



DUBOIS CUP 2015

Notice of Race - Information

Porto Cervo, Italy
Thursday 28th - Saturday 30th May



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA

DUBOIS



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May 28th, 29th & 30th

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The regatta is organised by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS)
in collaboration with Dubois Naval Architects

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1. THE RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the following:

- (a) the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and Appendix SY;
- (b) The ORC SuperYacht (ORCSY) rule will be used.
- (c) the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 with life rafts compulsorily on board;
- (d) the Organizing Authority may amend this Notice in accordance with RRS 88.2 (a).

1.2 (a) Any amendments to this Notice will be emailed to all Owners whose entries have been accepted. Amendments will also be posted on the event websites:

www.thedubois-cup.com & www.yccs.com

During the Regatta, amendments to this Notice will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Regatta Headquarters and on the official websites.

(b) The Sailing Instructions including the Exhibits and the Appendices.

1.3 No national authority prescriptions will apply except, those to Italian nationals, Part 6 of Prescriptions of the FIV: Entry and Qualification, Rule 75, Entering a Race, Prescription to Rule 75.2.

1.4 English is the official language of the event.

1.5 In the event of a discrepancy between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions take precedence. This changes rule 63.7.

1.6 The Registration Nationality of a boat is indicated by the owner of the boat as set out in the entry form (FLAG section). If not indicated, the Sail Number and/or the owner's nationality will be used.



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. The Dubois Cup 2015 is an Invitational Event.

2.2 Boats will be required to display a sponsor's pennant on the backstay 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.

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 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 in 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 Marina Area without the consent in writing of the Organizing Authority obtained before the start of the Regatta.

3. ENTRIES

3.1 The Regatta is open to superyachts designed by Dubois Naval Architects with minimum LH 24m (79ft).

3.2 Entries shall be made via the Entry Form (Annex 1) which is available on the YCCS and Dubois websites (www.yccs.com, www.duboiscup.com) and shall be received, completed in full, by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda not later than April 15th 2015, accompanied by a non-refundable entry fee of 3,500 Euros per yacht (for Members of the YCCS, IMA and SYRA the entry fee is 3,000 Euros).

For all NON-MEMBERS OF SYRA there is a fee of €900* in addition to the entry fee.

*All SYRA (Superyacht Racing Association) approved Superyacht regattas in the 2015 season require non-SYRA members to contribute to SYRA for improving the safety of Superyacht racing and investing in the fair racing handicap review. There is therefore an additional fee of €900 per entry for non-members.

For further information on the Superyacht Racing Association and details of annual membership, visit www.superyra.org

3.3 At the absolute discretion of the Organizing Authority, late entries may be accepted after 15th April, but the cost of moorings could be not included for these late entries and the Organizing Authority cannot guarantee that moorings will be available.

3.4 The entry fee can be paid by Credit Card (VISA or MASTERCARD) or by bank transfer as stated in detail in the entry form. Boats shall confirm their entry to Dubois Naval Architects at roxannehughes@duboisyachts.com

3.5 The Organizers reserve the right to cancel the Regatta completely by written notification to each yacht via email to the Captain's email address provided on the Entry Form.

In the event of cancellation of the Regatta:

3.5.1 Each yacht's entry fee that has been received by the Organizers will be refunded in full to that yacht;

3.5.2 This Agreement in respect of this Regatta will be terminated forthwith;

and 3.5.3 Each yacht, Owner and Captain hereby expressly agrees that no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Organizers will be permitted or entertained and each yacht, Owner and Captain hereby expressly undertakes to indemnify the organizers in respect of any claim brought by anyone associated with them and/or their yacht and any costs incurred by the Organizers in relation to such claim.





4. RATING/HANDICAPPING CERTIFICATES AND MEASUREMENT

4.1 A valid ORC SuperYacht (ORCSY) certificate is required from all competitors. Certificates will be issued to the yacht by the rule authority (the Offshore Racing Congress – www.orc.org).

To apply for a certificate and for additional information on the ORC SuperYacht Rule, contact the ORC Office at: orcsy@orc.org

The handicap application and fee must be received by the ORC no later than 31st March, 2015.

4.2 All measurements required shall be submitted as part of the application process for an ORCSY certificate. The ORC will accept declared data when measurement data is not available. The ORC, at its discretion, may implement hull data from design offices and sail data from sailmakers.

4.3 Handicap certificates are due to the Organizing Authority no later than 15th May, 2015. A list of the handicaps of the boats will be posted at: www.yccs.com by 20th May, 2015.

4.4 Yachts shall be available for inspection not later than 10:00 on 28th May, 2015. For yachts already in Porto Cervo, inspections may be carried out on 27th May, 2015. Yachts may be inspected and/or check measured at any reasonable time before or during the regatta and will be performed only by measurers approved by the Organizing Authority.

5. REGISTRATION

At registration the following documents will be required:

- a. Current handicap certificate unless and if different than the one already produced;
- b. Crew List & declaration accepting this waiver of rights that each individual participating crew member will be required to sign;
- c. Italian Sailing Federation cards for Italian Sailors;
- d. Safety Officer Form - as described in paragraph 15.



6. REGATTA SCHEDULE

6.1 Competitors shall register at the Regatta Headquarters at the YCCS Clubhouse. The office will be open for registration from 10:00 to 17:00 on Thursday 28th May.

