



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA

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ROLEX MAXI 72 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

NOTICE OF RACE

PORTO CERVO, 3rd - 9th SEPTEMBER 2017





1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (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 3rd to 9th September 2017, 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 2017 Rolex Maxi 72 World Championship will be governed by:

a) The rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2017/2020):

b) The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (2016 /2017) as follows:

1. Cat. 3 including the local requirement to carry liferafts (the Maxi72 Class may set additional requirements on quality and location);

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) 2017 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.2.4 (guests) applies, one bona fide guest may be added on basis of the conditions as set in class rule C.2.5.

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

4. The 2017 Maxi 72 Wild Card Invitation Option (Class Rule B.1.3), including the conditions set in Class Rule B.1.3 (2), applies.

d) FIV Prescriptions 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11 apply

([http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/20172020ITAPrescriptions-\[22391\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/20172020ITAPrescriptions-[22391].pdf)). All the Italian competitors shall be FIV members and have a valid medical certificate.

e) The SI including all the Appendices.

2.2 The OA reserves the right to amend this NoR. Any amendments prior to 3rd September 2017 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 3rd September 2017 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 2017 Rolex Maxi 72 World Championship is English. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

3. ADVERTISING

3.1 Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with Regulation 20 – World Sailing Advertising Code and, for Italian boats only, the *“Normativa 2017 per l’esposizione della pubblicità nelle manifestazioni veliche in Italia”*.

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;

(c) 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 OA will supply the pennants, decals and flag at registration.

3.5 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.

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 OA.

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 OA obtained before the start of the regatta.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 The 2017 Rolex Maxi 72 World Championship is open to all boats with a valid 2017 Maxi 72 Certificate, as well as boats with a valid 2017 Endorsed IRC Certificate and Maxi





72 Class confirmed Wild Card invitation (Class Rule B.1.3).

4.2 All competitors shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 19 Eligibility Code.

5. ENTRIES, ENTRY FEES

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 2017, 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 2017 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 certificate updates, plus the required Maxi 72 Class certification, shall be received by the OA not later than 18.00 on 29th August 2017. Any changes to Rating Certificates after 18.00 on 29th August 2017 may only be made as a result of change of sail dimensions (deadline certificate arrival with OA 18.00 on 1st September).

Boats that do not comply with the registration requirements by the deadline specified by the Notice of Race may be subject to a 1% penalty added to elapsed time for all races without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

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 OA 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 on 3rd 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 3rd 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 Maxi 72 Class Manager. 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 on 3rd 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.

f) **For Italian boats only:**

- FIV cards and a valid medical certification for Italian competitors only
- Valid FIV authorization to display advertising on boat (if present)

6. MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION

6.1 Boat measurement and inspection will take place from 09.00 on 2nd September to 13.00 on 3rd September 2017 in Porto Cervo at the discretion of the Maxi 72 Class Manager. 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 on 2nd September 2017 to 15.00 on 3rd September 2017.

The Maxi 72 Class Manager 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 on 2nd September. The protest time limit for rating protests by boats, except relating to changes made during the event, expires at 15.00 on 3rd 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. PROGRAMME AND SCHEDULE

7.1. Based on a Coastal race counting for two W/L races, a maximum of ten “counted” W/Ls shall be sailed. The event will be valid if three or more races are sailed. Per day, a maximum of three W/L races or one Coastal race may be sailed. On the final day of the event, until the warning signal of the first race, the Race Committee may announce its aim to have two W/L races even if that brings the total number of “counted” W/Ls sailed to eleven races.

7.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal (for the first category in the Rolex Maxi Fleet to start) will be each day at 11.30.

7.3 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.

7.4 The Skipper’s Briefing will be held at the YCCS Clubhouse on 3rd September at 18.00.

7.5 Schedule indicating race days:

Saturday 2 nd :	All boats moored at regatta berths Port East Porto Cervo (if not sailing)
Sunday 3 rd :	Registration (10.00 – 16.00). Skipper’s Briefing, 18.00;
Monday 4 th :	Race(s);
Tuesday 5 th :	Race(s);
Wednesday 6 th :	Race(s);
Thursday 7 th :	Lay day or resail
Friday 8 th :	Race(s).
Saturday 9 th :	Race(s).

