



Palma-Melilla-Palma

Two Legs

1000 nm double handed

from November, 5th to 22nd, 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule and for which the international jury may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 63.1.

1 ORGANIZATION

The Palma-Melilla-Palma will be held in waters of South Mediterranean from the 5th to 22nd November, 2024, organized by the Real Club Nautico de Palma (RCNP) in collaboration with Classe Mini and supported by delegation of the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation (RFEV).

2 RULES

The race will be governed by:

- 2.1. The rules such as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024 RRS)
- 2.2. The RFEV Prescriptions to Rules 6, 67 and 75 that apply are stated in full in NoR Appendix A.
- 2.3. Part B of International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea when replacing the RRS part 2
- 2.4. The Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) – Category 2.
- 2.5. 2024 Classe Mini Rules- race category B.
- 2.6. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will prevail.
- 2.7. Any other document governing the event, especially local regulations.
- 2.8. 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 30 seconds before her starting signal”

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 2 hours of her elapsed time added to it or at least 3 places, whichever is the greatest.

3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIS)

The Sailing instructions will be available to competitors upon final registration and will be published at the online Official Notice Board.

4 COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 The online official notice board is located at: www.rcnp.es
- 4.2 Communications with competitors will be through the online Official Notice Board and or by WhatsApp. Additionally, on the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF. The communication VHF channels of the regatta will be published in the sailing instructions.
To limit the environmental impact, the OA will print official documents (NOR, Sis, amendments and information) only at the specific request of the competitors.
- 4.3 [DP] [NP] When racing, except for an emergency, a boat shall not transmit or receive voice data or any data that is not available to all boats.

5 ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 The competitors shall comply with WORLD SAILING eligibility code, Rule 19 and the prescriptions of the RFEV, to this rule.
- 5.2 Spanish crew, legal residents in Spain or crew of a yacht owned by a member of a Spanish yacht club, shall present their 2024 national sailing federation license.
- 5.3 This event is open to boats complying with 2024 Mini Rules. The race is categorized as level B by Classe Mini.
- 5.4 Boats are conducted double-handed by a crew having been admitted to participate by the Organizer, the sporting and maritime authorities (See Mini Class Rules, article R-2). Skipper must have complied with the qualification criteria for the level B events such as defined in article R-8-b of 2024 Mini Class Rules.
- 5.5 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."
- 5.6 The Organizer reserves the right to accept or refuse an entry (RRS 76).

6 ENTRY

- 6.1 Number of participants shall be limited to 50 boats.
- 6.2 Entries shall be made by using the entry form available on the event's website: www.rcnp.es
Registration will be considered only if the entry form is duly completed and entry fees paid. Entry fees are **€650**.
Entry fees will be refunded if boats cancel participation before the 5th October 2024. After this date there will be a non reimbursable amount of 100€. In any case, the OA will retain the sum of €20, amount of the non-refundable administrative costs.
- 6.3 [NP][DP]Tracker: All boats must be equipped with a tracker. The tracker is imposed by the OA and provided by the Organizer. The tracker shall be returned at the end of the race. Any non-return, loss or damage attributable to the skipper will result in the immediate invoicing of the missing device (€600). In case of withdrawal or non-return to AO, the skipper shall return the device directly to the service provider at his/her own expense.
- 6.4 The Entry Fee shall be paid on-line (<https://www.rcnp.es/pagos-on-line-formulario>) at the time of completing the entry form via the events website or either by credit card or bank transfer. Entries will be considered formalized upon the date of payment.
Bank details: **CAIXA SON DURETA ANDREA DORIA, 60**
07014 PALMA DE MALLORCA
Account number: 2100 1763 07 0200065812 Electronic format IBAN: ES6221001763070200065812
Paper format IBAN: IBAN ES62 2100 1763 0702 0006 5812
BIC (International identification bank SWIFT system): CAIXESBBXXX
- 6.5 ENTRY DEADLINE: The Entry deadline is the 5th of September 2024, at 20:00 hours. However, the Organizing Authority reserves the right to admit entries after the deadline. In this case, the entry fee will be subject to a 50% increase.
- 6.6 From the 6th of September 2024, the Organizing Authority will publish the final entry list of the event on the official website: www.rcnp.es. The Organizing Authority is not responsible for any extra costs generated on a registered yacht for the event, if the entry has not been accepted.

