



**PORTO MONTENEGRO
YACHT CLUB**



PORTO MONTENEGRO MATCH RACE - GRADE 2

Porto Montenegro Yacht Club

8th - 11th May 2025

Tivat, Montenegro

NOTICE OF RACE

The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

PC: Protest Committee or International Jury	RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing
OA: Organising Authority	RC: Race Committee
SI: Sailing Instruction	[NP]: A boat may not protest, as per NoR 1.3

NoR: Notice of Race

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, including RRS Appendix C
- 1.2. The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions, will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4. The event has applied for World Sailing Grade 2. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is a clear reason to do so.
- 1.5. An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91.(b) and RRS Appendix N. The right of appeal will be denied in accordance with RRS 70.5.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The SI's will be available after 10 am on 8th May at PMYC.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at PMYC.
- 3.2. Signals made ashore will be displayed from PMYC Sailing Squadron.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Up to 12 skippers will be invited. Skippers wishing to receive an invite may register their request with the OA by email to pmycss@portomontenegro.com by **10th March 2025**.
- 4.2. Only skippers invited by the OA, and who confirm acceptance of the invitation via email, will be eligible to enter this event.

- 4.3. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.4.
- 4.4. All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/sailors/world-sailing-profile/ Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.
- 4.5. The skipper shall complete registration, pay any entry fee, arrange the damage deposit of 750 EUR and shall ensure that all crew complete crew weighing, all between 10am - 6pm, 8th May, unless extended by the OA.

Entry fee will be as below if invitation accepted by applicable date:

650 EUR. Entry fee shall be made by card, bank transfer* or cash in EUR.

*Any bank transfer fees are the responsibility of the person making the transfer and can be as much as 25€.

- 4.6. When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2.2(d)).

5. DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 5.1. Each supplied boat is insured by the OA for third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1,032,425 EUR per incident.
- 5.2. Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless the responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to continue in the event.
- 5.3. The OA will refund any remaining damage deposit within 10 days after the event.

6. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 6.1. The number of crew (including the skipper but excluding persons placed on board by the OA) shall be four (4) or five (5). All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 6.2. After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.
- 6.3. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 6.4. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustments.
- 6.5. The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 350kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.
- 6.6. Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. When crew weight was checked prior to racing, at any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalised, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.
- 6.7. The OA may place a person on each boat as either a guest, cameraman or umpire observer.

7. EVENT FORMAT

- 7.1. The OA intends to provide 7 J70 type boats, including 1 spare, for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib and Gennaker.
- 7.2. Boats will be allocated as decided by the race committee. The intention of the RC will be to allocate boats by draw, either daily or for each round. The RC may also require boats to be exchanged in a knock-out stage.
- 7.3. The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC.
- 7.4. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boat variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 7.5. The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC with the intention of the RC to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight.
- 7.6. The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.
- 7.7. The intended racing area will be Tivat Bay, in front of Porto Montenegro Marina.
- 7.8.
 - (a.) Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on Open World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.

- (b.) After the First Stage the following will apply:
 - 1) Skippers will be paired based on ranking in the First Stage with the highest-ranked skipper paired with the lowest and the other skippers paired accordingly unless the stage specifies a different arrangement.
 - 2) In reference to RRS C4.1, the highest-ranked skipper from the first stage shall choose their end for the first match and boats shall alternate every odd match.
 - 3) Crews will exchange boats after odd matches of the series unless otherwise agreed by both skippers.
 - 4) Further matches in the series will not be sailed once the first skipper scores the points required for that stage.
- 7.9. The event will consist of the following stages:
 - (a.) First Stage – Round Robin(s)
 - 1) All skippers will sail a round robin, and second round robin if time permits.
 - 2) The four highest-scoring skippers shall qualify for the next stage.
 - (b.) Second Stage – Knock-out Semi-finals
 - 1) The skipper finishing first in Stage One shall select his opponent when requested by the RC to do so. The remaining two skippers shall race each other.
 - 2) The first skipper of each series to score at least 3 points shall proceed to the Forth Stage, and the losing skippers shall proceed to the Third Stage.
 - (c.) Third Stage – Knock-Out Third and Fourth Place
 - 1) The losing semi-finalists shall race to determine third and fourth place.
 - 2) The first skipper to score at least 3 points shall be awarded third place, and the losing skipper awarded fourth place.
 - (d.) Forth Stage – Knock-Out Final
 - 1) The first skipper to score at least 3 points shall be awarded first place, and the losing skipper awarded second place.
 - (e.) Fifth Stage – King of the Castle
 - 1) The skippers place 5th to last in Stage One shall sail a King of the Castle, if time permits
- 7.10. The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

8. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

- 8.1. The following table sets out the provisional schedule of the event
 - (a.) Race office at PMYC is open from 8th May, 10 am to 6 pm.
 - (b.) Registration at PMYC 8th May, 10 am – 6 pm.
 - (c.) Crew weighing 8th May, 10 am – 6 pm.
 - (d.) Practice from 8th May 11 am – 1 pm, 1 pm – 3 pm and 3 pm – 5 pm*.
 - (e.) First briefing at PMYC on 9th May, 9 am.
 - (f.) First meeting with umpires following the first briefing.
 - (g.) Racing days 9th, 10th & 11th May..
 - (h.) Time of the first race each day will be 11 am, unless agreed to start earlier at the Race Brief.
 - (i.) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be approximately 4 pm.
 - (j.) Social dinner for teams is planned for 10th May, 7 pm and is included in the entry fee
 - (k.) Prize giving on 11th May straight after racing, approximately 5 pm at Porto Montenegro Yacht Club.

*Please register in advance for your practice time with OA by email (pmycss@portomontenegro.com)

- 8.2. Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
 - (a.) Initial briefing, for skippers.
 - (b.) Daily briefing, for skippers.
 - (c.) Social dinner on 10th May for all teams.
 - (d.) Prize giving.

9. ADVERTISING

- 9.1. Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

10. [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 10.1. Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, and cooperation with event sponsors and shall behave so to not bring the event into disrepute.
- 10.2. Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

11. [NP] SUPPORT PERSON

- 11.1. Support person vessels shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.
- 11.2. Support persons shall stay approximately 100m from the racing area while boats are racing and comply with reasonable requests from the officials.

12. [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES, and SOUND

- 12.1. If required by the OA:
- (a.) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
 - (b.) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
 - (c.) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.
- 12.2. Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

13. DATA PROTECTION

- 13.1. By signing the event entry form, you agree that your personal data will be used and processed for purposes of realizing a business relationship and all in accordance with the Law on Protection of Personal Data as well as the Privacy Policy published on our official website as follows: www.portomontenegro.com/privacy-policy.

14. RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1. RRS 3 states: '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 an 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.

15. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

- 15.1. The prize for first place will be 500 EUR and the Porto Montenegro Match Race Trophy.
- 15.2. The prize for second place will be 250 EUR and a trophy.
- 15.3. The prize for third place is a trophy.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Jenny Puttock on pmycss@portomontenegro.com

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