

ORC
DOUBLE HANDED
BARCELONA
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
2023

NOTICE OF RACE

ORC Double Handed World Championship

Barcelona, Spain, 9 – 15 September 2023

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The ORC Double Handed World Championship Barcelona 2023 is organized by the Reial Club Nàutic de Barcelona (RCNB) by delegation of the Real Federación Española de Vela (RFEV) under the authorities of the Offshore Racing Congress (ORC). The ORC Double Handed World Championship 2023 is organized with the collaboration of the Federació Catalana de Vela (FCV).

This event will be celebrated in Barcelona waters, from 9th-15th September 2023

1 Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing**. RRS 90.3(e) shall apply.
- 1.2 The latest version of the following rules will also apply:
- 1.3
- IMS Rule
 - ORC Rating Systems Rule
 - World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) for Category 3. Additionally, a life raft complying with the OSR Category 2 is required
- 1.3 Under RRS 87, ORC Rule 206 is changed as follows:
- All sails, including storm & heavy weather sails required by the OSR, shall have measurement stamp or sticker with all required measurements clearly readable.
 - The maximum number of sails to be used at the event excluding storm & heavy weather sails required by the OSR shall be

CDL	16.400 – 11.611	11.610 – 9.781	Below 9.781
Mainsail	1	1	1
Spare mainsail *	1	1	1
Headsails **	7	6	5
Spinnakers	5	4	4

* *[DP] Spare mainsail may only be used while racing as a replacement if during the race the original mainsail becomes damaged beyond repair. The original mainsail shall not thereafter be re-used during that race. The use of the spare mainsail shall be declared to the technical committee within the protest time limit of that race.*

** *If there is a headsail furler recorded in the certificate, only one headsail shall be used.*

- c) [DP] Each boat shall select sails to be used at the event up to the maximum numbers as defined in b). Selected sails will be marked with event's sticker: Only sails marked with event's sticker may be on board during the event.
 - d) [DP] Sails carried on board may vary from the day to day but shall remain the same for each individual race day, including days with multiple races even in the case of damage to sails. The race day begins when the boat leaves for the race course from its dock or mooring.
 - e) [DP] Sails damaged during the event may be repaired. Sails beyond repair may be replaced with permission of the technical committee.
- 1.4 The navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) replace RRS Part 2 from sunset to sunrise.
 - 1.5 A breach of RRS 56.2 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
 - 1.6 No national authority prescription will apply.
 - 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
 - 1.8 Automatic and wind-vane devices for steering may be used.
 - 1.9 [DP] RRS 40.1 always applies while a boat is afloat. However, it does not apply for a boat when she is made fast or moored or if the competitor is below deck.

2 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available on the Official Notice Board (ONB) for each entrant at completion of the registration formalities and may be posted earlier at www.bcnorcdhworld2023.com

3 Communication

- 3.1 The online Official Notice Board (ONB) is located at www.bcnorcdhworld2023.com
- 3.2 Communication with competitors will be through the online ONB and/or mobile/ smartphone using text messages (SMS and/or WhatsApp) and/or e-mail. Additionally, on the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF.
- 3.3 If there is a conflict between messages (ONB, SMS or WhatsApp) ONB messages will take precedence
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency or when communicating with the Race Committee, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 Competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Code.
- 4.2 The event is open to all boats with valid ORC DH International certificate with All-Purpose Single Number Time on Distance rating between 430.0 and 620.0s/NM included, and minimum LOA of 8.00 m . The flotation date on an ORC DH International Certificate shall not be earlier than **9th September 2018**.
- 4.3 Classes will be defined at the entry closing date which will be **August 10th, 2023**. It is intention of the organizer to have no more than 3 classes containing boats of similar performances with expected All Purpose Single Number Time on Distance values in the range of 60 – 90 s/NM for each Class. The organizer reserves the right to use different rating values for class definitions as well as to adjust any class limit. Final class definitions will be agreed by the organizer and the ORC and shall not be ground for request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 4.4 Any change after applying ORC rule 305.2(b) or (c) shall not change the class the boat was originally entered.
- 4.5 Eligible boats may pre-register until **10 August 2023** by completing the on-line registration form at www.bcnorcdhworld2023.com (the on-line registration form will be available on website a.s.a.p and will be informed on ONB):
- 4.6 To be considered as pre- registered, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees. The list of pre-registered boats will be updated on the event website upon receipt of each new entry.
- 4.7 If more than 100 boats pre-registered before **10 August 2023** final entries will be accepted at discretion of the organizing authority in agreement with the ORC by considering:
- international representation of the fleet,
 - boat's and skipper's racing record, particularly in previous ORC Championships,
 - chronological order in which boats are pre-registered.
- 4.8 Once the entry is accepted, each boat shall submit crew list before **26th August 2023** Crew shall not be changed except in case of injury or illness and with the written permission of the technical committee.
- 4.9 Each owner or skipper must personally register in the Race Office located in RCNB, from **September 9th at 10.00 hrs until September 10th at 20.00hrs**.
- 4.10 Competitors of Spanish nationality, Spanish residence or representing a Spanish club shall be in possession of the RFEV Sailing Federation License for 2023.
- Foreign sailors who do not have a sailing federation license or an athlete's medical insurance with accident coverage, will have to prove to the Organizing Authority the possession of an accident and illness insurance valid in Spain during the time of the Regatta.

