



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA



ROLEX MAXI 72 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

**NOTICE OF RACE
PORTO CERVO, 6th - 12th SEPTEMBER 2015**





1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES (O.A.) AND VENUE

1.1 The Rolex Maxi 72 World Championship is organized by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS) and the International Maxi Association (IMA) in conjunction with the Maxi 72 Class.

1.2 The event will be sailed in the waters of Porto Cervo from 5th to 12th September 2015, within the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup. The regatta headquarters will be located at the YCCS.

1.3 The event sponsor is Rolex SA.

2. RULES

2.1 The 2015 Rolex Maxi 72 World Championship will be governed by:

a) The rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2013/2016):

1. RRS 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: "However, discarding biodegradable wool bands when setting a sail is permitted."

b) The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (2014 /2015) as follows:

1. Cat. 3 including the local requirement to carry liferafts;

2. Jackstays are not required to be fitted on deck (amends OSR 4.04);

3. According with OSR 3.28.3.b) a minimum of 50 litres of fuel is required while racing.

c) 2015 Maxi 72 Rule, Bylaws and interpretations:

1. The SI shall give the wind speed limit for class rule C.1.2.1.a;

2. Class rule C.2.3 (guests) applies, event specific guest rules will be communicated no later than 4 weeks ahead of the event and published in the SI;

3. Compliance with the Maxi 72 Class Weighing Protocol (Appendix 3 Class Rule) is mandatory;

4. The 2015 Maxi 72 Wild Card Invitation Option (Class Rule B.1.3), including the conditions set in Class Rule B.1.3 (2), applies.

d) No National Authorities prescriptions will apply except Part 6 of prescriptions of the FIV (Italian Sailing Federation), which will apply only to Italian competitors.

e) The SI including all the Appendices.

2.2 The O.A. reserves the right to amend this NoR. Any amendments prior to 6th September, 2015 will be emailed to owners whose entries have been accepted and will also be posted on the official website (www.yccs.com). Amendments to this NoR after 6th September, 2015 will be posted on the Official Notice Board, on the official website and copies will be available from the YCCS Regatta Office.

2.3 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.

2.4 The official language of the 2015 Rolex Maxi 72 World Championship is English. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2.5 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.

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 SI.

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 and a sponsor pennant on the forestay throughout the same period but only while moored.

3.4 The O.A. will supply the pennants, decals and flag at registration.

3.5 The O.A. 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.

3.6 Boats intending to display advertising during the regatta shall state in the entry form the nature of such advertising. All advertising shall be approved by the O.A..

3.7 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 O.A. obtained before the start of the regatta.





4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 The 2015 Rolex Maxi 72 World Championship is open to all boats with a valid 2015 Maxi 72 Certificate, as well as boats with a valid 2015 Endorsed IRC Certificate and Maxi 72 Class confirmed Wild Card invitation (Class Rule B.1.3).

4.2 All competitors shall comply with ISAF Regulation 19 Eligibility Code.

5. ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

5.1 Entries shall be made on the Entry Form available on the event website (www.yccs.com), and shall be received duly completed, by the YCCS Race Office no later than 21st July 2015, accompanied with an Endorsed IRC Certificate plus a copy of a valid Class Certificate, or with an Endorsed IRC Certificate plus Wild Card Invitation, and with a non-refundable Entry Fee of € 2.500, for YCCS/ IMA / Maxi 72 Class Members (€ 3.000, for Wild Card Non Members).

5.2 Entries received after 21st July 2015 will require the payment of an additional fee of € 1.500. For late entries moorings are not guaranteed and mooring fees are not included in the entry fee.

5.3 Endorsed IRC certificates updates, plus the required Maxi 72 Class certification, shall be received with the O.A. not later than 18.00 hours on 1st September 2015. Any changes to Rating Certificates after the 18.00 hours on 1st September 2015 may only be made as a result of change of sail dimensions (deadline certificate arrival with O.A. 18.00 hours 4th September), inspection and controls.

Boats that do not comply with the registration requirements by the deadline specified by the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions will be subject to a 1% penalty added to elapsed time for all races.

5.4 The entry fee can be paid by Credit Card (VISA or MASTERCARD) or by bank transfer as stated in details on the entry form. If the payment is made by bank transfer, a copy of the transfer confirmation is to accompany the entry form.

5.5 The official forms will be provided by the O.A. and published on the YCCS website. To qualify as a competitor the following shall be lodged with the YCCS Race Office prior to the close of registration (if not required earlier by rules above) at 16.00 hours on 6th September:

- a) Entry Form duly filled in and signed. **Please note** Entry Form point 3: **Insurance:** Competitors hereby declare that the boat holds adequate insurance including third-Party insurance, and it is the owner or owners' representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event;
- b) Crew Declaration Form and Media Releases consent, submitted by 16.00 hours on 6th September plus a copy of passport or ID for all the crew members and, where applicable, the appropriate license from the National Authority. Substitution of competitors requires approval of the IMA ATO. Request(s) shall be submitted no later than two hours before the first warning signal on the day of the crew change. Conditions for approval will be communicated in the SI;
- c) If applicable, a Guest Declaration Form, submitted by 16.00 hours on 6th September;
- d) Class approved Maxi 72 Helmsman Application;
- e) Current and valid Endorsed IRC Certificate, either plus the Maxi 72 Class Certification or plus the approved Maxi 72 Class Wild Card Invitation.

6. MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION

6.1 Boat measurement and inspection will take place from 09.00 hours on 5th September to 13.00 hours on 6th September 2015 in Porto Cervo at the discretion of the IMA ATO. A boat shall provide a minimum of 2 people to help with the checks. Each boat shall be presented for measurement in the condition the boat is intended to race.

6.2 Sail Measurement will take place upon appointment with the Class / Event measurer(s) from 09.00 hours on 5th September 2015 to 15.00 hours on 6th September 2015.

The IMA ATO will advise all boats that have registered of available time slots which each boat can reserve.

6.3 Daily safety and measurement controls will be carried out during the races by the official measurers of the event (at least one of them will be an official measurer of the Maxi 72 Class).

6.4 The Class and IRC Certificates that the boats race under will be distributed by email to the boats no later than 11.00 hours on 5th September. The protest time limit for rating protests by boats, except relating to changes made during the event, expires at 15.00 hours on 6th September.



6.5 All boats shall accept an event measurer to seal their lifelines with the correct tension. A broken seal shall be reported in writing to the measurer within one hour after finishing of the race and the report shall include a reason for the broken seal.

7. PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE

7.1. Based on a Coastal counting for two WL's, a maximum of ten "counted" WL's shall be sailed. The event will be valid if three or more races are sailed. Per day a maximum of three WL races or one Coastal race may be sailed. The RC may decide till two hours before the warning signal for the first race of a day whether to race WLs or a Coastal. On the final day of the event, till the warning signal of the first race, the RC may announce its aim to have two WL races even if that brings the total number of "counted" WL's sailed to eleven races.

7.2 The Scheduled time of the first warning signal each day will be at 11.30 hours. The IMA Annual General Meeting will be held at YCCS on the lay day at 10.30 hours or in the late afternoon if there is a re-sail that day.

7.3 The Skipper's Briefing will be held at the YCCS Clubhouse the 6th September at 18.00 hours.

7.4 Schedule indicating race days:

Saturday 5 th :	All boats moored at regatta berths Marina Porto Cervo (if not sailing)
Sunday 6 th :	All boats moored at regatta berths Marina Porto Cervo (if not sailing). Registration (10.00 – 16.00 hours). Skipper's Briefing, 18.00 hours.
Monday 7 th :	Race(s).
Tuesday 8 th :	Race(s).
Wednesday 9 th :	Race(s).
Thursday 10 th :	Lay day or resail
Friday 11 th :	Race(s).
Saturday 12 th :	Race(s).

