing of the Organizing Authority obtained before the start of the regatta.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The Championship is open to Mini Maxi boats as defined by the IMA Class Rules with a LOA between 18.29 metres and 24.08 metres, of the racing and racing/cruising categories, with a valid IRC ENDORSED rating certificate (see IRC Rule 8.5). The IRC ENDORSED rating Certificate shall be approved by IMA ATO.

4. ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEES

4.1 Entries shall be made on the Entry Form available on the event web site (www.yccs.com) and shall be, completed in full, received by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda not later than July 20th 2013, accompanied by a non refundable entry fee of 3,000 Euro per boat. The entry fee for YCCS Members and IMA Members is reduced to 2,500 Euro.

4.2 The entry form shall be accompanied by a copy of the boat's current IRC ENDORSED rating certificate.

If a boat elects to reconfigure the sail plan or change any other measurement values requiring a new rating certificate, the new IRC ENDORSED certificate shall be received by the Organizing Authority, approved also by the IMA ATO, not later than 18.00 hours on 25th August 2013.

Any changes on Rating Certificates after the 25th of August may only be made as a result of inspection and controls.

4.3 The Organising Authority reserves the right to accept entries after 20th July 2013. For late entries moorings are not guaranteed and mooring fees are not included in the entry fee.

4.4 The entry fee may be paid by Credit Card (VISA or MASTERCARD) or by bank transfer. If the payment is made by bank transfer, a copy of the transfer confirmation is to accompany the entry form. Please send the transfer payments to:

Yacht Club Costa Smeralda

Banca di Credito Sardo - Filiale di Arzachena

IBAN: IT92 D030 5984 9011 0000 0000 071 BIC - SWIFT: BCITIT3C

Please specify as object: Name of the event – Name of the boat

5. PROGRAMME

5.1 Race Schedule:

Saturday, 31 st August	Measurements, Inspections and controls in Portisco only for designated boats by IMA ATO
Sunday, 1 st September	Inspections, Registrations and Briefing
Monday, 2 nd September	Race (s)
Tuesday, 3 rd September	Race (s)
Wednesday, 4 th September	Race (s)
Thursday, 5 th September	Lay day (or resail)
Friday, 6 th September	Race (s)
Saturday, 7 th September	Race (s) and Prize Giving

The maximum number of races is eight.

It is intention of the Race Committee to hold a minimum of four windward/leeward races and two coastal races of no more than 70 nautical miles. If four windward/leeward and two coastal races are achieved with one day of racing remaining, two windward/leeward will be run should weather conditions allow.



The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day will be 11.30 hours.

5.2 The Briefing will be held at the YCCS Clubhouse on Sunday, September 1st at 18.00 hours. The Organizing Authority and/or the Race Committee reserve the right to modify the programme according to weather conditions or other unforeseen reasons.

5.3 The IMA Annual General Meeting will be held at YCCS on September 5th at 10.30 if the lay day is confirmed or at 18.00 hours if it will be a racing day.

6. MEASUREMENTS AND CONTROLS

6.1 All boats will be subject to inspections and controls which may include measurement, equipment checks and weighing or determination of displacement by other means as approved by the IMA ATO. All participants must comply with the 2013 IMA Weighing Policy (copy attached).

6.2 Sail dimensions shall be by direct measurement performed by an IMA approved IRC measurer.

6.3 All IRC ENDORSED certificates shall be additionally approved by the IMA ATO who may require full or partial re-measurement of any boat. For IMA approval please apply to Mr. Peter Lawson: Tel. +1 401 524 1335| email: technical@internationalmaxiassociation.com.

6.4 Inspection and control will begin on August 31st in Portisco or Porto Cervo at the discretion of IMA ATO. Designated boats shall be at the disposal of the Measurement & Inspection Committee in Portisco no later than 09.00 hours on August 31st, 2013 except by prior arrangement with the IMA ATO.

6.5 A list of ratings of the boats will be posted on the event web site on the 29th of August. The list will be also posted on the Official Notice Board during the event. The Protest Time Limit for Rating Protests by boats, except relating to changes made during the regatta, will expire at 13.00 hours on the 1st of September.

7. REGISTRATIONS

Final Registration formalities shall be completed at the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda's Race Office by 13.00 hours on September 1st, 2013, unless the Organizing Authority agrees to a later time, which it will do only in the most exceptional circumstances.

At registration the following documents will be required:

- (a) Acceptance of the Notice of Race as set out in the entry form;
- (b) Disclaimer of liability as set out in the entry form;
- (c) Helmsmen, Relief Helmsmen and Crew list classification. All competitors shall be in compliance with the ISAF eligibility Code and IMA Owner/Driver rule. A representative of the ISAF Sailor Classification Commission will be present during registration and will carry out spot checks;
- (d) Media releases consent signed by all crew members;
- (e) Italian Sailing Federation cards for Italian Sailors;

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available for competitors upon final registration and published online on www.yccs.com and www.internationalmaxiassociation.com.

9. RACING AREA AND CHARTS

The racing area will be in North Eastern Sardinian waters. The following charts are recommended: nos. 42 – 43 - 323 – 324 – 325 – 910, Italian charts of the Istituto Idrografico della Marina. Charts can be ordered directly at the Istituto Idrografico della Marina - Passo dell'Osservatorio 4, 16134 Genoa, Italy Tel: +39 010 2463528 Fax: +39 010 261400.

10. PENALTIES

10.1 Rule 44.1 shall not apply and instead the Scoring Penalty as provided in Rule 44.3 shall apply except that Rule 44.3(c) is deleted and replaced with the following: "44.3 (c) The elapsed time for a boat that takes a Scoring Penalty shall be the elapsed time she would have been allocated without that penalty increased by 2%. If she takes more than one Scoring Penalty in a race, her elapsed time will be increased by 2% for each Scoring Penalty taken."

10.2 Declaration of accepting the penalty shall be filled with the Race Office upon finishing within the protest time limit.

10.3 Protests will be heard by an International Jury whose ruling shall be final.



11. SCORING

11.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply. One score will be excluded if five or more races are sailed. Coastal races will carry a 1.5 weighting factor for determining awarded point values and shall not be excluded.

11.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series and to award the Mini Maxi Rolex World Championship Title.

12. MOORINGS

12.1 The entry fee includes mooring fees from 09.00 hours on 1st September to 10.00 hours on September 8th provided that the completed entry form and entry fee are received by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda before 20th July 2013. Mooring will be at Portisco Marina (31st August) for measurements and controls only for the boats designated by IMA ATO.

12.2 Moorings are not guaranteed or included in the entry fee for late entries.

12.3 The cost of electricity, water consumption and telephone charges as well as mooring fees for late entries and/or additional periods, must be paid directly to the Marina Office by the participants.

12.4 To reserve moorings prior to and after the dates in 12.1 above and for tenders please apply directly to the Marina Offices:

Porto Cervo Marina

Tel.+39/0789/905111 - Fax +39/0789/91153.

Email: info@marinadiportocervo.com

Portisco Marina

Tel. +39/0789/33520 – Fax:+39/ 0789/33560

Email: info@marinadiportisco.it

13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Boats shall be equipped with a Marine VHF transceiver capable of operating on VHF channels 9, 16 and 72.

14. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

14.1 The Mini Maxi Rolex World Championship Trophy will be awarded to the first boat overall in full compliance with the IMA Owner/Driver rule.

14.2 An additional Rolex Trophy will be awarded to the top scoring boat in the Racing/Cruising Category.

14.3 IMA Trophy for the top scored IMA Member.

14.4 The YCCS Trophy for the top scored boat owned by YCCS Member.

14.5 Additional trophies to the winner of any approved group within each category.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors agree to be bound by International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013/2016, by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race. Competitors agree that the sole and inescapable responsibility for the nautical qualities of any yacht participating in the MAXI YACHT ROLEX CUP 2013, her rigging, the safety equipment on board and the competence, behaviour and dress of her crew is that of the Owner/Charterer of the yacht.

