

MINI BARCELONA 2024

18th to 23th September 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

The MINI BARCELONA 2024 regatta is organized by the Reial Club Marítim de Barcelona in collaboration with the Classe Mini and the Federació Catalana de Vela.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The MINI BARCELONA 2024 will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 Classe Mini Rules and Regulations.
- 1.3 (Classe Mini) B Level Solo safety rules. (See also The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 with life raft)
- 1.4 The COLREGS (RIPAM). Between the times of sunset (19:50 h) and sunrise (07:38), RRS 2, WHEN BOATS MEET, will be replaced by the COLREGS.
- 1.5 No national authority prescriptions will apply, except that all Spanish nationals and legal residents must be in possession of the federation sports license of the current year.
- 1.6 In the event of a discrepancy between the NOR and Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions take precedence (this changes RRS 63.7).
- 1.7 The official language of the regatta is English. All communications will be in English, and if possible, also in Spanish. [NP]
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.9 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This modifies RRS 60.1 (a).
- 1.10 Under World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01, change the definition Start as follows:

Start A boat starts when her hull having been entirely on the pre- start side of the starting line, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either

(a) at or after her starting signal, or

(b) during the last minute before her starting signal

2 ELIGIBILITY AND COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Competitors shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 19 - Eligibility Code.
- 2.2 The MINI BARCELONA 2024 is a SINGLE-HANDED regatta. All participants shall comply with the rules and regulations of the Classe Mini.
- 2.3 There is a limit of 35 participants for the 2024 edition. The order of payment will determine the first 35 entries.
- 2.4 All prototype boats shall produce a measurement certificate according with the Classe Mini. To get a boat measured, the owner / skipper must contact the Class Mini by phone 00.33.(0)954.54.83.18 or email contact@classemini.com.

3 ADVERTISING [DP].

3.1 Advertising shall be established according to World Sailing Regulation 20.

4 ENTRY AND ENTRY FEES

4.1 The entry period will be open on February 29th, 2024. All inscriptions received before, will be considered as per that date.

4.2 The deadline for the registration is September 10th, 2024

4.3 Eligible boats may make their entry by submitting the following documentation to the Reial Club Marítim de Barcelona:

- Entry form duly completed.
- A copy of the 3rd party liability insurance valid until the end of the race.
- Confirmation of the insurance payment.
- Disclaimer form with a copy of the passport or ID of the skipper.
- Proof of payment of the entry fees

These documents must be sent to the following email

Or by e-mail to regates@maritimbarcelona.org

4.4 Each boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a maximum guarantee coverage of at least 2.000.000 € including the special cover for the participation in sailing races.

4.5 Entry fee

Registration	300€
Tracker rental	125€
Total	425€

5 CANCELLATION POLICY

5.1 In case a boat decides to cancel its registration before August 18th, 2024, the full entry fee will be refunded. If this happens from August 18th until the September 8th, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. From September 9th onwards, no entry fee will be refunded.

5.2 The OA (Organising Authority) has the right to postpone the race due to severe weather conditions, health restrictions or other unforeseen reasons:

- a) If the postponement is less than 24 hours, the entry fee won't be refunded.
- b) If the postponement exceeds 24 hours, the entrants that cannot participate on the new dates can save the inscription for the next edition of the regatta or to request for a refund of the entry fee, via e-mail to the organisation, within the next 10 days after the communication of the new dates.

6 COURSE

6.1 The race will be sailed on the waters between Barcelona and Menorca Island:

Barcelona (start) – Weather mark (optional) – Menorca Island (to starboard) – Barcelona (finish)

The approximate length of the course will be 300 Nm.

6.2 There will be a checkpoint at the vicinity of “Isla del Aire”, at the South of Menorca Island.

6.3 The OA reserves the right to change or modify the course due to bad weather forecast or other unforeseen reasons.

6.4 The OA reserves the right to set forward the start a maximum of 24 hours due to bad weather forecast. In that case, it won't give the right to request for a refund of the entry fee. (See also 5.2 a))

6.5 NAUTICAL CHARTS: published by Instituto Hidrográfico de la Marina nº 49A, 489A and 436, or equivalents of any other institute.

