

## **2020 RS:X WINDSURFING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS & OPEN TROPHY**

*including the 2020 Vilamoura RS:X U21 Windsurfing Championships*

and

## **2020 RS:X WINDSURFING YOUTH EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS & OPEN TROPHY**

*including the 2020 Vilamoura RS:X U17 Windsurfing Championships*



# **NOTICE OF RACE**

Federação Portuguesa de Vela and Capable Planet Clube Náutico as the Local Organizing Authority (LOA), under specified conditions laid down by the International RS:X Class Association, as the Organizing Authority (OA) is pleased to invite RS:X sailors to take part in these events scheduled for

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> 2020**  
**Vilamoura, Portugal**

Division A & B sailors [Class Rule C.2.3 a)] to be entered in the 2020 RS:X Windsurfing European Championships & Open Trophy and the 2020 Vilamoura RS:X U21 Windsurfing Championships are referred to as 'Senior(s)'.

Division C sailors [Class Rule C.2.3 (b)(i)] to be entered in the 2020 RS:X Windsurfing Youth European Championships & Open Trophy and the 2020 Vilamoura RS:X U17 Windsurfing Championships are referred to as 'Youth(s)'.

Where there is no reference to either 'Senior(s)' or 'Youth(s)' the rules below refer to all Divisions.

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is applied according to the RRS Introduction - Notation.

## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
- 1.2. The National Authority prescriptions will apply and will be published at the Official Notice Board;
- 1.3. The following Class Rules shall be deleted for Division C sailors only: C.1.2(a), C.6.5(b), C.7.4(b) and C.9.2(b);
- 1.4. Division C (Youth) competitors may use also a Mark 1 fin according to the RS:X Class Rule C.7.1(d)(ii);
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence;
- 1.6. For Medal Races, World Sailing Addendum Q, Umpired Fleet Racing, will apply and change a number of racing rules. The version that is current when the regatta begins will be posted on the Official Notice Board;
- 1.7. The European Championship is the Continental Qualification event for Europe for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games (to be held on 2021) for RS:X Men and RS:X Women – Qualification System. The top ranked male competitor (Division A) and top ranked female competitor (Division B) from an European country, shall qualify that country to compete in the Men's Windsurfer and Women's Windsurfer events in the Olympic Games.

## 2. [DP] ADVERTISING, SAIL INSIGNIAS & NATIONAL FLAGS

- 2.1. Sails and competitors may be required to carry advertising for event sponsors, which will be supplied by the local Organizing Committee in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20 – Advertising Code;
- 2.2. On the sail the event sponsor's branding shall be placed immediately below batten #5 and as close to the leech as possible;
- 2.3. Seniors shall provide their own self-adhesive National Flags and replacements;
- 2.4. For Fleet Identification, each competitor may be issued with branded bib, which shall be worn whilst racing.

## 3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY REGULATIONS

- 3.1. All entries shall meet the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19 – Eligibility Code;
- 3.2. The 2020 RS:X Windsurfing European Open Trophy shall be open to competitors of all nationalities;
  - 3.2.1. The 2020 RS:X Windsurfing European Championships shall be open to all competitors entered in the 2020 RS:X Windsurfing European Open Trophy but only if that competitor is a European national;
  - 3.2.2. The 2020 Vilamoura RS:X U21 Windsurfing Championships shall be open to all competitors entered in the 2020 RS:X Windsurfing European Open Trophy but only if that competitor is under 21 years of age on 31 December 2020 (born in 2000 or later);

