

XXXVII HRH PRINCESS SOFIA TROPHY

NOTICE OF RACE

The XXXVII HRH Princess Sofia Trophy – XXXI Palma International Week for dinghy classes will be held in the Bay of Palma, from 8 to 16 April 2006, both inclusive.

The regatta is organised by the Federación Balear de Vela with the collaboration of the Real Federación Española de Vela, the Real Club Náutico de Palma, Escola de Vela de Calanova, Club Nàutic S'Arenal and Club Marítim San Antonio de la Playa.

The XXXVII HRH Princess Sofia Trophy is *Copa de España* for the classes decided by the Real Federación Española de Vela.

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by:

- a) The racing rules of sailing as defined in the ISAF RRS 2005–2008.
- b) For the Dragon, Tornado and 49er classes, the two turns of RRS 44.2 are modified by one turn.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Competitors must comply with the ISAF eligibility requirements (Rule 19).

Competitors with Spanish nationality or legal residence in Spain shall also comply with the prescriptions of the RFEV.

Competitors of classes that sail their *Copa de España* must be paid up members of their corresponding classes.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Except for the Dragon Class (Category A) participants may display Category C advertising in accordance with Rule 20.
- 3.2 In accordance with rules 20.3 (d) (i), 20.3 (d) (ii), boats shall display at all times a sticker with the event sponsor advertising provided by the Organising Committee.

4. CLASSES TO COMPETE

Olympic Classes: 470 M – W, Finn, Tornado, 49er, Laser, Laser radial, Neil Pryde RS:X M & W, Star, Yngling W

Invited classes: 420, Europe and Dragon

5. VENUES

Olympic Classes

Class	Club
470 M-W, Finn, Tornado, 49er	C. Nàutic S'Arenal
Laser, Laser radial, Neil Pryde RS:X M –W	Club Marítimo San Antonio de la Playa
Star, Yngling W	Real Club Náutico de Palma

Invited classes

Class	Club
420, Europe	Escuela de Vela Calanova
Dragon	Real Club Náutico de Palma

6. ENTRIES

- 6.1 Sailors with Spanish nationality participating in the *Copa de España* are eligible to enter.
- 6.2 The Organising Committee establishes a minimum of ten boats entered in the keelboat classes and twenty in the remaining classes for the celebration of the Trophy in such classes.
- 6.3 Registration online must be made at <http://www.trofeoprincesasofia.org> before 19.00 hrs on 8 March 2006.

General regatta information available at:

FEDERACION BALEAR DE VELA
Avda. Joan Miró , 327
07015 Palma de Mallorca
Spain
Telef: 34 971 402412
Fax: 34 971 402451
e-mail : info@trofeoprincesasofia.org

web: <http://www.trofeoprincesasofia.org>

- 6.4 A cheque made out to **Federación Balear de Vela** or a copy of the bank transfer document (clearly indicating the boats it belongs to) to the account indicated below must be sent before the entry deadline.

Account name: **FEDERACION BALEAR DE VELA**

Bank: Banco Bilbao Vizcaya

Bank Address: Plaza del Olivar 07002 Palma de Mallorca España

Swift Code	Bank code	Office code	DC	Account number
BBVAESMMPM1	0182	5747	45	0011048988

ENTRY FEES

Olympic classes

Singlehanded classes	110 Euros
Doublehanded classes	210 Euros
Keelboats	250 Euros

Invited classes

420	125 Euros
Europe	65 Euros
Dragon	250 Euros

There will be no entry fee will for the Olympic classes helmsmen/women having obtained one of the results indicated below, as long as they are sailing in the same Olympic class and confirm their entry within the established deadline:

- 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in the 2005 European Championship.
- 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in the 2005 World Championship.
- 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in the 2004 Athens Olympic Games.

- 6.5 The entry fees shall not be reimbursed unless the entry is cancelled before the entry deadline.

- 6.6 The Organising Committee reserves the right to accept entries in dinghy sailing after the established deadline. These entries will lose the right to transport and shall pay a double entry fee.

7. COMPETITORS REGISTRATION

7.1 Each competitor must register and sign personally the Registration Form at the Race Office before 19.00 hrs on 9 April 2006.

7.2 Registration is subject to the presentation of the following documents:

- Valid measurement certificate under the name of the owner (except for Neil Pryde RS:X, Laser, Laser radial and 49er)
- Sailor Federation licences (Spanish sailors only).
- Third party liability insurance covering a minimum amount of 300.500 euro.

Documents and sailing instructions can be collected from 10.00 hrs on the previous day of the first race scheduled in each class from the race offices of the respective clubs after fulfilling the requirements mentioned above.

A boat that does not start in the first race cannot participate in the remaining races unless its respective Race Committee considers it has justified reasons, and it will lose all rights, including the entry fee.

8. SCHEDULE AND COMPETITION FORMAT

8.1 The regatta schedule is the following:

Date	Time	Event
8 & 9 April 2006	From 10:00 to 19:00	Race office opened Registration of competitors Stamping of equipment
10 April 2006	10:55	Warning signal 1 st race of the day
11 April 2006	10:55	Warning signal 1 st race of the day
12 April 2006	10:55	Warning signal 1 st race of the day
13 April 2006	10:55	Warning signal 1 st race of the day
14 April 2006	10:55 20:00	Warning signal 1 st race of the day Prize giving ceremony

8.2 Competition format

Fleet races will be sailed. Classes with more than 50 entries may sail in

groups (3 days of qualifying rounds and 2 days of final rounds) in accordance with the sailing instructions.

The competition format will follow as close as possible the guidelines for the Olympic Games and will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

A minimum of 2 races must be completed in the classes celebrating their *Copa de España* to have a valid championship.

9. SCORING

RRS Appendix A and the Low Point Scoring System will apply.

The Organising Committee reserves the right to change the Scoring System and it will be announced in the Sailing Instructions.

10. INTERNATIONAL JURY

An International Jury will be proposed by the Organising Committee and appointed by the RFEV. The decisions of the International Jury shall be final in accordance with rule 70.4.

11. MEASUREMENT

Boats, sails, rigging and crews must be at the disposal of the Measurement Committee at their respective clubs from 10.00 hours on 8 April to 19.00 hours on 9 April 2006.

12. TROPHIES

There will be trophies for the top three classified crews in each class. The *XXXVII HRH Princess Sofia Trophy* will be awarded to the winner of each of the dinghy sailing classes.

The rules for the absolute winner of HRH Princess Sofia Trophy for dinghy sailing will be published in the Sailing Instructions. Only Olympic classes are eligible for the HRH Princess Sofia Absolute Winner Trophy.

A RFEV plaque will be awarded to the winner of the *Copa de España* which will be the first classified crew formed by crew members of Spanish nationality or legal residence in Spain.

13. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official languages of the regatta will be Spanish and English. In case of discrepancy, the original text of the RRS and the Class Rules will prevail. For this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and other official notices the Spanish text will prevail.

14. SELECTION

The *Copa de España* is a selection regatta for the Spanish Team, in accordance with the system approved by the RFEV.

15. ACCOMMODATION

The Organising Committee together with Ultramar Express travel agent have negotiated special hotel rates indicated in the accommodation form attached. This form together with the copy of the bank transfer document paying the accommodation costs must be sent before 15 March 2006 to:

ULTRAMAR EXPRESS
C/ Gran Via Asima, 2
Polígono Son Castelló
07009 Palma de Mallorca, España
tel. 34 971 766 400
Fax. 34 971 766 583
e-mail: congrepmi@uex.es

16. TRANSPORT

16.1 **All participating dinghy sailing boats will have important discounts in ferry transport with TRASMEDITERRANEA to Palma de Mallorca and return to Barcelona or Valencia in accordance with the established ferry timetables and rates**

16.2 The booking forms shall be sent to Trasmediterranea, Palma de Mallorca, via **fax** + 34 971 70 73 24 or **e-mail** jaimabl@trasmediterranea.es.

DEADLINE FOR BOOKINGS: Before 18 March 2006.

PAYMENT OF TICKETS: Maximum 10 days before the first departure.

16.3 **All bookings not complying with these deadlines shall not benefit**

from the special rates applicable to the XXXVII HRH Princess Sofia Trophy.

TICKET BOOKING AND PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- a) Fill out the booking form (**one Transport form for each car and trailer to be transported**) and send it to Trasmediterranea-Palma de Mallorca **before 18 March 2006**, via **fax + 34 971 70 73 24** or e-mail jaimebl@trasmediterranea.es
- b) Wait for reception of the Transport form **with the booking confirmation and rate**.
- c) If booking and rate accepted, resend the transport form by fax or e-mail indicating the **credit card number and signing the acceptance of payment**.
- d) Wait for reception of the Transport form with the **confirmation of issuing of tickets**.
- e) Present the Transport form at each Port of boarding where you will be provided **with the corresponding boarding cards**.

17. TRAINING

Crews wishing to travel before the dates of the regatta for training purposes must request so in writing to their corresponding Club. The Club will inform them of the costs involved and will confirm the authorisation for training.

Real Club Náutico de Palma	Tel.34971726848 Fax.34971718636 club@realclubnauticopalma.com
Escuela Nacional de Vela de Calanova	Tel.34971402512 Fax 34971403911 correu@calanova.caib.es
Club Náutico S` Arenal	Tel.34971440142 Fax.34971440568 fragil@cnarenal.com
Club Marítimo San Antonio de la Playa	Tel.34971745076 Fax.34971261638 cmsap@cmsap.com

18. LIABILITY

All those participating in this regatta do so under their own risk and responsibility.

The Organising Committee or any person or body involved in the organisation of the event rejects any responsibility whatsoever for any losses, damages, injuries or inconveniences that may occur to persons or things, both ashore and afloat, as a consequence of the participation in the races covered by this notice of race.

Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race, RRS Part 1 which establishes:

"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."