



THE HAGUE OFFSHORE SAILING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

12 – 20 July 2018 Scheveningen, The Netherlands

Notice of Race

1 Organizing Authority

The “2018 The Hague Offshore Sailing World Championship” is organized by the “Stichting World Championship Sailing ORCi The Hague” in conjunction with Jachtclub Scheveningen and the Noordzee Club (the Dutch ORC-IRC class organization) under the authority of the Royal Netherlands Watersport Association (RNWA) and under the overall authority of the Offshore Racing Congress (ORC), the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) and World Sailing (WS).

2 Rules

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2.2 The following rules will also apply:

- a) IMS Rule
- b) ORC Rating Systems Rule
- c) IRC Rule
- d) World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations - Category 3 with liferaft complying with Category 2

2.3 No national authority prescription will apply, except that each crew member with domicile in the Netherlands shall have the appropriate RNWA license.

2.4 Under RRS 87, ORC Rule 206 and IRC Rules 21.1.5 (d) & (e) are changed as follows:

- a) All sails shall have been measured and stamped by an ORC measurer. During the pre-race equipment inspection, sails will be marked for the event by stamp, sticker and/or inspector’s signature.
- b) Exclusive of storm & heavy weather sails required by the Offshore Special Regulations, the maximum allowed number of sails shall be:

	Class A	Class B	Class C
Mainsail	1	1	1
Spare mainsail	1	1	1
Headsails	7	6	5
Spinnakers*	5	4	3

* (In addition to the above the maximum number of spinnakers shall not be greater than the maximum on the IRC Certificate)

Mizzen and Mizzen staysail, if any are limited to one for all classes.

The spare mainsail shall have a minimum of one set of reef points. The mainsails may be interchangeable.

- c) With the exception of the second mainsail all sails shall be aboard while racing.
- d) Sails damaged during the series may be repaired. Sails beyond repair may be replaced with permission of the Technical Committee

2.5 Under RRS 87, ORC Rule 200 is changed as follows:

The combined weight of all crew members on board while racing weighed in light street clothes shall not be greater than the lesser of:

- a) The maximum crew weight as defined in ORC 102.1 and ORC 102.2.
- b) The maximum crew weight printed on the IRC Certificate (Crew Number x 85kg)

2.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

3 Advertising

World Sailing Advertising Code will apply. Competitors & Boats advertising will be without restriction. Event Advertising by the Organizing Authority will be:

- bow numbers with advertisement which have to be displayed as forward as possible on both sides of the first 20% of the hull
- advertisement to be displayed on both sides of the foremost 20% of the mainsail boom
- sponsor's flag that has to be flown on the backstay throughout the entire event.

The Organizing Authority may also require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of on-board video cameras, position devices, and guest riders whose on-board position restrictions are defined in the Sailing Instructions.

4 Eligibility and Classes

4.1 Competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Code.

4.2 Eligible boats shall have valid ORC International certificate with $8.45 < CDL \leq 17.0$ and valid IRC Endorsed certificate. Any discrepancies in measurements between ORC International and IRC Endorsed certificate shall be reviewed by the Technical Review Board composed of four members (2 from ORC and 2 from RORC) and any certificate may be adjusted to keep the same measurement data on both certificates.

4.3 Classes are defined by the CDL* and the minimum and maximum number of entries as follows:

Class A:	$17.0 \geq CDL > 11.5$	min. 10 entries	max. 50 entries (30 from one country)
Class B:	$11.5 \geq CDL > 9.65$	min. 20 entries	max. 50 entries (30 from one country)
Class C:	$9.65 \geq CDL > 8.45$	min. 20 entries	max. 50 entries (30 from one country)

Note: CDL values are based on 2017 VPP and may be amended when 2018 ORC VPP becomes available.

To assign a World Champion title in a class the number of boats plus the number of countries shall be not less than 14. If the minimum number of boats in a class is not met, that class can be grouped with the closest class. In this case, only one Championship title will be assigned to the combined classes.

The person who is the owner or charterer or borrower of an entered boat shall be a national of the country that boat represent. "National" is defined as either the holder of a passport or identity card, or a similar document stating residential status in the country represented.

Classes will have separate starts and separate results.

- 4.4 Eligible boats may pre-register until **1 June 2018** by completing the on-line registration form at www.offshoresailingworlds2018.com and sending the copy of the latest valid ORC International and IRC Endorsed certificate to:

Stichting World Championship Sailing ORCi The Hague
Hellingweg 98, 2583 WH Den Haag
Telephone: +31(0)70 352 00 17
racing@osworlds2018.com

- 4.5 A boat is considered pre-registered if the following documents are received:
- Completed and signed entry form
 - Entry fee payment confirmation

The list of pre-registered boats will be updated on the event's website upon receipt of each new entry.

