



*49er, 49erFX and Nacra17*

## **European Championships**

**& Junior European Championship**

**Vilamoura, Portugal**

**8th to 13th November 2023**

**The Organising Authority is Capable Planet Clube Náutico in conjunction with the International 49er and Nacra 17 Class Associations and under the auspices of the Federação Portuguesa de Vela.**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing.

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Penalties: In RRS 44.1 "Two-Turns Penalty" is changed to "One-Turn Penalty"
- 1.3 Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, shall apply, with RRS P2.1 to P2.4 deleted and replaced by: "When a boat is penalised under RRS P1.2, her penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty under RRS 44.2. If she fails to take the penalty she shall be disqualified without a hearing."
- 1.4 For the Medal Race, World Sailing Addendum Q (as posted on the official notice board) takes precedence over any conflicting instructions.
- 1.5 The Class Rules will apply except for any that are altered by the Notice of Race. The Class Race Management Guidelines, which can be found [here](#), will also apply, but a failure to follow these Guidelines is not on its own grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 1.6 The National Authority prescriptions will apply, See Attachment D.

- 1.7 This is a World Sailing 100-point ranking event.
- 2. [DP] ADVERTISING**
- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 2.2 For 49er and 49erFX - the bottom two panels of the jib area shall be restricted to Class and Event advertising and all competitors shall place class nominated branding on their jibs according to the World Sailing approved 49er Class jib advertising policy.  
For Nacra 17 - the area of the jib, except for the visibility window, shall be restricted to Class and Event advertising and all competitors shall place class nominated branding on their jibs according to the World Sailing approved Nacra 17 Class jib advertising policy.
- 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
- 3.1 Competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Code (Regulation 19).
- 3.2 For the 49er gender is open. For the FX gender is female, however there will be a separate Class Championship for male and mixed gender teams if there are more than 20 entries. For the Nacra 17 teams must be of mixed gender.
- 3.3 All competitors shall be fully paid-up members of the International 49er or Nacra 17 Class Associations.
- 3.4 Russian and Belarusian nationals are not permitted to enter the Championship.
- 3.5 Entries should be received by the Organising Authority and will only be accepted after the 16th October 2023 with the payment of the Late Entry Fee.
- 3.6 All 49er and 49erFX with both competitors under 23 years of age on 31st December 2023, or Nacra 17 teams with both competitors under 24 on 31st December 2023 shall be eligible to win the Junior European Championship titles.
- 3.7 Competitors can enter and pay the fee by visiting the event notice board:  
<https://49er.org/event/2023-european-championship/#noticeboard>
- 4. FEES**
- 4.1 Entry Fees
- For 49er and 49erFX: Entry Fee Euro 350 (until 16th October 2023), Late Entry Fee Euro 450 (after 16th October 2023).
  - For Nacra 17: Entry Fee Euro 400 (until 16th October 2023), Late Entry Fee Euro 500 (after 16th October 2023). Entries will only be accepted after 16th October 2023 at the discretion of the Class Executive and with the payment of the Late Entry Fee.
- These fees include the International Class Championship Fees.  
Coach Boat Entry Fee: Euro 100 per coach boat  
Official Support fee: Euro 40 per supporter
- 4.2 Cancellation; in the case of a team withdrawing from the European Championship, the paid entry fee will be refunded as follows:
- Up to 16th October 2023: 75% of the entry fees will be refunded.
  - After 16th October 2023: No refund will be made.
- 5. FORMAT OF RACING**
- 5.1 The Championships will consist of an Opening Series and a Medal Race. The Opening Series will be divided into a Qualifying Series and a Final Series.

5.2 The Medal Race will be a single, double points race and will be detailed further in the Sailing Instructions.

**6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

6.1	Saturday 4 November	0900 - 1800	Registration/Nacra Inspection
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	Saturday 4 November	0800	49er Open Forum
	Saturday 4 November	0900	49er AGM
	Sunday 5 November	1800	Nacra 17 Open Forum
	Sunday 5 November	1900	Nacra 17 AGM
	Sunday 5 November	0900 - 1800	Registration/Inspection
	Monday 6 November	0900 - 1800	Registration/Inspection
	Day 0 - Tuesday 7 November	0900 - 1100	Registration/Inspection
		1300	Practice Races
			1730 Competitors

Briefing

		1800	Opening Ceremony
	Day 1 - Wednesday 8 November	1200	Qualifying Series Races
	Day 2 - Thursday 9 November	TBA	Qualifying Series Races
	Day 3 - Friday 10 November	TBA	Qualifying Series Races
	Day 4 - Saturday 11 November	TBA	Final Series Races
	Day 5 - Sunday 12 November	TBA	Final Series Races
	Day 6 - Monday 13 November	TBA	Final Series Races / Medal Races

6.2 Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony as soon as possible after the Medal Races. On Monday 13 November there will be no warning signal after 1400 for those taking part in the Final Series Races and after 1700 for those taking part in the Medal Races.

