



**INTERNATIONAL MELGES 24 CLASS
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2009**



21 August to 28 August 2009

COYCH

Hyères- France

The International Melges 24 European Championship 2009 will be organised by the COYCH, in co-operation with The French Melges 24 Class Association and the International Class Melges 24 Association.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES.

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The FFVoile prescriptions to rules 64.3, 68, 70.5, and 91 shall apply, and are stated in full in NOR 25.
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Advertising will conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 and the Class Rules.

2.2 Boats may be required to display identification numbers and sponsors advertising for the duration of the event in accordance with ISAF regulation 20.4. These items will be supplied free of charge by the Organizing Authority at registration.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Championship is open to all boats of the Melges 24 class that meet with the obligations of the Class Rules and their National Authority, in the case that a National Authority exists.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and sending it, together with the required fee, to the COYCH before 03 July 2009.
- 3.3 Late entries will be accepted subject to a 30% surcharge.
- 3.4 No entries will be accepted after 01 August 2009

3.5 The Organising Authority will acknowledge complete entries upon receipt via email and post on the official event web site at www.m24european2009.com or www.coych.org

4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply to teams in the Corinthian Trophy. Please refer to ISAF's Web site: www.sailing.org
- 4.2 Competitors must indicate the ISAF classification for each sailor on the entry form if entering for the Corinthian Trophy and their unique ISAF User ID Number
- 4.3 The closing date for the registration of Corinthian entries shall be as in 3.4 above.
- 4.4 Sailors must be registered with ISAF prior to the date identified in 3.4 and be able to declare their User ID number on the entry form.
- 4.5 Late entries cannot be considered for this trophy.**
- 4.6 Classification will be checked at registration. A final list will be published at the close of registration.
- 4.7 Protests regarding ISAF classifications shall be submitted by the end of the protest time limit on the first day of racing for the championship.
- 4.8 Full details for the Corinthian Trophy can be found in the IMCA Championship rules.

5. FEES

5.1 The Entry Fee will be €700. This Entry Fee includes launching at commencement and recovery at conclusion of the regatta at designated times, berthing for the event, trailer storage and tickets to the principal events for all competing crew.

5.2 Entry fees should be made by bank transfer payable to:

HSBC Hyères, 18 bis, avenue Gambetta, 83400 HYERES FRANCE

IBAN Bank: FR 76, BIC Code or Swift :CCFRFRPP

Bank code	Desk code	Account N°	Key
30056	00271	02715426332	24

Credit Card payment will be accepted by completing details on Entry Form, entries will not be valid until payment is received.

6 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

6.1 If there are more than 100 boats registered then the race committee may decide to divide the competitors into 2 fleets with a qualifying and final series.

6.2 If a Qualifying Series and Final Series are held, the following will apply:

6.2.1 Maximum of 3 races a day may be sailed with a maximum of 12 races for the regatta.

6.2.2 The regatta will consist of a qualifying series of a maximum of 6 races followed by a final series of a maximum of 6 races.

6.2.3 For the qualifying series, the race committee will divide the competitors into four groups of as nearly equal size as possible, which will sail in alternating combinations.

6.2.4 Based on the results of the qualifying series, the fleet will be divided into a Gold Fleet and a Silver Fleet for the finals.

6.2.5 Competitors will be informed in which group they will sail their qualifying series by the close of registration

7. SCHEDULE

7.1

Day	Date	Event	Time
Friday	21 August	Registration & Measurement Weigh-in Cranage	9:00-18:00 10:00-12:00; 14:00-18:00
Saturday	22 August	Registration & Measurement Weigh-in Cranage All Boats Afloat	9:00-18:00 9:00-12:00 ; 14:00-18:00 18:00
Sunday	23 August	Registration & Measurement Weight-in Practice Races Competitors' Meeting Opening Ceremonies	9:00-18:00 Warning signal at 13:00 18:00 18:30
Monday	24 August	Racing	Warning signal at 10:00
Tuesday	25 August	Racing	Warning signal at 10:00
Wednesday	26 August	Racing	Warning signal at 10:00
Thursday	27 August	Racing	Warning signal at 10:00
Friday	28 August	Racing	Warning signal at 10:00

		Awards Presentation	No warning signal after 14:30 18:00
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- 7.2 If there are more than 100 boats and the fleet is split, twelve (12) races are scheduled.
If there are less than 100 boats and boats race as one fleet, ten (10) races are scheduled
- 7.3 The O.A. and/or the R.C. reserve the right to modify the programme due to weather conditions or other causes.

8. MEASUREMENTS

- 8.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate before the close registration on Sunday 23 August at 18:00.
- 8.2 The Organisers may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races.
- 8.3 Registration of sails and limitation stamping will take place during periods stated in 7.1 above. **THERE WILL BE NO FACILITIES FOR INITIAL MEASUREMENT.** Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before arrival at the regatta.
- 8.4 In accordance with rule G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the class rules.
- 8.5 During the regatta checks on conformity with class rules, including measurement requirements may be performed at any time
- 8.6 A boat will provide a minimum of 2 people to facilitate measurement.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available after the final registration of each boat.

10. VENUE

- 10.1 Attachment 'A' shows the location of Hyères regatta harbour and COYCH Clubhouse.
- 10.2 Attachment 'B' shows the location of the racing areas.

11. THE COURSES

The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward configuration with fleet racing. Spreader/offset marks and leeward gates shall be used.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 12.2 Rule 'Appendix P' (Special Procedures for Rule 42) shall apply.
- 12.3 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

13. SCORING

- 13.1 The Low Point System of rule A4 will apply.
- 13.2 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.3 Discards:
 - 13.3.1 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 13.3.2 When from six to twelve races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1 Support boats shall be identified as decided by the Organisers.
- 14.2 The IMCA Coach and Support boat appendix shall be in operation and is attached to this NOR.

15. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

- 15.1 Cranage will be available at the following times:

Day	Date	Event	Time
Friday	21 August	Cranage	10:00-12:00, 14:00-18:00
Saturday	22 August	Cranage	9:00-12:00, 14:00-18:00
Friday	28 August	Cranage	After races to 18:00
Saturday	29 August	Cranage	10:00-12:00

Cranage outside these hours will be subject to additional charge with payment to the Hyères harbour.

- 15.2 All boats shall be afloat by 18:00 on Saturday 22 August 2009.
- 15.3 Boats shall be kept on the assigned pontoons in the harbour. Fenders and mooring lines will be required.
- 15.4 Bow numbers will establish the priority or order of berthing assignments, haul out order, and other items at the discretion of the OA.

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

17. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus (including snorkels) and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1 All boat must have a VHF.
- 18.2 Except in an emergency, 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.
- 18.3 Race information will be given on VHF Channel 72

19. PRIZES

The prizes will be given as follows:

Single Fleet	Open Division	Corinthian Division
Daily Prizes	Winner of each individual race Current series leaders - 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd (excluding final day)	Winner of each individual race Current series leaders - 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd (excluding final day)
Overall Prizes	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top eight boats	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top six boats

Split Fleet	Open Division		Corinthian Division	
Daily Prizes -	Winner of	Winner of	Winner of each	Winner of each

Races 1 to 6	each individual race on course A Current series leaders - 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd	each individual race on course B	individual race on course A Current series leaders - 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd	individual race on course B
Daily Prizes - Race 7 - 12	Winner of each individual race in gold fleet Current series leaders - 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd (excluding final day)	Winner of each individual race in silver fleet	Winner of each individual race in gold fleet Current series leaders - 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd (excluding final day)	Winner of each individual race in silver fleet
Overall Prizes	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top five boats overall in the gold fleet	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top five boats in the silver fleet	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top three Corinthian boats overall in the gold fleet	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top three Corinthian boats in the Silver fleet

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4 Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

21 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1 500 000 per event or the equivalent.

22 TELEVISION & PHOTOGRAPHERS' RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

23 CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority may change the Notice of Race; see rule 89.2(a). Any such changes will be posted on the regatta web site, www.m24european2009.com.

24 FURTHER INFORMATION and KEY CONTACTS

24.1 For further information about the 2009 European Championship please contact:

- Event Web Site www.m24european2009.com
- REGATTA COORDINATOR
BERENGUIER Régis
COYCH
61, avenue du Docteur Robin
83400 Hyères France
+33624984685
Fax:+33494386814
Regis.berenguier@free.fr
- M24 INTERNATIONAL MEASURER
CONTI Jean-Loius, International Measurer
jeanlouisconti@googlemail.com
- PRINCIPAL RACE OFFICER (PRO)
LEMAIRE Pierre
lemairepi@wanadoo.fr
- JURY CHAIRMAN
O'GORMAN Tony

tonyogorman@orange.fr

24.2 Social calendar together with tourist information, accommodation availability and other details will be posted on the website when available. Event Web Site www.m24european2009.com or www.coych.org

25 FFVOILE PRESCRIPTIONS

RRS 64.3 (*) :

Jury may ask the parties to the protest, prior to checking procedures, a deposit covering the cost of checking arising from a measurement protest.

RRS 68 (*) :

Any claim for damages arising from an incident involving a boat bound by the RRS shall be subject to the appropriate courts and will not be considered by the jury.

RRS 70.5 (*) :

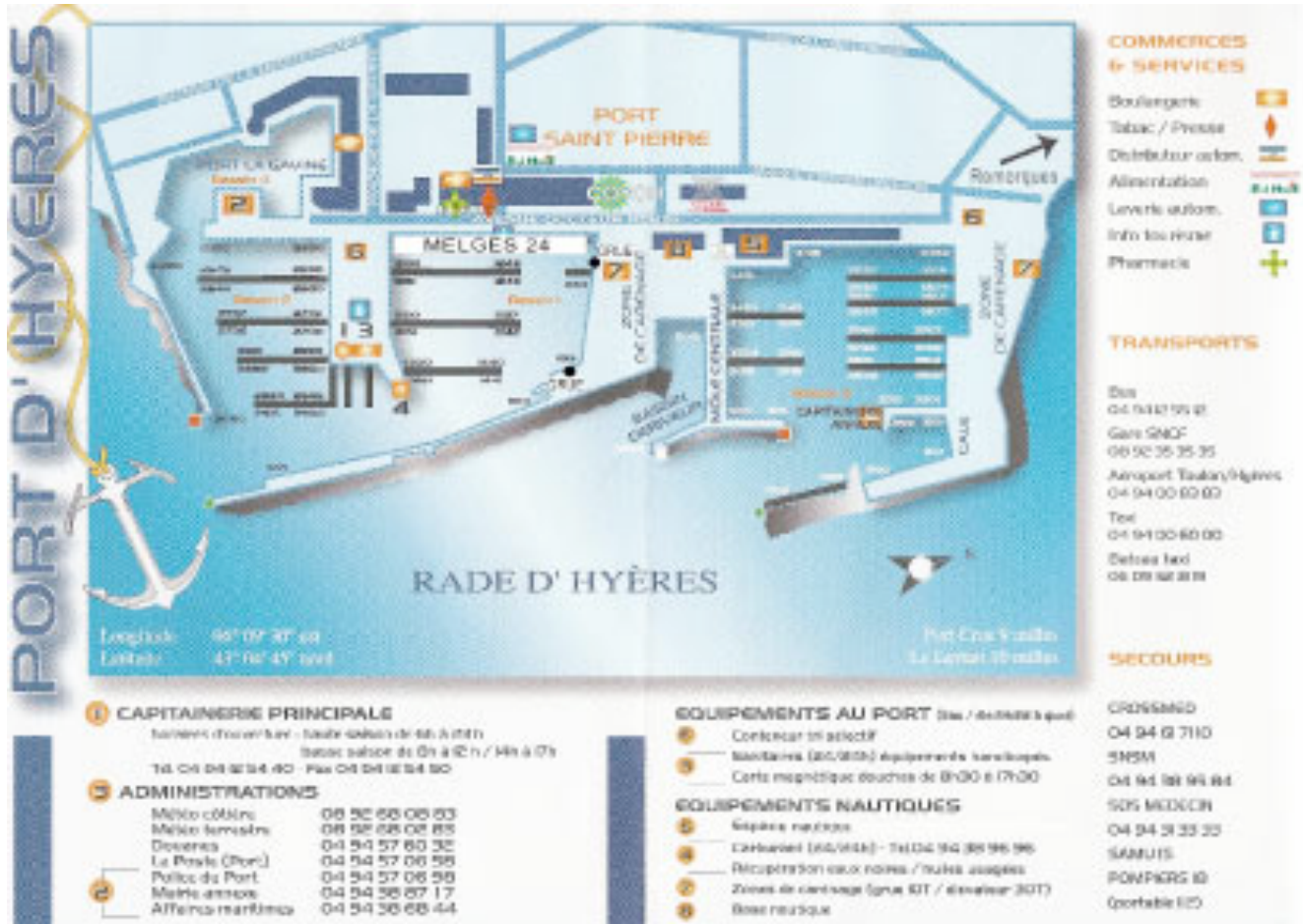
In such circumstances, the written approval of the FFVoile shall be received before publishing the notice of race and shall be posted on the official notice board during the competition.

RRS 91 (*) :

The appointment of an international jury meeting the requirements of Appendix N is subject to prior written approval of the FFVoile. Such notice of approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

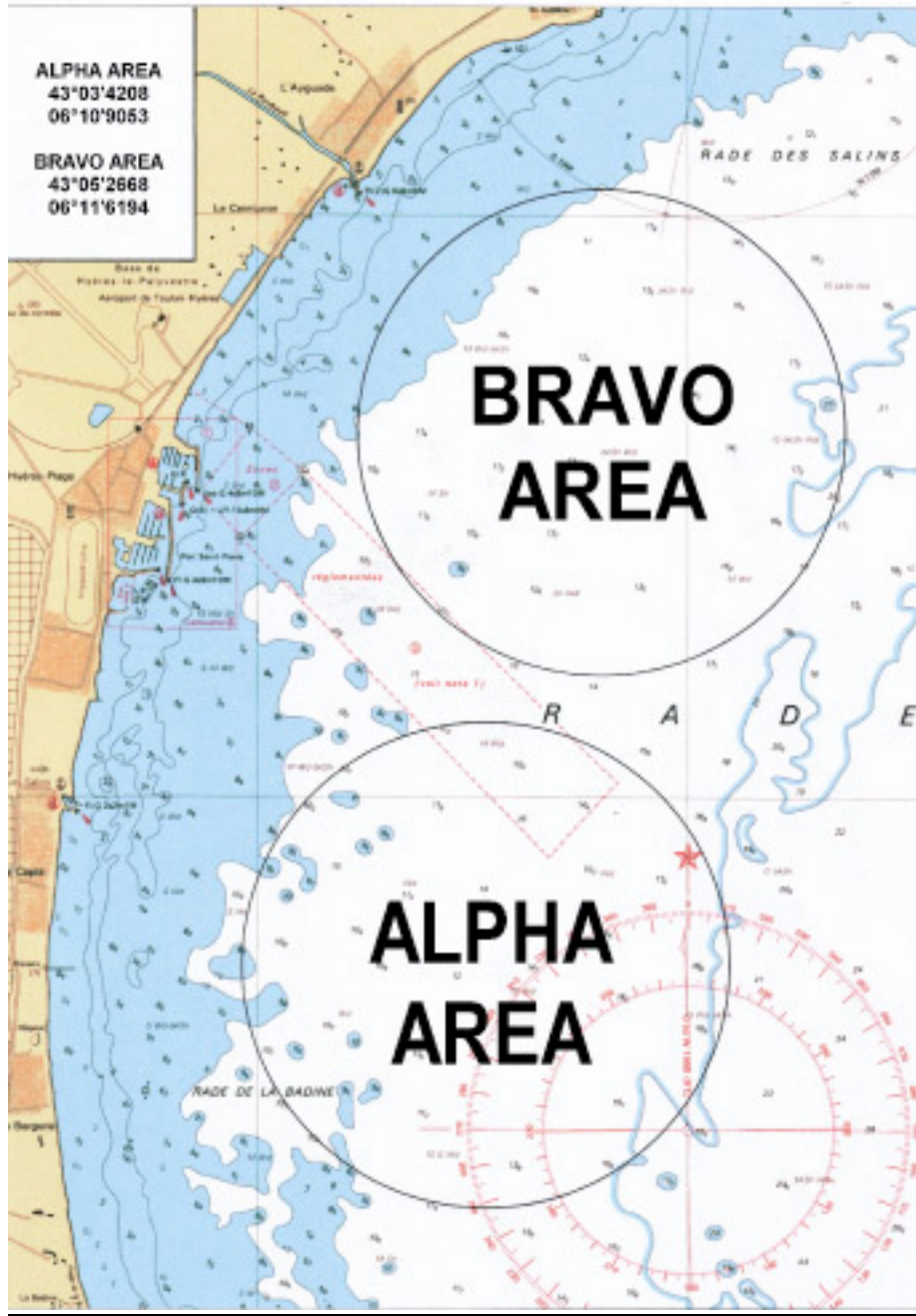
ATTACHMENT A

Harbour and Clubhouse



ATTACHMENT B

RACING AREA



ATTACHMENT C

COACH, SUPPORT, PRESS & SPECTATOR BOATS

COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

1. Coach and supporter boats shall register with the race office during registration. They shall declare which boat or boats they are attached to. They must also go to the harbour office to register their boat.
2. Coach and supporter boats shall keep clear of the racing area at all times during racing.
3. Any Coach or support boat that interferes with another competitor or the racing in any way, including creating excess wash, or hinders an official boat carrying out its duties shall have their race boat or boats liable to a penalty at the discretion of the jury.
4. The penalty given by the jury is at their discretion, but shall be applied to the overall score and therefore not discarded.
5. No coach boat or support boat shall pass information in any way to a boat that is racing. Rule 41. Infringements of this will be taken very seriously.
6. Coach and support boats shall communicate only with the boats they are registered to, and only by means of voice between races. Closed VHF or mobile telephone communication is prohibited.
7. Coach and support boats shall display a flag, or other identification symbol, as may be required by the Race Committee.
8. All Melges 24 boats shall proceed to the racing area under their own power.
9. There shall be no transfer of any goods or equipment from leaving the dock until after the finish of the last race of the day between Melges 24's and their coach or supporter boats.
10. Coach and support boats shall not go alongside their Melges 24's until after the finish of the last race of the day.

