



10TH ANNIVERSARY 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

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7 January 2024

From: Lanzarote - Marina Lanzarote

To: Grenada - Camper & Nicholson Port Louis Marina

Organised by the  **Royal Ocean Racing Club**
in association with



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DE FRANCE**

DEFINITIONS

Class

The term Class includes IRC, Class40, Classic Yachts, Superyacht and MOCRA rating systems.

Closing Date

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://www.rorc.org/racing/race-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

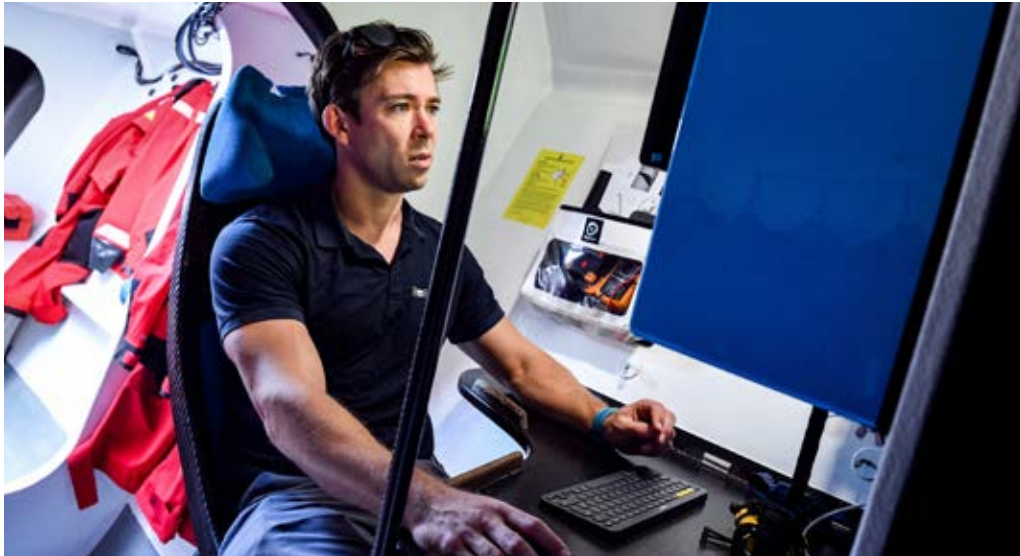
Is the latest date by which a valid Rating or Class Certificate shall be issued to the boat.

TERMINOLOGY

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

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ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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

1 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Event	
Monday 24 April 2023	Entry Opens	See 8.1 – Entering the Race
Monday 18 December 2023	<i>Closing Date</i>	
Friday 18 December 2023	<i>Rating Deadline</i>	
Tuesday 2 January 2024	boats are required to be in Marina Lanzarote	Lanzarote, Canary Islands
Wednesday 3 January 2024	Welcome Party	Puerto Calero Marina
Friday 5 January 2024	Gala Dinner	
Sunday 7 January 2024	Start	Lanzarote, Canary Islands
The date for the Prize-giving will be announced according to the entries received	Prize-giving	Victory bar, Camper & Nicholson, 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)

The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) will apply (<https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/racing-rules-of-sailing/>).

2.3 National Authority Prescriptions

The prescriptions of the RYA will apply (<https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules>). 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 will apply.

2.5 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations

The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (2023), and RORC Prescriptions (2023), Category 1.

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 Rules will be replaced with the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS).

2.7 Notice of Race

This Notice of Race and any amendments thereto.

2.8 Sailing Instructions

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

When there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instruction; the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. (this changes RRS 63.7)

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 3: "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

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

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 crew member.

4.4 Race Declaration(s)

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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 a personal flotation device 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 - The Boat

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 5.3.1.1 Two-Handed Class. However, no person may race contrary to the terms of a ban imposed by the RORC, a National Authority or World Sailing.

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

2023 IRC Rules Parts A, B and C shall apply, except as varied below or in the Sailing Instructions.





5.3.1.1 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. 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 MOCRA 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.org.uk>). The minimum crew for multihulls is two. Automatic and Wind-vane devices for steering are allowed, this changes RRS 52.

