



**2024 ORC World Championship**  
*incorporating the Maxi North American Championship*

**Newport, Rhode Island, USA**  
**September 27-October 5, 2024**

**NOTICE OF RACE incorporating Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 (in red)**

*Posted August 31, 2024*

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association in cooperation with the Offshore Racing Congress and International Maxi Association. The host yacht club is New York Yacht Club.

**1 RULES**

**1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

**1.2** The latest version of the following rules will also apply:

- a) IMS Rules
- b) ORC Rating Systems Rules
- c) [DP] WS Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) for Category 3 with following additions:
  - i) Jackstays need to be mounted on the deck for the offshore races only. This changes OSR 4.04.
  - ii) Life Jackets shall be worn while on deck between 1800 and 0700.
  - iii) AIS shall be active at all times while racing.
  - iv) VHF radio transceiver shall be capable of operating in 'US Mode' on the United States VHF Frequency Band. This changes ORS 3.29.2
  - v) **Grab bags are not required. This changes OSR 3.29.1, 4.07(b)(c), 4.21.1, and 4.21.4.**

**1.3** Only the US Sailing prescriptions listed in Addendum 1 – US Sailing Prescriptions shall apply.

**1.4** Under RRS 87, ORC Rule 206 is changed as follows:

- a) All sails, including storm & heavy weather sails required by the OSR, shall have a measurement stamp or sticker with all required measurements clearly readable.
- b) [DP] Each boat shall select sails to be used at the event up to the maximum numbers as defined in ORC Rule 206.1. Selected sails will be marked with the event's sticker. Only sails marked with the event's sticker may be on board during the event.
- c) [DP] Sails carried on board may vary from day to day but shall remain the same for each individual race day, including days with multiple races even in the case of damage to sails. The race day begins when the boat leaves for the race course from its dock or mooring.
- d) [DP] Sails damaged during the event may be repaired. Sails beyond repair may be replaced with permission of the technical committee.

**1.5** Minimum crew weight as defined in ORC Rules 102.3 and 200.1(b) shall apply.

**1.6** The navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) replace RRS Part 2 from sunset to sunrise.

1.7 A breach of RRS 56.2 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available for each entrant at completion of the registration formalities and may be posted earlier on the event website.

## 3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online Official Notice Board (ONB) is located at [www.2024orcworlds.com](http://www.2024orcworlds.com).

3.2 Communication with competitors will be through the online ONB and/or e-mails and/or WhatsApp. Each boat shall have at least one device connected to the internet with WhatsApp installed. On the water, the Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio.

3.3 [DP] RRS 41, OUTSIDE HELP, RRS 41(c) is changed to read as follows: Help in the form of information freely available to all boats and any publicly offered internet or broadcast weather information from sources available to all competitors, whether on a subscription or free basis, is allowable. This shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information but shall not include any information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any human being not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and its situation. By way of example and interpretation, downloading charts, weather and/or 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 human interpretation as it applies to the boat is not permitted. Competitors may use any means to retrieve the data. Accessing other information during the race will be considered a violation of RRS 41.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 Competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Code.

4.2 The event is open to all boats with a valid ORC International certificate with a CDL between 8.300 and 24.000. The flotation date on an ORC International Certificate shall not be earlier than September 27, 2019.

4.3 Classes are defined by the CDL, as follows:

Maxi Class:  $24.000 \geq \text{CDL} > 16.400$

Class 0:  $16.400 \geq \text{CDL} > 13.550$

Class A:  $13.550 \geq \text{CDL} > 11.270$

Class B:  $11.270 \geq \text{CDL} > 9.630$

Class C:  $9.630 \geq \text{CDL} > 8.000$

*Note: CDL values are updated to reflect the 2024 ORC VPP.*

a) To assign a World Champion title in a class the number of boats plus the number of countries shall be not less than 14. If the minimum number of boats in a class is not met, the organizer may in agreement with the ORC agree on a number lower than fourteen (14) provided that international representation is kept in each class.

b) The person who is the owner or charterer or borrower of an entered boat shall be a national of the country the boat is representing. "National" is defined as either the holder of a passport or identity card, or a similar document stating residential status in the country represented, **or racing under the burgee of a foreign yacht club.**

c) Classes will have separate starts and separate results.

4.4 Any change after applying ORC rule 305.2(b) or (c) shall not change the class the boat was originally entered.

4.5 Eligible boats may register on or before September 12, 2024, by completing the online registration form on the event site.