11. Any competitor may protest under this attachment.

PRESS AND SPECTATOR BOATS

1. All press and official spectator boats shall be registered with the race organisers during registration.
2. Press and spectator boats shall not interfere with the racing in anyway and shall stay at a distance outside the race course where their wake causes no problem.
3. The organisers may appoint one or more photo boats, which will be allowed within the race course. The position of these boats shall not be grounds for redress.
4. Press and spectator boats shall display any flag, or other identification symbol as may be required by the race committee.



<h2>Entry Form</h2>

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COYCH

Address: 61, Avenue du Docteur Robin 83400 Hyères, France

Tel: +33494386167; Fax: +33494386814; email: coych@wanadoo.fr

Web site: www.coych.org and event site: www.m24european2009.com

To be returned prior to:
03 JULY 2009 without late penalty
01 August 2009 with late penalty

Name of Yacht: _____

Sail Number: _____

Club: _____

Correspondence Address of Owner/Helmsman:

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Corinthian Championship Entry **YES/NO** (Delete as applicable)

If entering the Corinthian Championship please provide the ISAF Sailor Classification Group, ID number and Classification Expiry Date for each member of your crew and complete the Corinthian Declaration below. Please print all information clearly to avoid confusion.

Name	Group	ID No	Expires
Owner: _____	_____	_____	_____
Helm: _____	_____	_____	_____
Crew: _____	_____	_____	_____
Crew: _____	_____	_____	_____
Crew: _____	_____	_____	_____
Crew: _____	_____	_____	_____

By signing this declaration, the applicants are requesting to be scored in the Corinthian Division for the regatta listed above ("regatta") and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this declaration and the rules of the International Melges 24 Class Association (IMCA).

CORINTHIAN DIVISION RULE:

The helm for the regatta must be currently registered with the International Sailing Federation ("ISAF") Sailor Classification System as a Group 1 sailor. In addition, all crew members for the regatta must be currently registered with the ISAF Sailor Classification System as a Group 1 or a Group 2 sailor.

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The ISAF Competitor Classification Declaration and rules can be found on-line at www.sailing.org. By completing and signing this declaration, the applicants are certifying they understand the above requirements and will remain in compliance with the rules during the regatta.

CORINTHIAN QUESTIONS:

At the time of completing this Corinthian Division declaration:

The helm is (if the answer is NO to the following question, you do not qualify for the Corinthian Division):

Response

(1) Currently registered under the ISAF Classification as a Group 1 Sailor?
YES/NO (Delete as applicable)

All crew members are (if the answer is NO to the following question, you do not qualify for the Corinthian Division):

Response

(1) Currently registered under the ISAF Classification as Group 1 or 2 Sailors?
YES/NO (Delete as applicable)

DECLARATION - CORINTHIAN ENTRIES:

I have read and understand the ISAF Sailor Classification Code and IMCA Corinthian Division rule, and I am not aware of any information that would disqualify me from competing for a Corinthian trophy. I will inform the IMCA and race organizers as soon as any of this information changes in any way that might change the boat's eligibility to compete in the Corinthian Division. I agree the IMCA or any body or person acting with its authority may seek any information it needs from any source at any time to verify the ISAF Classification for the helm and crew.

I realize that if I give false or misleading information in this declaration for the Corinthian Division, I or members of my crew may be subject to a hearing under rule 2 and/or rule 69, suspension/expulsion under paragraph 8 of the IMCA Constitution, and the helm may be disqualified from earning points for any IMCA ranking event for a period of one year.

I have read and understand the above conditions and wish to be scored in the Corinthian Division for this regatta.

Signed: _____

DECLARATION - ALL ENTRIES:

I agree to be bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and by all other *rules* that govern this event. I confirm that I will have third party insurance in place for the duration of the event, the sum of which is my entire and sole responsibility to ensure that it is adequate. I confirm that the owner and helmsman of this boat comply with IMCA membership requirements as detailed in Class Rule C.9.

I enclose:

- A copy of my Yacht's Measurement Certificate
- Entry Fee of € 700 (copy of the bank transfer)

Signed: _____

Date: _____

HOME ADDRESSES:

OWNER:

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HELM:

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CREW 1:

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CREW 2:

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CREW 3:

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CREW 4:

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