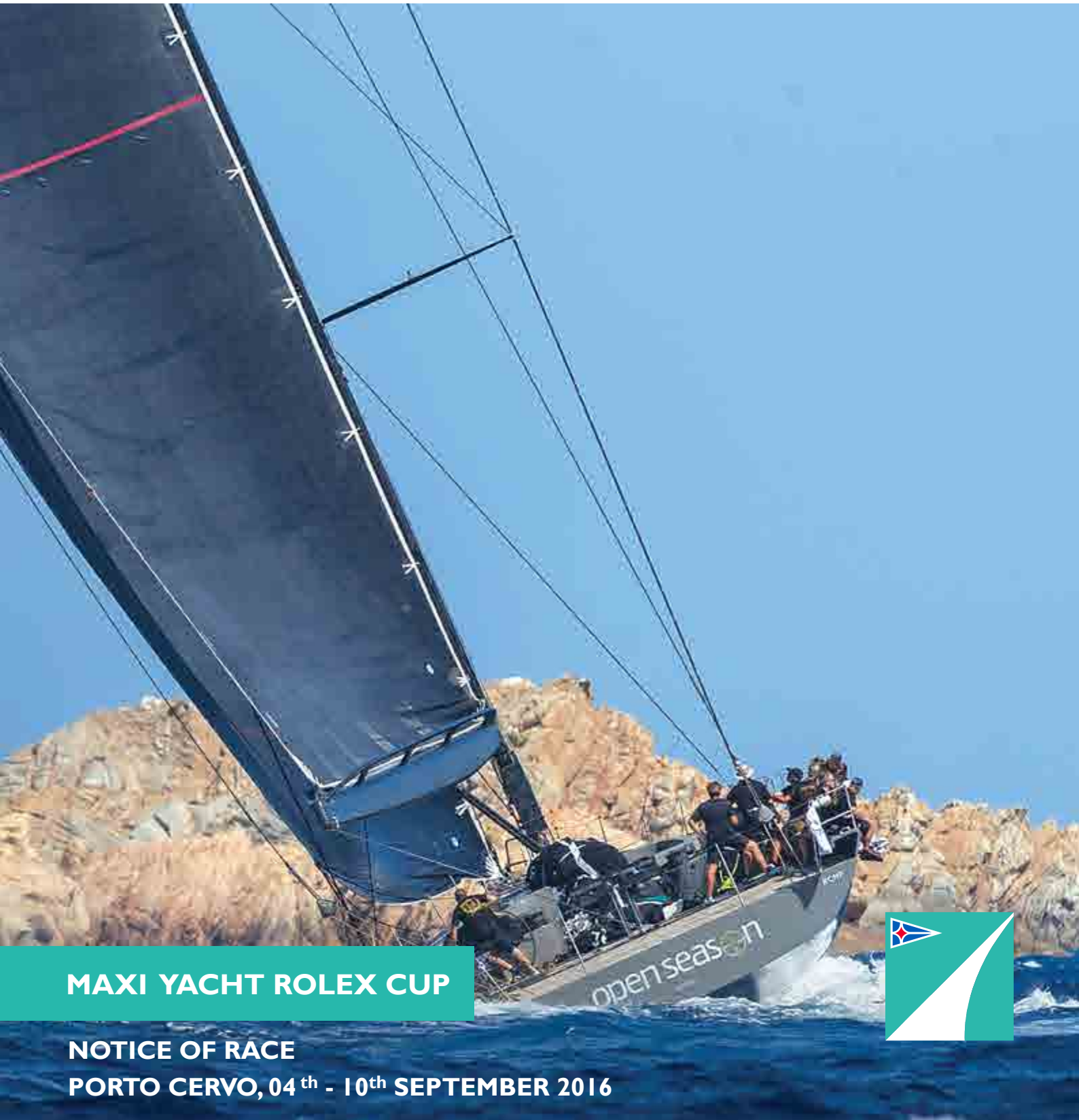




YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA



MAXI YACHT ROLEX CUP

NOTICE OF RACE


PORTO CERVO, 04th - 10th SEPTEMBER 2016





The Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup 2016 is organised by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS) in conjunction with the International Maxi Association (IMA) and sponsored by Rolex SA. The regatta will take place in Porto Cervo from 4th to 10th September 2016 and includes the Rolex Maxi 72 World Championship 2016 with a separate dedicated Notice of Race.

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND VENUE

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1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the following:

- (a) The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016;
- (b) The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Category 3 with life rafts compulsorily on board, except that jackstays are not required to be fitted on deck (amends OSR 4.04);
- (c) The 2016 IMA Class Rules are invoked. In addition Class Rule 3.1 is also invoked http://www.internationalmaxiassociation.com/pdf/2016_IMA_Class_Rules.pdf
- (d) The 2016 Wally Class Rules, provided there is a separate Wally Class category;
- (e) The 2016 IRC Rules Parts A, B and C shall apply. For the purposes of IRC rules 21.1.5 (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. The day begins when the boat leaves the dock for the first time each day;
- (f) IRC Rule 22.4 is deleted;
- (g) ORCs Rules for the Supermaxi & J Boats categories
- (h) IRC and optional ORCi for the Mini Maxi Racer/Cruiser;
- (i) 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 and/or ORCi or ORCs certificate;
- (j) Exceptions to RRS 77 shall be granted by the OA upon written request prior to the close of registration;
- (k) Where a trophy is available for a specific class, the class rules of that class shall apply to boats competing for that trophy (J Class, Wally Class).
- (l) The Sailing Instructions (SI) including all the Appendices;
- (m) Modification to RRS 51: add "Sails shall not be moved from one side to the other while tacking or gybing. Only in cases of emergency and/or to prevent them from falling into the water or resting in a waterway will sails be permitted to be moved."

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

1.3 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.

1.4 The official language of the 2016 Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup is English. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Boats may display advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code. Boats shall display Event Advertising in compliance with World Sailing Regulation 20 and as detailed in the SI.

2.2 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;
- (c) In addition, boats will be required to display the event battle flag and a sponsor pennant on the forestay throughout the same period while moored.

2.4 The OA will supply the pennants, decals and flag at registration.

2.5 The OA 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. All advertising shall be approved by the OA.





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 OA obtained before the start of the regatta.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The regatta is open to the following boats:

- Boats with a LH not less than 18.29 of all categories as defined by the IMA Class Rules, with a valid rating certificate as specified below, except Maxi 72 Class boats (which will sail in a separate World Championship).

Required Rating Certificates (please note 3.2):

Supermaxi & J Boats: ORCs_y

Wally boats: IRC

Maxi Racer boats: IRC

Maxi Racer/Cruiser boats: IRC

Mini Maxi Racer boats: IRC

Mini Maxi Racer/Cruiser boats: IRC and optional ORCi (4.2)

3.2 The fleet may be divided into categories based on the number of entries and type of boats. Based on IMA Class Rules, potential categories include: Racer, Racer/Cruiser, Wally and Supermaxi.

3.3 A minimum of four boats is required for separate category scoring, unless the minimum is waived by the OA, with the approval of the IMA.

3.4 Categories may be further split into groups for additional trophies.

3.5 IRC rating certificates (ORCs_y rating certificates for Supermaxi & J boats and/or ORCi for Mini Maxi Racer/Cruiser) submitted with the entry form shall be issued by the appropriate Rating Authority. All valid rating certificates shall then be approved by the IMA Technical Office (ATO.) who may require full or partial re-measurement of any boat. For approval please apply to: technical@internationalmaxiassociation.com.

3.6 J Class boats will start, race and be scored with the Supermaxi Category. If 3 or more J Class boats will enter, the OA will consider a dedicated start with a separate scoring under J Class Handicap Rule and dedicated trophies.

4. ENTRIES, ENTRY FEES

4.1 Entries shall be made on the entry form available on the event web site (www.yccs.com). The Entry Form shall be received by the YCCS Race Office, completed in full, not later than 21st July 2016, accompanied by a non-refundable entry fee of € 3.000. The entry fee for YCCS Members and IMA Members is reduced to € 2.500.

4.2 The Entry Form shall be accompanied by a copy of the current IRC rating certificate or ORCs_y certificate for Supermaxi and J boats entrants. Mini Maxi Racer/Cruisers may submit both an IRC and ORCi certificate if the boat elects to be scored under both rating systems.

4.3 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 OA, and approved by the IMA ATO, not later than 18.00 on 30th August 2016 unless specially authorized by the OA. Any changes on rating certificates after the 30th August 2016 may only be as a result of inspections and controls.

4.4 Boats that do not comply with the registration requirements by the deadline specified by the Notice of Race and/or the SI's, may be subject to a 1% penalty added to elapsed time for all races.

4.5 The OA retains the right to refuse any entries for any reason. Entry confirmations will be communicated by the OA. For late entries moorings are not guaranteed and mooring fees are not included in the entry fee.

4.6 The entry fee can be paid by Credit Card (VISA or MASTERCARD) or by bank transfer with payment details provided 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. PROGRAM

5.1 Seven races are scheduled.

For the Maxi, Mini Maxi Racer/Cruiser, Supermaxi and J Class boats, only coastal races will be sailed.

For the Wally Class and Mini Maxi Racers; three coastal races and two days of windward/leeward racing (with 2 races each day) are scheduled.

5.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day will be at 11.30.



The IMA Annual General Meeting will be held at the YCCS on the lay day at 10.30 or in the late afternoon if there is a re-sail that day.

5.3 Sunday 4th September: Registration, Measurement, Inspection and Skippers' Briefing to be held at YCCS Clubhouse at 18.00.

5.4 Racing days

Monday, 5 th September	Race (s)
Tuesday, 6 th September	Race (s)
Wednesday, 7 th September	Race (s)
Thursday, 8 th September	Lay day or resail
Friday, 9 th September	Race (s)
Saturday, 10 th September	Race (s)

5.5 Prize giving, Saturday, 10th September at 17.30.

5.6 Three races are required to constitute a series.

5.7 Alteration of program: The OA and/or race committee reserve the right to modify the program according to weather conditions or other unforeseen reasons.

6. MEASUREMENTS AND CONTROLS

6.1 Boats shall be available to the Measurement & Inspection Committee no later than 10.00 on September 4th and will be subject to inspection and control, which may include measurement, equipment checks and weighing or determination of displacement by other means as approved by the IMA ATO. Boats may be inspected and/or check measured at any reasonable time before or during the regatta.

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

6.3 Hull and rig dimensions shall be by direct measurement or from the designer and/or builder, with the approval of the IMA ATO.

6.4 A list of ratings of the boats will be posted on the event web site (www.yccs.com) by 3rd September. The list will be also posted on the Official Notice Board during the event. The Protest Time Limit for Rating Protests by boats, except relating to changes made during the regatta, will expire at 15.00 on 4th September.

7. REGISTRATIONS

Final Registration formalities shall be completed at the YCCS's Race Office by 16.00 on 4th September unless the OA approves a later time, which it will do only under exceptional circumstances.

At registration the following documents will be required:

- Acceptance of the Notice of Race, Disclaimer of Liability and insurance as set out in the entry form;
- Crew list and classification. All competitors, except Supermaxi and J Boats, shall be in compliance with the World Sailing eligibility rules and IMA Owner/Driver Rule (Helmsman designation form to comply with IMA Class Rule 2);
- Media release consent signed by all crew members;
- Italian Sailing Federations cards for Italian sailors.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

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

9. 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 Genova, Italy Tel: +39 010 2463528 Fax: +39 010 261400.

10. PENALTIES & INTERNATIONAL JURY

10.1 For the Wally and Mini Maxi Racers categories only, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10.2 For the Supermaxi and J boats, Maxi Racer, Maxi Racer/Cruiser and Mini Maxi Racer/Cruiser categories, RRS 44.1 shall not apply and instead, the Scoring Penalty as provided in Rule 44.3 shall apply, except that RRS 44.3(c) is deleted and replaced with the



following: "44.3 (c). The elapsed time for a boat that takes a Scoring Penalty shall be the elapsed time she would have been allocated without that penalty increased by 2%. If she takes more than one Scoring Penalty in a race, her elapsed time will be increased by 2% for each Scoring Penalty taken. A boat takes a Scoring Penalty by complying with RRS 44.3(a) and (b). A yellow flag will be required."

10.3 Declaration of accepting any penalties shall be filed with the Race Office upon finishing within the protest time limits.

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

11. SCORING

11.1 The Low Point System RRS Appendix A shall apply except that one discard will be allowed if five or more races are sailed. Three races are required to constitute a series.

11.2 The categories in the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup 2016 will be scored using the following rating rules:

Supermaxi & J Boats:	ORCs _y
Maxi Racer:	IRC
Maxi Racer/Cruiser:	IRC
Mini Maxi Racer/Cruiser:	IRC (and optional ORCi)
Mini Maxi Racer	IRC
Wally:	IRC/Wally Class Rules (6 & 7)

12. MOORINGS

12.1 The entry fee includes mooring fees from 10.00 on 4th September to 10.00 on 11th September 2016, 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 2016.

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 OA 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 to inform the Marina Harbour Master accordingly.

For further information about the marina services and 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. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

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

13.2 RRS 41 is changed such that for safety purposes boat to boat communication is allowed and encouraged. A dedicated VHF channel shall be used for this purpose and will be advised at the briefing. Boats shall maintain a constant watch on the safety channel when sailing in or near the racing area.

14. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

The following trophies and awards will be presented on Sunday, 10 September 2016:

- Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup and a Rolex Timepiece to the overall winner of each Category;
- Trophies for the 2nd and 3rd scored boats of each category;
- Commodore Alberini Perpetual Trophy;
- IMA Trophy for the highest placed IMA Member;
- YCCS Trophy for the highest placed YCCS Member;
- Additional trophies to the winner of any approved group within each category.



15. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE OF RACE

The OA reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Any amendments prior to 4th September will be emailed to owners whose entries have been accepted. Amendments will also be posted on the official website (www.yccs.com). Amendments to this Notice of Race after September 4th will be posted on the Official Notice Board, on the official website and copies will be available from the Race Office.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 Competitors agree to be bound by the World Sailing 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 **Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup 2016**, 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 OA, YCCS, IMA and 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.

