



# ORC European Championship 2016



## 2016 ORC European CHAMPIONSHIP

NAUTICAL CLUB OF THESSALONIKI  
PORTO CARRAS • GREECE

**3 - 10 July 2016**

### **1 Organizing Authority**

The **ORC European Championship 2016** is organized by the **Nautical Club of Thessaloniki** under the authority of the **Hellenic Sailing Federation** and under the overall authority of the **Offshore Racing Congress (ORC)**.

### **2 Rules**

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2.2 The following rules will also apply:

- a) IMS Rule
- b) ORC Rating Systems Rule
- c) ORC Championship Rules
- d) ISAF Offshore Special Regulations. All races will be Category 3 without liferaft.

2.3 No national authority prescription will apply.

2.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

### **3 Advertising**

ISAF Advertising Code will apply. Competitors & Boats advertising will be without restriction. Event Advertising by the Organizing Authority may include:



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- Bow numbers with advertisement which have to be displayed as forward as possible on the both sides of the first 20% of the hull
- Advertisement to be displayed on the both sides of the foremost 20% of the mainsail boom
- Sponsor's flag that has to be flown on the backstay throughout the entire event.

The Organizing Authority may also require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of onboard video cameras, position devices, and guest riders whose on-board position restrictions are defined in the Sailing Instructions.

## 4 Eligibility

Competitors shall comply with ISAF Eligibility Code. The regatta is open to all boats with valid ORC International certificate complying with ORC Championship Rules. Competing boats will be divided into classes according to ORC Championship Rules 6.2:

- Class A: 17,00 m  $\geq$  CDL > 11,60 m
- Class B: 11,60 m  $\geq$  CDL > 9,70 m
- Class C: 9,70 m  $\geq$  CDL  $\geq$  8,00 m

*The above CDL coefficients apply to certificates issued with ORC VPP 2015, therefore they may be amended if needed, soon after ORC VPP 2016 becomes available.*

## 5 Corinthian Division and Trophy

For the Corinthian Division and Trophy the ISAF Sailor Classification Code, Regulation 22 shall apply and all crew shall hold a valid Group 1 classification. Unclassified sailors will be deemed to be Group 3. A boat entered in the Corinthian Division shall also be entered automatically in the Open Division and shall be eligible for prizes and trophies in both divisions. Details of the ISAF Sailor Classification Code and information on how to apply can be found on the ISAF website: [www.sailing.org/classification](http://www.sailing.org/classification).

The closing date for the receipt of valid Corinthian entries shall be **June 24 2016**. Each entry shall include a complete crew list and show the classification and ISAF Sailor ID for each crew. All crew shall hold valid classifications prior to this date that do not expire until after the final day of the regatta. Late entries and incomplete entries cannot be considered for this division.

Should a boat whose Corinthian entry has been checked and accepted need to change a crew member between the closing date of the entry and the start of the regatta, the name of the new crew member with their valid ISAF Sailor ID must be submitted to the Organizing Authority for their approval [and for the approval of the International Jury]. All crew lists will be posted on the Official Notice Board or website as soon as possible after the Registration deadline.

Note: A representative of the ISAF Sailor Classification Commission will be present during registration and will carry out spot checks. Competitors shall attend interviews with the Commission when requested to do so. Competitors are reminded that the Commission has the power to change a classification at the event with no prior notice. Any changes are effective immediately.

## 6 Entries and Entry Fee

- 6.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line registration form at <http://orci.ncth.gr>, and providing a copy of the yacht's rating certificate before the start of the championship to:

**Nautical Club of Thessaloniki**  
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6.2 The non-refundable entry fee per boat is as follows:

Class	until 30/4/2016	until 31/5/2016	after 31/5/2016
A	500€	700€	900€
B	400€	700€	900€
C	400€	700€	900€

Furthermore, an entry fee of **30€ per crew member** is required.

The first **20 boats** to enter the championship will receive **100€** refund of the entry fee.

The entry fee must be deposited to the following account:

Bank: *EUROBANK*

Swift/BIC: *ERBKGRAA*

IBAN: *GR6302601810000310200057536*

6.3 A boat is considered to be Pre-registered if the following documents are received before **1/7/2016**:

- Completed and signed official entry form
- Current ORC International Certificate
- Entry fee payment confirmation

6.4 The organizer is not responsible for any costs incurred by the non-acceptance of a boat's registration.

6.5 Late entries may be accepted at the organizer's discretion.

## 7 Registration

7.1 Each Owner or Skipper must personally register in the Race Office located in **Porto Carras Olympic Hall** from 3/7/2016 09:00 until 5/7/2016 17:00.

