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**Notice of race**

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## 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Circolo della Vela Sicilia and Yacht Club de Monaco in partnership with Yacht Club Costa Smeralda under the patronage of Federazione Italiana Vela (FIV), of Unione Vela Altura Italiana (UVAI), and in cooperation with the International Maxi Association (IMA).

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## 2. RULES

2.1 The event will be governed by the most **current** versions of the following:

- a. The rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*;
  - a.1. RRS 90.3(e) shall apply.
  - a.2. RRS 48.1 does not apply to water used in a water ballast system that is declared and described in a yacht's measurement certificate. This changes RRS 48.1.
  - a.3. From 2000 hrs to 0530 hrs CEST, the Part 2 rules of RRS shall not apply and shall be replaced by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS).
- b. Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Category 3 with mandatory liferaft;
- c. FIV Offshore Regulation [note: it is mandatory for each crew to wear a personal flotation device (PFD) with waterproof strobe light from 2000 hrs to 0530 hrs CEST];
- d. IMS-ORC Rules;
- e. IRC Rules, Parts A, B, and C;
  - e.1. **IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced with: "The maximum number of crew on board shall be the crew number printed on her certificate. There is no weight limit."**
- f. IMA Class Rules (Maxi Yachts only);
- g. Class40 Rules;
- h. ORCmh will be the rating of the multihulls;
- i. This Notice of Race and any Amendments;

The OA reserves the right to amend the NoR until two hours before the start of the race by posting the new version on the event website and sending it by e-mail to the boats already registered. Such notification shall be deemed to be in compliance with RRS 89.2(a).
- j. The Sailing Instructions and any Amendments.

2.2 In accordance with the World Sailing Decision (issued on March 1st 2022) Russian and Belarusian athletes and Officials are not allowed to take part in this Regatta.

2.3 This paragraph applies only to Maxi Yachts:

- a. If declared on the measurement or class certificate steering, ram and winch systems powered by force other than manual, as well as moveable appendages, trim tabs, water ballast and canting keels are permitted. **This changes RRS 51 and 52.**
- b. Electric or electronic devices of any kind are permitted but shall not be used to helm or operate the boat's sailing systems including appendages independently other than in case of emergency or if permitted by class rules. Boats with a single engine intended for enabling hydraulic and/or electrical powered maneuvers, ballast movement (canting keel, pumps) as well as propulsion and charging batteries, may request the Organizing Authority to be authorized to use the engine for these purposes even when racing. **This changes RRS 52.**
- c. Exceptions to RRS 77 may be granted by the OA upon written request prior to the close of registration. **This changes RRS 77.**

2.4 The official languages of the regatta are English and Italian. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions take precedence. **This changes RRS 63.5 (c).**

### 3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available not later than Friday, August 07, 2026 at: [www.palermo-montecarlo.it](http://www.palermo-montecarlo.it)

### 4. COMMUNICATION

4.1 The online Official Notice Board (ONB) is located at: [www.palermo-montecarlo.it](http://www.palermo-montecarlo.it)

4.2 **[DP]** All yachts shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting on channels: 12, 14, 16, 72, 74.

4.3 Communications with competitors will be through the VHF channels indicated in the Sailing Instructions, posted on the online ONB, by email, and/or WhatsApp.

4.4 **[DP]** Each boat shall have at least one device connected to the internet with WhatsApp installed.

4.5 **[DP]** While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

### 5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

5.1 The event is open to yachts with a LH  $\geq$  9.00 m with a valid measurement/class certificate:

- a. ORC (International or Club): allocated to groups 1 and 2 as per FIV Offshore Regulation;
- b. IRC: LH < 18.29m, this class may be split into sub-classes at the discretion of the TC, the split will be posted on the ONB as soon as possible after the entry deadline;
- c. Maxi Yachts: LH  $\geq$  18.29m, IRC rating;
- d. One Design;
- e. Class40
- f. Multihull;
- g. Classic Yachts;
- h. Foiling Yachts.

