



39th GAES – CHRISTMAS RACE

PALAMÓS, SPAIN 17 to 22 December 2014

NOTICE OF RACE

The 39 GAES – CHRISTMAS RACE will be held in the Bay of Palamós from 17 to 22 December 2014.

The Organizing Authority is the Club de Vela Palamós, Club Nàutic Costa Brava, Real Federación Española de Vela and Federació Catalana de Vela.

For classes 470 M &W the 39th Christmas Race will be Copa de España.

This Regatta is part of the COEV (Spanish Olympic Sailing Circuit).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 RSS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply.
- 1.3 For Medal Stage Races, ISAF Addendum Q, Umpired Fleet Racing, available on the ISAF website (<http://www.sailing.org>) will apply and changes a number of racing rules. The version that is current when the regatta begins will appear in full in the sailing instructions.
- 1.4 The RFEV Prescriptions do not apply.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING and BOW NUMBERS

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Competitors and coaches shall enter by completing the on-line entry form on the event website. <http://www.christmasrace.org>

Online entry opens on 1st July 2014. Entries must be received no later than 17 November 2014 to qualify for the early entry fee.

Entry in the event is not final until registration is completed.



- 3.2 ISAF Eligibility shall apply. Each athlete shall be registered as an ISAF Sailor on the ISAF website: www.sailing.org/isafsailor
- 3.3 Olympic gender requirements will apply for each Olympic event and Youth event. Men and mixed teams are not eligible to compete in women's events. Women are not eligible to compete in men's events.
- 3.4. Competitors under 18 years of age shall present a signed and completed parent (or guardian) consent and declaration form at registration. The forms are available for download on the event website <http://www.christmasrace.org>
- 3.5 The regatta is open to boats competing in events chosen for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition and the ISAF Youth Classes.

Olympic Classes

Event	Class	Minimum Entries
Men's One Person Dinghy	Laser	15
Women's One Person Dinghy	Laser Radial	15
Men's One Person Dinghy Heavy	FINN	15
Men's Two Person Dinghy	470-M	15
Women's Two Person Dinghy	470-W	15
Men's Skiff	49er	15
Women's Skiff	49er FX	15
Men's Windsurfer	RS:X	15
Women's Windsurfer	RS:X	15
Mixed Two Person Multihull	Nacra 17	15

ISAF Youth Classes

Boys One Person Dinghy	Laser Radial	15
Boys Windsurfer	RS:X 8m ² sail	15
Girls Windsurfer	RS:X 8m ² sail	15
Open Skiff	29er	15
Boys Two Person Dinghy	420	15



Girls Youth Two Person Dinghy	420	15
Open Multihull	SL 16	15

3.7 The organizing authority may cancel an event if the minimum number of entries has not been received by midnight (local time), 1 December 2014. Competitors will be notified of cancelled events by email and posting on the event website. The entry fees for cancelled events will be refunded.

4. FEES

4.1 Fees are stated in Euros and include any local taxes. Entries received by **17 November 2014** will qualify for the early Entry fee.

Olympic Classes

Class	Entry fee	Early Entry Fee
Single Handed Event	170 €	140 €
Double Handed Event	250 €	220 €
Coaches, Support boats	80 €	60 €

ISAF Youth Classes

Class	Entry fee	Early Entry Fee
Single Handed Youth Event	170€	140€
Double Handed Youth Event	230€	160€
Coaches, Support boats	80 €	60 €

4.2 If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refund
On or before 17 th November 2014	80%
Between 18 th November and 7 th December 2014	50%
After 8 th December 2014	0%

5. FORMAT

5.1 For Olympic events and the Youth events, the regatta will consist of an opening series and a Medal Stage. The opening series may be divided into a qualifying series and a final series. The top 10 finishers in the opening series of each event will advance to the medal stage which is to be defined in the sailing instructions.

5.2 Others formats may be used as authorized by RFEV / ISAF in preparation for 2016 Olympic Games.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 The registration for competitors, coaches and team leaders is scheduled from 09:30h to 19:30h on Tuesday, 17th December 2014 at Club de Vela Palamós / Club Nàutic Costa Brava venue.



6.2 The first Meteo briefing for coaches and team leaders is scheduled at 09:00h on Wednesday, 18th December 2014 at the Club de Vela Palamós / Club Nàutic Costa Brava venue.

6.3 The schedule of races (not including race(s) of the medal stage), and dates of racing are as follows:

Olympic Classes

Event	Racing Dates	Number of Races
Men's One Person Dinghy	18 th – 22 nd December 2014	10 +Medal Race(s)
Women's One Person Dinghy	18 th – 22 nd December 2014	10 +Medal Race(s)
Men's One Person Dinghy Heavy	18 th – 22 nd December 2014	10 +Medal Race(s)
Men's Two Person Dinghy	18 th – 22 nd December 2014	10 +Medal Race(s)
Women's Two Person Dinghy	18 th – 22 nd December 2014	10 +Medal Race(s)
Men's Skiff	18 th – 22 nd December 2014	12 +Medal Race(s)
Women's Skiff	18 th – 22 nd December 2014	12 +Medal Race(s)
Men's Windsurfer	18 th – 22 nd December 2014	10 +Medal Race(s)
Women's Windsurfer	18 th – 22 nd December 2014	10 +Medal Race(s)
Mixed Two Person Multihull	18 th – 22 nd December 2014	10 +Medal Race(s)