4.6 To be considered as registered, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees. The list of registered boats will be updated on the event website upon receipt of each new entry.

4.7 Each boat shall submit a crew list no later than September 12, 2024. Crew lists shall include all crew members who will be on board at the start of the first race and may be amended up to the start of the first race. After this time, changes in the crew may be made only on request and with the written permission of the technical committee.

4.8 Each owner or skipper must personally register in the race office located at Harbour Court.

## 5 FEES

5.1 The entry fee shall be paid with the online entry form. The entry fees if paid on or before **September 1, 2024**, are as follows:

**Maxi Class US\$5500**

Class 0 US\$3100

Class A US\$2800

Class B US\$2500

Class C US\$2200

5.2 Late entries may be accepted at the Organizing Authority's discretion with a \$300 late fee.

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

5.4 Dockage is not included in the fee and is the responsibility of the competitor. Dockage options can be found on the event website.

## 6 CORINTHIAN DIVISION AND FEMALE DIVISION

6.1 For the Corinthian Division and Trophy, the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code, Regulation 22 shall apply, and all crew shall hold a valid Group 1 categorization. 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 World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code and information on how to apply can be found on the World Sailing website.

6.2 For the Female Division a boat shall have 50% or more female competitors on board.

6.3 The closing date for the receipt of valid Corinthian and Female entries shall be September 13, 2024.

Each entry shall include a complete crew list and show the World Sailing Sailor ID and the categorization group for each crew. All crew shall hold valid categorization prior to this date that do not expire until after the final day of the event. Late entries and incomplete entries cannot be considered for this division.

6.4 Should a boat whose Corinthian entry has been checked and accepted need to change a crew member after the closing date for the receipt of valid Corinthian entries, the name of the new crew member including a valid World Sailing Sailor ID must be submitted to the organizing authority for their approval. All crew lists will be posted on the official notice board and/or website as soon as possible after the registration deadline.

6.5 The time limit for a protest or request for redress by a boat regarding the World Sailing's Sailors Categorization Code is 1700 on September 30, 2024. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

## 7 ADVERTISING

[DP] Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority according to the World Sailing Advertising Code as follows:

- bow numbers with advertisement as forward as possible on both sides of the hull
- advertisement to be displayed on both sides of the foremost 20% of the mainsail boom
- sponsor's flag that shall be flown on the backstay throughout the entire event.

## 8 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8.1	Friday, September 27	Registration and measurement
	Saturday, September 28	Registration and measurement
	Sunday, September 29	Registration and measurement, Practice Race, Opening Ceremony
	Monday, September 30	Long Offshore Race <b>for Classes 0, A, B, C; Layday for Maxi Class</b>
	Tuesday, October 1	Long Offshore Race <b>for Classes 0, A, B, C (continued); inshore race day for the Maxi Class</b>
	Wednesday, October 2	Inshore Race Day 1
	Thursday, October 3	Inshore Race Day 2
	Friday, October 4	Short Offshore Race <b>for Classes 0, A, B, C and Maxi</b>
	Saturday, October 5	Inshore Race Day 3, Closing Ceremony

a) The long offshore race will be approximately 30-36 hours for the slowest boat.

b) The short offshore race will be approximately 10-12 hours for the slowest boat.

c) Inshore races will be approximately 1 to 1.5 hours.

d) The schedule may be changed depending on the weather and wind conditions.

**8.2** The Maxi Class will sail inshore or near coastal races on every scheduled race day.

## **9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

**9.1** Each boat shall have a valid 2024 ORC International certificate issued up to and including September 20, 2024. This changes RRS 78.2.

**9.2** No changes shall be made on ORC International certificates after September 20, 2024, unless prescribed and approved by the technical committee in correcting any error that may be found in the boat's certificate before or during the pre-race equipment inspection and before the start of the first race.

**9.3** Boats shall be available for equipment inspection from 09:00 on September 27, 2024, until 13:00 on September 29th, 2024. Booking of time slots for inspections will be available through the online system beginning on September 1, 2024.

**9.4** Measurement and rules compliance inspections will be conducted throughout the championship before or after each race with emphasis on boats well placed in the scoring.