- 3.2.3. The 2020 RS:X Windsurfing Youth European Championships shall be open to all competitors entered in the 2020 RS:X Windsurfing Youth European Open Trophy but only if that competitor is a European national;
- 3.2.4. The 2020 Vilamoura RS:X U17 Windsurfing Championships shall be open to all competitors entered in the 2020 RS:X Windsurfing Youth European Open Trophy but only if that competitor is under 17 years of age on 31 December 2020 (born in 2004 or later);
- 3.3. Events shall run concurrently;
- 3.4. A minimum of five entries is required for each event to constitute a valid Championship;
- 3.5. The deadline for valid entries is by 2400hrs (UTC) on **November 15<sup>th</sup> 2020**;
- 3.5.1. Entries may be accepted after this deadline at the discretion of the International RS:X Class Association (ICA);
- 3.6. Competitors shall have a World Sailing Sailor ID before their entry;
- 3.7. A competitor shall be a member of a National RS:X Class Association (NCA) which is a paid-up member of the International RS:X Class Association (ICA), or a member of the ICA when the NCA is not a current member of the ICA. Class membership formalities can be completed at the event venue at registration;
- 3.8. Eligible competitors shall [enter online](#) with payment in euros by credit/debit card or bank transfer before the entry deadline, unless extended by the ICA;
- 3.8.1. An entry is not valid until paid;
- 3.8.2. 50% of entry fees may be refundable if accompanied by a medical certificate issued by a medical doctor stating a valid reason why the competitor cannot compete;
- 3.9. The following documentation will be required at Registration on site:
  - 3.9.1. Proof of valid third-party liability Insurance;
  - 3.9.2. Proof of age (passport);
  - 3.9.3. A completed [Parental Permission Form](#) for entries under the age of 18 years. This form may be completed online but a printed copy shall be brought to registration.

## 4. FEES

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- 4.1. The Entry Fee is **200** euro for Seniors and **150** euro for Youths;
- 4.2. The Entry Fee paid after the deadline as stated in NOR 3.5 shall be **250** euros for Seniors and **200** euros for Youths;
- 4.3. Those who have made payment by bank transfer shall email a copy of the bank transfer document authorized by their bank to the [RS:X Class office](#).
- 4.4. Bank details are:
  - A/C:** The International RS:X Class Association
  - Bank Details:** Barclays Bank Plc, GB
  - IBAN:** **GB89 BARC 2067 4067 9596 55**
  - SWIFTBIC:** BARCGB22

## 5. FORMAT

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- 5.1. Division A (Senior Men) and division B (Senior Women) shall start separately but will sail on the same Senior course area;
- 5.2. Division C (Youth) Men and Women shall start separately but will sail on the same Youth course area;
- 5.3. The regatta will consist of an Opening Series and, provided a minimum of 6 races have been completed in the Opening Series, a Medal Race. If the event is split into Fleets, the Opening Series will be divided into a Qualifying Series and a Final Series. The top 10 finishers in the Opening Series will advance to the Medal Race;
- 5.4. Three races are scheduled each day. On the last day one Medal Race is scheduled with one further Opening Series race for those not assigned to the Medal Race;
- 5.5. The schedule is set irrespective of planing conditions.

## 6. SCHEDULE

### 6.1. Event Schedule

Date	Day	Times	Event
November 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2020	Sunday	0900-1800 hrs	Registration & Equipment Check
November 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2020	Monday	0900-1200 hrs 1300 hrs 1600 hrs	Registration & Equipment Check Practice Race Coaches Meeting
November 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Tuesday	1000 hrs 1200 hrs	Coaches Meeting Races
November 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Wednesday	TBA* TBA*	Coaches Meeting Races
November 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Thursday	TBA* TBA*	Coaches Meeting Races
November 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Friday	TBA* TBA*	Coaches Meeting Races
November 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Saturday	TBA* TBA* 1600 hrs TBA*	Coaches Meeting Races & Medal Races Last possible warning signal Prize Giving
November 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Sunday		Departure

TBA\*-To be Announced

## 7. [DP] EQUIPMENT & EQUIPMENT CHECKS

- 7.1. Equipment is not supplied by the Organizing Authority and all competitors shall use their own equipment. Equipment that is loaned or chartered shall be considered to be the competitor's own equipment;
- 7.2. There is no on-line submission of serial numbers of equipment to be used and there will be no official measurement prior to the first race. Competitors may check their own equipment using the official scales etc. The event Technical Committee will be available to answer questions;
- 7.3. Before the close of registration, competitors shall register each piece of equipment they intend to use by sticking the self-adhesive 'Fast Check' numbers on to those pieces of equipment and handing to the event Technical Committee a completed Pre-event Equipment Form. Fast Check stickers and the Pre-event Equipment Form will be issued at Registration. In addition, competitors shall present the fin to be used to the event Technical Committee for stamping;
- 7.4. Measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the event;
- 7.5. Competitors and their equipment shall be on site by **1200hrs on November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020**.