16.2 Competitors shall apply RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing".

16.3 In summary, competitors agree that the OA, YCCS, IMA 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.

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

17. MEDIA RELEASES

17.1 Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost, YCCS, IMA, 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 Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup ("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.

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

18. INSURANCE

18.1 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.

19. CONTACT DETAILS & FURTHER INFORMATION

YCCS Race Office:

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

and/or:

IMA Race Secretary

info@internationalmaxiassociation.com

and/or:



IMA Technical Office (ATO)
technical@internationalmaxiassociation.com

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

YCCS Press Office

Tel. +39 0789 902200 | Fax +39 0789 91213 | Email: pressoffice@yccs.it | web site:
www.yccs.com

and/or:

IMA Press Office

Tel. +39 345 8257605 | Email: communications@internationalmaxiassociation.com

20. SOCIAL EVENTS

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

Sunday 4th September
YCCS Welcome Reception

Wednesday 7th September
IMA Dinner (by invitation)

Thursday 8th September
Crew Party

Friday 9th September
Rolex Dinner (by invitation)

Saturday 10th September
Final Prize Giving

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



About the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup

Porto Cervo has been inextricably linked to maxi yachts for over 30 years: in 1980 the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda organized the first championship for the world's most spectacular yachts. Today the event, organized in collaboration with the International Maxi Association and with the support of title sponsor Rolex, gathers ever-more impressive and technologically advanced fleets for racing on the waters of the Costa Smeralda each September. Competing divisions range from the new Maxi 72 class, which compete for its World Championship during the event, to the Supermaxi division for yachts of over 30.5 metres.

PALMARES

1980 - BUMBLEBEE (AUS)
1981 - KIALOA IV (USA) 1983 - KIALOA IV (USA)
1985 - BOOMERANG (USA)
1987 - KIALOA V (USA) - EMERAUDE (FRA)
1989 - LONGOBARDA (ITA)
1991 - MATADOR 2 (USA) - CHALLENGE 93 (ITA)
1995 - RROSE SELAVY (ITA)
1997 - MORNING GLORY (GER)
1999 - GENIE OF THE LAMP (BEL) - SAYONARA (USA)
2000 - RROSE SELAVY (ITA) - MAGIC CARPET (FRA) - ALDABRA (ITA)
2001 - EDIMETRA VI (ITA) - VAE VICTIS (LUX) - UNFURLED (USA) - VIRTUELLE (FRA)
2002 - ALEXIA (ARG) - VIRIELLA (ITA) - ADELA (USA) - MAGIC CARPET (FRA) - NAUTOR CHALLENGE
2003 - ALFA ROMEO (NZ) - WALLYÑO (UK) - WHITEFIN (ITA) - IDEA SAI (ITA)
2004 - PYEWACKET (USA) - ALEXIA (ARG) - MISTER A (ITA) - ALEJANDRA (ITA)
2005 - Y3K (GER) - BLACK DRAGON (GBR) - ADELA (USA) - ALLSMOKE (GBR)
2006 - ALFA ROMEO (NZL) - HETAIROS (CAY) - ROMA (ITA) - ATALANTA II (ITA) - MAGIC CARPET SQUARED (GBR)
2007 - MORNING GLORY (GER) - RANGER (USA) - J ONE (GBR) - ATALANTA II (ITA)
2008 - RAMBLER (USA) - RANGER (CAY) - MAGIC CARPET SQUARED (GBR) - NUMBERS (USA)
2009 - Y3K (GER) - ALFA ROMEO (NZL) - RAN (GBR) - WHISPER (IRL) - ROMA (ITA) - BEAU GESTE (HKG) - VELSHEDA (GBR)
2010 - RAN (GBR) - Y3K (GER) - HETAIROS (CAY) - RANGER (CAY) - DSK (ITA) - ESIMIT EUROPA 2 (SLO)
2011 - RAN 2 (GBR) - Y3K (GER) - DSK (ITA) - HIGHLAND FLING (MON) - NILAYA (GBR)
2012 - BELLA MENTE (USA) - MAGIC CARPET 2 (GBR) - AEGIR (GBR) - ESIMIT EUROPA 2 (SLO) - NILAYA (GBR)
2013 - RÁN 2 (GBR) - J ONE (GBR) - ALTAIR (ITA) - NILAYA (GBR) - AEGIR (GBR)
2014 - ALEGRE (GBR) - MAGIC CARPET³ (GBR) - LUPA OF LONDON (GBR) - FIREFLY (NED) - LIONHEAR (NED)
2015 - BELLA MENTE (USA) - OPEN SEASON (GBR) - H2O (ITA) - SUPERNIKKA (ITA) - INOUI (SUI) - WINDFALL (IRL)