5.2 Eligible yachts may enter **more than one** rating class competing in the respective final rankings, if class certificates are compatible. Boats entered to participate in both IRC and ORC rating classes shall be limited to the sails they are allowed under both rating systems/certificates. A yacht may choose or change rating class until 1500 on Monday, August 17, 2026

5.3 A minimum of 5 boats is required to constitute a "class".

5.4 Eligible yachts may enter by completing the entry form online by 2400 hrs on August 1 2026 and submit documents listed and the required entry fee, to:

#### **Circolo della Vela Sicilia**

email: [info@palermo-montecarlo.it](mailto:info@palermo-montecarlo.it)

**Bank Address: Via Libertà, 32 - 90142 Palermo - ITALY**

**The payment of the entry fee has to be bank transferred to**

**IBAN: IT69Y0623004609000015273040 - BIC: CRPPIT2PXXX**

The following documents, full filled, shall also be submitted:

- a. A valid 2026 measurement/class certificate;
- b. [WS Model Keel and Rudder Inspection Form](#);
- c. [Crew List Form](#) (including weights, in case of certified maximum);
- d. For at least two (2) crew members, a valid WS Offshore Personal Survival Training Course certificate;
- e. 2026 FIV membership card of each crew member (Non-Italian crew see, NoR 7.2);
- f. Crew list with rankings as per 2026 FIV Offshore Regulation, if applicable;
- g. [Minor Parental Consent Form](#), for all competitors less than 18 years (NoR 7.4);

- h. Adequate third party liability insurance as per NOR 22;
- i. Advertising license, if applicable;
- j. Risk Recognition Form, in accordance with RRS 3, signed by all crew members;
- k. Disclaimer of Liability Form, regarding the mandatory safety equipment in accordance with current
- l. Category 3 WS OSR with mandatory life-raft and the personal flotation devices (PFD) with waterproof strobe light;
- m. World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Checklist 2026;
- n. Tracking Unit Damage Insurance of Euro 500 (See NoR 6.2);
- o. Receipt of the wire transfer related to the fee (See NoR 6.1)

5.5 The nationality registration of a yacht shall be indicated in the entry form. If not indicated, the national sail letters (on the mainsail) or the owner's nationality shall be used.

## 6. FEES

6.1 Entry fees are as follows:

| Hull Length (feet) | Early Bird - Before 2400 hrs June 5 2026 | After June 5 2026 |
|--------------------|--|-------------------|
| From 30' to 39'    | Euro 650,00                              | Euro 800,00       |
| Form 40 to 45'     | Euro 950,00                              | Euro 1.200,00     |
| From 46' to 59'    | Euro 1.450,00                            | Euro 1.800,00     |
| From 60' to 69'    | Euro 2.100,00                            | Euro 2.600,00     |
| From 70' to and Up | Euro 2.800,00                            | Euro 3.500,00     |

6.2 Cancellation policy: boats can request for withdraw the registration. The 70% of the fee already paid will be returned if the request will be submitted before June 30 2026. There will be no refund for later requests.

### 6.3 Tracking Unit Damage Deposit

- a. An electronic tracking system will be used for monitoring the nautical positions of the boats. *More information about the tracking system is in the SIs.*
- b. An insurance of **Euro 500** \*will be subscribed by each owner/skipper. The insurance will end once the undamaged unit is returned to the YCM Race Office. Any damage to the unit shall be paid by the owner/skipper.

## 7. CREW REQUIREMENTS AND MEMBERSHIP

- 7.1 All Italian crews shall have a 2026 FIV membership card (inclusive of medical prescription).
- 7.2 Non-Italian crews shall be in compliance with their national authority rules.
- 7.3 Competitors shall be a minimum age of 14 years at the start of the Race.
- 7.4 Competitors less than 18 years shall present, at registration, a Minor Parental Consent Form.

