



22 -27 AUGUST 2023

18<sup>TH</sup> PALERMO-MONTECARLO



PALERMO  
MONTECARLO

NOTICE OF RACE



## 1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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

<http://www.palermo-montecarlo.it/> +39 091 347731 email: [info@palermo-montecarlo.it](mailto:info@palermo-montecarlo.it)

## 2 RULES

2.1 The event will be governed by the most **current** versions of the following:

- a. The rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*;
  - a.1. RRS 90.3(e) shall apply.
- b. Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Category 3 with mandatory liferaft;
- c. FIV Offshore Regulation [note: it is mandatory for each crew to wear a personal flotation device (PFD) with waterproof strobe light from 2000 hrs to 0530 hrs CEST];
- d. IMS-ORC Rules;
- e. IRC Rules, Parts A, B, and C;
  - e.1. **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."**
- f. IMA Class Rules (Maxi Yachts only);
- g. Class40 Rules;
- h. ORCmh will be the rating of the multihulls;
- i. This Notice of Race and any Amendments;

The OA reserves the right to amend the NoR until two hours before the start of the race by posting the new version on the event website and sending it by e-mail to the boats already registered. Such notification shall be deemed to be in compliance with RRS 89.2(a).
- j. The Sailing Instructions and any Amendments.

2.2 In accordance with the World [Sailing Decision](#) (**issued on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2022**) Russian and Belarusian athletes and Officials are not allowed to take part in this Regatta.

2.3 From 2000 hrs to 0530 hrs CEST, the Part 2 rules of RRS shall not apply and shall be replaced by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS).

2.4 This paragraph applies only to Maxi Yachts:

- a. If declared on the measurement or class certificate, canting keels, moveable appendages, trim tabs, and water ballast are permitted. **This changes RRS 51.**
- b. 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.**

2.5 The official languages of the regatta are English and Italian. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

### 2.6 COVID-19

- a. Protocols and prescription regarding the COVID-19 may be published at any time. They will state if they have the status of a rule.
- b. The OA may postpone or cancel the event at any time if it considers that this is required by reasons related to COVID-19. The competitors are not entitled to claim any compensation for any expenses they have incurred for their participation or preparation for participation in the event.

### 3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at: [www.palermo-montecarlo.it](http://www.palermo-montecarlo.it)

### 4 COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 The online Official Notice Board (ONB) is located at: [www.palermo-montecarlo.it](http://www.palermo-montecarlo.it)
- 4.2 **[DP]** All yachts shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting on channels: 12, 14, 16, 72, 74.
- 4.3 Communications with competitors will be through the VHF channels indicated in the Sailing Instructions, posted on the online ONB, by email, and/or WhatsApp.
- 4.4 **[DP]** Each boat shall have at least one device connected to the internet with WhatsApp installed.
- 4.5 **[DP]** While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

### 5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 The event is open to yachts with a LH  $\geq$  9.00 m with a valid measurement/class certificate:
- ORC (International or Club): allocated to groups 1 and 2 as per FIV Offshore Regulation;
  - IRC: LH < 18.29m, this class may be split into sub-classes at the discretion of the TC, the split will be posted on the ONB as soon as possible after the entry deadline;
  - Maxi Yachts: LH  $\geq$  18.29m, IRC rating;
  - One Design;
  - Class40
  - Multihull;
  - Classic Yachts;
  - Foiling Yachts.
- 5.2 Eligible yachts shall enter **ONLY** one (1) rating class.
- CLARIFICATION:** *A yacht has both ORC and IRC rating certificates, but she shall only choose to race under one of those certificates.*
- 5.3 After the entry deadline (NoR 5.4), a yacht may submit a request to the OA to change her rating class (ORC to IRC and vice versa), no later than 48hrs before the starting signal of the Race. The request shall be in writing providing a valid reason for the change request in addition to all of the necessary documents. The decision will be at the discretion of the TC.
- 5.4 Eligible yachts may enter by completing the entry form online by 2400 hrs on August 2 2023 and submit the required entry fee, to:

**Circolo della Vela Sicilia** email: [info@palermo-montecarlo.it](mailto:info@palermo-montecarlo.it)  
IBAN: IT69Y0623004609000015273040 - BIC: CRPPIT2PXXX  
Bank Address: Via Libertà, 32 - 90142 Palermo - ITALY

