



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA



MAXI YACHT ROLEX CUP 2010

NOTICE OF RACE



VALID FOR THE ANNUAL ROLEX I.M.A CHAMPIONSHIP

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Porto Cervo Sunday 5th – Saturday 11th September 2010

The regatta is organised by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS) in conjunction with the International Maxi Association (I.M.A).

The sponsor for the Regatta is Rolex.

The Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup 2010 has been selected as the final series of the Rolex Annual IMA Championship and includes the Mini Maxi Rolex World Championship 2010.

Separate Notice of Race is dedicated to the Mini Maxi Rolex World Championship

ORGANISING AUTHORITY AND VENUE

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The Race Headquarters for the Regatta will be located at the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda Club House in Porto Cervo Marina.

1. THE 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 with life rafts compulsorily on board, but subject to the following amendments:
 - i. red parachute flares are not required (amends OSR 4.23)
 - ii. jackstays are not required (amends OSR 4.04)
- (c) Where a specific trophy is available for a specific class, the class rules of that class shall apply to boats competing for that trophy;
- (d) The IRC Rules 2010 Parts 1, 2 and 4 shall apply. For the purposes of IRC rules 26.1.5(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;
- (e) Wally Yacht Class Regulations (for Wally category if scored separately);
- 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.

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

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

2. BOAT ELIGIBILITY

2.1 The regatta is open to the following yachts:

- IMA yachts of all categories with a valid endorsed IRC rating certificate (See IRC Rule 8.4).
- At the discretion of the Organizing Authority, IRC rated yachts with a LOA not less than 18.29 meters with a valid endorsed IRC rating certificate (See IRC Rule 8.4).

- 2.2 The fleet may be divided based on the number of entries and type of yachts. Potential categories include:
Racing category, Racing/Cruising category, Wally category and Super Maxi category. These categories as defined by the IMA rules will be racing under the IRC Rule using time-on-time for scoring.
- 2.3 A minimum of five yachts are required for separate category scoring.
- 2.4 Some of the categories may be further split into groups for additional trophies.
- 2.5 All Mini Maxi yachts (Racing and Racing/Cruising) will participate in the Mini Maxi World Championship.
- 2.6 Rating certificates submitted with the entry form must be issued by the appropriate Rating Authority. All valid rating certificates shall then be endorsed by the IMA Technical Office (A.T.O.).

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 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 on each side of the bow
- 3.3 In addition, boats will be required to display the event battle flag throughout the same period but only while moored.
- 3.5 The Organizing Authority will supply the pennant, decals and flag at registration.
- 3.6 The Organising 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.
- 3.7 Boats intending to display advertising during the regatta shall state in the entry form the nature of such advertising.
- 3.8 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.

4. MEASUREMENT AND CONTROLS

- 4.1 Boats may be inspected and/or check measured at any reasonable time before or during the regatta.
- 4.2 Sail dimensions shall be either by direct measurement or by sail maker declaration.

4.3 RATING CERTIFICATES

4.3.1 - IRC certificates may be issued only by the RORC Rating Office (info@rorcrating.com)

4.3.2 - All IRC certificates shall be additionally 'endorsed' by the International Maxi Association Technical Office (ATO) who may require full or partial remeasurement of any boat. For endorsement please apply to Mr. Peter Lawson - Tel. +1 401 524 1335 Email: technical@internationalmaxiassociation.com

4.3.3 - Hull and rig dimensions shall be either by direct measurement or with the approval of the ATO by declaration from the designer and/or builder

4.3.4 - Noting the relatively large size and weight of the boats, the desired weighing of boats will not always be possible. For any boat that has not been weighed, weight will be verified by the ATO applying the Rating Office protocol.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available for competitors upon final registration.

6. INTERNATIONAL JURY

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

7. PROGRAMME

Friday 3 rd September	Inspections and controls (Mini Maxi Only)
Saturday 4 th September	Inspections and controls
Sunday 5 th September	Inspections, Registrations and Briefing
Monday 6 th September	Race (s)
Tuesday 7 th September	Race (s)
Wednesday 8 th September	Race (s)
Thursday 9 th September	Lay Day or Resail
Friday 10 th September	Race (s)
Saturday 11 th September	Race and Final Prize giving

Scheduled time of first warning signal for the first division is 11.30 hours.

