

Nacra 17 European Championship 2015 (Including Nacra17 European Junior Championship)

A Nacra Sailing International Event

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NOTICE OF RACE

UNIÓ DE FEDERACIONS ESPORTIVES DE CATALUNYA, FEDERACIÓ CATALANA DE VELA, REAL CLUB NAUTICO DE BARCELONA, REIAL CLUB MARITIM DE BARCELONA, REAL FEDERACIÓN ESPAÑOLA DE VELA and the International NACRA17 Class Association (INCA), are pleased to invite Nacra17 sailors to take part in the:

Nacra 17 European Championship (for mixed crews)

and in the

Nacra 17 Junior European Championship (for junior mixed crews)

to be held at BISC (Barcelona International Sailing Center)

from September 25th to October 3rd 2015

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). No National Authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.2. For the Medal Race ISAF Addendum Q, Umpired Fleet Racing, available on the ISAF website (www.sailing.org), will apply and changes a number of racing rules. The version that is current when the regatta begins will appear in full in the sailing instructions.
- 1.3. Any changes in the Notice of Race (RRS 89.2) will be published at the website www.nacra17class.com
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between languages, English text will prevail.

2. ADVERTISING AND BOW NUMBERS

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority according to rule 80 and ISAF regulation 20, advertising code.
- 2.2. In accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4.3 competitors onboard the boats ranked first, second and third in the series at the beginning of each day may be required to wear yellow, blue and red bibs respectively while racing. The Organizing Authority will provide the bibs.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. Competitors and coaches shall enter by completing the on-line entry form on the event website <http://www.nacra17class.com> and paying the required fees.
- 3.2. Online entry opens on **1st June 2015** . The request for entry shall be filled in and the entry fees shall be paid by **1 September 2015 at 2400 hours** to get the advantage of the reduced entry fees (refer to 4.1). Entries sent after the deadline indicated above, but within 15 days of the start of the regatta by the limit date of **10 September 2015 at 2400 hours** will be accepted with the required entry fees.. Late entries received within 15 days of the start of the regatta will be accepted only at the discretion of the Organizing Authority whose decision shall be final.
- 3.3. Entry in the event is not final until registration is completed.
- 3.4. ISAF Eligibility under ISAF regulation 19 shall apply. Each athlete shall be registered as an ISAF Sailor on the ISAF website www.sailing.org/isafsailor
- 3.5. All competitors shall be fully paid-up members of the International Nacra17 Class Association.
- 3.6. Olympic gender requirements will apply. Only mixed teams are eligible to compete in mixed events.
- 3.7. 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.nacra17class.com>
- 3.8. The regatta is open to the Olympic mixed Two crew Multihull Nacra 17 chosen to compete in the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition.
- 3.9. The minimum number of entries is 25. The Organizing Authority may cancel the event if the minimum number of entries has not been received by midnight September 1st. Competitors will be notified of the cancellation by email and posting on the even website. The entries will be refunded.

4. FEES

- 4.1. Fees are stated in Euro and include any local taxes. Entries received by midnight 1 September 2015 will qualify for the early Entry fee.

Concept	Early Entry Fee _	Entry Fee
Nacra 17	€ 375	€ 450
Support Boat	€ 75	€ 100

These entry fees include all collective services provided for the organisation, such as social events, car park, boat park, toilets and showers.

- 4.2. Entry fees will not be refunded
- 4.3. Fees have to be paid by Bank Transfer on the following Bank Account:

INTERNATIONAL NACRA 17 CLASS
Hellingweg 110-116
2583DX The Hague

Netherlands

Bank account ABN AMRO:

IBAN: NL84ABNA0594302722

BIC: ABNANL2A

Please write sail number + helmsmen in the description

5. FORMAT

- 5.1. The regatta will consist of an Opening Series and, provided a minimum of 6 races have been completed during the opening series, and a medal race. The opening series may be divided into qualifying series and final series (gold & silver fleet). Top-10 finishers in the opening series will advance to the medal race.
- 5.2. In case of more than 50 entries, the Opening Series may be divided into groups.
- 5.3. The format may be changed with authorisation by the Nacra 17 Class Association to adapt it to the format chosen for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Registration for competitors, coaches and team leaders is scheduled to happen at the registration office in the Barcelona Sailing Center on the following schedule :

Friday September 25 th	1000 – 1800
Saturday September 26 th	0900 – 1800
Sunday September 27 th	0900 – 1800

- 6.2. The first briefing for coaches and team leaders is scheduled at 17h on Sunday September 27th
- 6.3. The opening ceremony is scheduled on Saturday 26th at 18.30h .
- 6.4. The warning signal for the practice race is scheduled to be no earlier than 1400 on Sunday 27th September 2015.
- 6.5. The schedule of races including final races and dates of racing is as follows:

Date	Time	
Monday September 28 th	12:00	Racing
Tuesday September 29 th	TBA	Racing
Wednesday September 30 th	TBA	Racing
Thursday October 1 st	TBA	Racing
Friday October 2 nd	TBA	Racing
Saturday October 3 rd	TBA	Racing

- 6.6. On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 15.00.
- 6.7. The prize giving and closing ceremony is scheduled to begin as soon as possible after the

end of the Medal Race on Saturday October 3rd.