- 4.6 If less than 50 boats in total and less than 30 boats from one country are pre-registered in a class before **1 June 2018** all pre-registered boats will be accepted as final entries and additional entries will be allowed until the maximum number of entries as defined in NoR 4.3 is reached, but not later than **14 June 2018**.
- 4.7 If more than 50 boats in total or more than 30 boats from one country are pre-registered in a class before **1 June 2018** final entries will be accepted by the organizer's discretion in agreement with the ORC and the RORC by considering:
- international representation of the entered boats
 - boat's and skipper's racing record, particularly in previous championships and major offshore events
 - chronological order in which boats are pre-registered

The list of accepted entries will be published on the event's website at **3 June 2018**. Pre-registered boats whose entry is not accepted will be listed on the "waiting list" and can replace any of the accepted boats that cancel their participation before the start of the championship. The entry fee received from any boat whose entry is not accepted will be re-funded.

5 Entry Fee

5.1 The entry fees (net of any bank charges) per boat are as follows:

Class	Entry fee for entries received before 31.12.2017	Entry fee for entries received before 01.04.2018	Entry fee for entries received before 01.06.2018
A	€ 900	€ 1.200	€ 1.800
B	€ 850	€ 1.100	€ 1.600
C	€ 750	€ 1.000	€ 1.400

Fees should be forwarded to:

Account holder: Stichting World Championship Sailing ORCi The Hague

Bank: Coöperatieve Rabobank Den Haag

IBAN: IBAN NL23RABO0310449014

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Please state boat name and sail number mentioned on the measurement certificates.

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

5.3 Late entries may be accepted at organizer's discretion.

6 Corinthian Division and Trophy

For the Corinthian Division and Trophy, the World Sailing Sailor Classification Code, Regulation 22 shall apply and all crew shall hold a valid Group 1 classification. Unclassified sailors will be deemed to be Group 3. A boat entered in the Corinthian Division shall also be entered automatically in the Open Division and shall be eligible for prizes and trophies in both divisions. Details of the World Sailing Sailor Classification Code and information on how to apply can be found on the World Sailing website: www.sailing.org/classification.

The closing date for the receipt of valid Corinthian entries shall be **30 June 2018**. Each entry shall include a complete crew list and show the classification and World Sailing Sailor ID for each crew. All crew shall hold valid classifications prior to this date that do not expire until after the final day of the regatta. Late entries and incomplete entries cannot be considered for this division.

Should a boat whose Corinthian entry has been checked and accepted need to change a crew member between the closing date of the entry and the start of the regatta, the name of the new crew member including a valid World Sailing Sailor ID must be submitted to the Organizing Authority for their approval [and for the approval of the International Jury]. All crew lists will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Race Office located in Scheveningen or website as soon as possible after the Registration deadline.

Note: A representative of the World Sailing Sailor Classification Commission will be present during registration and will carry out spot checks. Competitors shall attend interviews with the Commission when requested to do so. Competitors are reminded that the Commission has the power to change a classification at the event with no prior notice. Any changes are effective immediately.

7 Registration

- 7.1 Each Owner or Skipper must personally register in the Race Office located in the Race Office located in Scheveningen at the Hellingweg 98 from **12 July 2018** until **14 July 2018** (open from 09:00 to 13:00 and from 14:00 to 19:00).
- 7.2 The following documents shall be presented at registration:
- a) Valid ORC International and IRC Endorsed certificate issued before **29 June 2018**
 - b) Valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of 1.500.000 EUR
 - c) If advertising is displayed, a respective National Authority permission
 - d) Crew list with name, surname, World Sailing Sailors Classification Code and World Sailing Sailor ID and weight for each crew member
 - e) Contact phone number both on boat and land, including the name of the contact person
 - f) Liability acceptance form, duly filled out and signed

This changes RRS 78.2.

- 7.3 No changes shall be made on ORC International and IRC Endorsed certificates after **30 June 2018** unless prescribed and approved by the Technical Committee before or during the pre-race equipment inspection and before the start of the first race.
- 7.4 Crew lists may be amended up to **19:00** on **14 July 2018** by filling a new form showing the changes. After this time, changes in crew may be made only with the written permission of the International Jury that may delegate this responsibility to the race committee.
- 7.5 The time limit for a protest by a boat regarding the World Sailing's Sailors Classification Code is **19:00** on **17 July 2018**. This changes RRS 61.3.

