

SPIRIT YACHTS MED CUP 2025

Palma de Mallorca

Wednesday 22nd to Sunday 26th October 2025

Organising Authority: Real Club Nautico de Palma

Notice of Race

1 Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The latest version of the following rules will also apply:
 - a) IRC Rules, Parts A, B and C.
 - b) The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 2024-2025 for Category 4 except as changed by this Notice of Race.
 - c) World Sailing OSR 3.09.1(a) (cockpit self-draining capability), 3.09.1(b) (cockpit sole above LWL) and 3.14 (pulpit, stanchions and lifelines) do not apply.
- 1.3 The navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) replace RRS Part 2 from sunset to sunrise.
- 1.4 Only the RFEV prescriptions to rule 65.1 Damages, shall apply.
<https://rfev.es/documentos/>
- 1.5 RRS 90.3(e) apply.
- 1.6 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of this Notice of Race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1

2 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available for each entrant at completion of the registration formalities and may be posted earlier at www.spirit-yachts.com/regatta

3 Communication

- 3.1 The online Official Notice Board (ONB) is located at www.spirityachts.com/regatta
- 3.2 Communication with competitors will be through the online ONB with additional courtesy information by e-mails and/or WhatsApp. Each boat shall have at least one device connected to the internet with WhatsApp application installed. Failure to receive information by e-mail or WhatsApp will not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 61.1(a). On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio.
- 3.3 [DP] RRS 41(c) is changed as follows:
 - a) A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except help in the form of information, which is freely available to all boats, whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription. However, this shall not include interpretation of information gathered by advice from any source not on the boat specific to the boat and her situation.
 - b) By way of an example and interpretation, downloading charts, weather and/or tidal GRIB files from subscription services, or having such information passed to the boat in its pure form, is permitted but receiving messages or information which is the result of interpretation from the person outside of the boat is not permitted.

4 Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 Competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Code.
- 4.2 The event is open to all monohull boats with a minimum of 9.2m length overall, designed by Spirit Yachts, built for recreational purposes in wood/epoxy technique by Spirit Yachts between 1993 and 2025 and with a valid 2025 IRC certificate.
- 4.3 The organising authority will, at its sole discretion, divide the fleet into classes based on the size, composition and attributes of the fleet. A notice with the preliminary class breaks will be posted on the event website before the first race.
- 4.4 The minimum number of entries will be defined according to the organising authority's discretion. If there are not enough entries by 30th September 2025 to provide a satisfactory regatta, the organising committee reserves the right to cancel any class. If a class is cancelled, the paid entry fees will be reimbursed.

- 4.5 Eligible boats may pre-register until 30 September 2025 by completing the online registration form at: www.spirityachts.com/regatta

Entrants should submit the form online, together with a copy of the current IRC Rating Certificate and the required fee to helen@spirityachts.com or:

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Organising Authority reserves the right to accept entries after that date with 50% increased entry fee.

- 4.6 To be considered as pre-registered, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees. The list of pre-registered boats will be updated on the event website upon receipt of each new entry.
- 4.7 Each owner or skipper must personally register in the race office located in Real Club Nautico de Palma on the day scheduled for registration.
- 4.8 On 1 March 2022, World Sailing published the following recommendations in reaction to the situation in Ukraine: <https://www.sailing.org/2022/03/01/world-sailing-statement-6>. After this, the Consejo Superior de Deportes of Spanish Government and Real Federación Española de Vela published recommendations in the same line. To help preserve the integrity and safety of this event the organizing committee does not accept competitors, holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality. The Organizing Authority will be monitoring the situation and will adapt recommendations and measures according to future developments for this event.
- 4.9 Spanish crew, legal residents in Spain or crew of a yacht owned by a member of a Spanish yacht club, shall present their 2025 national sailing federation license to the organising authority at registration.

5 Entry Fee

5.1 Entry fees, which include berthing and electricity, are:

- Smaller yachts: Spirit 46 (14.2m L.O.A) and Spirit 52 (15.9m L.O.A)
= 2,400 euros each
- Larger yachts: Spirit 60 (18m L.O.A) up to Spirit 111 (33.9m L.O.A)
= 3,300 euros each

Additional fees for social events apply and are detailed in the event brochure, which is available upon request. Upon submission of entry, an invoice will be sent to the entrant from Spirit Yachts. Entry will be confirmed in writing upon receipt of payment.

5.2 The organising authority is not responsible for any costs incurred by the non-acceptance of a boat's registration.

6 Crew Limitations

6.1 [DP] All yachts shall be helmed during racing by the owner or a member of the regular crew, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

6.2 No World Sailing categorisation requirements apply (see RRS 79).

7 Advertising

7.1 [DP] Boats and competitors shall only display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7.2 The organizing authority will supply Spirit Yachts flags to be flown by participating boats whilst berthed at RCNP.

