

# BARCELONA ORC DOUBLE HANDED WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

**The Royal Yacht Club of Barcelona is organizing the ORC Double Handed World Championship from September 9th to September 15th, 2023.**

This year marks the second World Championship for ORC Double Handed Cruising, hosted by the Royal Yacht Club of Barcelona in the waters of Barcelona. We anticipate the participation of 60 boats, representing 11 countries from around the world.

The Double Handed cruising category has seen significant global growth in recent years, and Catalonia and Spain have a strong and established fleet in this strategic category.

The blend of competition and the enjoyment of sailing has attracted a large number of sailing enthusiasts looking to venture into competition with fewer crew resources. This, coupled with the reality of having a vast and well-established fleet of reduced crew vessels, inspired the Royal Yacht Club of Barcelona to request the organization of this event.

Their renowned experience in hosting international events of this caliber, such as the ORC World Championship in 2015, multiple editions of the Conde de Godó Sailing Trophy, and the Puig Vela Clásica Barcelona regatta, played a decisive role in their selection to organize this championship.

In recent years, the Royal Yacht Club of Barcelona has hosted several ORC Double Handed competitions, including the Joan Guiu regatta and the prestigious Conde de Godó Sailing Trophy, which served as preparation for the Barcelona 2023 ORC Double Handed World Championship.

The Royal Yacht Club of Barcelona has always maintained a close collaboration with the National Cruising Committee of the Spanish Sailing Federation (RFEV), the Catalan Sailing Federation (FCV), various associations of reduced crew sailors, and the Offshore Classes and Events Committee of the ORC, working together to organize this championship.

## INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

We expect approximately 60 boats and 120 sailors, representing 11 countries: Spain, Poland, Belgium, the Netherlands, the United States, France, Finland, Germany, Norway, Ecuador, and Greece.

The fleet is divided into three groups: Class A, Class B, and Class C, with boats of similar performance and estimated values of the All Purpose Single Number, time over distance ranging from 60-90s/NM for each class.

## DIVISION AND CORINTHIAN TROPHIES

There will be a Corinthian division and trophy for entirely amateur teams. Boats registered in the

Corinthian Division are also registered in the Open Division and are eligible for awards and trophies in both divisions.

Approximately 25 boats will participate in this division, with 8 in Class A, 10 in Class B, and 7 in Class C.

## VENUE AND COURSES

The participating boats will gather at the Real Club Náutico de Barcelona, the regatta's headquarters. Both the start and finish of the races will be in the waters of Barcelona.

The sporting program consists of a total of 2 races: a long offshore race, scheduled to start at 11:00 am on September 11th, and a short offshore race, scheduled for Thursday, September 14th at 11:00 am. The Organizing Committee has planned various courses, with approximate distances ranging from 200 to 70 nautical miles. Some of these routes go between the coast of Barcelona and the Balearic Islands and back, while other options follow the Catalan coastline.

The long offshore race is expected to last approximately 48 hours for the slowest boat. In the case of the short offshore race, a maximum time of 24 hours is anticipated for the slowest boat.

Based on the weather forecast, the Race Committee will decide the course to be sailed for each of the two scheduled races.

## SPORTING AND SOCIAL PROGRAM

The ORC Double Handed World Championship will offer an exciting sporting and social program to celebrate this second edition. Saturday, September 9th, is reserved for participant registration, measurement and inspection checks, as well as the entire day on Sunday, September 10th. Sunday evening will feature the skippers' meeting and the opening ceremony of the ORC Double Handed World Championship.

The action will kick off on Monday, September 11th, at 11:00 am with the long offshore race. It is expected that the first boats will start arriving on the evening of Tuesday, September 12th, through Wednesday morning. The second short offshore race will commence on Thursday, September 14th, at 11:00 am.

Friday, September 15th, will mark the final closure of the event, with the award ceremony and celebration of the ORC Double Handed World Championship. This will take place in the exclusive Village for crews, organizers, authorities, guests, and media, located at the Real Club Náutico de Barcelona.

## HISTORY:

### Origins of the Competition

In its annual meeting in 2021, World Sailing modified 'Regulation 13.2,' thereby creating the ORC DOUBLE HANDED WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP.

The ORC, during its sessions in November 2020 and January 2021, established the formats for the Double Handed championships and assigned the venues for 2021, 2022, and 2023 in this category.

The chosen venues were the Hellenic Offshore Racing Club in Athens (2021), the Royal Swedish Yacht Club in Stockholm, Sweden (2022), and the Real Club Náutico de Barcelona in Barcelona, Spain (2023).