8 Schedule

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| Thursday | 12 July - Registration and measurement |
| Friday | 13 July - Registration and measurement |
| Saturday | 14 July - Registration and measurement, Practice Race, opening ceremony |
| Sunday | 15 July - offshore races |
| Monday | 16 July - offshore races continued |
| Tuesday | 17 July - offshore races continued or inshore race(s) |
| Wednesday | 18 July - inshore race(s) |
| Thursday | 19 July - inshore race(s) |
| Friday, | 20 July - inshore race(s), closing ceremony |

There will be two offshore races using the same starting line. The first race will be from the start to a control point approximately mid-course, and the second race will be from the start to the finish.

- 8.2 Nine races are scheduled including two offshore races and seven inshore races. Inshore races will be windward/leeward races, except where unusual or extreme local conditions make it impossible to sail a windward/leeward course, then the International Jury may give permission to sail a substitute course.

8.3 The championship is valid if at least 4 inshore races and 1 offshore race or at least 3 inshore races and 2 offshore races are completed. One discard of worst results will be allowed when 6 discardable races are completed as follows:

- Discardable races are: Inshore race and first offshore race if the second offshore race is completed
- Second offshore race shall not be discarded. First offshore race shall not be discarded if second offshore race is not completed.

9 Measurement

Pre-race measurement inspection will take place from 10:00 on 12 July 2018 until 14:00 on 14 July 2018. Registered boats will be invited to select the measurement slot by an on-line registering system by 1 July 2018. Measurement and rules compliance inspections will be carried out throughout the championship before or after each race with emphasis on boats well placed in the scoring.

10 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available for each entrant at completion of the registration formalities.

11 Scoring

- 11.1 ORC results will be determined by corrected times calculated by Time on Time Offshore Single Number for the offshore races and Time on Time Triple Number for the inshore races.
- 11.2 IRC results will be determined by corrected times calculated by Time on Time using single number TCC.
- 11.3 Each race will be scored with a single score combining results calculated by the ORC and by the IRC. Scoring method to score each race with two ratings will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.4 The Low Point System as per RRS Appendix will apply with all race points multiplied with the scoring coefficient of 1 for all races, except for the second offshore race for which the scoring coefficient shall be 2.

12 International Jury

An International Jury will be appointed in compliance with RRS 91(b) and Appendix N. Decisions of the International Jury will be final according to the RRS 70.5.

13 Support boats

All support boats shall be registered at the race office. Identification numbers will be provided by the organizer. These numbers must be visible at all times.

14 Nautical charts

The following nautical charts of the Dutch Hydrographic Service and British Imray Ltd are utilized as a reference in the Sailing Instructions: DHS 1801 & Imray C25.

15 Berthing

Berthing is foreseen in the Scheveningen Marina during the event. Participating boats will have moorings free of charge in the regatta harbour for the period 12-20 July 2018. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbour.

16 Haul-out Restrictions

From 09:00 of the first scheduled day of registration until the end of the last scheduled race of the series boats shall not be hauled out except for the purposes of repairing damage; and only after written permission from the International Jury. While hauled for this purpose, cleaning and polishing of the hull below the waterline will not be permitted. Rudders shall not be removed from the water during the series nor the centreboards removed from their cases.

17 Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

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 regatta.

18 Media rights

Competitors, owners and their guests grant absolute right and permission to the Organizing Authority for any photography and video footage taken of persons and boats during the event, to be published and/or broadcast in any media, including but not limited to TV advertisements, whatsoever for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information.

19 Communication

Except in emergency or when communicating with the Race Committee, a boat that is racing, shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

20 Trophies and Prizes

Prizes will be presented as follows:

- A trophy for the World Champion in each class.
- Prizes for the boats scoring 2nd and 3rd in each class.
- A prize for the Corinthian Division Winner in each class.

The organising authority may present additional prizes. The complete list of trophies and prizes will be posted on the official notice board before the start of racing.

21 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, see RRS 4 - Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, “Stichting World Championship Sailing ORCi The Hague” and Jachtclub Scheveningen, the Royal Netherlands Watersport Association (RNWA), ORC, RORC, their sponsors and any other party involved in the organization of the regatta 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. Each boat owner or his representative accepts these terms by signing the entry form.

22 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of 1.500.000 EUR per event. Regardless, it is the responsibility of the owners to hold adequate insurance cover for Tort Liability and Third Party Insurance (Property and Persons).

23 Further information

For further information see: www.offshoresailingworlds2018.com

For general race information contact: racing@osworlds2018.com

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