- 6.7 Registration of Participants: Each Owner or Skipper must register and personally sign the Registration Form in the Race Office at the Real Club Náutico de Palma, before 18.00 h 8th of November 2024. Otherwise the registration will be cancelled and any paid entry fees will not be refunded.
- 6.8 The registration of a boat will not be accepted if, before the time indicated in points 6.7, the following original documents are not lodged in the Race Office. (Modifies Rule 78.2 of the RRS):
- If a boat displays individual advertising, it will have to prove that the national authorization has granted this right, if applicable.
 - Photocopy of the current Insurance certificate with third party liability coverage when racing (damage to third parties and property), or an extension of the third party liability coverage, up to the amount of 2.000.000 €. The Organizing Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of certificates.
 - Spanish crew members, legal residents in Spain or crew of a yacht owned by a member of a Spanish Yacht Club, shall present their 2024 national sailing federation license.
 - List of crew members with photocopies of their passports or identity cards.
 - Telephone contact ashore, including name, address and email of the contact person.
 - Acceptance of Responsibility duly filled in and signed.

7 SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- 7.1 Boats' equipment shall comply to the **Classe Mini** requirements at the start of the race (See table E-16 - 2024 Guide Mini).
- 7.2 No boat will be allowed to take the start without having passed the safety checks.
Inspection visits will be organized during the reception period, the skipper's presence is mandatory.
A calendar to book appointments will be sent to all competitors no later than one week before the start of the reception period, we recommend you use it.
- 7.3 The minimum first aid kit must at least correspond to the Type B first aid kit available on the Classe Mini website. (see 2024 Special Rules for events – E-12)

8 COURSE

- 8.1 A course of approx. 1000 Miles (Palma– Melilla- Palma) in two legs. will be established.

Leg1: Palma-Columbretes Islands (Port)-Ibiza and Formentera Islands (Stb)-Melilla. 500Nm Aprox
Leg2: Melilla- Formentera and Ibiza Islands (Port)- Columbretes Islans (Stb)- Palma. 500Nm Aprox

The marks of the selected course will be defined in the "Appendix – Course" distributed with the Race Instructions after confirmation of the registration.

Alternatives courses may be set up depending on weather conditions.

Details on the courses, mandatory charts and documents relating to safety checks will be online a few weeks before the race.

9 PROGRAM

Depending on the weather conditions, the Race Direction may advance or delay the start. Competitors must be at the OA's disposal. Competitors will be informed of any change in the program by amendment up to 24 hours before the start.

Date	Hour	Program
Monday 4 th November		Beginning of the free of charge berthing for the boat
Tuesday 5 th to Friday 8 th November	09h00-18.00h	Safety controls Entry confirmations
Friday 8 th November	18.00h	General briefing
Saturday 9 th November	12.00h	Start Leg 1 (Palma-Melilla)
Friday 15 th November	18.00h	General briefing
Saturday 16 th November	12.00h	Start Leg 2 (Melilla-Palma)

10 ARRIVAL'S DEADLINE

[NP][DP] Boats and skippers shall be at the OA's disposal no later than Monday 4th November at 18.00 h in Palma.

The skipper must, upon arrival, report to the race secretariat to certify his presence as well as that of his boat. He must also imperatively complete an online form with the elements missing from the registration, in particular MMSI number, name displayed on the AIS, race name, EPIRB tracker number and personal(s), shore contacts, etc. The link to this form will be displayed on the official board, the security control office and the race website. This information is mandatory in order to be able to start.

The arrival procedure and list of useful contacts will be posted on the www.rcnp.es a few weeks before the event.

Boats and skippers that are not present at Palma on Friday 7th November, 2024 at 12.00 h may not be authorized to take the start.

11 ADVERTISING

11.1 Boats must carry the advertising chosen and provided by the OA. In case of a breach of that rule, World Sailing regulation 20.9.2 and article R-18 of the 2024 Guide Mini shall apply [DP]. The installation and maintenance of these supports are the skipper's responsibility who will have to replace them if necessary.

11.2 All Spanish boats or boats representing a Spanish Club must obtain the RFEV approval to display individual advertising.

