

2004 MAXI YACHT ROLEX CUP



NOTICE OF RACE
INFORMATION
ENTRY FORM

VALID AS
I.M.A CHAMPIONSHIP

YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA

Porto Cervo, Sunday 5th - Saturday 11th September 2004

The Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup 2004 will be held at Porto Cervo, Sardinia, Italy from the 5th to the 11th September.

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 SA, Geneva.

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1 - ORGANISING AUTHORITY AND VENUE

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Email: secretariat@yccs.it

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

2 - BOAT ELIGIBILITY

The regatta is open to the following yachts:

- IMA yachts
- IMS/ORC Club and IRC rated yachts with minimum LOA of approximately 20 Mts.
- Heavy Displacement, Classic and Spirit of Tradition yachts (with minimum LOA of approximately 20 Mts.) at the discretion of the Organising Authority

There will be three Divisions:

- 1) IRC Division: High performance yachts racing time-on-time under IRC TCCs. All yachts shall hold a valid IRC certificate, endorsed by the IMA Technical Office (A.T.O.).
- 2) WALLY Division (as defined by IMA): Wally Yachts will race in IRC Division and will also have their own Wally Division results.
- 3) IMS/ORC Club Division: Heavy displacement, Cruising, Classic and Spirit of Tradition yachts racing time-on-distance under ORC Club GPH. All yachts shall hold a valid ORC Club certificate.

Each Division may be further split into groups.

3 - RULES

3.1 The regatta will be governed by:

- International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of

Sailing 2001/2004 (RRS)

- Offshore Special Regulations for Category 3 races - life raft on board compulsory
- IMA Class Rules and Regulations (for IMA Trophy)
- WALLY Yacht Class Regulations (for WALLY Division)
- Current IMS Rules and Regulations (where appropriate).
- IRC current Rules and Regulations (where appropriate) except that:
 - IRC Rule 14.2 is amended to the extent that RRS 52 shall not apply to any boats.
 - IRC Rules 26.1.5 (a), (d), and (e) shall not apply.
 - Except as restricted by IRC Rules 26.1.5 (b) and (c), boats may carry any number of sails and may change the sails carried as they wish.
 - IRC Rule 27.4.1 is amended to the extent that there are no limitations on crew members or weight.

With the agreement of the IRC Technical Committee, IRC Rules are further amended as follows:

- IRC Rule 26.6.2 shall not apply. All boats carrying spinnakers will be rated with three spinnakers irrespective of the number carried.
 - IRC Rule 26.3.4 is deleted and replaced with:

"RRS 50.4 shall not apply. A spinnaker is defined as a sail set forward of the foremost mast with half width (measured as a spinnaker) greater than 75% of foot. Any other sail tacked down forward of the foremost mast is a headsail".
 - In addition to her rated headsails as defined by IRC Rule 26.7, a boat may carry and use one "code zero" headsail which may only be set free flying, i.e. not attached to the forestay.
(For utilization of "code zero" sails and influence on the handicap value please apply to the IMA Association Technical Office).
- Power assisted winches, canting keels, trim tab and water ballast are permitted in all divisions.

In the event of a conflict between any of the above rules and/or regulations and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions and the subsequent communications of the Race Committee with the approval of the IMA representative shall prevail, as interpreted by the International Jury.

3.2 English shall be the official language at 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 Boats shall only be measured by measurers pre-approved by the ATO.

4.3 Sail dimensions shall be either by direct measurement or by sail maker declaration.

4.4 IRC Division

- 4.4.1 IRC certificates may be issued by either the RORC Rating Office (info@rorcrating.com) or the UNCL Centre de Calcul (irc@uncl.com).
- 4.4.2 All IRC certificates shall be 'endorsed' by the International Maxi Association Technical Office (ATO) who may require full or partial measurement of any boat. Boats shall apply to the ATO (nicolasironi@compuserve.com or mikeurwin@rorcrating.com) for measurement requirements by 31st July 2004.
- 4.4.3 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.
- 4.4.4 Noting the relatively large size and weight of the boats, while desirable, weighing of boats will not always be possible. For any boat that has not been weighed, weight will therefore be verified by the ATO from any other possible source.

5 - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available for competitors upon final registration.

6 - EVENT CLASSIFICATION AND ADVERTISING

- 6.1 The regatta is designated Category C, under RRS Appendix 1 - ISAF Advertising code, Regulation 20.
- 6.2 Category A, ISAF Advertising code, Regulation 20 is required to compete for the IMA Trophy Cruising Division.
- 6.3 The Organising Authority may require all boats to apply a sponsor decal on the bow and to hoist a sponsor backstay pennant for the duration of the Regatta commencing immediately after registration until one hour after the finish of the last race. Whilst in harbour, boats are required to fly the event flag. The Rolex pennant and the event flag will be provided by the Organising Authority.
- 6.4 Furthermore, the Organising Authority may request the installation of satellite monitor equipment, which will not interfere with the yacht's instrumentation and communication equipment. The Organising Authority may also require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of on board video cameras for the official television production. The Organising Authority will organise the installation.

The Organising Authority may request competitors to have on board TV cameramen in excess of the crew weight limit.

7 - JURISDICTION

The regatta will be sailed under the jurisdiction of the Race Committee and the International Jury.

8 - INTERNATIONAL JURY

An International Jury will be appointed by the Organising Authority in accordance with RRS 89 (c). All decisions of the International Jury shall be final.

9 - PROGRAMME

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| - Sunday, 5 th September | Inspections, Registrations & Briefing |
| - Monday, 6 th September | Race |
| - Tuesday, 7 th September | Race |
| - Wednesday, 8 th September | Race |
| - Thursday, 9 th September | Lay Day or Resail |
| - Friday, 10 th September | Race |
| - Saturday, 11 th September | Race & Final Prizegiving |

The Organising Authority and/or the Race Committee reserves the right to change the above programme due to weather conditions or other reasons.

Race means inshore race.

Windward-Leeward course may also be selected.

In case of Windward-Leeward course, two races may be held on the same day.

10 - 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

11 - ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEE

- 11.1 Entries shall be made on the enclosed Entry Form and shall be received, completed in full, by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda not later than 1st July, 2004, accompanied by a non-refundable entry fee of 1.000 Euro per yacht. Each entry shall be accompanied by one copy of the current rating certificate.

The Organising Authority reserves the right to accept entries after 1st July, 2004.

For late entries moorings are not guaranteed, and mooring fees are not included in the entry fee.

11.2 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:

Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria
Corso Lodi
20100 Milano
Italy
Account n° 24444
Bank Code: ABI 05048 - CAB 01603
Swift Code - POCIITMM
IBAN Code - IT 56 U 05048 01603 0000000 24444

12 - REGISTRATION

12.1 Final Registration formalities shall be completed at the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda's Race Office by 12.00 hours on September 5th, 2004, submitting the crew list with the names of each crew member.

12.2 Italian competitors shall be in compliance with the Italian Sailing Federation Rules.

13 - SCORING AND PENALTIES

The Low Point System RRS Appendix A shall apply.

14 - ELECTRONIC AIDS

All types of electronic equipments are permitted.

15 - COMMUNICATIONS

All boats shall be equipped with a Marine VHF transceiver operating on VHF channel 72.

16 - INSPECTIONS

Boats shall be at the disposal of the Measurement & Inspection Committee not later than 09.00 hours on September 5th, 2003.

17 - TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- The Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup to the overall winner of each Division
- IMA Special trophies to the winners of the IMA Championship
- Additional special trophies to the winner of each registered group

18 - MOORINGS

18.1 The entry fee includes mooring fees from 09.00 hours on September 5th to 09.00 hours on September, 11th 2004, 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 2004.

18.2 No moorings are guaranteed for late entries.

18.3 The cost of electricity, water consumption and

telephone charges as well as mooring fees for late entries and/or additional periods, must be paid directly to the Marina Office by the participants.

18.4 Please be aware that after the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup, the Rolex Swan Cup will take place in Porto Cervo and, due to space limitations, moorings in the Marina shall be cleared at 09.00 hours on September 11th.

18.5 To reserve moorings prior and after the dates indicated in par. 18.1 and for tenders please apply directly to the Marina Office (Tel. +39/0789/905111 - Fax +39/0789/91153). Early booking is recommended.

19 - PRESS OFFICE

Media representatives wishing to cover the event are requested to contact:

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Email: pressoffice@yccs.it

20 - INSURANCE

It is the responsibility of the owners to hold adequate insurance coverage for Tort and Third Party (property and persons) Liability Insurance.

21 - DISCLAIMER

Competitors agree to be bound by the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2001/2004, by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race.

Competitors agree to take any and all responsibility for the nautical qualities of their yacht, 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 the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, and all persons involved in the organisation under whatever qualification and to accept full responsibility for the behaviour and dress of the yacht's crew, representatives and guests.

Competitors are to be acquainted with ISAF 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, the sponsors and their agents, in particular Rolex SA, 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.

22 - MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors grant Rolex SA and the Organising 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 yacht 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' name and biographical material 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 right.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The preliminary social programme for the event is as follows:

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| - Sunday, September 5 th | YCCS Welcome Reception |
| - Monday, September 6 th | Happy hours and refreshments after racing |
| - Tuesday, September 7 th | Rolex Crew Party |
| - Wednesday, September 8 th | IMA Dinner |
| - Thursday, September 9 th | Rolex Dinner |
| - Friday, September 10 th | YCCS Dinner |
| - Saturday, September 11 th | Prize Giving |

INFORMATION

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

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