**7. MEASUREMENT**

7.1 All boats shall be inspected for class rules compliance prior to racing, according to the Schedule of Events. Additional spot measurement checks may be carried out during the Championship.

7.2 For 49er, 49erFX, and Nacra 17 only one set of sails and one forestay shall be used throughout the duration of the Championship.

7.3 Equipment shall only be replaced with permission of the Technical Committee.

**8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

8.1 This regatta is an international event for the purpose of RRS G1.1.

8.2 A Technical Committee shall be appointed in accordance with RRS 92.

8.3 RRS G3 applies to supplied equipment.

8.4 Boats shall be available for inspection in accordance with Notice of Race

8.5 The procedures for inspections will be specified in the ER.

8.6 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the rules.

**9. EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS**

9.1 Equipment limitations shall be enforced for this event.

9.2 The following equipment limitations shall apply to all teams that can enter the Gold fleet. Teams not meeting the equipment scope below shall be moved to the Silver

fleet if they complete qualifying in a Gold fleet position.  
Boats shall use only:

For 49er

- North 3Di **mainsail** with a with a registration tag marked MCE (Manufacturers Certified Equipment)
- North jib **sail**
  - with a registration tag marked MCE (Manufacturers Certified Equipment)
  - or with Serial number 506875 or higher plus 506859, 506849, 506848, 506844, 506843, 506841, 506840, 506839, 506820, 506815, 506814, 506813, 506811, 506808, 506801, 506796, 506794, 506793, 506792, 506789, 506787, 506785, 506684, 506629, 506628, 506626, 506625, 506578, 506577 but excluding 506886, 506888, 506907, 506906, 506905, 506904, 506903, 506917, 506920, 506924, 506926, 506929, 507221, 507220, 507219, 507239, 507237, 507236, 507235, 507234, 507232, 507231, 507778, 507776, 507775, 507774, 507780
  - or, optionally, with North Jib sails that have been trimmed by North Sails and registered with the International Class Association
- MacDiarmid gennaker **sail** built with 2 horizontal seams.

For 49erFX

- North 3Di **mainsail** with a registration tag marked MCE (Manufacturers Certified Equipment) or with serial number 394340 or greater
- North jib **sail** with a registration tag marked MCE (Manufacturers Certified Equipment) or serial number 8249, 8251, 8173 or any number greater than 8285 but excluding 8337, 8338, 8428, 8434.
- North gennaker **sail** with a registration tag marked MCE (Manufacturers Certified sail serial number 393875 or greater.

## 10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Event website and at registration.

## 11. VENUE

The 2023 49er, 49erFX and Nacra 17 European Championships will be held at the Sailing Center, Vilamoura, Portugal.

For mailing/shipping contact: Marina de Vilamoura  
Avenida da Rocha Baixinha  
8125-409 Vilamoura, Portugal  
Email: [events@prowgroup.com](mailto:events@prowgroup.com)  
Club Website: [www.vilamourasailing.com](http://www.vilamourasailing.com)

## 12. THE COURSES

Courses will be:

For 49er and 49erFX - windward/leeward with a gate at the leeward end of the course.  
For Nacra 17 - windward/leeward with a spreader mark at the windward end and a gate at the leeward end of the course.