In its annual meeting in 2021, World Sailing modified 'Regulation 13.2,' creating the ORC DOUBLE HANDED WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP to replace the ORC DOUBLE HANDED EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP.

As a result, the second venue chosen for the European event, the Royal Swedish Yacht Club in Stockholm, hosted the first edition of the ORC Double Handed World Championship, and the Real Club Náutico de Barcelona will be the organizing club for the second edition in 2023.

### **The Royal Swedish Yacht Club in Stockholm, Organizer of the First ORC Double Handed World Championship**

Organized by the Royal Swedish Yacht Club (KSSS), the first ORC Double Handed World Championship awarded titles to each of the three winning teams that competed in the Gotland Runt, which started on July 3rd in Stockholm, Sweden. Seventy-five teams participated in a 352-nautical mile course around the island of Gotland, clockwise, and back to the finish line near the KSSS base at the eastern end of the archipelago, on the island of Sandhamn.

### **Winners of the 2022 ORC Double Handed World Championship**

Among the 23 teams in Class A, Anders Dahlsjo and Martin Stromberg, both from Sweden, won the race aboard their Z30+ ZEUS. In Class B, with 25 teams, the German winners were Jonas Hallberg and Till Barth on their JPK 10.30 HINDEN. For the 27 participants in Class C, at the top of the podium were two new champions from Sweden: Patrik Forsgren and Joakim Hoppe, who competed on their modified First 36.7 TEAM PRO4U.

In Class A, ZEUS had an impressive corrected time victory margin, with 1 hour, 27 minutes, and 21 seconds over a proven ORC design, the J/122 JOULE, crewed by Swedish compatriots Marcus Osterberg and Henrik Borg, who, in turn, finished approximately 9 minutes ahead of Frederik Rydin and Johan Tuvstedt on their J/121 JOLENE, also from Sweden.

Corrected time results were certainly tighter in Class B, with HINDEN winning by a margin of 35 minutes and 48 seconds over German compatriots Michael Hoefgen and Max Gurgel on LIGHTWORKS, another JPK 10.30. Finnish bronze medalists Jens Krogell and Ville-Veikko Miskanen sailed ALMAVIDA, another JPK 10.30, and finished 1 hour, 41 minutes, and 11 seconds behind on corrected time.

In Class C, TEAM PRO4U's victory margin was the widest over their closest rivals in any other class. Swedish compatriots and silver medalists Mikael Algevere and Per Lindell on their X-332 Lady X finished 2 hours, 1 minute, and 41 seconds behind on corrected time, while a Dutch team, Patrick ten Brinck and Harmen de Jong, sailing their HOD 35 HODSPUR, trailed Lady X by 1 hour, 33 minutes, and 6 seconds, more than 3.5 hours behind the winners.

The winners of the completely amateur Corinthian team trophies were the bronze medalists on JOLENE in Class A, the Swedish team on IMBRUGLIA, an Arcona 340 crewed by Staffan Larsson and Magnus Wegrell, and the World Champions on TEAM PRO4U in Class C.

### **The ORC Double Handed Cruising Mode**

The ORC Double Handed Cruising mode is a category of sailboat racing that focuses on cruising boats crewed by only two people. ORC (Offshore Racing Congress) is an international organization that establishes rules and standards for sailboat competitions, and this specific mode is geared towards promoting double-handed sailing.

In ORC Double Handed, boats compete in races that can vary in duration and course, from short-distance sprints to long-distance events. What sets this mode apart is that the crew is limited to two individuals, which adds an extra challenge as they must take on all responsibilities for navigation, sail handling, and strategic decision-making.

This mode encourages skill, cooperation, and endurance among the crew, as they must work closely together to efficiently maintain and navigate the boat. ORC Double Handed is an exciting discipline that attracts sailors who relish intense challenges and camaraderie on the open sea.

The Double Handed class is a strategic cruising mode that has seen significant growth worldwide in recent years, and it boasts a substantial and established fleet of boats in Catalonia and Spain.

