



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA



MINI MAXI ROLEX WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2012



NOTICE OF RACE

PORTO CERVO, 30th AUGUST - 8th 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 2012 for the Mini Maxi fleet has been awarded to the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda and will take place in Porto Cervo from September 1st to September 8th, within the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup.

The Sponsor of the Regatta is Rolex SA, Geneva.

ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES AND VENUE

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1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the following:

- (a) The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing;
- (b) The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 3
(www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSR2010Mo3081209-%5B7985%5D.pdf)
with life rafts compulsorily on board except that jackstays are not required to be fitted on deck (amends OSR 4.04);
- (c) 2012 IMA Class Rules are invoked:
(http://www.internationalmaxiassociation.com/pdf/2012_IMA_Class_Rules.pdf).
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 2012 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) Exceptions to RRS 77 shall be granted by the Organizing Authority upon written request prior to the close of registration;
- (f) 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.
- (g) The Sailing Instructions including Appendices A (FIV prescriptions), Bravo (Coastal and Islands Courses), Charlie (Windward/leeward courses) and Delta (decal placement diagram).

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 throughout the same period but only while moored.



- 2.4 The Organizing Authority will supply the pennant, 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 FEE

- 4.1 Entries shall be made on the Entry Form available on the YCCS web site (www.yccs.com) and shall be, completed in full, received by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda not later than July 20th 2012, 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 1,500 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 28th August 2012.
Any changes on Rating Certificates after the 28th 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 2012. 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

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| Thursday, 30 th August | Measurement, Inspection and controls (in Portisco) |
| Friday, 31 st August | Measurement, Inspection and controls (in Portisco) |
| Saturday, 1 st September | Measurement, Inspection and controls |
| Sunday, 2 nd September | Inspection, Registration and Briefing |
| Monday, 3 rd September | Race (s) |
| Tuesday, 4 th September | Race (s) |
| Wednesday, 5 th September | Race (s) |
| Thursday, 6 th September | Lay day (or resail) |
| Friday, 7 th September | Race (s) |
| Saturday, 8 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.



The Briefing will be held at the YCCS Clubhouse on Sunday, September 2nd 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.

The IMA Annual General Meeting will be held at YCCS on September 6th at 18.00 hours.

6. MEASUREMENT AND CONTROLS

6.1 All boats will be subject to inspection and control which may include measurement, equipment checks and weighing or determination of displacement by other means as approved by the IMA ATO.

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 30th in Portisco. Boats shall be at the disposal of the Measurement & Inspection Committee in Portisco no later than 10.00 hours on September 1st, 2012 except by prior arrangement with the IMA ATO.

6.5 A list of the TCCs of the boats will be posted on the YCCS web site on the 29th of August. TCCs 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 2nd of September.

7. REGISTRATION

Final Registration formalities shall be completed at the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda's Race Office by 13.00 hours on September 2nd, 2012, 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 rights consent signed by all crewmembers;
- 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 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty except if the infraction takes place in the *zone*.

10.2 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 30th August to 10.00 hours on September 9th. Mooring will be at Portisco Marina for measurements and controls and in Porto Cervo Marina from 1st – 9th September provided that the completed entry form and entry fee are received by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda before 20th July 2012.

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.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors agree to be bound by the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009/2012, by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race. Competitors agree to take any and all responsibility for the nautical qualities of their boat, the rigging, the crew's ability and the safety equipment. Competitors also agree to take any and all responsibility for damages caused to third persons or their belongings, to themselves or to their belongings, ashore and at sea as a consequence of their participation in the regatta, relieving of any responsibility Rolex S.A., the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda and the International Maxi Association and all persons involved in the organization under whatever qualification and to accept full responsibility for the behaviour and dress of the boat's crew, representatives and guests.

15.2 Competitors are to be acquainted with ISAF RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

15.3 In any case, competitors agree that the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, the International Maxi Association, the sponsors and their agents, have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to crewmembers or others, or for the loss 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 RIGHTS

17.1 Competitors grant Rolex S.A. and the Organizing Authority, including the International Maxi Association, the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to Press and TV advertisements or Internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information; in this respect, competitors' names and any biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known.



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
Yacht Club Costa Smeralda
07021 Porto Cervo (OT) Italy
Tel. +39 0789 902200 - Fax +39 0789 91213
Email: pressoffice@yccs.it

19. SOCIAL EVENTS

The preliminary social programme for the event is as follows:

Sunday 2nd September
YCCS Welcome Reception

Wednesday 5th September
IMA Dinner

Thursday 6th September
Rolex Dinner

Friday 7th September
Rolex Crew Party

Saturday 8th 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.