



ORC Sportboat European Championship

R.C.N. Valencia, España, 1 – 7 July 2024

Notice of Race

The Organizing Authority is Real Federación Española de Vela, that delegates in Real Club Náutico de Valencia, in collaboration with Offshore Racing Congress (ORC) and Federación de Vela Comunidad Valenciana.

1 Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. RRS 90.3(e) shall apply.
- 1.2 The latest version of the following rules will also apply:
 - a) IMS Rules
 - b) ORC Rating Systems Rules
 - c) ORC Sportboat Class Rules
 - d) [DP] World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Appendix B. In addition, boats shall have a marine VHF transceiver as defined in OSR 3.29.5 and adequate propulsion system or support boat for towing.
- 1.3 Under RRS 87, ORC Rule 206 is changed as follows:
 - a) All sails shall have measurement stamp or sticker with all required measurements clearly readable.
 - b) [DP] Each boat shall select sails to be used at the event up to the maximum numbers as defined in ORC Rule 206.1. Selected sails will be marked with event's sticker. Only sails marked with event's sticker may be on board during the event.
 - c) [DP] 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) [DP] Sails damaged during the event may be repaired. Sails beyond repair may be replaced with permission of the technical committee.
- 1.4 Minimum crew weight as defined in ORC Rules 102.3 and 200.1(b) shall apply.
- 1.5 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.

2 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available for each entrant at completion of the registration formalities and may be posted earlier at <https://www.troforeina.es/documentos.php>

3 Communication

- 3.1 The online Official Notice Board (ONB) is located at <https://www.troforeina.es/documentos.php>

- 3.2 Communication with competitors will be through the online ONB and/or e-mails and/or WhatsApp. Each boat shall have at least one device connected to the internet with WhatsApp installed. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio.
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency or when communicating with the race committee, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 Competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Code.
- 4.2 The event is open to all boats complying with ORC Sportboat Class Rules as follows:

Length overall LOA (m)	6.00 – 9.15
Displacement in measurement trim DSPM (kg)	< 2000
Displacement / Length Ratio DSPM / LSM0 ³	< 6.00

Boats shall have a valid ORC International or ORC Club certificate. For any boat with ORC Club certificate, the hull offset file shall have been made as measured according to IMS Part B and C or verified designer provided files. Rig and sails shall be measured in accordance with IMS Parts F and G while displacement and stability figures shall be reviewed by the ORC Technical Committee before the start of the championship. The ORC Technical Committee may require correction or update of an ORC Club certificate.

- 4.3 Boats will be divided in three Divisions as follows:

	Division A	Division B	Division C
Displacement / Length Ratio DSPM / LSM0 ³	< 3.70	< 6.65	< 6.65
Spinnaker	Asymmetric on CL	Symmetric or Asymmetric	Symmetric or Asymmetric
Crew Arm Extension CEXT	≤ 0.25	≤ 0.25	> 0.25

The minimum number of boats plus the number of countries in each division shall be 14. If this is not met by **15 June 2024** the organizing authority may in agreement with the ORC modify the limits and division splits with the intention to keep boats of similar characteristics in the same division or cancel that division from the championship.

- 4.4 Any change after applying ORC rule 305.2(b) or (c) shall not change the division the boat was originally entered.
- 4.5 Eligible boats may pre-register until **15 June 2024** by completing the on-line registration form at https://www.trofeoreina.es/formulario_inscripcion.php
- 4.6 To be considered as pre-registered, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees. The list of pre-registered boats will be updated on the event website upon receipt of each new entry.
- 4.7 Once the entry is accepted, each boat shall submit a crew list before **25 June 2024**. Crew lists shall include all crew members who will be on board at the start of the first race and may be amended up to the start of the first race. After this time, changes in the crew may be made only on request and with the written permission of the technical committee.
- 4.8 Each owner or skipper must personally register in the race office located in **Real Club Náutico Valencia** office from **10:00 on 1 July 2023** until **18:00 on 3 July 2024**

5 Entry Fee

- 5.1 The entry fee of 600 EUR if paid until **1 April 2024** or 800 EUR if paid after that date per boat shall be by bank transfer to the following account:

Account Holder: Real Club Náutico Valencia

Bank: Sabadell

IBAN: ES61 0081 0693 6100 0218 8620

- 5.2 The organizing authority is not responsible for any costs incurred by the non-acceptance of a boat's registration.