*The following documents shall also be submitted:*

- A valid 2023 measurement/class certificate;
- [WS Model Keel and Rudder Inspection Form](#);
- [Crew List Form](#) (including weights, in case of certified maximum);
- For least two (2) crew members, a valid WS Offshore Personal Survival Training Course certificate;
- 2023 FIV membership card of each crew member (Non-Italian crew see, NoR 7.2);
- Crew list with rankings as per 2023 FIV Offshore Regulation, if applicable;
- [Minor Parental Consent Form](#), for all competitors less than 18 years (NoR 7.4);
- Adequate third party liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of Euro 1,500,000.00 per incident;
- Advertising licence, if applicable;
- [Risk Recognition Form](#), in accordance with RRS 3, signed by all crew members;
- [Disclaimer of Liability Form](#), regarding the mandatory safety equipment in accordance with current Category 3 WS OSR with mandatory life-raft and the personal flotation devices (PFD) with waterproof

strobe light;

l. Tracking Unit Damage Deposit of **Euro 500** (See NoR 6.2).

5.5 The nationality registration of a yacht shall be indicated in the entry form. If not indicated, the national sail letters (on the mainsail) or the owner's nationality shall be used.

## 6 FEES

6.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Hull Length (metres)	Early Bird - Before 2400 hrs June 5 2023	After June 5 2023
Up to 45'	Euro 600.00	Euro 800.00
From 46' to 59'	Euro 880.00	Euro 1,100.00
From 60' to 69'	Euro 1,200.00	Euro 1,500.00
From 70' and Up	Euro 1,600.00	Euro 2,000.00

6.2 Tracking Unit Damage Deposit

a. An electronic tracking system will be used for monitoring the nautical positions of the boats.  
*More information about the tracking system is in the SIs.*

b. A damage deposit of **Euro 500** (credit card or check) will be charged to each owner/skipper. The deposit will be returned once the undamaged unit is returned to the YCM Race Office. Any damage to the unit shall be paid by the owner/skipper.

## 7 CREW REQUIREMENTS AND MEMBERSHIP

7.1 All Italian crews shall have a 2023 FIV membership card (inclusive of medical prescription).

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

7.3 Competitors shall be a minimum age of 14 years at the start of the Race.

7.4 Competitors less than 18 years shall present, at registration, a [Minor Parental Consent Form](#).

## 8 ADVERTISING

8.1 Yachts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8.2 All Italian yachts shall present at registration the advertising licence issued by the FIV, if applicable.

8.3 Non-Italian yachts shall comply with their national authority advertising rules, if applicable.

8.4 Yachts intending to display advertising during the regatta, whether on the racing yacht, support vessel, 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 the advertising does not comply with the *World Sailing Advertising Code*.

## 9 INCORPORATED SERIES

9.1 This Race is also a part of:

2023 IMA Mediterranean Maxi Offshore Challenge (MMOC);

2023 Trofeo d'Altura del Mediterraneo;

2023 Class 40 Mediterranean Trophy;

2023 "Championnat et Trophées Inshore et Offshore Méditerranée en Équipages-IRC";

2023 FIV Italian Offshore Championship.

## 10 SCHEDULE

10.1 The official time for the event is CEST GPS time.

10.2 The preliminary schedule is as follows. The social events will be announced at a later time.

Saturday, August 19	1000 1000 - 1800	Palermo RO Opens Registration
Sunday, August 20	1000 - 1800	Registration and Inspections
Monday, August 21	1000 - 1500 1100 To Follow 1500 1400 - 1800	Registration and Inspections Press Conference at Circolo della Vela Sicilia Skippers' Meeting at Circolo della Vela Sicilia Registration Closes Tracking Unit Delivery at Marina di Villa Igiea
Tuesday, August 22	1155 To Follow	<b>Warning Signal Monohull</b> <b>Other Classes</b> (see Sailing Instructions)
Sunday, August 27	1200 1900	<b>Time Limit Expires</b> Prize Giving at Yacht Club de Monaco