## PROGRAMA/PROGRAM

**Sábado, 9 de septiembre de 2023 / Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- 10:00 h. / 20:00 h.**      **Registro / Mediciones / Inspecciones**  
*Registration / Measurement / Inspections*
- 16:00 h.**                      **Apertura Village**  
*Opening of the Village*
- 21.30 h.**                      **Cierre del Village**  
*Village closing*

**Domingo, 10 de septiembre de 2023 / Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- 10:00 h. / 20:00 h.**      **Registro / Mediciones / Inspecciones**  
*Registration / Measurement / Inspections*
- 16:00 h.**                      **Apertura Village**  
*Opening of the Village*
- 18:00 h.**                      **Reunión de Patrones / Briefing Meteo**  
*Skippers' meeting / Briefing Meteo*
- 19:30 h**                      **Ceremonia de Apertura**  
*Opening Ceremony*
- 21.30 h.**                      **Cierre del Village**  
*Village closing*

**Lunes, 11 de septiembre de 2023 / Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- 08:00 h**                      **Apertura Village / Desayuno regatistas**  
*Opening of the Village / Breakfast crew*
- 09.30 h**                      **Final desayuno**  
*End of breakfast*
- 10:00 h**                      **Salida barco RCNB**  
*Departure of RCNB boat*
- 10:30 h**                      **Cierre del Village**  
*Village closing*
- 11:00 h.**                      **Primera señal de atención regata Long Offshore**  
*First warning signal Long offshore race*

**Martes, 12 de septiembre de 2023/ Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Village cerrado**  
*Village closed*

**Miércoles, 13 de septiembre de 2023/ Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- 12:00 h.** **Apertura Village**  
*Opening of the Village*
- 18:00 h.** **Reunión de Patrones / Briefing Meteo**  
*Skippers' meeting / Briefing Meteo*
- 21.30 h** **Cierre Village**  
*Village closing*

**Jueves, 14 de septiembre de 2023/ Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- 08:00 h.** **Apertura Village / Desayuno regatistas**  
*Opening of the Village / Breakfast crew*
- 09.30 h** **Final desayunos**  
*End of breakfast*
- 10:00 h** **Salida barco RCNB**  
*Departure of RCNB boat*
- 10:30 h** **Cierre Village**  
*Village closing*
- 11:00 h.** **Primera señal de atención regata Short Offshore**  
*First warning signal Short offshore race*

**Viernes, 15 de septiembre de 2023/ Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 2023**

- 11:00 h** **Apertura Village**  
*Opening of the Village*
- 20:00 h.** **Ceremonia de entrega de Premios ORC DOBLE HANDED BARCELONA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Cena y Fiesta de la Regata**  
*Prize-giving ceremony and closing ceremony ORC DOBLE HANDED BARCELONA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP*  
*Dinner and Regatta Party*
- 23:00 h** **Cierre Village**  
*Village closing*



## The Real Club Náutico de Barcelona (RCNB)

With more than 140 years of history, the RCNB is a key reference point in the world of Mediterranean boating. It has established partnerships with various European clubs and maintains correspondences with some American and Asian clubs as well. Last year, an agreement of correspondence was signed with the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, the organizing club of the America's Cup 2024. It is an international reference in competitive sailing due to the organization of its regattas, its unbeatable location right in the heart of Barcelona's coastline, and its facilities and services.

The primary purpose of the RCNB is to promote and develop the practice of sailing as a sport while simultaneously promoting the city of Barcelona as a destination for sailing enthusiasts.

## COLLABORATORS

The Barcelona ORC Double Handed World Championship 2023 is organized by the Reial Club Nàutic de Barcelona (RCNB) on behalf of the Real Federación Española de Vela (RFEV) under the authority of the Offshore Racing Congress (ORC) and in collaboration with the Federació Catalana de Vela (FCV). It is supported by the Barcelona l'Ajuntament de Barcelona, Generalitat de Catalunya, EsportCat. The event's collaborators include Gramona, Estrella Damm, Veri, Renting Ribs, B&G, Engel&Völkers, and HM Hospitales Nou Delfos.

## MEDIA SERVICES

### Accreditations:

Press accreditations for access to the 2023 ORC DH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP can be requested via email at [press@bcnorcdhworld2023.com](mailto:press@bcnorcdhworld2023.com) until September 10, 2023, at 18:00 (6:00 PM). Accreditations will only be granted to individuals whose requests are approved with a confirmation email from the press office. Accreditation badges can be collected at the press office starting from Sunday, September 10, during opening hours.

### Website and Press Releases:

Photographers and photojournalists interested in boarding the press boat to cover the start of the regatta should request it by sending an email to [press@bcnorcdhworld2023.com](mailto:press@bcnorcdhworld2023.com) on the day before, before 17:00 (5:00 PM). Spaces are limited and will be allocated based on priority. Accredited professionals with confirmed spots by the press office are summoned to the regatta's press room on Monday at 10:00 AM and Thursday at 10:00 AM, ready for boarding.

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