



PALERMO
MONTECARLO
21/26 AGOSTO 2019

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZATION

Circolo della Vela Sicilia, Yacht Club de Monaco and the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda are the organizing authority (OA) under the patronage of Federazione Italiana Vela (FIV) and Unione Vela Altura Italiana (UVAI) in cooperation with International Maxi Association (IMA).

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2. RULES

2.1 the regatta will be governed by:

- a) The rules as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
- b) 2017-2020 FIV Prescriptions to the RRS (available on the event website);
- c) 2018-2019 Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Category 3 plus mandatory life raft;
- d) 2019 FIV Offshore Regulation [note: it is mandatory for each crew to wear a personal flotation device (PFD) with waterproof strobe light when at night];
- e) 2019 IMS-ORC rules;
- f) IRC Rules;
- g) IRC Rules: parts A,B and C. Please note: IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced with: "The maximum number of crew on board shall be the crew number printed on her certificate. There is no weight limit";
- h) 2019 IMA Class Rules;
- i) MOCRA Rules for multihulls;
- l) The OA reserves the right to amend this NoR until two hours before the start of the regatta by posting the new version on the event website and sending it by e-mail to the yachts already registered. Such notification shall be deemed to be in compliance with RRS 89.2(a).

2.2 From 08.00pm to 05.30am CEST, the Part 2 rules of RRS shall not apply and shall be replaced by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS).

2.3 This paragraph applies only to Maxi Yachts:

- a) If allowed by the class rules canting keels, moveable appendages and water ballast are permitted if declared on the measurement or class certificate (this changes RRS 51).
- b) If allowed by the class rules steering, ram and winch systems powered by force other than manual are permitted (this changes RRS 52).
- c) Electric or electronic devices of any kind are permitted but shall not be used to helm or operate the boat's sailing systems including appendages independently other than in case of emergency or if permitted by class rules.
- d) Exceptions to RRS 77 may be granted by the OA upon written request prior to the close of registration (this changes RRS 77).

2.4 The official languages of the regatta are English and Italian. If there is a conflict between languages the English text shall prevail.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 All Italian crews shall have a 2019 FIV membership card (inclusive of medical prescription).

3.2 Non-Italian crews shall be in compliance with their national authority rules.

4. ADVERTISING

4.1 In accordance with World Sailing Advertising Code Regulation 20.

4.2 All Italian yachts shall present at confirmation of registration the advertising license issued by the FIV.

4.3 Non-Italian yachts shall comply with their national authority advertising rules.

4.4 Yachts intending to display advertising during the regatta, whether on the yacht racing, support craft, or ashore within the regatta area, shall state in the entry form the nature of such advertising. The OA may refuse the entry or withdraw entry if 4.4 is not met.

4.5 The OA may require all yachts to display sponsor's stickers and/or bow numbers and/or a flag on the forestay for all duration of event. The stickers, the flags and bow numbers will be provided by the OA.

5. ELIGIBILITY

5.1 Entries are restricted to yachts with a LH \geq 9,00 m with a valid measurement/class certificate:

- ORC (International or Club): allocated to groups A and B as per 2019 FIV Offshore Regulation;
- IRC: yachts will be allocated based on their group in the ORC class;
- Maxi Yachts: LH \geq 18,29m IRC rating;
- Classic Yachts;
- One design;
- Multihull.

5.2 The registration nationality of a yacht is indicated by the owner of the yachts as set out in the entry form. If not indicated, the sail national letters (on the mainsail) or the owner's nationality will be used.

6. ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEES

6.1 Entries, including the payment of the entry fee, shall be completed online before 2400 hrs of Tuesday, July, 30th 2019, on www.palermo-montecarlo.it (click on the english version on the top right)

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including the following documents:

- a) a valid 2019 measurement/ class certificate;
- b) crew list with handicap as per 2019 FIV Offshore Regulation, if applicable;
- c) 2019 FIV membership card of each crew member (Italian crew see 3.1. Non-Italian crew see 3.2);
- d) an adequate third party insurance liability;
- e) advertising license, if applicable;
- f) at least one crew member shall have a valid WS Offshore Personal Survival Training Course certificate;

6.2 Competitors shall be born before January 1st 2006.

6.3 Competitors less than 18 years old shall present, at registration, a declaration form completed and signed by parents or guardian consent. (This form is available on the event website).