## 11 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

11.1 Each yacht shall have a valid measurement/class certificate issued before 1500 hrs of August 21 2023.

11.2 The Technical Committee (TC) may inspect any yacht before and after racing.

## 12 VENUES and RACE OFFICE CONTACTS

12.1 Race Offices:

- a. Palermo Race Office is located at Marina di Villa Igiea.  
Phone: +39 331 5730477      +39 334 9173811(RC)      Email: [info@palermo-montecarlo.it](mailto:info@palermo-montecarlo.it)
- b. YCM Race Office is located at Yacht Club de Monaco.  
Phone: +39 334 9173811(RC)      +33 640 623217 (YCM)      Email: [regates@ycm.mc](mailto:regates@ycm.mc)
- c. Race Director: +39 334 9173811(*including WhatsApp*)      Email: [rd@palermo-montecarlo.it](mailto:rd@palermo-montecarlo.it)

## 13 COURSE

13.1 The Race starts in the Mondello Gulf, then a fly-through gate at Porto Cervo, and then finishes in Montecarlo. The course and course length will be further described in the SIs.

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 If a yacht may have broken a rule of Part 2 RRS or a rule of the IRPCAS (when applicable) against another boat entered in this Race, 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.***

14.2 If a yacht takes a penalty, she shall report the time and location on the [Declaration of Compliance or Withdrawal Form](#).

14.3 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91, all decisions shall be final as per RRS 70.5.

## 15 SCORING

- 15.1 A software chosen by the TC from among the official ones will be used to calculate the results of the Race for monohulls and multihulls. Different interpretations shall not be grounds for a request for redress. ***This changes RRS 62.1(a).***
- 15.2 The scoring option used for the ORC monohulls will be chosen by the TC among those based on the “*Time on Distance*” method.  
The scoring option used for the IRC monohulls will be chosen by the TC among those based on the “*Time on Time*” method.  
Different interpretations shall not be grounds for a request for redress. ***This changes RRS 62.1(a).***
- 15.3 The scoring option used for the ORC multihulls will be chosen by the TC among those based on the “*Time on Distance*” method. Different interpretations shall not be grounds for a request for redress. ***This changes RRS 62.1(a).***

## 16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1 **[DP]** Support person vessels shall be registered with the OA and marked with the official flag supplied by the OA.

## 17 COMPETITORS DRONE

- 17.1 **[DP]** Teams or their representatives shall not fly drones over the Palermo-Montecarlo shore bases or over the race area during training or racing days without complying with local legislation and without prior written approval by the OA.
- 17.2 The approval granted at the sole discretion of the OA may impose limitations on where and when drones may fly.
- 17.3 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 OA, Race Committee, or International Jury at reasonable request.

## 18 MOORING AND SERVICES

- 18.1 Mooring in Palermo
- Yachts will be moored at Marina di Villa Igiea free of charge under the owners’ or skippers’ responsibility from 1300 hrs of Saturday, August 19, 2023 until the start of the Race.
  - Yachts wishing to arrive at Marina di Villa Igiea earlier than 1300 hrs of August 19 2023 shall inform the Race Office via e-mail to obtain the discount.
- 18.2 Mooring in Monte Carlo
- Yachts will be moored at Port Hercule, Yacht Club de Monaco, free of charge, under the owners’ or skippers’ responsibility from their arrival until 1100 hrs of Monday, August 28 2023.
  - Yachts wishing to stay after 1100 hrs of August 28 2023 must obtain authorization from the Yacht Club de Monaco Marina Desk by email: [assistante.marina@ycm.org](mailto:assistante.marina@ycm.org).  
Normal harbour fees will apply.
- 18.3 Transportation Services
- The OA will provide pallet transportation from Marina di Villa Igiea to YCM to transfer luggages, bags of the sailing teams, and spare equipment of the yachts. The OA takes no responsibility for any damage or loss occurred during this leg.
  - The first pallet is free of charge. The charge for every additional pallet is Euro 100 per pallet.  
This charge shall be paid during the final Registration at Marina di Villa Igiea.  
Only pallets properly packed (including the yacht name on the top) will be loaded.
  - Pallets and packaging material will be provided by the OA on August 20 and 21 from 0900 to 1800.
  - Considering the limited availability of the service, a confirmation is mandatory during the online registration specifying the number of pallets you want to send to YCM.