8 Schedule

8.1

Wednesday	22nd October	Registration from 14.00 Evening: Welcome drinks with tapas
Thursday	23rd October	Skippers' briefing Race 1 Free evening
Friday	24th October	Skippers' briefing Race 2 Regatta dinner at RCNP
Saturday	25th October	Skippers' briefing Race 3 Regatta party in Palma
Sunday	26th October	Skippers' briefing Race 4 Prize giving

8.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day will be at 12:00

8.3 No warning signal will be made after 15:00 on 26 October 2025.

9 Equipment Inspection

- 9.1 Boats shall register on Wednesday 22 October 2025 and send an electronic copy of their IRC Certificate to helen@spirityachts.com by 30th September 2025
- 9.2 [DP] Boats shall be available for measurement checks by an official IRC measurer and for equipment inspection from 0800 to 1800 each day. This period may be extended in the case of a protest.
- 9.3 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the Notice of Race.

- 9.4 [DP] Boats shall carry a copy of their valid Certificate of Insurance (which must be in English) on board at all times during the event.

10 Venue

- 10.1 The venue for the event is the Real Club Nautico de Palma de Mallorca.
- 10.2 The coastal courses racing area will be waters of Bahia de Palma and its approaches, including Cabrera and Dragonera Islands.

11 Penalty system

- 11.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for breaking one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident outside the Zone while racing.
- 11.2 A protest committee will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91 a).

12 Scoring

- 12.1 Four coastal races are scheduled and at least 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score when 4 races have been completed.
- 12.4 Race results will be determined by corrected times calculated by TCC.

13 Support person vessels

- 13.1 [DP] All support person vessels shall register and request mooring at the RCNP's Race Office before 30th September 2025 presenting following documents:
- Proof of payment of the current insurance covering civil liability in regattas and an insurance policy covering a minimum amount of 1.000.000 €.
 - Sailing certificate or similar if the boat is not registered in Spain.
- 13.2 [DP] All the support boats shall clearly identify which team they support and shall have VHF radio.

14 Berthing

- 14.1 Berthing is included in the entry fee and will be at or nearby Real Club Náutico de Palma, from 12:00 on 21 October until 12:00 on 27 October 2025.

Before and after these dates, it is the owner's responsibility to cover any berthing expenses.

- 14.2 [NP][DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbour.

16 [NP][DP] Haul-out Restrictions

- 16.1 All boats shall be in the water on 21st October 2025 until the end of the last scheduled race of the series.
- 16.2 Boats shall not be hauled out except for the purposes of repairing damage; and only after written permission from the race committee. While hauled for this purpose, cleaning and polishing of the hull below the waterline will not be permitted. Appendages shall not be removed from the boat during the series.
- 16.3 Underwater breathing apparatus 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 event without the prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 16.4 Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

17 Data Protection

The Media Rights belong exclusively to the Real Club Náutico de Palma, ORC and to the Real Federación Española de Vela, and can be shared with the sponsors of these bodies and the competing Classes. Competitors grant the event's Sponsors and Organising Authority the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the yacht they are sailing during the event, to be published or broadcasted in any media whatsoever (including press, TV advertisements or internet) for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information, in this respect a competitor's name and biographical material may also be used or reproduced in any way.

The participants undertake not to do or allow any act of reproduction, public communication or any distribution of images of the race without previous authorisation from the Real Club Náutico de Palma, ORC and the Real Federación Española de Vela.

18 Risk statement

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. Competitors and support persons participate in the event entirely at their own risk. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, complies with the class rules, is equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

19 Competitor Drones

- 19.1 [DP] Teams or their representatives shall not fly drones over the shore facilities or over the race area during training or racing days without complying with local legislation and without prior written approval by the organizing authority.
- 19.2 The approval granted at the sole discretion of the organising authority may impose limitations on where and when drones may fly.
- 19.3 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 organizing authority, race committee or jury at reasonable request.

20 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance covering liability arising from negligence and damage while racing, for the amount of 1.000.000 € (2.000.000 € for boats with L.O.A of between 50 to 60 feet and 5.000.000 € for boats with a L.O.A over 60 feet).

21 Prizes

Racing prizes will be given as follows:

- Overall winner – between series winners of Class 1 and Class 2, based on result in Priority 1 race or, if neither boat finishes that race, the Priority 2 race. If neither boat finishes the Priority 2 race, the winner will be decided at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- Class 1: winner, 2nd place, and 3rd place
- Class 2: winner, 2nd place, and 3rd place

22 Further information

22.1 For further event information please contact Helen Porter
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