## 8. ADVERTISING

- 8.1 Yachts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. Flags have to be displayed on the back stays when moored in Palermo or in Montecarlo.

8.2 All Italian yachts shall present at registration the advertising license issued by the FIV, if applicable.

8.3 Non-Italian yachts shall comply with their national authority advertising rules, if applicable.

8.4 Yachts intending to display advertising during the regatta, whether on the racing yacht, support vessel, or ashore within the regatta area, shall state in the entry form the nature of such advertising. The OA may refuse the entry or withdraw entry if the advertising does not comply with the *World Sailing Advertising Code*.

## 9. SERIES

9.1 This Race is also a part of:

2026 IMA Mediterranean Maxi Offshore Challenge (MMOC);

2026 Trofeo d'Altura del Mediterraneo;

2026 Class 40 Mediterranean Trophy;

2026 "Championnat et Trophées Inshore et Offshore Méditerranée en Équipages-IRC";

2026 FIV Italian Offshore Championship.

## 10. SCHEDULE

10.1 The official time for the event is CEST GPS time.

10.2 The preliminary schedule is as follows. The social events will be announced at a later time.

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|---------------------|---|--|
| Saturday, August 15 | 1000<br>1000 - 1800                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Palermo RO Opening</li> <li>Registration</li> </ul>   |
| Sunday, August 16   | 1000 - 1800   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Palermo RO Opens</li> <li>Registration and Inspections</li> </ul>   |
| Monday, August 17   | 1000 - 1500<br>1100<br>To follow<br>1500<br>1400 - 1800 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration and Inspections</li> <li>Press Conference at Circolo della Vela Sicilia</li> <li>Skippers' Meeting at Circolo della Vela Sicilia</li> <li>Registration Closes</li> <li>Tracking Unit Delivery at Marina di Villa Igia</li> </ul> |
| Tuesday, August 18  | 1155<br>To follow                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Warning Signal Monohull</b></li> <li><b>Other Classes</b> (see Sailing Instructions)</li> </ul>  |
| Sunday, August 23   | 1600<br>1900  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Time Limit Expires</b></li> <li>Prize Giving at Yacht Club de Monaco</li> </ul>  |

## 11. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

11.1 Each yacht shall have a valid measurement/class certificate issued before 1000 hrs of August 14 2026.

11.2 The Technical Committee (TC) may inspect any yacht before and after racing.

## 12. VENUES and RACE OFFICE CONTACTS

12.1 Race Offices:

a. **Palermo Race Office** is located at Marina di Villa Igia.

Phone: [+39 331 5730477](tel:+393315730477) [+39 3349173811](tel:+393349173811) (RC) Email: [info@palermo-montecarlo.it](mailto:info@palermo-montecarlo.it)

b. **YCM Race Office** is located at Yacht Club de Monaco.

Phone: [+39 334 9173811](tel:+393349173811) (RC) [+33 640627420](tel:+33640627420) (YCM) Email: [regates@ycm.mc](mailto:regates@ycm.mc)

c. **Race Director:** [+39 334 9173811](tel:+393349173811) (including WhatsApp) Email: [rd@palermo-montecarlo.it](mailto:rd@palermo-montecarlo.it)

### 13. COURSE

13.1 The Race starts in the Mondello Gulf, then a fly-through a gate in front of Porto Cervo, and then finishes in Montecarlo. The course and course length will be further described in the SIs.

### 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 If a yacht may have broken a rule of Part 2 RRS or a rule of the IRPCAS (when applicable) against another boat entered in this Race, she may exonerate herself by promptly taking a One-Turn Penalty - including one tack and one gybe. ***This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.***

14.2 If a yacht takes a penalty, she shall report the time and location on the Declaration of Compliance or Withdrawal Form.

14.3 A fully online International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91, all decisions shall be final as per RRS 70.5.