5.3.3 Classic Yachts

Classic yachts which meet the following criteria are eligible to enter the RORC Transatlantic Race:

- Yachts built before 31 December 1981 that have not been substantially modified from their original plans and that have been built as one-offs or in a limited non-industrial series.
- Replica yachts that, regardless of their launch date, were built to plans pre-dating the end of 1981, and in accordance with the techniques of that period.
- Yachts built in the spirit of the classic yachts, of the period in which they were built and built as one-offs.

The Organising Authority has the final say over any interpretation of the criteria for entry.

5.3.4 Class 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).

5.3.5 Superyachts

Superyachts with a minimum length of $\geq 24\text{m}$ and a DLR of ≥ 90

5.4 Changes to IRC Rules

5.4.1 Spare Mainsail

A spare mainsail may be on board but shall not be used unless the racing mainsail is damaged beyond repair. The use of the spare mainsail must be declared on the Race Declaration.

5.4.2 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.

5.4.3 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 5.3.1.1 Two-Handed Class.

5.5 Automatic and Wind-vane devices for Steering

Automatic and Wind-vane devices for steering are allowed, this changes IRC Rule 15 and RRS 52.

5.6 Classes

Class	TCC Range
IRC Classes	1.000 and greater
Superyacht	Superyachts with a minimum length of >= 24m and a DLR of >= 90
Classic Yachts	TBC
Class40	Level Rating
Multihull (MOCRA)	1.200 and greater

The Class splits for IRC will be announced after the Closing Date (Monday 18th December 2023).

5.7 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.

5.8 2023 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) and RORC Prescriptions

The race is Category 1 including RORC Prescriptions.





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

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.

5.8.1 Automatic Identification System (AIS) Transponder

OSR 3.29.13 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 a minimum of every 5 minutes throughout the race.

5.8.2 AIS Personal Crew Overboard Beacon

OSR 4.22 requires that all crew have an AIS Personal Crew Overboard Beacon, these should be carried by each crew member at all times while on deck.

5.8.3 Satellite Telephone

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

5.8.4 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 the RORC uses minimum stability/buoyancy indices. Monohull yachts not racing under IRC shall satisfy the RORC that they meet the requirements of other stability indices for the category of race.

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

6.1 SSS, ORC Stability Index 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, STIX and AVS, ORC Stability Index.

OSR Category	STIX min	AVS min	SSS min	ORC Stability Index min
Category 1	32	130 – 0.002*m but always ≥ 100°	35	115

Where m is the mass of the boat in minimum operating condition as defined by ISO 12217-2

More information about Safety and Stability Indices can be found at <http://www.ircrating.org/>

7 ELIGIBILITY - Competitors

7.1 Offshore Crewlist

An Offshore Crewlist complete with full *Emergency Contact* details shall be supplied to the RORC by means of the RORC online entry system (Sailgate). The RORC will hold full details of each crew member and *Emergency Contact* for the race.

7.2 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.

7.2.1 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 25% 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.





7.3 Training

7.3.1 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 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations and gained a certificate from a World Sailing approved Offshore Personal Survival Training Course. Training shall have taken place within 5 years of the start of the race.

7.3.2 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 H.

8 RACE ENTRY

8.1 Entering the Race

Entry opens on Monday 24 April 2023.

A boat shall enter the race using the RORC online entry system www.sailracehq.com and pay the appropriate entry fee before the Closing Date. In exceptional circumstances 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 18th December 2023, payment shall be made by credit card (through the online entry system or by telephone). In exceptional circumstances the RORC may accept other payment methods after consultation.

NB: No competitor is considered an official entrant into the race until all outstanding entry fees have been finalised with the RORC.

8.3 Cancellation and Refund

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.

