



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA



ROLEX SWAN CUP 2016


**NOTICE OF RACE
PORTO CERVO, 11th - 18th SEPTEMBER**





The Rolex Swan Cup is organized by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS), in collaboration with the Nautor's Swan and sponsored by Rolex SA.

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY & VENUE

 Yacht Club Costa Smeralda

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2. RULES

2.1 International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013/2016.

2.2 ORC Rules (International Measurement System and ORC Rating Systems), for Classes A, B and C, the Maxi, Grand Prix and Classic Classes.

2.3 With the permission of the ORC Technical Committee, boats racing in Class C (see paragraph 5) may apply to the Organizing Authority for a rating allowance when some or all of the boat's crew live aboard, with personal gear and stores, for the duration of the regatta. Boats applying for this allowance shall specify the number of crew living aboard before 1600 on Monday 12th September and shall comply with Appendix ALPHA to this Notice of Race.

2.4 The 2016 Swan 45 World Championship will take place within the Rolex Swan Cup. A dedicated Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be issued for the World Championship.

2.5 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Category 3 no white flares are required, amending Special Regulation 4.23, Jackstays are not required, amending Special Regulation 4.04. Life rafts on board are compulsory to Regulation 4.20 specifications.

2.6 RRS 55 is in force.

2.7 The Sailing Instructions including all the appendices.

2.8 No national authority prescriptions will apply except for Italian only: FIV PRESCRIPTION PART 6, ENTRY AND QUALIFICATION Rule 75, ENTERING A RACE Prescription to Rule 75.2.

2.9 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.

2.10 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2.11 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 & IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

3.1 The Rolex Swan Cup 2016 is an invitational event and in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 Advertising Code, advertising is restricted for boats in Classes A, B and C. Boats shall display Event Advertising in compliance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code, and as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

3.2 Boats will be required to display the 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.

3.3 In addition boats will be required to display the event battle flag throughout the same period but only while moored.

3.4 The Organizing Authority will supply the pennant and flag at registration.

3.5 Racing yachts shall display an identification number (Panels) clearly on both sides of the hull. This amends RRS 77. The identification numbers shall be collected at registration.

3.6 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.

3.7 Boats intending to display advertising during the regatta shall state in the entry form the nature of such advertising.

3.8 Boats are responsible for informing advertisers and sponsors that no activities advertising any brand will be permitted ashore within the Porto Cervo Marina Area without the consent in writing of the Organizing Authority obtained before the start of the Regatta.

3.9 Absence of identification numbers (paragraph 3.5), Class flags and/or decals may be matter for action by the International Jury on report by the Race Committee or Organizing Authority only. This amends RRS 60.1.



4. MEASUREMENT, CONTROL AND RATING COMMITTEE (MRC)

4.1 A Measurement and Rating Committee will be appointed. The MRC will conduct measurement and other checks and will advise the Race Committee of any breach. Depending on the breach, the Race Committee may protest the boat concerned.

The MRC will consist of one representative from:

- a) The ORC Rating Office;
- b) Nautor's Swan;
- c) The Yacht Club Costa Smeralda.

The MRC may, at its discretion, co-opt additional technical advisers.

4.2 Measurement checks on boats entered for racing will take place in Porto Cervo Marina on Sunday 11th between 13.00 and 19.00 and Monday 12th September between 09.00 hrs and 16.00 hrs. Sails may need to be transported ashore to the space provided for measurement check. A list of all competing boat's ratings will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible after 16.00 hrs on Monday 12th September. The time limit for rating protests will expire four hours after the ratings are posted (alters RRS 61.3) except for protests arising from unauthorised changes to the boat that would affect the rating made after that posting.

4.3 Competing boats will be checked at random during the event. In this respect, boats may be boarded at any time by the MRC.

5. ELIGIBILITY & CLASSES

The regatta is open to all Nautor's Swan yachts and all such yachts are invited to the regatta. It is the intent of the Organizing Authority to divide the fleet into five Classes based on final entries. Classes A, B and C may be further split into divisions based on rating bands. This will be confirmed by the Organizing Authority in consultation with the MRC and the ORC Rating Authority and published in a Notice to Competitors after the close of Registration on Monday 12th September. Preliminary class breaks could be published on the event web site.

Class A (Swan Maxi)	Boats of LH 18.29m and above, and not designed by Sparkman and Stephens
Class B (Swan Grand Prix)	Boats of LH 18.28m and below, and not designed by Sparkman and Stephens
Class C (Classic S&S)	Boats designed by Sparkman and Stephens

Class D Swan 45 One Design

Class E ClubSwan42 One Design (A minimum of 8 registered boats is required. If less than 8 entries are received within the entries deadline **on June 30th, 2016**, the ClubSwan 42 will race under ORC within Class B, Swan Grand Prix).

Irrespective of ORC rating, all boats of a particular Swan model shall race in the same class and division at the discretion of the Race Committee.

The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend the above class designations based on actual entries received and/or to amalgamate and/or further split classes at its discretion. The decisions of the Organizing Authority in this respect shall be final and there shall be no claims for redress (changing RRS 62).