6.4 Entry Fees: by LH (Standard)

Until 45'	Euro	500,00
From 46' to 59'	Euro	700,00
From 60' to 70'	Euro	1.200,00
More than 70'	Euro	1.500,00

6.5 Early Bird and IMA member registration:
 Entries fees if completed before Saturday, May 18th 2019:

Until 45'	Euro	350,00
From 46' to 59'	Euro	500,00
From 60' to 70'	Euro	850,00 (IMA members Euro 750,00)
More than 70'	Euro	1.100,00 (IMA members Euro 1.000,00)

6.6 Support boats shall be registered during the registration period (6.1) and shall be clearly identified by an official flag supplied by the OA. (DP)

7. COURSE

7.1 The regatta will take place between the Gulf of Mondello (Palermo) and the bay of Monaco.

7.2 A fly through gate will be set in the vicinity of Porto Cervo (Sardinia).

7.3 The course will be further detailed in the SI.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SIs will be available in English and Italian at completion of registration from 1000 hrs of Sunday, August 18th 2019 at the race office.

9. CERTIFICATION AND INSPECTIONS

- 9.1 Each yacht shall have a valid measurement/class certificate issued before August, 20th 2019.
- 9.2 The Technical Committee (TC) may inspect any yacht before and after racing.
- 9.3 The owner or the skipper shall complete and sign a declaration regarding the yacht which states that all safety equipments are on board and the yacht complies with measurement requirements. The declaration shall be returned to the race office within the registration period (11.1). (DP)

10. INTERNATIONAL JURY, PENALTIES & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 10.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91, all decisions will be final as per RRS 70.5.
- 10.2 If a yacht breaks a RRS of Part 2 she may exonerate herself by promptly taking a one-turn penalty (including one tack and one gybe). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2. If the infringement occurs in the three length zone of a mark to round or to pass, a yacht shall take a two-turns penalty (including two tacks and two gybes) to exonerate herself. Penalty declaration shall be delivered after finishing with same time limit of the hearings.
- 10.3 Redress Limitation: Redress shall not be requested or given on basis of tracking records or of images of the start or finish of a race, such as video, photographs or drone footage. This changes RRS 60.1(b), 60.2(b), 60.3(b).

11. PROGRAMME

11.1 Sunday, August 18th	1000 1000 - 1800	race office opens registrations and inspections
Monday, August 19th	1000 - 1800	registrations and inspections
Tuesday, August 20th	1000 - 1500 1500	registrations and inspections registration closes
Wednesday, August 21st	1200	starting signal of Palermo-Montecarlo offshore race
Monday, August 26th	1900	prize-giving at Yacht Club de Monaco

- 11.2 The day and the time of press conference, the skippers' meeting, the official dinner at Circolo della Vela Sicilia and the dinner at Yacht Club de Monaco will be the subject of a separate notice of the OA.

12. TRACKING, UNIT AND DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 12.1 An electronic tracking system will be used for monitoring the nautical position of the yachts. The participants shall allow the installation of the tracking unit on their yachts. The OA may use the information received for media coverage of the race as well as for safety purposes. Participants shall be responsible for the unit while on board, they shall return the unit to the race office as soon as possible after finishing the race.
- 12.2 In addition to the entry fee for the race, the participants will be required to provide a credit card number or a check from which account the OA will charge the amount of Euro 300 as damage deposit.
- 12.3 The damage deposit will be returned once the undamaged unit is handed back to the race office in Monte carlo. Any damage to the unit will be borne by the owner.