14.4 Broken rules of this NOR and of RRS 78.1 will be sanctioned as [DP].

14.5 [SP] [DP] "World Sailing Development Rule – DR21-01" will be applied. Change definition *Start* as follows:  
*Start* A boat *starts* when her hull having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either

- (a) at or after her starting signal, or
- (b) during the last 30 seconds before her starting signal.

When a boat *starts* in accordance with item (b) of the definition *Start*, she may return to the pre-start side of the line to comply with item (a) of the definition of ***Start***, but, if she does not the starting penalty shall she shall receive a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c).

### 15. SCORING

15.1 Software chosen by the TC from among the official ones will be used to calculate the results of the Race for monohulls and multihulls. Different interpretations shall not be grounds for a request for redress. ***This changes RRS 61.1(a).***

15.2 The scoring option used for the ORC monohulls will be chosen by the TC among those based on the "***Time on Distance***" method. The scoring option used for the IRC monohulls will be chosen by the TC among those based on the "***Time on Time***" method.

Different interpretations shall not be grounds for a request for redress. ***This changes RRS 61.1(a).***

15.3 The scoring option used for the ORC multihulls will be chosen by the TC among those based on the "***Time on Distance***" method. Different interpretations shall not be grounds for a request for redress. ***This changes RRS 61.1(a).***

### 16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 [DP] Support person vessels shall be registered with the OA and marked with the official flag supplied by the OA.

### 17. COMPETITORS DRONE

17.1 [DP] Teams or their representatives shall not fly drones over the Palermo-Montecarlo shore bases or over the race area during training or racing days without complying with local legislation and without prior written approval by the OA.

17.2 The approval granted at the sole discretion of the OA may impose limitations on where and when drones may

fly.

17.3 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 OA, Race Committee, or International Jury at reasonable request.

## 18. MOORING AND SERVICES

### 18.1 Mooring in Palermo

- a. Yachts will be moored at Marina di Villa Ignea free of charge under the owners' or skippers' responsibility from 1000 hrs on Saturday, August 15, 2026 until the start of the Race.
- b. Yachts wishing to arrive at Marina di Villa Ignea earlier than 1000 hrs on August 15 2026 shall inform the Race Office via e-mail to obtain the discount.

### 18.2 Mooring in Monte Carlo

- a. Yachts will be moored at Port Hercule, Yacht Club de Monaco, free of charge, under the owners' or skippers' responsibility from their arrival until 1100 hrs on Monday, August 24 2026.
- b. Yachts wishing to stay after 1100 hrs on August 24 2026 must obtain authorization from the Yacht Club de Monaco Marina by email or by phone + 377 93 10 65 00 Normal harbour fees will apply.

### 18.3 Transportation Services

- a. The OA will provide pallet transportation from Marina di Villa Ignea to YCM to transfer luggages, bags of the sailing teams, and spare equipment of the yachts. The OA takes no responsibility for any damage or loss occurred during this leg.
- b. The first pallet is free of charge. The charge for every additional pallet is Euro 100 per pallet. This charge shall be paid during the final Registration at Marina di Villa Ignea.
- c. Only pallets properly packed (including the yacht name on the top) will be loaded.
- d. Pallets and packaging material will be provided by the OA on August 16 and 17 from 0900 to 1800.
- e. Considering the limited availability of the service, a confirmation is mandatory during the online registration specifying the number of pallets you want to send to YCM.
- f. Yachts failing to collect their pallets at YCM during the event are responsible for any delivery charges from YCM to the final destination.
- g. **[DP]** Pallets will be delivered as near to the boat as possible by the YCM Team. Yacht crews shall not, in any case, interfere with the unloading schedule or remove their pallet from storage without YCM approval.
- h. **VERY IMPORTANT:** All pallets not collected within **THREE WEEKS** by the end of the Race will be discarded.

### 18.4 The following services may also be available' (in accordance with possible COVID-19 Restrictions):

- a. Access to Circolo della Vela Sicilia Clubhouse and restaurant.
- b. Access to Yacht Club de Monaco Clubhouse and restaurant.