Competitors also agree to take any and all responsibility for all damages whatsoever caused to third persons or their belongings, to myself or to my belongings, ashore and at sea as a consequence of my participation in the regatta, and hereby relieve from any responsibility, and agree to indemnify on a full indemnity basis and hold harmless, the Organising Authority, Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, its servants, agents and sponsors (in particular but not limited to ROLEX SA and affiliated companies) and their representatives in respect of any claim arising therefrom.

15.2 Competitors are acquainted with ISAF Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing".

15.3 In any case, Competitors agree that the Organising Authority, Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, its servants, agents and sponsors (in particular but not only ROLEX SA and affiliated companies) and their representatives have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to any vessel or property.

15.4 As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability.



16. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with adequate cover taking into account the value of the boats racing and the measure of damages likely to arise in the event of an accident.

17. MEDIA RELEASES

17.1 Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost, Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, ROLEX SA and affiliated companies the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in any media (being television, print and internet media), including video footage, for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information relating to ROLEX SA's involvement in sailing events, in particular the MAXI YACHT ROLEX CUP ("the regatta"), and to the competitors and crew members' participation in such event.

Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts also grant, at no cost, ROLEX SA and affiliated companies, the absolute right and permission to use their name, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in the "*Perpetual Spirit*" magazine, edited by ROLEX SA.

Competitors and crew members' name, voice, image, likeness and biographical material shall not be used by ROLEX SA and affiliated companies in a way which constitutes an endorsement of ROLEX' products by said Competitors and crew members, unless the relevant competitor or crew member is engaged by ROLEX SA or affiliated companies to endorse ROLEX' products or gives his/her prior written consent to such use.

17.2 As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights.

18. PRESS OFFICE

Media representatives wishing to cover the event are requested to contact:

YCCS Press Office

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19. SOCIAL EVENTS

The preliminary social programme for the event is as follows:

Sunday 1st September

YCCS Welcome Reception

Wednesday 4th September

IMA Dinner

Thursday 5th September

Rolex Dinner

Friday 6th September

Rolex Crew Party

Saturday 7th September

Final Prize Giving

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please check the event web site: www.yccs.com.



APPENDIX A FIV PRESCRIPTION

PART 6- ENTRY AND QUALIFICATION

Rule 75 – ENTERING A RACE

Prescription to Rule 75.2

The Italian Sailing Federation prescribes: current FIV regulations are to be followed when accepting entries; the competitors must hold a valid and current FIV Membership and the owners of boats of recognized classes, including offshore must also hold a valid and current FIV Membership, even if they are not sailing the race.

About the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup

Maxi fleets have flocked to Porto Cervo each September for over 30 years since the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda established the first championship for the largest of sailing yachts in 1980. In recent years ever more impressive and varied fleets have exemplified the evolution of yacht racing as the maxi craft continue to develop and push the boundaries of design and technological innovation. The regatta regularly attracts upwards of 45 yachts and represents a who's-who of international yachting. Competing divisions range from the 18 to 24-metre Mini Maxi class, which competes for its World Championship during the event, to the Supermaxi division which hosts yachts of 30.5 metres and above.

PALMARES

2010 - RAN (GBR)

2011 - RAN 2 (GBR)

2012 - BELLA MENTE (USA)



Weighing Policy for 2013 Mini Maxi World Championship

Boats not weighed in Palma on 25 or 26 April, 2013 shall be weighed within 60 days of the close of registration (1 September, 2013) provided they meet the following conditions:

1. The weighing must be conducted by an IMA approved measurer and be approved in advance by the IMA ATO.
2. The load cell to be used must be certified immediately in advance of the weighing itself and not used for any other purpose other than weighing the boat in question.
3. The load cell certification paperwork must be forwarded to the IMA ATO upon issuance for review.
4. A copy of the data input sheet forwarded to the IRC Rating Office must also be sent to the IMA ATO for review.
5. Boats weighed in advance of the event would still be subject to inspection during the registration period prior to the event.
6. All boats that weigh more than 30 tons would be required to be weighed under this new policy.
7. A boats participating in the Mini Maxi World Championship will be required to be weighed.

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