

NOTICE OF RACE



2015

Start: **Saturday 28th November 2015**

Organised by the Royal Ocean Racing Club
in association with the
International Maxi Association







DEFINITIONS

Class

The term Class includes IRC and MOCRA rating systems.

Closing Date

Monday 26th October 2015 is the date after which a late entry fee is charged.

Competitor

A Competitor is any sailor competing in the race.

Documents Page

Can be found at <http://remus.rorc.org/documents/>

High Points System

The boats are ranked in order of points scored. Highest points score wins.

Emergency Contact

Is the person to be informed in case of emergency. The nominated *Emergency Contact* must be available to contact for the duration of the race and cannot be a *Competitor* in the race.

Rating Deadline

Is the latest date by which a valid Rating or Class Certificate shall be issued to the boat.

REMUS

The RORC online entry system at <http://remus.rorc.org/>

RORC Crew Management System (RCMS)

The RORC System for completing Offshore Crewlists at <http://rorc.sailgate.com/crew/>

Service Yacht

Is one which is crewed by regular serving personnel of the Armed Services, affiliated to or approved for this purpose by the Association of Services Yacht Clubs, but may include one non-serving owner or owner's representative.

TERMINOLOGY

A term used in the sense stated in the definitions is printed in italics (for example *Class*).

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ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) in association with the International Maxi Association (IMA) and supported by Puerto Calero Marina, Lanzarote, Camper & Nicholson's Port Louis Marina, Grenada, and Grenada Tourism.

1 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Event	
Monday 12th January	Entry Opens	See – Entering the Race
Monday 26th October	Closing Date	
Friday 20th November	Rating Deadline	
Monday 23rd November	Boats are required to be berthed in Puerto Calero Marina	Lanzarote, Canary Islands
Thursday 26th November	Welcome Party	Puerto Calero Marina, Lanzarote
Saturday 28th November	Start	Lanzarote Canary Islands
Friday 18th December	Prizegiving Party	Port Louis Marina, Grenada

2 RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1 English Law

This Notice of Race, and the terms of the contract created by the acceptance of a boat's entry in any race or event governed by this Notice of Race, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law. Any dispute which cannot be resolved under Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing shall be referred to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.

2.2 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013 – 2016

The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016 (<http://www.sailing.org/documents/racing-rules.php>).

2.3 National Authority Prescriptions

The prescriptions of the RYA will apply (<http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/racingrules/Pages/the-rules.aspx>). No other National Authority prescriptions shall apply.

2.4 Class Rules

The rules and regulations of appropriate One Design and/or Class

rules, IRC Rules Parts A, B & C, and MOCRA Rules.

2.5 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (OSR)

The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, and RORC Prescriptions, Category 1 plus Satellite Phone.

When details of Special Regulations cannot be met the Committee may accept an alternative.

2.6 International Regulations for Prevention of Collision at Sea

Between the times of sunset and sunrise, RRS Part 2 will be replaced with the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) or by government right-of-way rules.

2.7 Pollution

RRS 55 is deleted. However competitors are reminded that the dumping of rubbish at sea is prohibited by law. Attention is also drawn to the ISAF Code of Environmentally Friendly Behaviour (www.sailing.org/about/environment/index.php)

2.8 Notice of Race

This Notice of Race and any amendments thereto.

2.9 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be issued to boats which have met all of the entry requirements.

NOTE: Succeeding items in the above list shall take precedence.

3 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

4 RESPONSIBILITY

4.1 The Person in Charge

Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of Persons in Charge is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone" and to Special Regulation 1.02.1 which begins: "The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge."

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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed, in date and familiar to the crew.

4.2 The RORC

The RORC, its sponsors and other organising clubs, accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property.

4.3 Starting and Continuing to Race

The Race Committee will make starting signals unless in their opinion it is manifestly unsafe for any of the boats entered to remain in the vicinity of the starting line. Each boat shall exercise her responsibility under RRS Fundamental Rule 4 and decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.

4.4 Race Declaration(s)

No boat will be accepted as an entry unless the Person in Charge has, before the start of the race, signed a declaration in the terms set out in NoR 16. The RORC reserves the right to require a signed declaration, in the terms set out in NoR 16, from each crewmember.