5 Entry Fee

- 5.1 The entry fee per boat is 500 € until August 10th, 2023, and includes social events. The entry fee shall be paid in connection with filling in the entry form at

www.bcnorcdhworld2023.com

Late entries may be accepted at the organizer's discretion after August 10th, 2023. The entry fee for late entry is 750 €.

- 5.2 If an entry is withdrawn before August 10th, 2023, entry fee will be refunded after deduction of an administrative fee of 150€.
- 5.3 The organizer is not responsible for any costs incurred by the non-acceptance of a boat's registration.

6 Corinthian Division and Trophy

- 6.1 For the Corinthian Division and Trophy, the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code, Regulation 22 shall apply, and both crew members shall hold a valid Group 1 categorization. A boat entered in the Corinthian Division shall also be entered automatically in the Open Division and shall be eligible for prizes and trophies in both divisions. Details of the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code and information on how to apply can be found on the World Sailing website: www.sailing.org/categorization.
- 6.2 The closing date for the receipt of valid Corinthian entries shall be August 10th, 2023. Each entry shall include a complete crew list and show the World Sailing Sailor ID and Category for each crew. All crew shall hold valid categorization prior to this date that do not expire until after the final day of the event. Late entries and incomplete entries cannot be considered for this division.
- 6.3 Should a boat whose Corinthian entry has been checked and accepted need to change a crew member after the closing date for the receipt of valid Corinthian entries, the name of the new crew member including a valid World Sailing Sailor ID must be submitted to the Organizing Authority for their approval. All crew lists will be posted on the Official Notice Board or website as soon as possible after the Registration deadline.
- 6.4 The time limit for a protest or request for redress by a boat regarding the World Sailing's Sailors Categorization Code is 12.00 hrs on September 11th, 2023. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

7 Advertising

- 7.1 [DP] Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority according to the World Sailing Advertising Code. This might be one or more of:

- bow numbers with advertisement as forward as possible on both sides of the hull
- class and identification flags to be flown from the backstay throughout the entire event
- sponsor's flag to be flown on the backstay
- national flag or sticker with national flag at the mainsail.

7.2 The Organizing Authority may also require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of on-board video cameras and/or position devices, use of which will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

8 Schedule

Saturday September 9th, 2022

10:00 – 20:00 Registration, Measurement, and Inspection

Sunday September 10th, 2023

10:00 – 20:00 Registration, Measurement, and Inspection

18.00 Skipper's meeting

19:30 Opening ceremony

Monday September 11th, 2023

11.00 First warning signal Long offshore race

Thursday September 14th, 2023

11:00 First warning signal Short offshore race

Friday September 15th, 2023

20.00 Prize-giving ceremony and closing ceremony Dinner and Regatta Party.

- a) The long offshore race will be approximately 48 hours for the slowest boat.
- b) The short offshore race will be approximately 24 hours for the slowest boat.
- c) The schedule may be changed depending on the weather and wind conditions

9 Equipment Inspection

- 9.1 Each boat shall have ORC DH International certificate 2023 issued up to August 31st, 2023 . This changes RRS 78.2.
- 9.2 No changes shall be made on ORC DH International certificates after August 31st, 2023, unless prescribed and approved by the Technical Committee in correcting any error that may be found in boat's certificate before or during the pre-race equipment inspection and before the start of the first race.
- 9.3 Boats shall be available for equipment inspection from 10:00 hrs on September 9th, 2023, until 20:00 on September 10th, 2023. Booking of time slots for inspections by the boats will be available through the online system from September 8, 2023.
- 9.4 Measurement and rules compliance inspections will be carried out throughout the championship with emphasis on boats well placed in the scoring.
- 9.5 A boat shall not start until she passes the pre-race equipment inspection.