12 RANKINGS AND PRIZES

There will be a Proto and a Production boat ranking. They will be in real time, taking into account any penalties or bonuses/ Trophies will be awarded to the winner of each category. Other trophies may be awarded and will be published on the Official Notice Board.

13 EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE

The race must be sailed without assistance, as defined in the 2024 Guide Mini. Boats must sail the entire course independently and **must not deliberately sail together** or arrange for any support. During the race, the boat cannot have material contact with another ship or aircraft.

14 INTERNATIONAL JURY, PENALTIES

14.1 An International Jury shall be constituted in accordance with RRS rule 91(b).

15 BERTHS

- 15.1 Yachts entering the event will have berths reserved for them in or nearby the Real Club Náutico de Palma and the Melilla harbour, from the 4th November 2024 until 21st November 2024.
- 15.2 Due to logistical reasons, the Organizing Authority may study special conditions for those boats requesting a longer mooring period. Please contact oficinaderegatas@rcnp.es for further information.
- 15.3 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to assign the moorings under the entry registration date and, depending on the boats' size and draft.
- 15.4 Berths will be free of charge and shall be occupied under the sole responsibility of each yacht skipper.
- 15.5 [NP][DP] Boats must be afloat in their assigned mooring places by 18:00 h of the day before the first race and during the regatta no boats may be hauled out without prior written authorization of the Race Officer. In case of the need for an urgent hauling out, the boat captain/responsible will try by all means to inform this by radio VHF, telephone or in any other way to the Race Officer and if this has not been possible, shall do so in writing after the event.

16 MEDIA RIGHTS [NP] [DP]

The Media Rights belong exclusively to the Real Club Náutico de Palma 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 (included Press, TV advertisements or Internet) for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information, in this respect competitors' name and biographical material may also be used or reproduced in any way known.

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 and the Real Federación Española de Vela.

17 MEDICAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Before the regatta begins, the organising committee recommends each boat responsible to contact their National Sailing Association/Federation to find out which are the clinics/hospitals facilities they can use in case of medical care.

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:

- 18.1 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;
- 18.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 18.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 18.4 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;
- 18.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 18.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 18.7 It is their responsibility to familiarize 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 LOCAL MARINE REGULATIONS

- 19.1 As stated in the Royal Decree 62/2008 of the 25th of January which approves the Regulations of the Maritime Safety Conditions of navigation and of the human life out on the sea for all the nautical activities belonging to sports and memorial regattas, will be applied.
- 19.2 All participants are advised that they may participate, only, if their boat is in good order, equipped and seaworthy to navigate in the waters where the regatta is to be held, and that the boat's skipper has the license to do so. The Real Club Náutico de Palma informs all competitors it has a Civil liability insurance policy for a value of 1.202.024 Euros. Each boat is responsible to possess all the complementary insurance he/she estimates necessary besides the one required in the Notice of Race.

20 CONTACT INFORMATION

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Appendix A

RFEV Sailing Prescriptions that apply to the Palma-Melilla-Palma

https://www.rfev.es/uploaded_files/Document_3219_20210101121551_es.pdf

RRS 6.1 – ADVERTISING

Prescriptions of the RFEV to World Sailing Regulation 20 – Advertising Code.

Regulation 20.2.3.3 The RFEV automatically grants its approval to boats of the recognized Dinghies, Windsurf and Kiteboard classes. All other boats must obtain prior authorization from the RFEV to display individual advertising.

Regulation 20.8.2 When the person in charge for a boat intends to display individual advertising, must pay the fees published on the RFEV website: <http://www.rfev.es/>

RRS 67 DAMAGES

“The RFEV prescribes that:

1. Any question about liability or claim for damages resulting from an incident occurring while a boat is subject to the Racing Rules of Sailing shall be submitted to ordinary civil jurisdiction and shall not be examined by the Protest Committee or the Appeals Committee
2. The fact that a boat is penalized or retires does not imply that it accepts responsibility for damages or that it has infringed a rule”

RRS 75 – ENTERING A RACE

“The RFEV prescribes that:

1. To enter in any race that is held in Spain, any competitor of Spanish nationality or legal residence in Spain must be in possession of the federation sports license of the current year.
2. All crew members of any boat competing in Spain, both Spanish flag and foreign flag representing or competing for a club affiliated to the RFEV, shall be the holders of the federation sports license of the current year.”