4.5 Safety and Lifesaving Equipment

Crew members' attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 Life-Saving Equipment: "Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions."

However a lifejacket and harness shall be worn when on deck:

- Between the hours of sunset and sunrise

- When alone on deck
- When reefed
- When the true wind speed is 25 knots or above
- When the visibility is less than 1 nautical mile

See also Special Regulation 5.02.

4.6 RORC Safety Sticker

All boats shall display the RORC Safety Sticker in a prominent place on board. The sticker is available from the RORC.

5 ELIGIBILITY

5.1 Suitability

The race is open to seaworthy boats which comply with the rules and regulations described in the Notice of Race and which are manned by an adequate number of experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. The minimum crew on any monohull shall be three apart from as allowed under NoR 5.3.1.6 Two-Handed Class. However, no person may race contrary to the terms of a ban imposed by the RORC, a National Authority or ISAF.

5.2 Boat Size

There is no maximum size for boats in the RORC Transatlantic Race.

The minimum size for monohulls is determined by their rating, and their SSS/STIX numbers. The minimum size for multihulls is 9.15 metres/30ft (LOA) with a minimum MOCRA rating of 1.200.

The committee may make exceptions on application.

5.3 Divisions

5.3.1 IRC – Boats rating 1.004 and greater

IRC Rules Parts A, B and C shall apply, except as varied below or in the Sailing Instructions.

5.3.1.1 Spare Mainsail

IRC Rule 21.1.5 (e) is amended to "a spare mainsail may be on board but may not be used unless the racing mainsail is damaged beyond repair. The use of the spare mainsail must be declared on the Race Declaration."

5.3.1.2 Spinnakers

In accordance with GBR Rule Authority prescription published on www.rorcrating.com IRC Rule 21.6.1 is changed to the extent that a boat



may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current certificate of area not greater than rated SPA without an increase in rating.

5.3.1.3 Crew Numbers

IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by: “The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be the number shown on the certificate. There is no weight limit.”

The minimum number of crew is 3 except as allowed in NoR 5.3.1.6 Two-Handed Class.

NOTE: The above provision overrides IRC Rule 22.4.1 in respect of One-Design classes. However a class may wish for its own purposes to apply its own crew limits of less than the IRC Crew Number. It is recommended that the Person in Charge consult their Class Association and the RORC.

5.3.1.4 Automatic and Wind-vane devices for Steering

5.3.1.5 Automatic and Wind-vane devices for steering may be carried but not used, except as in NoR 5.3.1.6 Two-Handed Class. This amends RRS 52.

5.3.1.6 Two-Handed Class

A Two-Handed Class within IRC will be available in the RORC Transatlantic Race. Boats will be eligible for both Two-Handed and IRC rating band class trophies. Automatic or wind-vane steering is permitted. This changes RRS 52. Entries must satisfy the committee that they have suitable and adequate experience and that their boat is appropriately prepared for two-handed sailing.

5.3.2 Multihulls – Boats rating 1.200 and greater

Offshore multihulls with endorsed MOCRA (Multihull Offshore Cruising and Racing Association) rating certificates may enter a multihull division of the race. For more information on MOCRA and to apply for a rating visit the MOCRA website (<http://www.mocra-sailing.co.uk/>). The minimum crew for multihulls is two. In two-handed multihulls automatic or wind-vane steering is permitted. This changes RRS 52.

5.3.3 Level Racing

When at least six boats from a class, which in itself races “level” and is recognised by the RORC, take part in the race, a class result may be provided. With prior permission from the RORC, certain classes may be allowed to race under class rules within RORC racing (e.g. Class40)

5.4 Classes and Class Flags

When racing the appropriate class flag shall be prominently displayed from the backstay, or at the stern on a boat with no backstay. Boats shall provide their own class flag.

Class	TCC Range	Class Flag
IRC Canting Keel*	1.004 and greater	Pennant 9
IRC Zero	1.275 and greater	Pennant 0
IRC One	1.101 – 1.274	Pennant 1
IRC Two	1.051 – 1.100	Pennant 2
IRC Three	1.004 – 1.050	Pennant 3
Class40	Level Rating	Class Flag
Multihull (MOCRA)	1.200 and greater	Pennant 8

*IRC Canting Keel is a separate class within IRC for boats with canting keels

The RORC reserves the right to amend the class splits in the light of 2015 data before the start of the race.

5.5 Rating and Class Certificate(s)

Boats shall hold valid rating/class certificate(s) on the *Rating Deadline*. Boats racing under IRC are not required to submit a copy of their certificate to the RORC. Boats holding other rating/class certificates shall submit a copy of their certificate(s) to the RORC by the *Rating Deadline*. Changes to ratings and class certificates will only be accepted after the *Rating Deadline* in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the RORC. Every boat racing shall have on board a current valid signed copy of the rating and/or class certificate for the *Class* or *Classes* in which she is racing.

5.6 2015 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) and RORC Prescriptions

The race is Category 1 including RORC Prescriptions plus Satellite Telephone.

The complete 2015 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations with RORC Prescriptions are available in Appendix 1 of the 2015 RORC Notice of Race - <http://www.rorc.org/2015-notice-of-race/2015-notice-of-race.html>

The OSR can also be found on the *Documents Page* where there are also extracts from the regulations which show what is required for a given Category.



5.6.1 Automatic Identification System (AIS) Transponder

OSR 3.29.1(n) requires boats to carry an AIS Transponder in Category 1 races.

Competitors shall ensure that the name of the boat is transmitted rather than just the MMSI number.

Competitors shall use their best endeavours to ensure that their AIS Transponder is switched on (transmitting and receiving) at all times during the race.

5.6.2 Satellite Telephone

Every boat is required to carry a satellite telephone for the race. The telephone number shall be lodged with the RORC.

5.6.3 OSR Compliance

Responsibility for compliance rests with the Person in Charge of the boat. However the RORC will endeavour to help *Competitors* to understand the OSR and reserves the right to conduct an OSR inspection on any competitor's boat at any time.

Before the race, the Person in Charge shall complete an OSR Checklist to Category 1 (available on the *Documents Page*).

6 STABILITY AND SAFETY INDICES

In accordance with OSR 3.04.3 the RORC uses minimum stability/ buoyancy indices. For boats competing under IRC either SSS or STIX and AVS indices are used depending on the series date of the boat. Monohull boats not racing under IRC shall satisfy the RORC that they meet an equivalent minimum stability requirement for the race.

In exceptional circumstances the RORC may accept other indicators as to the suitability of the boat for the race.

6.1 SSS or STIX and AVS

Boats with a series date of 1995 and later will be categorised under STIX and AVS only.

Boats with a series date before 1995 may be categorised under either SSS or STIX and AVS.

OSR Category	STIX min	AVS min	SSS min
Category 1	32	130 – 0.002*m	35

Where m is the boat's Minimum Sailing Weight

7 ELIGIBILITY - COMPETITORS

7.1.1 Offshore Crewlist

An Offshore Crewlist complete with full *Emergency Contact* details shall be supplied to the RORC by means of the *RORC Crew Management System (RCMS)*. The RORC will hold full details of each crew member and *Emergency Contact* for the race. In exceptional circumstances the RORC may accept receipt of the Offshore Crewlist by other means.

7.1.2 Experience Qualification

The RORC Transatlantic Race is not a race for novices. Every *Competitor* must have experience of sailing a boat offshore and be prepared to encounter heavy weather. *Competitors* may be required to provide evidence of offshore experience.

7.1.2.1 Minimum Experience Requirement

The minimum experience requirements are 500 nautical miles of offshore racing or equivalent passage(s). The experience requirement shall be completed on the boat entering into the race, by a minimum of 50% of the crew (but no fewer than two) including the Person in Charge, and within 18 months of the start of the race. A *Service Yacht* may qualify similarly or submit written authority from her service establishment.

A proposal to meet the experience qualification shall be lodged for agreement by the RORC as soon as possible after entry.

Further information:

Examples for a proposal, acceptable offshore racing or equivalent passages can be found in the Guide for Entrants on the RORC Transatlantic Race Minisite www.transatlantic.rorc.org

7.1.3 Training

7.1.3.1 Offshore Crew Training

At least 30% of the boat's crew (but no fewer than two), including the Person in Charge, shall have completed training to Section 6 of the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations and gained a certificate from an ISAF approved Offshore Personal Survival Training Course. Training shall have taken place within 5 years of the start of the race.

7.1.3.2 First Aid

At least two members of the boat's crew shall hold an in-date certificate of a First Aid Training Course. The course shall comply with OSR 6.05.2 and have been completed within 5 years of the start of the race. The qualifications of Doctors, Paramedics or similarly trained medical professionals will be accepted, provided they are familiar with the topics of OSR Appendix N.



8 RACE ENTRY

8.1 Entering the Race

Entry opens on Monday 12th January 2015.

A boat shall enter the race using the REMUS online entry system and pay the appropriate entry fee before the *Closing Date*. In exceptional circumstance the RORC may accept an entry over the telephone. Submission of an entry and payment of the fee will not guarantee a place in the race; all other entry requirements must be completed to the satisfaction of the RORC.

8.2 Payment

Before the *Closing Date*, Monday 26th October 2015, payment shall be made by credit card (through the online entry system or by telephone). When the entry fee is greater than £1000, payment may be made by BACS transfer. To pay by BACS please contact the RORC for bank details.

In exceptional circumstances the RORC may accept other payment methods.

8.3 Entering the Race

Cancellations before the *Closing Date* will be eligible for a full refund of the race entry fee.

Cancellations after the *Closing Date* will be eligible for a refund of 50% of the race entry fee.

If the Person in Charge fails to notify the RORC of cancellation as described above he/she shall pay the full fee without refund unless good reason can be shown.

Refunds will be sent to the credit card used for payment. For payments made by other means, refunds will be made against a written claim received by no later than Friday 30th September 2016.

8.4 Standard Entry Fees – shown in £ Sterling

RORC Transatlantic Race		
LH (LOA) (m)	Non-Members	Members (Discount)
Below 15.00	901	631 (270)
15.00 - 15.99	1210	920 (290)
16.00 - 16.99	1602	1312 (290)
17.00 - 17.99	2086	1796 (290)
18.00 - 18.99	2812	2522 (290)
19.00 - 19.99	2951	26610 (290)
20.00 - 20.99	3095	2805 (290)
21.00 - 21.99	3260	2970 (290)
22.00 - 22.99	3399	3109 (290)
23.00 - 23.99	3543	3253 (290)
24.00 - 24.99	3687	3397 (290)
25.00 - 25.99	3852	3562 (290)
26.00 - 26.99	3996	3706 (290)
27.00 - 27.99	4135	3845 (290)
28.00 - 28.99	4275	3985 (290)
29.00 - 29.99	4444	4154 (290)
Boats 30m LOA and above:	148 per metre	104 per metre

Note: A discount of 30% of the race entry fee is applied for RORC Members. The discount is capped at the value of an ordinary UK member subscription (£290).

8.5 Late Entry Fees

Entries after the *Closing Date* may be accepted on payment of an additional sum of half the standard entry fee.



9 ATTENDANCE AND BERTHING

9.1 Puerto Calero Marina, Lanzarote (Before the Start)

All boats are required to be berthed in the Puerto Calero Marina from Monday 23rd November 2015. Any boat that anticipates being unable to meet this requirement shall contact the Race Committee to request dispensation. Berthing is included in the entry fee from Monday 23rd November until the start of the race. Boats requiring berthing prior to the 23rd November must contact the marina directly. Discounted berthing may be available to *Competitors* of the race before 23rd November.

9.2 Berthing at the Finish – Camper & Nicholsons Port Louis Marina, Grenada

Berthing is provided for 48hrs after a boat finishes the race. Discounted berthing is available for *Competitors* after this period on request to the marina.

10 COURSE

Lanzarote, Canary Islands - Grenada, Caribbean.
Approximate Distance: 2995nm



11 TRACKING

It will be mandatory for boats to carry an Offshore Tracking Unit for the duration of the RORC Transatlantic Race. The units are standalone and will be provided by the RORC. The entry fee includes tracking.

12 PENALTIES

12.1 Taking a Penalty (RRS 44)

Unless Sailing Instructions state that a scoring penalty applies, a boat may take a Two Turns Penalty as permitted and described in RRS 44.2 for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 or a right-of-way rule of IRPCAS, whichever applies at the time. When the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS apply, a penalty need not be taken until it is safe to do so. This adds to RRS 44.1.

12.2 Penalties for Infringements of Other Rules

Penalties for infringements of other rules will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

13 COMMUNICATION

A boat may, without infringing RRS 41, request and receive repetition of information broadcast by the Race Committee, or be told whether or not a broadcast has been made.

13.1 Weather and Tidal Information

Rule 41(c) is replaced by:

“A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except (c) help in the form of information which is freely available to all boats, which shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source which is available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription, but shall not include information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any source not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation.”

By way of an example and interpretation, downloading charts, weather and/or tidal GRIB files from subscription services, or having such information passed to the boat in its pure form, is permitted **but receiving messages or information which is the result of interpretation as it applies to the boat is not permitted.**



14 SCORING

14.1 Cox-Sprague High Point Scoring

The scoring system will be the *High Points System* as detailed on the RORC Website:

<http://www.rorc.org/miscellaneous-documents/rorc-offshore-scoring-system.html>

RRS Appendix A is changed; paragraph A4 will not apply.

A boat that is penalised under RRS 30.2 or that takes a penalty under RRS 44.3(a) shall be scored points as provided in RRS 44.3(c).

15 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

The interpretation of the terms of award for all trophies and prizes will be made by the RORC Committee, whose decision is final. When no boat qualifies to win a particular trophy the Race Committee may, at its discretion, award it otherwise.

15.1 Trophies

Line Honours Monohull – IMA Transatlantic Trophy

Line Honours Multihull

IRC Overall

IRC Classes

IRC Two-Handed Class

MOCRA Multihull

15.1.1 Trophy Winners

The Club holds the winners of trophies responsible for all damage or loss and strongly recommend that winners take out adequate insurance. Winners are responsible to get the trophy suitably engraved, and are also liable for all return carriage costs. If a trophy is returned not engraved the RORC reserves the right to charge the cost of the engraving to the winner. Trophies will be returned to the Club when requested by the Race Office.

15.2 Prizes

RORC medallions will be presented as prizes for each class and division.

16 RACE ENTRY DECLARATION

The Person in Charge for each race shall agree to the terms of the declaration below using REMUS the online entry system. In exceptional circumstances the RORC may accept a signed printed declaration.

Race Entry Form Declaration to be signed by every Person in Charge

To the best of my knowledge the information I have given is accurate. I understand that yacht racing can be dangerous. I agree that the RORC, organising clubs, the Rolex SA, the Rolex UK, other sponsors and their agents, have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to any vessel or property. I have paid particular attention to and agree to be bound by Special Regulation 1.02 and I have read and understand and where appropriate agree to be bound by RORC NoR 4 Responsibility. Before racing I will effect adequate and suitable insurance. Before racing I will ensure that my crew is aware of:

- the undertaking in this Declaration
- the importance of effecting appropriate personal insurance
- their responsibility in rules observance, and in particular RRS 1.2 (wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions). See also RORC Prescription to the Special Regulations 5.01.5

I agree to be bound by RRS, RYA Prescriptions, this Notice of Race, ISAF Offshore Special Regulations and other applicable rules. The boat will be available for inspection. If any alteration likely to affect the handicap or rating is made, e.g. to sails, rig, mast, ballast, trim, engine or propeller, I will notify the Rating Authority and Race Committee immediately. I will ensure that no crew member races on my boat contrary to the terms of any ban imposed by ISAF, or a National Authority or the RORC.

I understand and agree that the information given in this race entry and also the race entry lists and results will be maintained on the Club's computer to be used for all aspects of race organisation.

17 INSURANCE

Boats shall be adequately and suitably insured before racing.



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