13. SCORING AND TROPHIES

13.1 A software edited by the TC will be used for calculating the results of the race. Different interpretations cannot be ground for a request of redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13.2 The following trophies and award will be presented:

1st yacht crossing	the gate in Porto Cervo	on elapsed time
1st ORC yacht crossing	the gate in Porto Cervo	on corrected time
1st IRC yacht crossing	the gate in Porto Cervo	on corrected time
1st yacht	at finish in Montecarlo	on elapsed time
1st, 2nd and 3rd of ORC class	at finish in Montecarlo	on corrected time
1st, 2nd and 3rd of IRC class	at finish in Montecarlo	on corrected time

13.3 The winner of the race “Palermo - Montecarlo” will be the first overall yacht on corrected time of either ORC or IRC whichever class has the highest number of starters. If this number is the same for both the trophy will be awarded at the discretion of the OA. The OA will inform the competitors of their decision before the start of the regatta. This yacht will be awarded with Perpetual Challenge Trophy “Angelo Randazzo Trophy”.

13.4 The first yacht on elapsed time crossing the finishing line of Montecarlo will be awarded with “Giuseppe Tasca d’Almerita Trophy - First yacht cross the finishing line”.

13.5 The first yacht on corrected time of ORC and IRC classes of the groups A and B.

13.6 The first yacht on corrected time of Palermo Montecarlo X2 (providing at least three yachts entered) of either ORC or IRC whichever class has the highest number of starters. If this number is the same for both the prize will be awarded at the discretion of the OA. The OA will inform the competitors of their decision before the start of the regatta.

13.7 The first three Multihulls on corrected time (MOCRA rating).

13.8 The first yacht in each one design class (providing at least three yachts entered).

13.9 Other prizes may be award at discretion of the OA.

13.10 The Regatta is also part of:

- 2018-2019 IMA Mediterranean Maxi Offshore Challenge;
- 2019 Trofeo d’Altura del Mediterraneo;
- 2019 “Championnat et Trophées Inshore et Offshore Mediterranee en Equipages-IRC”;
- 2019 FIV Italian Offshore Championship.

14. MEDIA RIGHTS

14.1 By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant to the OA and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athletes during the period of the competition without compensation.

14.2 Competitors may be invited for interviews during the event.

15. MOORINGS AND LOGISTICS

15.1 When in Palermo the yachts will be moored at Marina of Villa Igia free of charge under the owners' or skippers' responsibility, from Sunday, August 18th 2019 until the start of the race.

15.2 Yachts wishing to arrive in Palermo earlier than August 18th 2019 shall inform the race office via e-mail to obtain the discount.

15.3 When in Montecarlo the yachts will be moored free of charge, under the owners' or skippers' responsibility, from their arrival to 1200 hrs of Tuesday, August 27th 2019.

15.4 Yachts wishing to stay after 1200 hrs of August, 27th 2019 must grant authorization from the Yacht Club de Monaco Marina desk in Monaco or by email: assistante.marina@ycm.org normal harbour fees will apply.

16. SERVICES

16.1 The OA will provide transportation, free of charge, from Palermo to Montecarlo to transfer all the luggage, bags of the sailing teams and spare equipment of the yachts. Only the pallets, properly packed (including the boats' name on the top) will be loaded, pallets and the packaging material will be provided by the OA. Considering the limited availability of the service a confirmation is mandatory during the online registration.

16.2 The following services will be also available:

- Access to Circolo della Vela Sicilia clubhouse and restaurant;
- Access to Yacht Club de Monaco clubhouse and restaurant.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

In accordance with World Sailing RRS fundamental 4: "The responsibility for a yacht's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone". All sailors take part in the race at their own risk and under their own responsibility. The race, under the current regulation, has no personal assistance except in case of emergency, in which case the Maritime Authority (Capitaneria di Porto) is responsible.

For this reason all yachts shall have a VHF radio able to transmit and receive on channel 16 (rescue channel), 71, 72 and 74.

The OA accept no liability for any damage caused to persons and/or properties, ashore and on the water, as a result of their participation in the race under these instructions.

It reminds the owners and skippers on board that they respond personally to all accidents that can happen to their yachts and/or their crews. So they will have to contract the necessary insurance to cover all risks including those from third parties.

