



TRANSATLANTIC MAXI YACHT CUP 2009

NOTICE OF RACE



Tenerife (Canary Islands)- Sint Maarten(Netherlands Antilles)

Monday 23rd November 2009



The Transatlantic Maxi Yacht Cup 2009 will depart Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain the 23rd November 2009.

The regatta is organised by the International Maxi Association (I.M.A) in conjunction with the Real Club Nautico de Tenerife and with the support of St.Maarten Yacht Club and Yacht Club Costa Smeralda.

1 - ORGANISING AUTHORITY

IMA – INTERNATIONAL MAXI ASSOCIATION

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in conjunction with the:

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and the support of:

Sint Maarten Yacht Club
Welfare Road 90, Simpson Bay
St. Maarten, Netherlands Antilles
P.O.Box 5315
Tel. 005995442075
Fax 005995442091
Email: info@smyc.com
Sint Maarten Yacht Club

Yacht Club Costa Smeralda
Via della Marina - 07021 Porto Cervo (OT)
www.yccs.it email secretariat@yccs.it
Tel 0039 0789902200 Fax 0039 078991213

2 – RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing 2009/2012 (RRS). Three hours after the start the RRS will be replaced by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.
- 2.2 No National authority prescriptions will apply.
- 2.3 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations - Category ONE, current on November 23rd, 2009, will apply. A written declaration by the owner/skipper in charge for the race shall be delivered to the O.A. at registration to comply with these Rules, including training sessions, taking full responsibilities for the safety equipments.
- 2.4 IRC Rules and Regulations will apply but all devices for power assisted winches, canting keels, trim tab and water ballast are permitted.

- 2.5 The minimum crew members shall be eight. The complete list of people on board shall be delivered at registration.

3 - ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Boats may display Advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

4 - ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats in compliance with the IMA's five divisions regulations (Racing, Wally, Racing/Cruising, Cruising/Spirit of Tradition, Mini Maxi).

- 4.2 Entries shall be made on the attached Entry Form and shall be received, completed in full, by the International Maxi Association not later than September 15th 2009, accompanied by a non-refundable entry fee of 3.000 Euro per yacht. A reduced entry fee of Euro 2.000 is available for current members of the IMA and for entries completed before August 31st.

The entry fee includes participation of the entire crew at the social events (welcome cocktail and prizegiving party), free moorings at the Marina de Santa Cruz from 08.00 hours on November 20 to the starting day on November 23, free moorings in Sint Maarten at the Palapa Marina from the arrival of the boats until the 09.00 hours on 13th December. Only boats entered by 15th September, 2009 and participating in the regatta will be entitled to these concession.

For assistance with the mooring please contact the Marina de Santa Cruz Offices on VHF 9 or 16 and the Palapa Marina Office on VHF Channel 68.

On arrival either in Tenerife and Sint Maarten all boats shall register with the Marina Office.

Provision of water and electricity is not included in the entry fee and must be requested at the Marina Office. Payment for these services must be made to the Marina Offices.

- 4.3 The entry fee can be paid by Credit Card (VISA or MASTERCARD) or by bank transfer. If the payment is made by bank transfer, a copy of the transfer confirmation is to accompany the entry form. Please send the transfer payments to:

BANQUE PRIVEE EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD S.A.

18, Rue De Hesse
CH 1204 GENEVA
SWITZERLAND

Account N° 1 320 700 – IMA – INTERNATIONAL MAXI ASSOCIATION

SWIFT N° PRIBCHGG

IBAN N° CH4608571320700010000

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registrations, inspections and checks will be held in Tenerife on November 21 & 22.
5.2 Official Briefing will take place at 18.00 at the Real Club Nautico Tenerife on November 22.
5.3 The start will take place in the waters outside Tenerife Marina at 13.00 hours on Monday November 23.

6. MEASUREMENT AND CHECKS

- 6.1 Each boat shall produce an IRC valid rating certificate endorsed by the IMA Technical Office. Random checks will take place at the start and at the finish.

7 - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The preliminary Sailing Instructions will be available on the IMA website (www.internationalmaxiassociation.com) by October 15, 2009. The final Sailing Instructions will be delivered at registration.

8 - RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 8.1 All boats shall be equipped as described by ISAF Special Regulations Par. 3.29 for category ONE.

- 8.2 Special GPS equipment will be provided and installed by the O.A. free of charge for the competitors.
- 8.3 Daily position report(s) to the O.A. shall be made by each boat as specified in the S.I.

9. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

The prizegiving will take place at the St.Maarten Yacht Club one day after the last boat to finish or on Friday, December 12th, whichever comes first.

- Transatlantic Trophy will be awarded to the first yacht on the line.
- Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner in IRC.
- Trophies for the winner of each IMA Divisions.

10. INSURANCE

It is the responsibility of the owner to provide third party insurance of an adequate amount.

11 DISCLAIMER

Competitors agree to be bound by the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009/2012, by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race. Competitors agree:

- to take any and all responsibility for the nautical qualities of their boat, the rigging, the crew's ability and the safety equipment. Competitors also agree to take any and all responsibility for damages caused to third persons or their belongings, to themselves or to their belongings, ashore and at sea as a consequence of their participation in the regatta, relieving of any responsibility, the International Maxi Association and all persons involved in the organization under whatever qualification and to accept full responsibility for the behaviour and dress of the boat's crew, representatives and guests.
- Competitors are to be acquainted with ISAF RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

In any case, competitors agree that the International Maxi Association, the sponsors and their agents, have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel or property.

As part of the registration process, each individual participating crewmember will be required to sign a declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability.

12 – MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors grant the Organizing 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 boat they are sailing during the event to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to Press and TV advertisements or Internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information; in this respect, competitors' names and any biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known. As part of the registration process, each individual participating crewmember will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights.

13 PROTESTS

Protests shall be delivered at arrival within two hours after finish. VHF communication to the protested boat shall be made at the infringement with copy by email to the O.A.

Hearing will be held by the jury in St.Maarten as soon as possible after all parties concerned are present on the island. An International Jury will be present at Tenerife and Sint. Maarten to hear protests- Its decision will be final in accordance with RRS Rule 70.5.

14 SOCIAL EVENTS

A Welcome Cocktail party will be held at the Real Club Nautico de Tenerife on November 22 and the Prize Giving party will take place at St.Maarten Yacht Club, after the Prizegiving ceremony. Other Social events will be specified in the S.I.

15 PRESS OFFICE

Media representatives wishing to cover the event are requested to contact:

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07021 Porto Cervo (OT)

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Tel. +39/0789/902200 - Fax +39/0789/91253 - Email: pressoffice@yccs.it

16- MOORINGS

To reserve moorings prior and after the dates indicated in Par 4.2, please apply directly to:

Marina Santa Cruz

Puerto Comercial de Tenerife

Darsena Los llanos S/N

Phone: 922 292184 Fax: 922 247933

Email: marinasantacruz@terra.es

Palapa Marina

Airport Rd n.28, Simpson Bay

Sint Maarten, The Caribbean

Phone: 599 5452735

Fax: 599 5452510

Email: office@palapamarina.com

For further information please check the event web site www.internationalmaxiassociation.com