7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 7.1. Boats shall use the approved Nationality Code Letters on their sails as required by the RRS.
- 7.2. Boats shall be available for inspection from 11.00 on **Friday 25 September 2015** or as agreed in writing with the Organising Authority. Details of pre-first race equipment inspection, location and schedules will be posted on the official notice board.
- 7.3. In accordance with Racing Rule 78, competitors are responsible for maintaining their boat in accordance with the Class Rules (for the purpose of Racing Rule 78, competitors are considered to be the owners). 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 Nacra 17 class rules shall apply.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available during registration at the Race Office and on the event website. Other documents governing the event will be published with the sailing instructions.

9. VENUE

- 9.1. The regatta will be at the Barcelona International Sailing Center. Addendum B shows the location of the venue.

Barcelona International Sailing Center

Moll de la vela s/n Parc del Forum
08930, Sant Adrià de Besós, Barcelona
Tel: +34 93 356 38 58
bisc@ufec.cat

- 9.2. The racing area is shown in Appendix A.

10. THE COURSES

The courses will be Windward/Leeward .

Any other courses adopted by ISAF for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition or approved by the International Nacra17 Association may also be used.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. RRS 44.1 is changed, so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 11.2. The Sailing Instructions may include a specification of discretionary penalties that may be applied by the International Jury for breaches of specific rules. The Sailing Instructions may include a specification of standard penalties that maybe applied by the Race Committee without hearing for specific rules; this will change RRS 63.1 and Appendix A5. These will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

12. INTERNATIONAL JURY

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

13. SCORING

13.1. The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that RRS A4.1 is changed so that the points scored in the medal race are doubled. This changes RRS A4.1

13.2. A boat's race score shall be:

- In each Series a boat's score shall be calculated in accordance with RRS A2
- When fewer than 5 races in the Qualification Series have been completed, a boat's Qualification Series Score will be the total of her race scores.
- When 5 or more races in the Qualification Series have been completed, a boat's Qualification Series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- When fewer than 5 races in the Final Series have been completed, a boat's Final Series score will be the total of her race scores.
- When 5 or more races in the Final Series have been completed, a boat's Final Series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- The top 10 boats after the Final Series will participate in the Medal Race. For the Medal Race, the boat's Qualification Series and Final Series total race scores together excluding any worst scores, shall be used as the initial race score and added to the race score of the Medal Race. RRS A4.1 is changed so that the points of the Medal Race are doubled. However the score from the Medal Race shall not be discarded.

13.3. Three Qualification Series races are required to constitute a regatta.

13.4. Qualifying and Final Series ties are broken in accordance with RRS A8.2

13.5. For Final Ranking, boats assigned in the Gold Fleet will be ranked higher in the regatta than boats assigned in the Silver Fleet, and so on. The boats assigned to compete in the Medal Race will be ranked highest in the regatta.

13.6. For boats competing in the Medal Race, ties in the regatta score are broken by the Medal Race score. This changes RRS A8.

13.7. A boat assigned to compete in the medal race shall make a genuine effort to start, sail the course and finish. A breach of those paragraph will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a), The penalty for a breach of this paragraph will be ranking the boat tenth in the regatta. If there are two such boats, they will be ranked ninth and tenth, in order of their opening series rank, etc.

14. SUPPORT BOATS AND PERSONNEL

14.1. All support boats shall be registered (see 4.1) 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

14.2. All support boats shall clearly display the 3 letter national code of their ISAF 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.

14.3. Registered support boats shall act as rescue boats in case of need. If the Race committee hoists a white flag with a red cross all the support boats will have to realize functions of rescue to the orders of the Race committee (security Spanish laws). An addendum regarding "Safety Procedures while racing" will be published on the Sailing Instructions.

14.4. 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.

15. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the Boat Park or in the harbor.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

17. PRIZES

Medals will be awarded to the top 3 boats overall in the Gold Fleet; the 3 best European teams in the Gold fleet; the winner in the Silver Fleet and the best Junior team (under 24 years at 31 December 2015). The Organising Authority may award additional prizes.

18. MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

18.1. By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising 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 and positioning equipment as specified by the Organising 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. DOPING CONTROL

Doping control will be conducted in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code. In-Competition testing may be carried out at the Venue.

20. INSURANCE

Each participating boat must hold third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of at least 1.500.000 Euros (or equivalent) per incident.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please visit www.nacra17class.com

APPENDIX A

NoR APPENDIX B

Venue

The regatta will be held in Barcelona at the Barcelona International Sailing Center

Address: **Barcelona International Sailing Center**
Moll de la Vela, s/n (under photovoltaic cell)
08930 Sant Adrià de Besòs
Barcelona, España

Racing Area:

