







NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Invitational Team Racing Challenge is organized by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS).

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2 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.

3 BOATS

J70 boats will be provided by the O.A. .

Standing rigging shall not be adjusted, except by direction of the Organizing Authority.

4 TEAM

Each competing team shall consist of skippers and crew for two boats with three crew per boat (including the skipper). Participants must be members, spouses or dependents of members of the club that they represent and no professionals sailors are allowed on board. No spinnaker will be used.

5 CREW WEIGHT

There will be no weight limit.

6 ADVERTISING

Boats and their crew shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

7 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Entry is by invitation and 7 entries will be accepted on chronological base. The Entry Form (Annex 1 attached) and entry fees must be received by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS) Race Office no later than April 1, 2016, to confirm entry in the event. The official website of the event is <u>www.yccs.com</u>.

8 FEES

The entry fee is Euro 1.500 per team to include social functions such as after race refreshments, a welcome party and an official Saturday night dinner. The entry fee should be paid as indicated on the entry form.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at the YCCS Race Office upon final registration and published on the YCCS web site <u>www.yccs.com</u> prior to the start of the event.

10 VENUE

Racing will take place on the waters of Porto Cervo and shore activities will take place at the YCCS Clubhouse.

11 FORMAT

The planned format is multiple round robins amongst either all competing teams or groups of teams. If time permits, a knock-out series may be run as determined by the Organizing Authority. The format and number of races will be described in the Sailing Instructions and at the Participants' Meeting and may be adjusted by the Organizing Authority due to weather and time considerations.

12 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, June 15	1100-1700 1900 2000	Free Practice and Registrations Official Briefing Welcome party
Thursday, June 16	1000	Day Race Briefing
	1130	Races
	2000	Cocktail reception and Dinner
Friday, June 17	1000	Day Race Briefing
	1130	Races
Saturday, June 18	1000	Day Race Briefing
	1130	Races
	2000	Regatta Dinner and Prize Giving

The Race Committee will endeavor to race the semifinals and finals on Saturday.

13 COURSE

Courses will be as diagramed in the Sailing Instructions.

14 SCORING

Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix D, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

15 UMPIRING

The races will be umpired in accordance with Appendix D, as modified by the Sailing

Instructions. Teams may be asked to provide a competitor(s) to assist the umpires when off rotation.

16 PROTESTS

When practicable, protests will be heard on the water, as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

17 WAIVER AND DAMAGE DEPOSIT

All skippers will be required to provide a euro 1.000 damage deposit prior to the start of racing by providing credit card information. Skippers should be aware that while the O.A. will attempt to identify all damage at the post-regatta inspection, often this is not possible due to the nature of the damage. The skipper is responsible for all damage, even if it is discovered only after the post-regatta report is completed and signed. In the event that there is material damage not covered by insurance and no one acknowledges responsibility (e.g., crews are rotated among the boats and no one reports the damage), the cost of repairs will be charged to all the designated skippers on a prorated basis.

18 DISCLAIMER

Competitors agree to be bound by World Sailing RRS 2013/2016, by the SI and the NoR. 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 for the behaviour and dress of the yacht's crew, representatives and guests. Competitors are to be acquainted with World Sailing 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 I agree that the YCCS, 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 PHOTOGRAPHS AND TV RIGHTS

Competitors hereby grant the O.A., the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and the text,

photography 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' names and biographical material may also be used or reproduced in any way known.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

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About the Invitational Team Racing

Porto Cervo hosts the second edition of the Invitational Team Racing Challenge, an international event that sees some of the world's top yacht clubs competing aboard the new J70 fleet of the YCCS. Each club participates with a team of two crews of three people and a total of eight Clubs will be represented. The Team Racing formula foresees four boats on the starting line – two teams of two yachts each – and the last boat to cross the line determines the losing team. The event, scheduled from 14^{th} to 18^{th} June, will comprise three days of windward-leeward races leading to semi-final competitions and the grand finale.

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