10 Venue and courses

- 10.1 The venue for the event is Barcelona, Spain.
- 10.2 The races starts/finishes will be in Barcelona waters.
- 10.3 The organising committee has planned different courses, with distances of between 200 and 70 nautical miles (approx..). Some of them between the coast of Barcelona and the Balearic Islands and return. Other different options along the coast of Catalonia.
- 10.4 The race committee, based on the weather forecast, will decide the course to be sailed in each of the two races to be held. Participants will be informed as soon as possible.

11 Penalty system

- 11.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for breaking one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident outside the Zone while racing.
- 11.2 The intention is to appoint an international jury as provided in RRS 70.5.

12 Scoring

- 12.1 The results will be determined by corrected times calculated by All-purpose Single number Time on Time.

12.2 The Low Point System will apply as defined in RRS Appendix A except that race scores will be multiplied with the scoring coefficient of 1.5 for the long offshore and 1.0 for the short offshore race

12.3 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. One race is required to constitute a series.

13 Support person vessels

[DP] All support person vessels shall be registered at the race office.

14 Nautical charts

The following nautical charts of the following Spain Maritime Administration (Instituto Hidrográfico de la Marina) charts are utilized as a reference in the Sailing Instructions:
436,478,479,485,486,487,488,489,491,492,493.

15 Berthing

15.1 Participating boats shall moor at the Real Club Náutico de Barcelona for free from 1st September until 24th September.

15.2 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbour.

16 Haul-out Restrictions

16.1 [DP] All boats shall be in the water on September 9th, 2023, until the end of the World Championship.

16.2 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out except for the purposes of repairing damage; and only after written permission from the International Jury. While hauled for this purpose, cleaning and polishing of the hull below the waterline will not be permitted. Appendages shall not be removed from the boat during the series.

17 [NP] [DP] Data Protection and Image Rights

17.1 The image rights of the Regatta belong only and exclusively to RCNB

17.2 Participants authorise the Sponsor(s) and the Organising Authority to use their name and image or that of the boat on which they participate in the regatta in any text, image or video to be published or broadcasted in any media (including written press, TV advertising or Internet) as well as editorial comments, information or advertising. Furthermore, competitors' name and biographical material can be used or reproduced by any known media.

17.3 Competitors commit to not doing or allowing any reproduction or public communication action, nor distribution of the event images without prior authorization from RCN Barcelona.

- 17.4 All advertising actions unrelated to the event sponsor, the clubs and the Organising Committee, carried out in the Club premises or allocated pontoons by competitors, their sponsors or persons, entities or organizations directly or indirectly linked to them, must have the prior written authorization from the Organising Authority.

18 Risk statement

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk, see RRS 3 - Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, Real Club Náutico de Barcelona, Royal Spanish Sailing Federation, ORC, the PRO, the Race Committee, the International Jury, the Technical Committee, the volunteers, and any other party involved in the organization of the event will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event. Each boat owner or his representative accepts these terms by signing the entry form.

19 Competitors Drones

- 19.1 [DP] Teams or their representatives shall not fly drones over the shore facilities or over the race area during training or racing days without complying with local legislation and without prior written approval by the organizer.
- 19.2 The approval granted at the sole discretion of the organizer may impose limitations on where and when drones may fly.
- 19.3 At any time the risk and responsibility for flying any drone is with the person flying the drone and images made inside the race area shall be shared with the organizer, race committee or jury at reasonable request.

20 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of 600 000 EUR per incident or the equivalent.

21 Prizes

- 21.1 The ORC Double Handed World Champion 2023 title will be awarded to the best boat in each Class.
- 21.2 Prizes will be awarded in each class.
- 21.3 Prizes will be awarded Corinthian in each class according to the number of boats entered in the class: one prize for every five boats.

22. Amendments to this notice of race.

The Organization reserves the right to modify this Notice of Race.
Any amendment to this NOR made before 1st September 2023 will be published on the event website: www.bcnorcdhworld2023.com

23 Further information

For further information, please contact regatas@rcnb.com

Information

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World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 can be found at www.sailing.org

Boat Yard Service:

Full facilities are available in a few places and, for hauling out, lifting and launching. For details, see addresses: marina@rcnb.com

Media:

Media representatives wishing to cover the event are requested to contact RCNB media representative at: rcnbprensa@rcnb.com

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