7.2 The following documents shall be presented during registration:

- A valid ORC International certificate issued prior to 30/6/2016.
- A valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 500 000€.
- If advertising is displayed, the respective National Authority permission
- Crew list with name, surname, national sailing license number and weight for each crew member.
- Contact phone number both on boat and ashore, including the name of the contact person.
- Liability acceptance form, duly filled out and signed.

This changes RRS 78.2.



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- 7.3 No changes shall be made on ORC International certificates after registration, unless prescribed by the Measurement Committee and approved by the Jury.
- 7.4 Measurement protests by the boats shall be accepted up to two hours after the posting of the final ratings.
- 7.5 Crew lists may be amended up to Wednesday 6/7/2016 09:00 by filling a new form showing the changes. After this time, changes in crew may be made only with the written permission of the International Jury.
- 7.6 Protests by boats regarding ISAF Sailors Classification Code shall be accepted up to 6/7/2016 20:00.

## 8 Schedule

### 8.1

Sun 3/7/2016	09:00 - 20:00	Registration, measurement and safety inspections
Mon 4/7/2016	09:00 - 20:00	Registration, measurement and safety inspections
Tue 5/7/2016	09:00 - 18:00	Registration, measurement and safety inspections
	14:00	Practice race
	20:00	Skippers' meeting
	21:00	Opening Ceremony
Wed 6/7/2016	13:00	Offshore race
Thu 7/7/2016	13:00	Inshore races
Fri 8/7/2016	13:00	Offshore or Inshore races
Sat 9/7/2016	13:00	Inshore races
Sun 10/7/2016	13:00	Inshore races
	21:00	Prize giving, closing ceremony

- 8.2 Nine races are scheduled including two offshore races and seven inshore races. Inshore races will be windward/leeward, except when unusual or extreme local conditions make it impossible to sail a windward/leeward course. In this case, the International Jury may give permission to sail a substitute course.
- 8.3 The offshore races will have a duration of approximately 10-12 hours for the slowest boat. The offshore races may be rescheduled in case of adverse weather conditions.
- 8.4 The inshore races will have a duration of approximately 1.5-2 hours on a windward/leeward course.
- 8.5 No race start will be given later than 16:00 on the last day of the event.
- 8.6 The championship is valid if at least 4 inshore races and 1 offshore race or at least 3 inshore races and 2 offshore races are completed. One discard will be allowed if 7 races are completed, but if there is only one offshore race completed in the series it shall not be discarded.
- 8.7 The race schedule may be changed by sailing instructions and amendments, depending on weather conditions.

## 9 Inspections and Measurement checks

Each boat shall be available for safety gear measurement inspections from **Sunday 3/7/2016 09:00** until the protest time limit of the last race has expired. Safety, measurement and rules compliance inspections will be carried out throughout the championship, before or after each race, with emphasis on boats well placed in the scoring. The inspection will also include freeboards whenever possible.



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## 10 Sailing Instructions

10.1 Sailing Instructions will be available for each entrant at completion of the registration formalities.

## 11 Scoring

11.1 Windward/leeward race results will be determined by corrected times calculated using Performance Curve Scoring (PCS).

11.2 Offshore race results will be determined by corrected times calculated using Time-On-Time Offshore coefficient.

11.3 Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

11.4 The scoring points coefficient for all races is 1,0.

## 12 International Jury

An International Jury appointed according to the RRS Appendix N will supervise the event; with no right of appeal according to the RRS 70.5.

## 13 Nautical charts

The following nautical charts of the Hellenic Navy Hydrographical Service ([www.hnhs.gr](http://www.hnhs.gr)) are utilized as a reference in the Sailing Instructions: **331, 3312, 3111**.

## 14 Moorings

All boats will be berthed free of charge in Porto Carras marina from 3/7/2016 until 11/7/2016.

## 15 Media rights

Competitors, owners and their guests give absolute right and permission to the Organizing Authority for any photography and video footage taken of persons and boats during the event, to be published and/or broadcast in any media, including but not limited to TV advertisements, whatsoever for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information.

## 16 Communication

Except when communicating with the Race Committee, a boat while racing shall not transmit or receive communication of any information not publicly available to all boats participating.

## 17 Trophies and Prizes

17.1 Prizes will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> winner of each class of the championship

17.2 A prize will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> winner of each class for every race.

## 18 Disclaimer of Liability

All those taking part in the regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Nautical Club of Thessaloniki, the Hellenic Sailing Federation as well as any other party involved in the organization of the ORC European Championship 2016 disclaim any and all responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage injury or inconvenience that might occur to persons and materials, both ashore and at sea as a consequence of participation in the event. Each boat owner or his representative accepts these terms by signing the entry form. The attention of competitors is drawn to ISAF Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing.



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## 19 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 500 000€ per event. Regardless, it is the responsibility of the owners to hold adequate insurance cover for Tort Liability and Third Party Insurance (Property and Persons).

## 20 Further Information

For further information please contact:

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