## 13. SCORING

- 13.1 The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply to the Opening Series
- 13.2 At least 5 races are required to be completed to constitute the Championship.
- 13.3 Scoring of the Junior European Championship will be using overall scoring and selecting from the final results.
- 14. SAFETY**  
In the event of an emergency the meeting point for safety personnel and the dropping off point for safety boats coming from the racing area will be at the waiting pontoon of Vilamoura Marina. This meeting point will be where an ambulance will be waiting when required. The location of the Emergency Meeting Point is shown in Attachment B.
- 15. SUPPORT VESSELS**
- 15.1 Support vessels shall be registered with the Organising Authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and the Class Support Vessel Regulations which are included in Attachment C. Support persons shall register at <https://49er.org/event/2023-european-championship/#noticeboard> and complete on-site registration at the race office at the venue.
- 15.2 All support vessels shall clearly display the 3-letter national code of their WS Member National Authority at all times while afloat. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200mm. Additionally all support vessels will fly a numeral flag provide by the Organising Authority.
- 15.3 If called upon support vessels will be required to act as rescue boats.
- 16. 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
- 17. PRIZES**  
Prizes for the Championships will be announced and awarded at the end of Racing for the first three places overall and for the Other Fleet(s) respectively.  
The winners will receive medals -
- European Open Championship - 1st, 2nd, 3rd,
  - European Championship - 1st, 2nd, 3rd,
  - 49er FX male and mixed gender Class Championship - 1st, 2nd, 3rd,
  - Silver fleet winner
  - Bronze fleet winner (if applicable)
  - Junior European Championship - 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- For the purposes of Olympic Qualification, as per the document [Olympic Qualification System for Paris 2024](#), the 49er will be used as the Men's Skiff European Continental Qualifier, the 49erFX will be used as the Women's Skiff European Continental Qualifier, and the Nacra 17 will be used as the Mixed Multihull European Continental Qualifier.
- 18. RADIO COMMUNICATION**  
Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, text messages or cellular phone calls while racing.
- 19. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall have valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of at least Euro 1,500,000 (or equivalent) per incident.

## 20. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) 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;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g) 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 event and to attend any competitor briefing held for this event.

## 21. MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 21.1 Where consent for imagery has been given by a competitor participating in the Championship, competitors grant to the Organising Authority, the International 49er and the Nacra 17 Class Associations 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 competition without compensation.
- 21.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.
- 21.3 Competitors may be required for interviews and press conferences at the Championship.

ATTACHMENT A - RACING AREA



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ATTACHMENT B - EMERGENCY MEETING POINT



## ATTACHMENT C - SUPPORT VESSEL REGULATIONS

Support Vessels shall carry the following Equipment on board,

- Life jackets / buoyance aids for the driver and all passengers,
- Engine kill cord (also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobiliser) with a spare kill cord on the support vessel.
- VHF radio capable of receiving instruction from Safety or Race Committee
- First-aid kit
- Device for making a sound signal.
- Compass
- Adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth
- Tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick)
- Knife

Support Vessel Regulations

- Support Vessels shall be registered with the Organising Authority and shall be marked with their applicable national sail letters clearly displayed, the minimum height for these letters is 200mm.
- Support Vessels shall comply with all local regulations.
- Support Vessels shall follow Race Committee instructions on the designated VHF channel
- **Kill cords shall be worn at all times when the engine is running**
- Life jackets / buoyance aids - it is recommended that they are worn at all times when afloat and **shall** be worn in winds of over 10 knots or when motoring at more than 10 knots.
- Support vessels shall not be positioned, except during rescue operations,
  - Closer than 100 metres of any boat racing
  - Within 100 metres to leeward of the starting line and its extensions from the warning signal until all boats have left the starting area or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
  - Within 100 metres of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark
  - Within 100 metres of the finishing line while boats are finishing
  - In addition, support vessels that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat racing

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## ATTACHMENT D - NATIONAL AUTHORITY PRESCRIPTONS

**CONSELHO DE ARBITRAGEM**  
*Race Officials and Racing Rules Committee***Prescriptions of the Portuguese Sailing Federation****For events taking place in Portugal (RRS 88)**

**60.1** - The Portuguese Sailing Federation prescribes that, in any event under its jurisdiction, Protest Fees are forbidden.

**63.4(d)** - The Portuguese Sailing Federation prescribes that at any international event to be held in Portugal and any other event that can assign national or regional titles or can be a national or regional qualification regatta, rule 63.4(b) does not apply and a person who has a conflict of interest shall not be a member of the protest committee.

**67** - The Portuguese Sailing Federation prescribes,

- a) A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a Rule.
- b) Any claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a Protest Committee or Appeals Committee.

**86.3** - The Portuguese Sailing Federation prescribes that at any event under its jurisdiction, if the Race Committee intends to test or develop a Rule, this shall only be allowed if prior written authorization is given by the Race Officials Committee from the Portuguese Sailing Federation and with the obligation of reporting, by writing, any result.

**88.2** - The Portuguese Sailing Federation prescribes that **a Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will not change its prescriptions**. However, when an International Jury is approved to one event, only the prescriptions to the Rules 60.1, 63.4(d), 67, 86.3, 88.2 and 91(b) will apply.

**91(b)** - The Portuguese Sailing Federation prescribes that, at any event under its jurisdiction, **an International Jury has to be approved by the Race Officials Committee of the Portuguese Sailing Federation**, with the exception of the events described on this Rule.

APPROVED BY WORLD SAILING  
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