6 Corinthian Division and Trophy

- 6.1 For the Corinthian Division and Trophy, the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code, Regulation 22 shall apply, and all crew shall hold a valid Group 1 categorization. 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 Categorization Code and information on how to apply can be found on the World Sailing website.
- 6.2 The closing date for the receipt of valid Corinthian entries shall be **15 June 2024**. Each entry shall include a complete crew list and show the World Sailing Sailor ID and the categorization group for each crew. All crew shall hold valid categorization prior to this date that do not expire until after the final day of the event. Late entries and incomplete entries cannot be considered for this division.
- 6.3 Should a boat whose Corinthian entry has been checked and accepted need to change a crew member after the closing date for the receipt of valid Corinthian entries, the name of the new crew member including a valid World Sailing Sailor ID must be submitted to the organizing authority for their approval. All crew lists will be posted on the official notice board or website as soon as possible after the registration deadline.
- 6.4 The time limit for a protest or request for redress by a boat regarding the World Sailing's Sailors Categorization Code is 20:00 on 4 July 2024. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

7 Advertising

- 7.1 [DP] Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority according to the World Sailing Advertising Code as follows:

- bow numbers with advertisement as forward as possible on both sides of the hull
- sponsor's flag that shall be flown on the backstay throughout the entire event

Advertising in Spanish boats or boats representing to Spanish Clubs is subject to the National Authority Approval.

- 7.2 The organizing authority may also require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of on-board video cameras and/or position devices, the use of which will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

8 Schedule

Monday, 1 July - Registration and measurement
Tuesday, 2 July - Registration and measurement
Wednesday, 3 July - Registration and measurement, Practice Race, Opening Ceremony
Thursday, 4 July - Coastal race
Friday, 5 July - Inshore race(s)
Saturday, 6 July - Inshore race(s)
Sunday, 7 July - Inshore race(s), Closing Ceremony

- a) The coastal race will be approximately 5-6 hours for the slowest boat.
- b) Inshore races will be approximately 1 to 1.5 hours.
- c) The schedule may be changed depending on the weather and wind conditions.

9 Equipment Inspection

- 9.1 Each boat shall have ORC International or Club certificate issued up to **24 June 2024**. This changes RRS 78.2.
- 9.2 No changes shall be made on ORC International or Club certificates after **24 June 2024** unless prescribed and approved by the technical committee in correcting any error that may be found in boat's certificate before or during the pre-race equipment inspection and before the start of the first race.
- 9.3 Boats shall be available for equipment inspection from 09:00 on **1 July** until 13:00 on **3 July 2024**. Booking of time slots for inspections by the boats will be available through the online system from **24 June 2024**.

- 9.4 Pre-race measurement check will include boat weighing on each boat launch.
- 9.5 Measurement and rules compliance inspections will be carried out throughout the championship with emphasis on boats well placed in the scoring.
- 9.6 A boat shall not start until she passes the pre-race equipment inspection.

10 Venue

- 10.1 The venue for the event is **located at the Real Club Náutico Valencia**.
- 10.2 The coastal courses racing area will be **in Front of Pinedo and El Saler Beach**.
- 10.3 The inshore racing area will **in front of Pinedo and El Saler Beach**.

11 Penalty system

- 11.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for breaking one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident outside the *Zone* while racing.
- 11.2 The intention is to appoint an international jury as provided in RRS 70.5.

12 Scoring

- 12.1 Eight races are scheduled including one coastal race 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 organizing authority in agreement with the ORC Representative may give permission to sail a substitute course.
- 12.2 At least 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3 When 5 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race score.
- 12.4 Coastal race results will be determined by corrected times calculated by PCS for All Purpose pre-selected course.
- 12.5 Inshore race results will be determined by corrected times calculated by PCS with constructed course.

13 Support person vessels

[DP] All support person vessels shall be registered at the race office. Identification numbers will be provided by the organizing authority. These numbers shall be always visible.

14 Berthing

- 14.1 The entry fee includes mooring, electricity, and water charges from 29 June to 13 July 2024 at the RCN Valencia, provided that the entry is completed by the closing date of entries.
- 14.2 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbour.

15 Haul-out Restrictions

- 15.1 [DP] All boats shall be in the water after the pre-race weight check and no later than 17:00 on **3 July 2024** until the end of the last scheduled race of the series.

- 15.2 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out except for the purposes of repairing damage; and only after written permission from the technical committee. 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.

16 Data Protection

Competitors, owners, and their guests shall grant the absolute right and permission to the organizing authority and the ORC 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 Risk statement

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk, see RRS 3 - Decision to Race. The organizing authority, **Real Club Náutico Valencia, Real Federación Española de Vela, ORC, the PRO, the race committee, the international jury, the technical committee, the volunteers, and any other party involved in the organization of the event will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.** Each boat owner or his representative accepts these terms by signing the entry form.

18 Competitors Drones

- 18.1 [DP] Teams or their representatives shall not fly drones over the shore facilities or over the race area during training or racing days without complying with local legislation and without prior written approval by the organizing authority.
- 18.2 The approval granted at the sole discretion of the organizing authority may impose limitations on where and when drones may fly.
- 18.3 At any time the risk and responsibility for flying any drone is with the person flying the drone and images made inside the race area shall be shared with the organizing authority, race committee or jury at reasonable request.

19 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of **610.000 EUR** per incident or the equivalent.

20 Prizes

Trophies for the ORC Sportboat European Championship 2024 will be awarded to the top three boats in each Division and to the top three boats in Corinthian category. The organizing authority may award additional trophies that will be announced on the event's website.

21 Further information

For further information, please contact:

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