The Organising Authority and/or the Race Committee reserve the right to modify the above programme according to weather conditions or other unforeseen reasons.

The courses selected for the races shall be either Coastal or Windward/Leeward.

Three races are required to constitute a series. The maximum number of races for all categories is seven.

8. 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

9. ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEE

9.1 - Entries shall be made on the Entry Form available on the YCCS web site (www.yccs.it) and shall be received, completed in full, by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda not later than July 1st 2010, accompanied by a non-refundable entry fee of 2,000 Euro.

The entry fee for IMA Members of the Wally category is reduced 50% (1,000 Euro).

There is no entry fee for IMA Members of other categories.

9.2 Entry shall also be accompanied by a copy of the current rating certificate.

If a boat elects to reconfigure the sail plan or change any other measurement values requiring a new rating certificate, the new certificate shall be received by the Organizing Authority, endorsed by the IMA ATO, not later than 12.00 hours (noon) on 5th September 2010.

Boats intending to update IRC certificates at the last minute shall notify the IMA Technical Office as soon as possible. The ATO will coordinate last minute processing with the Rating Authority office and will be able to advise boats as to when the deadline is for submission of an amended certificate in order to meet the registration deadline at 12.00 on 5th September. Since the registration deadline is on Sunday, the deadline may well be several days earlier.

9.3 The Organising Authority reserves the right to accept entries after 1st July 2010. For late entries moorings are not guaranteed and mooring fees are not included in the entry fee.

9.4 The entry fee can 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

10. REGISTRATION

10.1 Final Registration formalities shall be completed at the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda's Race Office by 12.00 (noon) hours on September 5th, 2010, unless the O.A. agrees to a later date, which it will do only in the most exceptional circumstances

At registration the following documents will be required:

- a. Valid rating certificate unless already produced;
- b. Acceptance of the Notice of Race as set out in the Entry Form;
- c. Disclaimer of liability as set out in the Entry Form
- d. Crew list and classification. All competitors shall be in compliance with the ISAF eligibility rules and IMA Owner/Driver rule
- e. Photography and TV rights consent as set out in the Entry Form.

10.2 Foreign competitors shall be in compliance with their respective National Rules.

11. SCORING AND PENALTIES

The Low Point System RRS Appendix A shall apply except that one discard will be allowed if five or more races are sailed.

12. ELECTRONIC AIDS

All types of electronic equipment are permitted.

13. COMMUNICATIONS

All boats shall be equipped with a Marine VHF transceiver operating on VHF channel 9, 16 and 72.

14. INSPECTIONS

Boats shall be at the disposal of the Measurement & Inspection Committee not later than 10.00 hours on September 5th.

15. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- The Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup to the overall winner of each Category
- IMA trophy and Special trophies to the winners of the IMA Championship
- Additional special trophies to the winner of each finalised group

16. MOORINGS

16.1 The entry fee includes mooring fees from 12.00 hours on September 4th to 09.00 hours on September, 12th 2010, at Porto Cervo Marina or Port East provided that the completed entry form and entry fee are received by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda before 1st July 2010.

- 16.2** No moorings are guaranteed for late entries and mooring fees are not included.
- 16.3** The cost of electricity and water consumption as well as mooring fees for late entries and/or additional periods, must be paid directly to the Marina Office by the participants.
- 16.4** To reserve moorings prior and after the dates indicated in par.16.1 and for tenders please apply directly to the Marina Office:
Tel.+39/0789/905111 - Fax +39/0789/91153.
Early booking is recommended.

17. PRESS OFFICE

Media representatives wishing to cover the event are requested to contact:
YCCS Press Office
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Email: pressoffice@yccs.it

18. INSURANCE

It is the responsibility of the owner to provide insurance for the yacht covering eventual damage to persons or property.

19. DISCLAIMER

19.1 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, 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.

19.2 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".

19.3 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 members or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel or property.

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

20. MEDIA RIGHTS

20.1 Competitors grant Rolex 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.

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

21. SOCIAL EVENTS

The preliminary social programme for the event is as follows:

Sunday 5th September
YCCS Welcome Reception

Tuesday 7th September
IMA Dinner

Friday 10th September
Rolex Party

Saturday 11th September
Final Prize Giving

INFORMATION

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

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.