8.4 Standard Entry Fees – shown in £ Sterling

LH (LOA) (m)		Entry Fee Non Member	Entry Fee Member*
Below 13.00		1281	882
13.00	13.99	1425	1026
14.00	14.99	1712	1313
15.00	15.99	1988	1589
16.00	16.99	2276	1877
17.00	17.99	2552	2153
18.00	18.99	2827	2428
19.00	19.99	3090	2691
20.00	20.99	3366	2967
21.00	21.99	3617	3218
22.00	22.99	3882	3483
23.00	23.99	4134	3735
24.00	24.99	4385	3986
25.00	25.99	4624	4225
26.00	26.99	4864	4465
27.00	27.99	5092	4693
28.00	28.99	5308	4909
29.00	29.99	5536	5137
30+		£192 per metre	

***Note:** A discount is available for RORC and IMA members. The discount is capped at the value of a RORC Ordinary UK Member subscription (£399).

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 Marina Lanzarote (Before the Start)

All boats are required to be berthed in Marina Lanzarote from Tuesday 2nd January 2024. 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 Tuesday 2nd January 2024 until the start of the race. Boats requiring berthing prior to the 2nd January 2024 must contact the marina directly. Discounted berthing may be available to Competitors of the race before 2nd January 2024.

9.2 Berthing at the Finish – Camper & Nicholson's 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: 2,995nm

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. It is the responsibility of each competitor to return the Offshore Tracking Unit on finishing or retiring from the race. Failure to do so will result in a charge for the cost of its replacement (£800)

12 PENALTIES

12.1 Taking a Penalty (RRS 44)

Unless changed by the Sailing Instructions, the penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 shall be a Two Turns Penalty as permitted and described in RRS 44.2. When the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS apply (between the hours of sunset and sunrise) the penalty for a breach shall be a scoring penalty in accordance with RRS 44.3. The penalty shall be 10 minutes added to a boats corrected time. A scoring penalty shall be declared on the boats Declaration Form and the Race Committee notified at the finish. This adds to RRS 44.3.

12.2 Penalties for Infringements of Other Rules

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



Top: IMA Secretary General Andrew McIrvine presents the IMA Transatlantic Trophy to I Love Poland, skippered by Grzegorz Baranowski.
Above: Maserati sets a record as she closes in on Grenada.
Photos: Arthur Daniel

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 available on a public domain, free or by paid subscription. This shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source which is readily 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 direct human input not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation.

By way of an example and interpretation, any publicly-offered Internet weather data, forecasts, or cloud routing service available to all competitors, whether on a subscription or free basis, is permitted. Permissible Internet-sourced weather data, forecasts, or cloud routing services accessed by a yacht while racing must be computer-generated and free from any direct human input from off the boat.

14 SCORING

14.1 RORC High Point Scoring

The scoring system will be the High Points System as detailed in the 2024 RORC Notice of Race: <http://www.rorc.org/racing/notice-of-race>

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

Bonus points of 25 are available for this race.

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

Presentation will be made for the following:

Line Honours Monohull – IMA Transatlantic Trophy

Line Honours Multihull

IRC Overall – RORC Transatlantic Trophy

IRC Classes

IRC Two-Handed Class

Superyacht

Classic Yacht

MOCRA Multihull

Class40

15.2 RORC Caribbean Series Trophy (Transatlantic Race & RORC Caribbean 600)

The RORC Caribbean Series Trophy will be presented to the IRC rated boat with the best combined score in the 2024 Transatlantic Race and 2024 RORC Caribbean 600. The trophy will be presented at the prizegiving for the 2024 RORC Caribbean 600.

15.3 Trophy Winners

The Club holds the winners of trophies responsible for all damage or loss and strongly recommends 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.

16 RACE ENTRY DECLARATION

The Person in Charge for each race shall agree to the terms of the declaration below using 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 a personal flotation device 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, World Sailing 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 World Sailing, 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.

I confirm that I will comply with current COVID-19 guidelines applicable to their location. Given the length and potential conditions of the race no person(s) shall compete if they have, or if they have been in contact with anyone with, symptoms of COVID-19 in the 14 days before the start date.

I understand that some activities maybe restricted by regulations and guidelines emanating from governments, port/harbour authorities and marinas. All competitors should be aware of regulations, guidelines and restrictions before entering any port.

17 INSURANCE

Boats shall be adequately and suitably insured before racing.



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