

RC44 Puerto Calero Cup 2012

The RC44 Puerto Calero Cup 2012 will be organised by Club de Mar Puerto Calero in co-operation with the RC 44 Class Association.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. For the match racing, Appendix C of RRS will apply. No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.4 The RC 44 Class Rules, the RC44 Sailing Instructions, the RC 44 Class Association Constitution and the RC44 Annual Championship Rules will apply

2. ADVERTISING

The event is classified Category 'C' as per Regulation 20 ISAF Advertising Code.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The RC44 Venue Cup is open to all boats of the RC 44 class that comply to the obligations of the class rules, RC 44 Class Association regulations and their National Authorities in the case that a National Authority exists.
- 3.2 All the RC44 teams who did pay their annual class fee are automatically registered to all the event of the RC44 Championship Tour. A team who doesn't want to join an event shall inform the Class Office minimum 6 weeks before the beginning of the race.
- 3.3 Each team is allowed to register 3 on board non-commercial guests per event. The registration shall be send to the Class Office (hubert.detrey@rc44.com) four weeks before the beginning of the race.

4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply. The skippers are responsible for their team registration to ISAF and shall send a copy of the classification certificate of each crew (including himself) with the entry form. Skippers shall provide the ISAF Sailor ID for each crew at registration. Skippers can register their crew on the ISAF website www.sailing.org.
- 4.2 For full information regarding the crew limitations, see class rules section C "Conditions for racing".

5. FEES

No Entry Fee is required.

6. SCHEDULE

February 6 th	09:30 – 18:00 16:30 – 18:00	Measurement Registration and Crew Weighing
February 7 th	09:30 – 18:00 09:30 – 18:00	Registration and Crew Weighing Measurement
February 8 th	10:00 11:30	Match Race Briefing Match Racing, first warning signal
February 9 th	10:00 11:30	Fleet Race Briefing first warning signal

February 10 th	10:00 11:30	Fleet Race Briefing first warning signal
February 11 th	10:00 11:30	Fleet Race Briefing first warning signal
February 12 th	10:00 11:30	Fleet Race Briefing first warning signal

- 6.1 Match Racing Series: format will be specified in the SI.
- 6.2 Fleet Racing Series: Maximum four races per day are scheduled. Short coastal races can be scheduled, depending on weather conditions. No initial warning signal will be made after 15h00 on February 12th (last day of racing).
- 6.3 In cooperation with the class, the OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate.
- 7.2 All the new Mainsails shall be measured before the race and all the boats shall be weighed according the schedule organised by the Class Measurer.
- 7.3 The Organisers may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and/or her sails and equipment before, during or after the races. There will be no facilities for initial sails measurement. Each boat shall sail with measured sails (initial measurement at the sail loft) and comply with the class rules and sail stickers regulations.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on February 6th at registration.

9. VENUE

The venue will be Puerto Calero. Racing area will be in the waters of the south coast of the island of Lanzarote.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 Fleet race: the course to be sailed will be windward-leeward configuration. Spreader marks and leeward gates shall be used. Short coastal races may be scheduled depending on the weather conditions.
- 10.2 Match race: the course to be sailed will be windward-leeward configuration. Leeward gate may be used.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point System of Appendix 'A' will apply to the fleet racing series.
- 11.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3 Each boat's score shall be the total of her race scores. No score will be excluded.
- 11.4 Scoring system is defined in the Championship Tour Rules 2012 for the match racing series.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall be identified as decided by the Organisers.

13. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

- 13.1 All boats are to be afloat and moored by 2:00 pm on February 7th including boats not participating in the match racing series. There will be no facilities available to assemble the boats during the match racing series.
- 13.2 Boats shall be kept on the assigned pontoons in the harbour.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta unless approved in writing by the OA.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

15.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15.2 Race information will be given by VHF radio on channel 72.

16. PRIZES

The prizes will be given as follows:

Trophy to the winner of the match racing series & winner of the fleet racing series

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 Decision to Race.

17.2 The owner/competitor is entirely responsible for his own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the notice of race or sailing instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

17.3 It is for the owner/competitor to decide whether the boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which they will find themselves. By launching or going to sea, the owner/competitor confirms that boat is fit for those conditions and the crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

17.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owner/competitor nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however, it may have occurred, as a result of the owner/competitor taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters.

17.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the owner/competitor of her responsibilities.

17.6 RRS 68 is changed and replace with:

1. 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.

2. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a rule.

18. INSURANCE

The boat is required to hold adequate third-party insurance with a minimum cover of € 1.000.000,00 per event or the equivalent if expressed in other currency, and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate.

19. PHOTOGRAPHS AND TV RIGHTS

By participating in the RC44 Puerto Calero Cup 2012, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the Class Association the right in perpetuity to make use of and show, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still photographs, live or taped film or video on television and/or other media, showing him/her during the period of the competition, as well as to use such contents in any media whatsoever, for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information without compensation.

The Organising Authority