7.6 Prize giving: Saturday 9th September at 17.30.

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

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 using inflatable buoys featuring upwind and downwind 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 approximately 25 and 70 miles. A shorter or longer distance for the Coastal races shall not be grounds for protest or redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) & 62.1(a).

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 W/L discard if more than four W/L races are sailed or there shall be a one race (W/L or Coastal) discard if more than five races are sailed including at least two Coastal races.

10.2. Coastal races scoring: the coastal race will be awarded one score with a 1.25 factor. The final score in a coastal race for each boat will be equal to her scored points multiplied by 1.25.

10.3 For the purpose of a series tie in accordance with RRS A8, scores shall be places rather than points.



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. In order to minimize protests, jury members may follow the racing on the race course. If they observe a red flag they will use the following signals to help boats take appropriate action:

- (a) A green and white flag with one sound means 'The judges saw the incident and believes that no rule was broken.'
- (b) A red flag with one sound means 'The judges saw the incident and believes that one boat has or more boats have broken a rule.' The judges will hail or signal each boat identified.
- (c) A yellow flag with one sound means 'The judges did not observe the incident or are unable to make a decision'.

The signals displayed by the Jury Boat are for information only. If a red flag is displayed, the identified boat is not obligated to take a penalty. If a yellow or green and white flag is displayed, any boat may still protest another boat.

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 Penalties taken shall be declared on the appropriate form and lodged with the race office within the protest time limit.

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

12. MOORINGS

12.1 The entry fee includes mooring fees from 10.00 on 1st September to 12.00 on 10th September 2017, for dedicated pontoons at 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 East Port 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 section 12.1 and for tenders, please send your mooring requirement to secretariat@yccs.it. The YCCS Race Office will inform the Marina Harbour Master or East Port 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 OA as set out in the entry form (Support Boat Section).

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

13.3 Coach and support boats shall keep clear of the racing area at all times during racing and shall not interfere with the racing in any way, including creating excess wash or hindering an official boat carrying out its duties. The penalty for a breach of this SI is at the discretion of the international jury, including the penalties described in RRS 64.4.

14. HAUL - OUT, DIVING RESTRICTIONS AND REPAIRS

14.1 Boats may not be hauled out after 1st September until the finish of the final race without prior written permission of the OA.

14.2 Independent diving inside the harbour is forbidden. Only Harbour Master's divers, available on VHF Channel 9, are authorised to dive inside the harbour. Each morning pre-registered team divers (one per team) may clean the boats when at their regatta berths between 08.30 and 10.00 if in compliance with harbour rules on safety Harbour Master's divers are hired to assist cleaning or stand by in the water during that period. Instructions by the Harbour master's divers to the team divers shall be respected, non compliance may result in retracting



the team diver authorisation.

14.3 Repairs shall not cause recertification. Sail repairs during the event shall not be made without prior permission of the OA. 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

The following trophies and awards will be presented on Saturday, 9th September 2017:

- The Rolex Maxi 72 World Championship Trophy and a Rolex Timepiece for first place overall;
- Trophies for 2nd and 3rd place overall;
- A YCCS trophy for the highest placed YCCS Member.

17. CONTACT DETAILS & FURTHER INFORMATION

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

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18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 Competitors agree to be bound by the World Sailing RRS 2017/2020, 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 2017**, 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 (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 shall apply RRS 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 OA (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 3rd September
YCCS Welcome Reception

Wednesday 6th September
IMA Dinner (by invitation)

Thursday 7th September
Crew Party

Friday 8th September
Rolex Dinner (by invitation)

Saturday 9th 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

The Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup & Rolex Maxi 72 Worlds has reached its 28th edition and each year gathers the cream of naval architecture and design along the quays of Porto Cervo's marina. Last year's edition registered a record number of participants with 52 boats competing in divisions ranging from the Maxi 72 class to a large Wally division. The event, organised by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda in collaboration with IMA (International Maxi Association) and with the support of its historic sponsor Rolex, will take place from 3rd to 9th September. As always, tough competition on the water will be accompanied by exclusive social appointments ashore.

MINI MAXI WORLDS PALMARES

2010 - RAN (GBR)

2011 - RAN 2 (GBR)

2012 - BELLA MENTE (USA)

2013 - RAN 2 (GBR)

2014 - ALEGRE (GBR)

MAXI 72 WORLDS PALMARES

2015 – BELLA MENTE (USA)

2016 – BELLA MENTE (USA)