7 SCHEDULE

This is the tentative schedule:

18th September	09:00 - 19:00	Registration Equipment Inspections Equipment Sealing
19th September	09:00 - 19:00	Registration Equipment Inspections Equipment Sealing
20th September	09:00 - 18:00 18:30 20:00 20:30	Registration Equipment Inspections Equipment Sealing Tracking System Briefing Safety Briefing Meteorologist / Forecast Briefing BARBACUE
21th September	9:00 10:00 12:00	Breakfast at the boat club Start of TOWING procedure Race Start
23th September	18:00	Cocktail – Prize Giving Ceremony

8 ONB AND REGISTRATIONS

- 8.1 The online Official Notice Board is located at:
<https://maritimbarcelona.sailti.com/ca/default/races/race/text/regata-mini-barcelona-2024-ca>
- 8.2 Registration formalities shall be completed at Reial Club Marítim de Barcelona by 19:00h on September 20th.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS

- 9.1 All boats are required to pass the equipment inspection before the start of the regatta, at the scheduled periods. No boat will start without clearance from the inspectors.
- 9.2 Boats will be inspected according to the Classe Mini B Level – Solo safety equipment.
- 9.3 Some equipment will be sealed at the time of the inspection.
- 9.4 It'll be at the discretion of the inspectors to check the output signal of the VHF radio equipment. [NP]
- 9.5 The OA will send to all skippers a link to a calendar with slots for the inspections. *It will be the skipper's solely responsibility to schedule the inspection time by choosing one of the available slots.*

10 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

- 10.1 The SI will be available to the competitors upon final registration at the race office.

11 PENALTIES

- 11.1 Post-Race Penalty
- a) A boat that may have broken rule of RRS Part 2 or RRS 31 may, after finishing the race and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts a Post-Race Penalty —30% scoring penalty in accordance with RRS 44.3(c). However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race by her breach of a rule, her penalty shall be to retire.
- b) When a Post-Race Penalty is accepted:
- (i) Neither the boat nor the protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.
- (ii) The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.
- 11.2 Starting Penalty. When a boat *starts* in accordance with item (b) of the definition *Start*, she may return to the pre-start side of the line to comply with item (a) of the definition of *Start*, but, if she does not, the starting penalty shall be 3 hours added to her elapsed time
- 11.3 Penalties applied under RRS 64 for breaches of the rules, other than a rule of RRS Parts 1, 2 and RRS 31, are at the discretion of the protest committee.

12 SCORING AND TROPHIES

- 12.1 Real time scoring system will apply.
- 12.2 There will be a scoring for prototype boats and another for serie boats.
- 12.3 The trophies list will be published at the ONB no later than the start of the race.

13 COMMUNICATION AND ELECTRONIC AIDS

- 13.1 A boat shall not receive radio transmissions unless available to all boats. All types of electronic aids, including radar, VOR, satellite, are NOT permitted. No external aids, outside assistance or information may be used during the races.
- 13.2 Boats are required to operate their Automatic Identification System (AIS) from the time they approach the starting area until departing the finishing area following the race.
- 13.3 Communications between Race Management and all Competitors shall be made by VHF radio. Competitor to competitor communications shall be made on VHF radio, channel to be advised.
- 13.4 The OA will supply all boats with trackers. There will be a briefing to explain the use of those devices.

14 MOORINGS

- 14.1 All boats and skippers shall be available to the organisation from 09:00 h September 17th, 2024.
- 14.2 The registration price includes mooring costs from September 16, 2024 to September 24, 2024, both included.
- 14.3 Due to the America's Cup Celebration, we cannot offer the additional mooring service outside the free period.

13 IMAGE RIGHTS

- 13.1 The image rights of the MINI BARCELONA 2024 regatta are the exclusive property of RCMB.
- 13.2 Teams and Participants grant RCMB and its Sponsors the unrestricted right and permission to use the names and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the boat they are sailing during the MINI BARCELONA 2024 to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to press and TV advertisements or internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information; in these respect teams and participants names and biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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 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 CONTACT DETAILS & FURTHER INFORMATION

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