- e Yachts failing to collect their pallets at YCM during the event are responsible for any delivery charges from YCM to the final destination.
  - f. **[DP]** Pallets will be delivered as near to the boat as possible by the YCM Team. Yacht crews shall not, in any case, interfere with the unloading schedule or remove their pallet from storage without YCM approval.
  - g. **VERY IMPORTANT:** All pallets not collected within **THREE WEEKS** by the end of the Race will be discarded.
- 18.4 The following services may also be available in accordance with possible COVID-19 Restrictions:
- a. Access to Circolo della Vela Sicilia Clubhouse and restaurant.
  - b. Access to Yacht Club de Monaco Clubhouse and restaurant.

## 19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS AND DIVING

- 19.1 **[DP]** Yachts shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC or TC.
- 19.2 **[DP]** In accordance with Italian Maritime Law, it is strictly forbidden to dive inside the harbour while in Marina di Villa Igiea, the prohibition also includes the action of cleaning the hull below the waterline.
- 19.3 **[DP]** In accordance with Monaco Maritime Law, it is strictly forbidden to dive inside the harbour while in Port Hercule.

## 20 DATA PROTECTION

- 20.1 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.
- 20.2 Competitors may be invited for interviews during the event.

## 21 RISK STATEMENT

- 21.1 In accordance with World Sailing RRS Fundamental 3: “the responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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.**

The OA, the RC, the IJ and the TC accept no liability for any damage to persons and/or property, both ashore and afloat, as a result of their participation in the race under these instructions. Owners and skippers on board are reminded that they shall respond personally to all accidents that can happen to their boats and/or their crews. Therefore, owners and managers will have to contract the necessary insurance to cover all risks including those from third parties. The owners and skippers are also responsible for the decision to take part in a race based on the wind strength, the sea state, and the weather forecast.

The Race, under the current regulation, has no personal assistance except in case of emergency, in which the Maritime Authority (Capitaneria di Porto) is responsible. For this reason all boats shall have a VHF radio able to transmit and receive on channels 12, 14, 16 (rescue channel), and 74.

As a consequence of a breach of behaviour or sportsmanship, the IJ may apply disciplinary actions. This shall apply during all of the event ashore and afloat. The owner or his representative is responsible for the behaviour of the crew.

Notice is also hereby given to all participants including officials, volunteers, and others that they participate in this event solely at their own risk and voluntarily assume the risks associated with communicable diseases, including,



but not limited to, COVID-19.

## 22 INSURANCE

- 22.1 Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of Euro 1,500,000.00 per incident.

## 23 PRIZES

- 23.1 The following trophies and awards will be presented:
- a. 1<sup>st</sup> IRC yacht crossing at Porto Cervo Gate on corrected time.  
1<sup>st</sup> ORC Group 1 yacht crossing at Porto Cervo Gate on corrected time.  
1<sup>st</sup> ORC Group 2 yacht crossing at Porto Cervo Gate on corrected time.
  - b. **Giuseppe Tasca d'Almerita Trophy - "First yacht to cross the finishing line":**  
will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> yacht to finish in Montecarlo on elapsed time.
  - c. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> IRC class to finish in Montecarlo on corrected time.  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ORC Group 1 to finish in Montecarlo on corrected time.  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ORC Group 2 to finish in Montecarlo on corrected time.
  - d. **Perpetual Challenge "Angelo Randazzo" Trophy:** will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> overall yacht on corrected time of either ORC or IRC, whichever has the highest number of starters. If the number of starters is the same, the trophy will be awarded at the discretion of the OA. The OA will inform the competitors of the decision before the start of the Race.
  - e. **Circolo della Vela Sicilia Trophy:** will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> overall yacht on corrected time of either ORC or IRC, whichever has the fewest number of starters. If the number of starters is the same, the trophy will be awarded at the discretion of the OA. The OA will inform the competitors of the decision before the start of the Race.
  - f. **Emanuele Bruno Trophy,** first Sicilian yacht.
  - g. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> yachts on corrected time of Palermo Montecarlo - Double Handed of ORC or IRC class, whichever has the highest number of starters (providing at least three yachts entered).
  - h. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Class 40 yachts (providing at least three yachts entered).
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> yacht in any other class (providing at least three yachts entered).
  - j. Other prizes may be awarded at discretion of the OA.

## 24 FURTHER INFORMATION

<http://www.palermo-montecarlo.it/>

+39 091 347731 email: [info@palermo-montecarlo.it](mailto:info@palermo-montecarlo.it)