6. RACING ENTRIES

6.1 Entries shall be made on the enclosed Entry Form (Annex 1) which shall be completed and returned not later than 30th June 2016, by email or fax, to:

YCCS Race Office: Fax: +39 0789 91213 | Email: secretariat@yccs.it

6.2 Entry Fees (Mooring fees are included in the entry fee):

a) For Swans up to 14.00m LOA	1.200,00 Euro
b) For Swans of 14.01m to 18.00m LOA	1.400,00 Euro
c) For Swans of 18.01m to 24.00m LOA	1.600,00 Euro
d) For Swans over 24.01m LOA	1.800,00 Euro

6.3 The non refundable entry fee shall accompany the entry form. The entry fee may be paid by Credit Card (VISA or MASTERCARD) or by bank transfer as stated in details on



the entry form. If payment is made by bank transfer, a copy of the transfer confirmation is to accompany the entry form.

6.4 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to accept entries after 30th June 2016, on payment of an additional fee (€ 500,00) and retains the right to refuse any entries. Confirmations of any entry will be communicated by the Organizing Authority. No moorings can be assured for late entries.

7. NON RACING ENTRIES

7.1 Swan yachts wishing to participate in the social programme of the Rolex Swan Cup but not participate in the racing programme can do so specifying in the enclosed Entry Form the nature of the entry. The same procedure and entry fee shall apply.

7.2 Non Racing entries will not affect the results.

8. MOORINGS

8.1 Moorings are included in the entry fee. The entry fee includes moorings from 12.00 hrs on Sunday 11th September to 12.00 hrs on Monday 19th September, provided that the completed entry form and fee are received by the YCCS before 30th June 2016.

8.2 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 Organizing Authority during the event. Assignment of moorings will be based on availability of moorings and characteristics of boats.

8.3 To reserve moorings before and after the dates indicated in NoR 8.1 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.

8.4 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. Sailing is FORBIDDEN inside the harbor.

When moored, it is MANDATORY for all Participants to visit the Harbourmaster's Office to finalize their registration procedures.

9. REGISTRATION

The registration shall be completed with the Organizing Authority by 16.00 hrs on Monday 12th September and the official forms will be provided by the Organizing Authority and published on the YCCS web site.

At registration the following documents will be required:

- a. Acceptance of the Notice of Race, Disclaimer of liability, Photography and TV rights consent and Insurance third party liability as set out in the Entry Form;
 - b. Crew list completed in full (FIV code for Italian only) and signed;
 - c. Media Releases Consent form signed by all crew members;
 - d. All Racing entries in Classes A, B and C shall hold a valid, 2016 ORC Club certificate or ORCi Certificate. Changes to rating certificates after the 12th of September will only be accepted at the discretion of the ORC Rating Office;
 - e. Support boat declaration, if applicable, as stated in the entry form;
- Boats not complying with the requirements of NoR 9 are not eligible for the event except with the permission of the International Jury.

10. REGATTA SCHEDULE

10.1 The Schedule of races will be as follows:

Sunday, 11 th Sept.	Registration	13.00-18.00
Monday 12 th Sept.	Inspection, Registration & Measurements	09.00-16.00
	Skippers Briefing	18.00
Tuesday 13 th Sept.	Race (s)	First Signal 11.30
Wednesday 14 th Sept.	Race (s)	First Signal 11.30
Thursday 15 th Sept.	Islands Long Race	First Signal 11.30



Friday 16 th Sept.	Lay Day or Resail Day	
Saturday 17 th Sept.	Race (s)	First Signal 11.30
Sunday 18 th Sept.	Race (s) Final Prize Giving	First Signal 11.30 17.30

10.2 The Organizing Authority and/or the Race Committee reserve the right to modify the programme because of weather conditions or for any other reason.

11. SCORING

11.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A (Paragraph A 4.1) shall apply.

11.2 For Class A, B and C seven races are scheduled and one discard will be allowed in calculating overall results if five or more races are completed. Three races shall constitute a series.

11.3 For Class D (Swan 45), see the dedicated Notice of Race.

11.4 For Class E (Swan 42), twelve races are scheduled. One discard will be allowed in calculating overall results if eight or more races are completed. Five races shall constitute a series. The Islands Long Race may not be a discard.

11.5 On multiple race days, daily class prizes will be determined based on combined scores for the day.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

In accordance with RRS 44 a boat that may have broken a rule of part 2 while racing may take a penalty but RRS 44.1 is altered in that to the extent that the penalty is a One-Turn Penalty.

13. PROTESTS & INTERNATIONAL JURY

13.1 Protests will be heard by an International Jury whose rulings shall be final.

13.2 A system of arbitration will be available and details will be contained in the Sailing Instructions.

13.3 Members of the International Jury may be stationed at marks from time to time and may give an indication to boats that they consider that there has been a breach of the rules.

14. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available upon final registration and published on the YCCS web site (www.yccs.com).

15. RACING AREA & COURSES

15.1 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:

Istituto Idrografico della Marina, Passo dell'Osservatorio 4, 16134 Genoa, Italy
Tel: +39 010 2463528 Fax: +39 010 261400.