**9.5** A boat shall not start the first race until she passes the pre-race equipment inspection.

## **10 VENUE**

**10.1** The venue for the event is the New York Yacht Club Harbour Court.

**10.2** The offshore courses racing area will be in the waters of Rhode Island Sound.

**10.3** The inshore racing area will either be in the waters of Rhode Island Sound or Narragansett Bay.

## **11 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**11.1** US Sailing prescription Appendix V rule V1 shall apply: 'The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

**11.2** The intention is to appoint an international jury as provided in RRS 70.5.

## **12 SCORING**

**12.1** For Classes 0, A, B, C: Eight races are scheduled including two offshore races and six inshore races. Inshore races will be windward/leeward races, except where unusual or extreme local conditions make it impossible to sail a windward/leeward course, then the organizing authority in agreement with the ORC Representative may give permission to sail a substitute course.

**12.2** For Classes 0, A, B, C: At least four (4) inshore races and one (1) offshore race, or at least three (3) inshore races and two (2) offshore races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

**12.3** For Classes 0, A, B, C: A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score as follows:

a) Offshore race scores shall not be excluded

b) When four (4) or fewer inshore races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores

c) When five (5) or more inshore races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst inshore race score.

**12.4** Inshore race results will be determined by corrected times calculated by PCS with Constructed course.

**12.5** For Offshore races of Classes 0, A, B, C and near coastal races for the Maxi Class: Race results will be determined by corrected times calculated by the single ToT calculated by the Weather Routing as provided by the ORC. List of ratings will be published not later than 3 hours before the start.

**12.6** RRS 90.3(e) shall apply.

**12.7** For the Maxi Class: Up to ~~twelve~~ ten inshore or near coastal races may be sailed. ~~Five (5)~~ Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series. Inshore races will be windward/leeward races, except where unusual or extreme local conditions make it impossible to sail a windward/leeward course, then the organizing authority in agreement with the ORC Representative may give permission to sail a substitute course.

- 12.8** For the Maxi Class: A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score as follows:
- a) When four (4) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - b) When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst inshore race score.

**13 SUPPORT BOATS**

[DP] Coach and other support persons must register with the Organizing Authority prior to the first day of racing. Coach or support boats shall display an identifying flag issued by the Organizing Authority at all times while they are on the water.

**14 NAUTICAL CHARTS**

The following nautical charts of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration may be utilized as a reference in the Sailing Instructions: 13221, 13218 and 13215.

**15 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

**15.1** [DP] All boats shall be launched no later than 0900 on Friday, September 27, 2024.

**15.2** [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except for purposes of repairing damage; and only after written permission from the Technical Committee for the purposes of repairing damage. While hauled, cleaning and polishing of the hull below the waterline will not be permitted.

**15.3** [DP] Appendages shall not be removed from the boat during the series.

**16 MEDIA RIGHTS, LIABILITY & MEDIA WAIVER, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**16.1** Competitors, owners and their guests grant absolute right and permission, at no cost, to the Organizing Authority, the New York Yacht Club, and any official sponsors of the regatta 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.

**16.2** As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall submit an online liability waiver/media release. The fully executed Liability & Media Release shall be submitted prior to racing. The waiver form link can be found on the event website.

**16.3** The organizing authority may also require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of on-board video cameras and/or position devices, use of which will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

**17 RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk, see RRS 3 - Decision to Race. The organizing authority, New York Yacht Club, US Sailing, ORC, sponsors, affiliated companies and any other party involved in the organization of the event will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event. Each boat owner or his representative accepts these terms by signing the entry form.

## **18 COMPETITORS DRONES**

- 18.1** [DP] Teams or their representatives shall not fly drones over the shore facilities or over the race area during training or racing days without complying with local legislation and without prior written approval by the organizing authority.
- 18.2** The approval granted at the sole discretion of the organizing authority may impose limitations on where and when drones may fly.
- 18.3** At any time the risk and responsibility for flying any drone is with the person flying the drone and images made inside the race area shall be shared with the organizing authority, race committee or jury at reasonable request.
- 18.4** The organizing authority and its representatives and media partners may fly drones over the shore facilities and racing area during training and racing days.

## **19 TROPHIES AND PRIZES**

- 19.1** Trophies will be awarded to:
- (a) The top three overall boats in each class;
  - (b) The top three Corinthian boats in each class;
  - (c) The top Female boat in each class;
  - (c) Additional prizes at the discretion of the OA.

## **20 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with current, valid third-party liability insurance that is appropriate taking into account the value of the boats racing and the type of racing. It is the responsibility of the owner(s) to hold adequate insurance cover for Tort Liability and Third-Party Insurance (Property and Persons).

## **21 FURTHER INFORMATION**

**Regatta Website:** [www.2024orcworlds.com](http://www.2024orcworlds.com)

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