6.2 The following schedule is intended. Any resultant alteration to the schedule will be promulgated in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

Thursday 28th May

Registration at Regatta Headquarters
10:00 - 17:00

Friday 29th May

Skippers Briefing 10:00
Race - Warning Signal 13:00

Saturday 30th May

Race - Warning Signal 12:00

6.3 The Committee reserves the right to amend the regatta schedule.

6.4 The full programme of events and sailing instructions will be available at Registration and on the organiser event websites.

7. SCORING SYSTEM

7.1 The Low Point System Appendix A shall apply except that there will be no discard.

7.2 Two races are scheduled and one race has to be completed to constitute the series.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be issued by email to entrants and published on the event web sites (www.yccs.com and www.duboiscup.com) on Monday 25th May and will be included in Skippers' packs available at Registration.

9. BERTHING

9.1 Berthing will be available in Porto Cervo from 09:00 hours on Thursday 28th May to 10:00 hours on Sunday 31st May 2015.

9.2 The cost of electricity, water charges, tenders as well as mooring fees for late entries or additional periods are not included in the entry fee and must be paid directly to the Marina Office. The mooring place for any additional period (before and/or after the event) may be at Porto Cervo Marina or East Dock (Porto Vecchio) and different from the mooring place assigned by the Marina in conjunction with the O.A. during the event. Assignment of moorings will be based on availability of moorings and characteristics of boats.

9.3 To reserve moorings prior and after the dates indicated in par.9.1 above and for tenders, please send your mooring requirement at secretariat@yccs.it. The YCCS Race Office will take care to inform the Marina Harbour Master accordingly.

For further information about the marina services and the price list please visit the Marina Porto Cervo web site:

www.marinadiportocervo.it

9.4 Local regulations require that all boats must inform the Harbour Master's Office by radio on VHF Channel 9 when they first arrive in Porto Cervo and each time they leave or enter the Harbour thereafter. When moored, it is mandatory for all participants to visit the Harbour Master's Office to finalize their registration procedures.

10. RACING AREA AND COURSES

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.

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Courses will be coastal courses.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply. The penalty will be the whole number of places (rounding 0.5 upwards) nearest to 20% of the number of all boats entered (except that the minimum penalty is one place).

11.2 Exoneration Penalty

(a) A boat that may have broken a rule of RRS part 2 or RRS 31 may, after finishing the race and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts an Exoneration penalty - a 30% scoring penalty in accordance with RRS 44.3

(b) (except that the minimum penalty is two places provided that does not result in a score worse than DNF). However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.

(c) When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted:

(i) Neither the boat nor the Jury may then revoke or remove the penalty.

(ii) The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the Jury decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

11.3 Penalties for breaches of the rules, other than a rule of RRS Parts 1 or 2, are at the discretion of the Jury.

12. PROTEST COMMITTEE

Protests will be heard by an International Jury or an International Protest Committee.

13. ELECTRONIC AIDS AND RADIO FREQUENCIES

13.1 All types of electronic aids, including radar, VOR, satellite etc, are permitted. No external aids, outside assistance or information may be used, excepting weather forecast information.

Boat to boat communication is allowed and encouraged to allow the safest possible navigation during the regatta and one dedicated VHF channel will be used for this purpose.

13.2 Boats shall be equipped with standard marine VHF Channels.



14. SAFETY

14.1 The Organizer takes a proactive stance on enforcing safety and sportsmanship. Safe racing is the responsibility of everyone involved in Superyacht regattas. The Superyacht Safety Protocol within the Sailing Instructions stress the concept that the priority is on safety and prudent seamanship, not competitive advantage.

14.2 The yachts' Racing Tacticians and Safety Officers are expected to meet immediately following the racing to discuss and resolve any minor issues pertaining to competitive advantage, safety or sportsmanship.

15. SAFETY OFFICER

15.1 Each yacht shall designate a Safety Officer and submit a Safety Officer Information Form in advance (Exhibit 2, posted on the event website and will be distributed to all captains via email). The Safety Officer's name, local mobile telephone number and email address must be confirmed at registration.

15.2 The Safety Officer shall be a member of the afterguard whose sole responsibility will be communicating on the dedicated VHF safety channel while racing, collision avoidance, and the safe maneuvering of the yacht. The Safety Officer should have no other responsibility above and beyond these safe racing related matters. The Safety Officer must have a handheld VHF radio in their possession from the time the yacht approaches the starting area until departing the finishing area following the race.

15.3 The Safety Officer shall attend all pre-race briefings and will be responsible for ensuring the Daily Declaration Form and portable GPS unit are returned to the Race Office as soon as is practical following racing each day, but no later than two hours after finishing.

16. TROPHIES AND AWARDS

The Dubois Cup will be awarded to the overall winner. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

17. 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.





18. DISCLAIMER

Competitors agree to be bound by the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013/2016, 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 Dubois Naval Architects, the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda and all persons or sponsors 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.

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".

In any case, competitors agree that the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, Dubois Naval Architects, 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.

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

19. MEDIA RIGHTS

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

20. SOCIAL EVENTS

The preliminary social programme for the event is as follows:

- 28th May:** Welcome Cocktail YCCS Clubhouse
- 29th May:** Owners & Guests Dinner YCCS Clubhouse
- 30th May:** Prize-giving Party YCCS Clubhouse

21. CONTACT DETAILS

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