15.2 The courses to be sailed will be Coastal courses laid along the coast and among the islands in the vicinity of Porto Cervo and W/L for Class E.

16. ELECTRONIC AIDS

16.1 All types of electronic aids, including radar, VOR, satellite, etc., are permitted. No external aids, outside assistance or information may be used during the races, except publically available weather forecast information.

16.2 Yachts shall be equipped with VHF with channels 9, 16 and 72.

17. SECURITY

17.1 A Regatta wristband will be necessary to use the facilities within the regatta village and also for access to all the regatta social events. This wristband is not transferable and will be provided by the Organizing Authority upon registration.

17.2 Each Swan will be allocated a number of wristbands as part of the entry fee based on the crew list submitted for each boat.

18. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Any amendments prior to 11^h September 2016 will be emailed to owners whose entries have



been accepted. Amendments to this Notice of Race after September 11th 2016 will be posted on the Official Notice Board, on the official website and copies will be available from the Regatta Office.

19. DISCLAIMER

19.1 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 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 organization 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, Nautor Holding, the Swan 42 Class, 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.

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

20. MEDIA RELEASES

Competitors grant Rolex SA, the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, Nautor Holding, the Swan 42 Class 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.

21. 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.

22. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- A Rolex Timepiece to the first overall classified boat in each of the five Classes;
- Trophies for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd classified boat in Classes A, B, C and E, in the overall results will be awarded at the Final Prizegiving . The Swan Cup Trophy will be awarded jointly to the winners of the five Classes and will be held and displayed by YCCS;
- The Swan 45 Gold Cup will be awarded to the first overall classified in Class D;
- A Corinthian award will be presented to the top placed Swan 45 yacht that meets the Corinthian requirements;
- The Highland Fling Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the best placed owner driver in the overall results. All competitors wishing to compete for this trophy shall register at the Regatta Office before the start of the first race. Class D and E shall not be eligible for this Trophy;
- The Sparkman & Stephens Trophy will be awarded to the first classified Sparkman & Stephens Swan;
- The Swan Cup Trophy will remain the official and recognised symbol of the event;
- Daily Prizes will be awarded for the first classified boat of each race for each Class. Where two or more races are sailed in one day the combined result will count for the daily prizes.

A full list of all Trophies to be presented during the Rolex Swan Cup will be published on the Official Notice Board.



23. SOCIAL EVENTS

A varied and interesting social programme is planned for the regatta including crew parties, cocktail receptions and an owners' Dinner. Full details will be listed on the following websites (www.yccs.com & www.nautorswan.com) as the event details are finalised. The final schedule will be available at time of registration.

24. PRESS OFFICE

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

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please check the event websites www.yccs.com or contact:

YCCS Race Office

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

or

Club Swan

Tel: + 39 055 240382| Email: racing-office@nautorswan.com

About the Swan Cup

Created in 1980, this biennial regatta attracts a spectacular fleet of yachts from round the world and celebrates the enduring collaboration between Rolex, Nautor's Swan and Yacht Club Costa Smeralda. The 2016 edition marks a special milestone as Nautor celebrates its 50th Anniversary year. In recent years the fleet has regularly topped 100 yachts ranging from 36 to 112 feet (11 to 35 metres) in length and spanning the entire spectrum of the Nautor's Swan family, from early designs by Sparkman and Stephens to hi-tech one-design craft of German Frers. The 2016 edition will once again play host to the Swan 45 World Championship while the remainder of the fleet will be divided into categories according to the size and age of the participating yachts. Drawing some of the most beautiful Nautor's Swan yachts –including many new models - and many of the world's top sailors, the Rolex Swan Cup provides a week of the spirited racing and gala social events for which Nautor's Swan, Rolex and YCCS are renowned.

PALMARES

1980 - BLACK SWAN (ITA)

1982 - SCOUNDREL (GBR) - PRIDE (USA)

1984 - CRACKERJACK (GBR)

1986 - SEILAN (ITA) - MIDSUMMERDANCE (GBR)

1988 - EVRIKA (USA)

1990 - EUROSIA (ITA)

1992 - EUROSIA (ITA)

1994 - HIGHLAND FLING (GBR)

1996 - EUROSIA (ITA)

1998 - INNOVISION (NED)

2000 - DEFIANCE (BCI)

2002 - FAST.NET (FRA)

2004 - BUGIA BIANCA (ITA)

2006 - AQUA EQUINOX (BEL) - JACOBITE (GBR) - MONEYPENNY (USA) - DSK (ITA)

2008 - FAVONIUS (BVI) - EARLYBIRD (GER) - KORA 4 (ITA) - ZEN (GBR)

2010 - DSK (ITA) - SILVEREN SWAEN (NED) - MONSOON JAGUAR (GBR) EARLYBIRD (GER) KORA 4 (ITA)

2012 - BRONENOSEC (RUS) - NATALIA (ROU) - ONDINE (ITA) - EARLYBIRD (GER)

2014 - WHOPE (MON) - YASHA (JPN) - FINOLA (GBR) - NIKATA (GBR) NATALIA (ROU) - EARLYBIRD (GER)