## 19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS AND DIVING

19.1 **[DP]** Yachts shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC or TC, after 1800 on 17 august 2026.

19.2 **[DP]** In accordance with Italian Maritime Law, it is strictly forbidden to dive inside the harbour while in Marina di Villa Ignea, the prohibition also includes the action of cleaning the hull below the waterline.

19.3 **[DP]** In accordance with Monaco Maritime Law, it is strictly forbidden to dive inside the harbour while in Port Hercule.

## 20. DATA PROTECTION

20.1 By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant to the OA and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athletes during the period of the competition without compensation.



20.2 Competitors may be invited for interviews during the event.

## 21. RISK STATEMENT

21.1 In accordance with World Sailing RRS Fundamental 3: “the responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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.**

The OA, the RC, the IJ and the TC accept no liability for any damage to persons and/or property, both ashore and afloat, as a result of their participation in the race under these instructions. Owners and skippers on board are reminded that they shall respond personally to all accidents that can happen to their boats and/or their crews. Therefore, owners and managers will have to contract the necessary insurance to cover all risks including those from third parties. The owners and skippers are also responsible for the decision to take part in a race based on the wind strength, the sea state, and the weather forecast.

The Race, under the current regulation, has no personal assistance except in case of emergency, in which the Maritime Authority (Capitaneria di Porto) is responsible. For this reason all boats shall have a VHF radio able to transmit and receive on channels 12, 14, 16 (rescue channel), and 74.

As a consequence of a breach of behaviour or sportsmanship, the IJ may apply disciplinary actions. This shall apply during all of the event ashore and afloat. The owner or his representative is responsible for the behaviour of the crew.

### COVID-19

Protocols and prescription regarding the COVID-19 may be published at any time. They will state if they have the status of a rule.

The OA may postpone or cancel the event at any time if it considers that this is required by reasons related to COVID-19. The competitors are not entitled to claim any compensation for any expenses they have incurred for their participation or preparation for participation in the event.

Notice is also hereby given to all participants including officials, volunteers, and others that they participate in this event solely at their own risk and voluntarily assume the risks associated with communicable diseases, including, but not limited to, COVID-19.

## 22. INSURANCE

22.1 Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of Euro 1,500,000.00 per incident even if occurred when racing.

## 23. IMAGE RIGHT WAIVER

23.1 Yachts, crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost, OAs and their sponsors 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 sponsors’ involvement in sailing event.

## 24. PRIZES

24.1 The following trophies and awards will be presented:

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> IRC yacht crossing Porto Cervo Gate on corrected time.  
1<sup>st</sup> ORC Group 1 yacht crossing Porto Cervo Gate on corrected time.  
1<sup>st</sup> ORC Group 2 yacht crossing Porto Cervo Gate on corrected time.
- b. **Giuseppe Tasca d'Almerita Trophy - "First yacht to cross the finishing line"**: will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> yacht to finish in Montecarlo on elapsed time.
- c. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> IRC class to finish in Montecarlo on corrected time.  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ORC Group 1 to finish in Montecarlo on corrected time.  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ORC Group 2 to finish in Montecarlo on corrected time.
- d. **Perpetual Challenge "Angelo Randazzo" Trophy**: will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> overall yacht on corrected time of either ORC or IRC, whichever has the highest number of starters. If the number of starters is the same, the trophy will be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- e. **Emanuele Bruno Trophy**, first Sicilian yacht.
- f. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> yachts on corrected time of Palermo Montecarlo - Double Handed of ORC or IRC class, whichever has the highest number of starters.
- g. 1<sup>st</sup> Class 40 yachts
- h. 1<sup>st</sup> yacht in any other class
- i. IMA trophy to the best placed International Maxi Association member competing in the Maxi start.
- j. Other prizes may be awarded at discretion of the OA.

## 25. FURTHER INFORMATION

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