

RC 44 Puerto Calero Gold Cup 2008 December the 9th to the 14th

The RC44 Puerto Calero Gold Cup 2008 will be organised by Club de Mar Puerto Calero in co-operation with the RC 44 Class Association.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. For the fleet racing, ISAF Addendum Q, as modified in the Sailing Instructions approved by Italian Sailing Federation under RRS 86.3 may apply. For the match racing, Appendix C of RRS will apply. No national authority prescriptions will apply.

1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.

1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.

1.4 The RC 44 Class Rules, the RC 44 Sailing Instructions, the RC 44 Class Association Constitution and the RC 44 Annual Championship Rules will apply.

2. ADVERTISING

The event is classified Category 'C' as per Regulation 20, ISAF Advertising Code.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The Trieste Cup RC 44 2008 is open to all boats of the RC 44 class that comply to the obligations of the Class Rules, RC 44 Class Association regulations and their National Authority, in the case that a National Authority exists.

3.2 Eligible teams may enter by completing the entry form and sending it 1. The Organiser office, liaison person for this event is Melanie Symes, info@rc44puertocalero.com and 2. The Class office: bertrand.favre@rc44.com on or before November 15th 2008

4. CLASSIFICATION

4.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply. The skippers are responsible for their team registration to ISAF and shall send a copy of the classification certificate of each crew (including himself) with the entry form. Skippers shall provide the ISAF ID for each crew at registration. Skippers can register their crew on the ISAF website www.sailing.org.

4.2 For full information regarding the crew limitations, see Class Rules Section C 'Conditions for racing'.

5. FEES

No Entry Fee is required.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Registration and crew weighing will be at the Regatta Office on December the 8th and 9th from 9:30 to 18:00.

6.2 Measurement will be at the Regatta Office from Friday, December the 5th to Monday, December the 8th.

6.3 Practice Race on the 9th at 14:30. 6.4 Match racing series are scheduled on December 10th and 11th. Format and first warning signal will be specified in the S.I. Skippers shall attend the match racing briefing prior to racing on the morning of December 10th.

6.5 Skippers shall attend the fleet racing briefing on the morning of December 12th. Fleet racing series will be sailed on December 12th, 13th and 14th. Maximum four races per day are scheduled. Short coastal races can be scheduled, depending on the weather conditions. No initial Warning Signal will be made after 1500hrs on Sunday, December 14th.

6.6 The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

7. MEASUREMENT

7.1 Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate.

7.2 A full measurement of all sails and a check on each boat will be organized from Friday the 5th PM to Monday the 8th PM. Schedule of measurement will be organized by Class Office when the team register to the race.

7.3 The Organisers may weight, measure or inspect any boat and or her sails and equipment before, during or after the races. There will be no facilities for initial sails measurement. Each boat shall sail with measured sails (initial measurement at the sail loft) and comply with the Class Rules and sails stickers regulations.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on December 9th from 9:30 to 18:00, at registration.

9. VENUE

The racing area for Match racing series is in front of Puerto Calero. The racing area for Fleet racing is in front of Puerto Calero. The racing areas can be modified at the discretion of the OA and depending on the weather conditions.

10. COURSES

10.1 Fleet race: the course to be sailed will be windward-leeward configuration. Spreader marks and leeward gates shall be used. Short long distance races may be scheduled.

10.2 Match race: the course to be sailed will be windward-leeward configuration. Leeward gates shall be used.

11. SCORING

11.1 The Low Point System of Appendix 'A' will apply to the fleet racing series

11.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.3 Each Boat's score shall be the total of her race scores. No score will be excluded.

11.4 Scoring prescribed in RRS Appendix C will apply to the Match racing series.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall be identified as decided by the Organisers.

13. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

13.2 All boats are to be afloat and moored by 17:00 on December 8th, including boats not participating in the Match racing series. There shall be no facilities available to assemble the boats during the Match racing series.

13.3 Boats shall be kept on the assigned pontoons in the harbour.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

14.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta, unless approved in written by the OA.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

15.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15.2 Race information will be given on VHF Channel 72

16. PRIZES

The prizes will be given as follows:

Trophy to the winner of the Match Racing Series,

Trophy to the winner of the Fleet Racing Series,

Trophy to the winner of the DHL Race.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 Decision to Race.

17.2 The owner/competitor is entirely responsible for his own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

17.3 It is for the owner/competitor to decide whether the boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which they will find themselves. By launching or going to sea, the owner/competitor confirms that boat is fit for those conditions and the crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

17.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owner/competitor nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however, it may have occurred, as a result of the owner/competitor taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters.

17.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the owner/competitor of her responsibilities.

20 INSURANCE

The boat is required to hold adequate third-party insurance, and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate.