

NOTICE OF RACE

43rd PALAMOS – CHRISTMAS RACE

PALAMÓS - COSTA BRAVA, SPAIN 18 to 22 December 2018

Laser Standard, Laser Radial M & W, Finn, 470 M & W and 420 M & W.

The 43 CHRISTMAS RACE will be held in the Bay of Palamós from 18 to 22 December 2018.

The regatta will be organized by Club Nàutic Costa Brava / Vela Palamós, authorised by the Real Federación Española de Vela and Federació Catalana de Vela

This Regatta is part of the COEV (Spanish Olympic Sailing Circuit).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 RSS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply.
- 1.3 The RFEV Prescriptions will apply. http://www.rfev.es/uploaded_files/prescripciones-rfev-v3-2013-2016-espaaol-ingles2.pdf_126_es.pdf
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6 All competitors will be required to wear an adequate personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.7 In all rules governing this regatta (NP) denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

2. ADVERTISING and BOW NUMBERS [NP][DP]

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Competitors and coaches shall enter by completing the on-line entry form on the event website <http://www.christmasrace.org>

Online entry opens on 1st August 2018. Entries must be received and paid no later than 18 November 2018 to qualify for the early entry fee.

Entry in the event is not final until registration is completed.

- 3.2 Eligibility shall apply. Each athlete shall be registered as a World Sailing Sailor on the World Sailing website: www.sailing.org/isafsailor
- 3.3 The event is also open to mixed crews in the 470 class that will be included in 470 Men results, and mixed crews in 420 Class that will be included in 420 Men results.
- 3.4 Competitors under 18 years of age shall present a signed and completed parent (or guardian) consent and declaration form at registration. The forms are available for download on the event website <http://www.christmasrace.org>
- 3.5 The event is open to following classes:

Olympic Classes

Event	Class	Minimum Entries
Men's One Person Dinghy	Laser	15
Women's One Person Dinghy	Laser Radial	15
Men's One Person Dinghy Heavy	FINN	15
Men's Two Person Dinghy	470	15
Women's Two Person Dinghy	470	15

World Sailing Youth Classes

Boys One Person Dinghy	Laser Radial	15
Boys Two Person Dinghy	420	15
Girls Two Person Dinghy	420	15

- 3.6 The organizing authority may cancel an event if the minimum number of entries has not been received by midnight (local time), 1 December 2018.

Competitors will be notified of cancelled events by email and posting on the event website.

The entry fees for cancelled events will be refunded.

4. FEES

- 4.1 Fees are stated in Euros and include any local taxes. Entries received and paid by **18 November 2018** will qualify for the early Entry fee.

Olympic Classes

Class	Entry fee	Early Entry Fee
Single Handed Event	170 €	140 €
Double Handed Event	250 €	220 €
Coaches, Support boats	80 €	60 €

World Sailing Youth Classes

Class	Entry fee	Early Entry Fee
Single Handed Youth Event	170€	140€
Double Handed Youth Event	230€	160€
Coaches, Support boats	80 €	60 €

4.2 If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refund
On or before 18 th November 2018	80%
Between 19 th November and 7 th December 2018	50%
After 8 th December 2018	0%

5. FORMAT

The regatta will consist of a single series.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Registration for competitors, coaches and team leaders is scheduled from 09:30h to 19:30h on Tuesday, 18th December 2018 at Club Nàutic Costa Brava / Vela Palamós.

6.2 The first Meteo briefing for coaches and team leaders is scheduled at 09:00h on Wednesday, 19th December 2018 at Club Nàutic Costa Brava / Vela Palamós.

6.3 The schedule of races and dates of racing are as follows:

Olympic Classes

Event	Racing Dates	Number of Races
Men's One Person Dinghy	19 th – 22 nd December 2018	11
Women's One Person Dinghy	19 th – 22 nd December 2018	11
Men's One Person Dinghy Heavy	19 th – 22 nd December 2018	11
Men's Two Person Dinghy	19 th – 22 nd December 2018	11
Women's Two Person Dinghy	19 th – 22 nd December 2018	11

World Sailing Youth Classes

Event	Racing Dates	Number of Races
Boys One Person Dinghy	19 th – 22 nd December 2018	11
Boys Two Person Dinghy	19 th – 22 nd December 2018	11
Girls Two Person Dinghy	19 th – 22 nd December 2018	11

6.4 The scheduled time for the warning signal of the first race in each racing area is 11:00 hours.

6.5 On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 16:00 h.

7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

7.1 Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate (if required by the Class rules). Boats shall use the approved Nationality Code Letters on their sails as required by the RRS.

7.2 Competitors shall produce evidence of membership of the appropriate Class association at the time of registration as may be required by the Organizing Authority.

7.3 Boats may be subject to inspection at any time during the event. The procedures for inspections will be specified in the Sailing Instructions or Equipment Inspection Regulations (EIR).

7.4 The equipment limitations as specified in the Class rules shall apply.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available beginning 18th December 2018 at registration and on the event website. Other documents governing the event will be published with the Sailing Instructions.

9. THE COURSES

9.1 The courses will be "Trapezoid" or "Windward/Leeward".

9.2 Details of the Courses will be given in the Sailing Instructions.

10. INTERNATIONAL JURY

An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with rule RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

11. SCORING

11.1 At least 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. SUPPORT BOATS AND PERSONNEL [NP][DP]

12.1 All support boats shall be registered with the organizing authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations. The organizing authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.

12.2 All support boats shall clearly display the 3 letter national code of their World Sailing Member National Authority at all times while afloat. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200 mm. and visible from both sides of the boat.

12.3 Support boats with team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the starting sequence until all

boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

12.4 All coaches and team leaders shall present the coach boat insurance. Spanish coaches shall present a valid technical license (RFEV).

12.5 Registered support boats shall act as rescue boats in case of need. If the Race Committee displays flag V all support boats shall monitor VHF channel 69 and comply with requests from the Race Committee and any published Safety Procedures.

13. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the Club.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, text messages or cellular phone calls while racing except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the Race Committee.

15. PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 boats in each event.

15.2 Only Olympic Classes are eligible for the absolute winner trophy "MANUEL ALBALAT IN MEMORIAM TROPHY".

16. INSURANCE

Each participating crew shall present a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage of at least 1,500,000 Euros (or equivalent) per incident.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

The Organizing Committee or any part involved with the organization of the event disclaim any and every responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, injury or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and at sea as a consequence of participation in the races covered by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

18. MEDIA RIGHTS

18.1 By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority 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 athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

18.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organizing Authority.

18.3 The top three competitors as well as the individual race winners may be required to attend a media press conference each day.

18.4 Competitors may be required for interviews at the regatta.

19. TRAINING

From 18th November to 18th December there will be free training for all sailors participating in the Christmas Race who have entered and paid the entry fee.

All those teams wishing to come and train in Palamós before regatta must inform the Regatta Office at info@christmasrace.org

20. ACCOMMODATION

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21. FURTHER INFORMATION

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