7.5 Prize giving: Saturday 12th September at 17.30 hours.

7.6 The O.A. and/or the Race Committee reserve the right to modify the program according to weather conditions or any unforeseen circumstances.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The SI will be available for competitors upon final registration and published online at www.yccs.com, www.maxi72.com and www.internationalmaxiassociation.com.

9. RACING AREA, FORMAT AND COURSES

9.1 The racing area will be the North Eastern Sardinian waters. The following charts are recommended: nos. 42 – 323 – 324 – 325 – 910, Italian charts of Istituto Idrografico della Marina. Charts can be ordered directly at the Istituto Idrografico della Marina – Passo dell'Osservatorio 4, 16134 Genova, Italy. Tel +39 010 2463528, Fax +39 010 261400.

9.2. Windward/Leeward races are courses between buoys with mainly windward/ leeward legs. These courses will have a distance between 4 and 10 miles.

9.3 Coastal races are non-Windward/Leeward courses identified as Coastal courses by the Sailing Instructions with a distance between 25 and 70 miles. A shorter or longer distance for the Coastal Races shall not be grounds for protest or redress.

9.4 A safety zone might be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING AND RESULTS

10.1 The Low Point Scoring System as described in RRS Appendix A shall apply. Either there shall be one WL discard in case more than four WLs are sailed or there shall be a one race (WL or Coastal) discard in case more than five races are sailed including at least two Coastals.

10.2. Coastal races scoring: the coastal race will be awarded one score with a 1.25 factor. The final score for each boat will be equal to her position after crossing the finishing mark Multiplied by 1.25.

11. JURY, PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

11.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. All decisions will be final as per RRS 70.4.

11.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty except if the incident takes place when at least one of the boats is in the zone of a



rounding or finishing mark.

11.3 Declaration of accepting the penalty shall be filled with the Race Office upon finishing within the protest time limit.

11.4 Redress Limitation: Redress shall not be given for a greater number of races than completed in the event.

12. MOORINGS

12.1 The entry fee includes mooring fees from 10.00 hours on September 5th to 10.00 hours on September 13th 2015, at Porto Cervo Marina or Port East provided that the completed entry form and entry fee are received by the YCCS Race Office before 21st July 2015.

12.2 Moorings are not guaranteed for late entries and mooring fees are not included with the entry fee.

12.3 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.

12.4 To reserve moorings prior and after the dates indicated in par.12.1 and for tenders, please send your mooring requirement to 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.

12.5 Local regulations require that all boats MUST inform the Harbourmaster'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 Harbourmaster's Office to finalize their registration procedures.

13. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

13.1 Coach and support boats shall be registered with the O.A. on the entry form.

Only support boats that have registered and carry identification provided by the O.A. will be allowed in the racing area.

13.2 Coach and support boats shall keep clear of the racing area at all times during racing. Any coach or support boat that interferes with the racing in any way, including creating excess wash or hindering an official boat carrying out its duties, shall cause their affiliated boat(s) to be liable for a penalty at the discretion of the International Jury.

14. HAUL - OUT, DIVING RESTRICTIONS AND REPAIRS

14.1 Boats may not be hauled out after the 4th of September until the finish of the final race without prior written permission of the O.A.

14.2 Cleaning in the water is not permitted inside the harbour.

14.3 Repairs shall not cause recertification. Sail repairs during the event shall not be made without prior permission of the O.A. Sail Repair Application forms will be available at the Race Office.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

15.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

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

16. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

16.1 The Rolex Maxi 72 World Championship Trophy and a Rolex Timepiece for first Place;

16.2 Trophies for the, 2nd and 3rd boats overall;

16.3 The YCCS Trophy for the highest placed YCCS Member;

16.4 IMA Trophy for the highest placed IMA Member;

17. PRESS OFFICE

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



YCCS Press Office

Tel. +39 0789 902200 | Fax +39 0789 91213 | E mail: pressoffice@yccs.it
and/or: IMA Press Office Tel. +39 345 8257605 | Email:
communications@internationalmaxiassociation.com

and/or: Maxi 72 Class Manager Rob Weiland

Tel. +31 22549566 | Email: maxi72@internationalmaxiassociation.com

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 Competitors agree to be bound by International RRS 2013/2016, the SI and the NoR. Competitors agree that the sole and inescapable responsibility for the nautical qualities of any yacht participating in the Rolex Maxi 72 World Championship 2015, including her rigging, the safety equipment on board and the competence, behaviour and dress of her crew is that of the Owner/Charterer of the yacht. Competitors also agree to take any and all responsibility for all damages whatsoever 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, and hereby relieve from any responsibility, and agree to indemnify on a full indemnity basis and hold harmless, the O.A. (IMA and YCCS), Maxi 72 Class, its servants, agents and sponsors (in particular but not limited to ROLEX SA and affiliated companies) and their representatives in respect of any claim arising there from.

18.2 Competitors are acquainted with ISAF Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing".

18.3 In summary, competitors agree that the O.A. (IMA and YCCS), Maxi 72 Class, its servants, agents and sponsors (in particular but not only ROLEX SA and affiliated companies) and their representatives have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of or damage to any vessel or property.

18.4 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 RELEASES

19.1 Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost, YCCS, IMA, Maxi 72 Class, ROLEX SA and affiliated companies the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in any media (being television, print and internet media), including video footage, for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information relating to ROLEX SA's involvement in sailing events, in particular the Rolex Maxi 72 World Championship ("the regatta"), and to the competitors and crew members' participation in such event. Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts also grant, at no cost, ROLEX SA and affiliated companies, the absolute right and permission to use their name, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in the "Perpetual Spirit" magazine, edited by ROLEX SA. Competitors and crew members' name, voice, image, likeness and biographical material shall not be used by ROLEX SA and affiliated companies in a way which constitutes an endorsement of ROLEX products by said competitors and crew-members, unless the relevant competitor or crew member is engaged by ROLEX SA or affiliated companies to endorse ROLEX products or gives his/her prior written consent to such use.

19.2 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

20.1 The preliminary social program for the event is as follows:

Sunday 6th September
YCCS Welcome Reception

Wednesday 9th September
IMA Dinner (by invitation)

Thursday 10th September
Rolex Dinner (by invitation)

Friday 11th September
Rolex Crew Party

Saturday 12th September
Final Prize Giving



The final social program will be available to competitors upon final registration and published online www.yccs.com.

21. CONTACT DETAILS & FURTHER INFORMATION

21.1 For further information please check the Event web site (www.yccs.com) or contact:

YCCS Race Office:

Tel: +39 0789 902200 | Fax: +39 0789 91213 | Email: secretariat@yccs.it

and/or: Maxi 72 Class Manager Rob Weiland

Tel. +31 22549566 | Email: maxi72@internationalmaxiassociation.com

ABOUT THE MAXI YACHT ROLEX CUP

Maxi fleets have flocked to Porto Cervo each September for over 30 years since the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda established the first championship for the largest of sailing yachts in 1980. In recent years ever more impressive and varied fleets have exemplified the evolution of yacht racing as the maxi craft continue to develop and push the boundaries of design and technological innovation. Organized in collaboration with the International Maxi Association and with the support of title-sponsor Rolex, the regatta regularly attracts upwards of 40 maxi yachts and represents a who's-who of international yachting. Competing divisions range from the 18 to 24-metre Maxi 72 Class to the Supermaxi division which hosts yachts of 30.5 metres and above. Since 2010 the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup has also hosted the Mini Maxi Rolex World Championship, the highlight of the year's racing for the ISAF certified Mini Maxi class and scene of hard-fought battles and down-to-the-wire racing. From 2015, following the founding of the Maxi 72 Class, this event is re-named and called the Rolex Maxi 72 World Championship.

MINI MAXI WORLDS PALMARES

2010 - RÁN (GBR)

2011 - RÁN 2 (GBR)

2012 - BELLA MENTE (USA)

2013 - RÁN 2 (GBR)

2014 - ALEGRE (GBR)