ISAF Youth Classes

Boys One Person Dinghy	18 th – 22 nd December 2014	10 +Medal Race(s)
Open Skiff	18 th – 22 nd December 2014	12 +Medal Race(s)
Boys Windsurfer	18 th – 22 nd December 2014	10 +Medal Race(s)
Girls Windsurfer	18 th – 22 nd December 2014	10 +Medal Race(s)
Boys Two Person Dinghy	18 th – 22 nd December 2014	10 +Medal Race(s)
Girls Youth Two Person Dinghy	18 th – 22 nd December 2014	10 +Medal Race(s)
Open Multihull	18 th – 22 nd December 2014	10 +Medal Race(s)

6.4 On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 16:00 h.

7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

7.1 Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate (if required by class rules). Boats shall use the approved Nationality Code Letters on their sails as required by the RRS.

7.2 Competitors shall produce evidence of membership of the appropriate class association at the time of registration as may be required by the Organizing Authority.

7.3 Boats may be subject to inspection at any time during the event. The procedures for inspections will be specified in the sailing instructions or equipment inspection regulation (EIR).

7.5 The equipment limitations as specified in the class rules shall apply.



8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available beginning 17th December 2014 at registration and on the event website. Other documents governing the event will be published with the sailing instructions.

9. VENUE

- 9.1 The regatta venues will be Club Vela Palamós / Club Nàutic Costa Brava and the Palamós Beach.

The events will be hosted at the following venues:

Olympic Classes

Class	Venue
Men's One Person Dinghy	Palamós Beach
Women's One Person Dinghy	Palamós Beach
Men's One Person Dinghy Heavy	Club Vela Palamós / CN Costa Brava
Men's Two Person Dinghy	Club Vela Palamós / CN Costa Brava
Women's Two Person Dinghy	Club Vela Palamós / CN Costa Brava
Men's Skiff	Palamós Beach
Women's Skiff	Palamós Beach
Men's Windsurfer	Palamós Beach
Women's Windsurfer	Palamós Beach
Mixed Two Person Multihull	Palamós Beach

ISAF Youth Classes

Boys One Person Dinghy	Palamós Beach
Open Skiff	Palamós Beach
Boys Windsurfer	Palamós Beach
Girls Windsurfer	Palamós Beach
Boys Two Person Dinghy	Club Vela Palamós / CN Costa Brava
Girls Two Person Dinghy	Club Vela Palamós / CN Costa Brava
Open Multihull	Palamós Beach

- 9.2 The racing area will be in Palamós Bay, Palamós, Girona, Spain.

10. THE COURSES

The courses will be Windward/Leeward or Trapezoid except that any other courses adopted by ISAF for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition may also be used.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

For the Men's Skiff, Women's Skiff, Mixed Two Person Multihull and Youth Skiff, RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.



12. INTERNATIONAL JURY

An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with rule RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

13. SCORING

13.1 RRS Appendix A will apply

13.2 At least 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta. When 5 or more opening series races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13.3 In a Medal Stage Race, a boat's score shall be double the number of points specified in RRS Appendix A 4.1, and the score for that race shall not be excluded from the event series score.

13.4 Ties in the series score between boats with different medal race point scores shall be broken in favour of the boat that scored better in the final medal stage race. This changes RRS Appendix A8.

13.5 Other scoring systems may be used as authorized by RFEV / ISAF in preparation for the 2016 Olympic Games, and will be stated in the sailing instructions.

14. SUPPORT BOATS AND PERSONNEL

14.1 All support boats shall be registered with the organizing authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations. The organizing authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.

14.2 All support boats shall clearly display the 3 letter national code of their ISAF Member National Authority at all times while afloat. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200 mm. and visible from both sides of the boat.

14.3 Support boats with team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the starting sequence until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

14.4 All coaches and team leaders shall present the coach boat insurance. Spanish coaches shall present a valid technical license (RFEV).

16. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park or harbour.

17. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats assigned places in the harbour shall not be hauled out during the regatta, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.



18. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, text messages or cellular phone calls while racing except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee.

19. PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 boats in each event.

19.2 Only Olympic Classes are eligible for the absolute winner trophy “MANUEL ALBALAT IN MEMORIAM TROPHY”.

19.3 The “MIQUEL COMPANY TROPHY” will be awarded to the first junior of each class.

The name of the absolute winner be engraved on the trophy plaque and will remain displayed in the club offices.

20. INSURANCE

Each participating crew shall present a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage of at least 1,500,000 Euros (or equivalent) per incident.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.

The Organizing Committee or any part involved with the organization of the event disclaim any and every responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, injury or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and at sea as a consequence of participation in the races covered by this notice of race and the sailing instructions.

22. MEDIA RIGHTS

22.1 By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

22.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organizing Authority.

22.3 The top three competitors as well as the individual race winners may be required to attend a media press conference each day.

22.4 Competitors may be required for interviews at the regatta.



23. TRAINING

From 17th November to 17th December there will be free training for all sailors participating in the Christmas Race who have entered and paid the entry fee.

All those teams wishing to come and train in Palamós before regatta must be inform the regatta office at info@christmasrace.org

24. ACCOMMODATION

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