## 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available at the on-site Registration (as well as the Event Program scheduling social events).

## 9. VENUE

- 9.1. The address of the regatta venue is: Marina de Vilamoura, Avenida da Rocha Baixinha, 8125-409 Vilamoura, Portugal (Attachment A)

Contact: [events@prowgroup.com](mailto:events@prowgroup.com) Tel. +351 289 089 525

Event website: [www.rsxclass.org/europeans2020](http://www.rsxclass.org/europeans2020)

## 10. COURSES

- 10.1. At the discretion of the Class Course Representative the course will be Trapezoidal or Windward-Leeward Courses for Opening Series;
- 10.2. For the Medal Races, the course will be at the discretion of the Class Course Representative, a Windward-Leeward course on non-planing racing conditions or Reaching Start course (RRS Appendix B3.26.2 Starting System 2 with RRS 30.3 applies) on planing racing conditions. For reaching starts RRS B2.17 shall apply;
- 10.3. Race target time will be 20-25 minutes for all races.

## 11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. In addition to the rules designated [DP] the SI may include standard penalties [SP] to be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing for specified rules. This will change RRS 63.1 and A5.

## 12. INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 12.1. An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with the RRS 91(b);
- 12.2. Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

## 13. SCORING

- 13.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A applies as amended by Appendix B8;
- 13.2 The overall results for the 2020 RS:X Windsurfing European Open Trophy will be published as 'Open Trophy' results and overall results for the 2020 RS:X Windsurfing Youth European Open Trophy will be published as 'Youth Open Trophy' results;
- 13.2.1 Scores for the 2020 RS:X Windsurfing European Championships and the 2020 Vilamoura RS:X U21 Windsurfing Championships will be extracted from the overall 'Open Trophy' results without recalculation;
- 13.2.2 Scores for the 2020 RS:X Windsurfing Youth European Championships and the 2020 Vilamoura RS:X U17 Windsurfing Championships will be extracted from the overall 'Youth Open Trophy' results without recalculation;
- 13.3 Three races are required to be completed to constitute any valid Championship;
- 13.4 For a Medal Race, a minimum of 6 races is required to be completed to constitute an Opening Series. A minimum of 4 completed races is required to complete a Qualifying Series and a minimum of 2 completed Final Series races is required to complete a Final Series;
- 13.5 A competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score(s) as follows (This changes RRS B8.A2.1):

- 13.5.1 Discards in Opening Series when racing in single Fleet:

<b>Opening Series Races</b>	<b>Discards</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1-3	0	No discard
4-10	1	One worst score discarded
11 or more	2	Two worst scores discarded

- 13.5.2 Discards in Opening Series when racing in more than one Fleet:

<b>Opening Series Races</b>	<b>Discards</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1-3	0	No discard
4-10	1	One worst score discarded
11 or more	2	The worst score in Qualifying Series and the worst score in Final Series

### 13.6 In Medal Races:

- 13.6.1 A competitor's score shall be double the number of points specified in RRS Appendix A4.1;
- 13.6.2 The score for these races shall not be excluded from the series score neither does the Medal Race score trigger any discards from results in Opening Series;
- 13.7 The competitors assigned to compete in the Medal Races will be ranked highest in the regatta except for a competitor disqualified from a Medal Race under rule RRS 5, 6, 7 or 69;
- 13.8 If no Medal Races are completed, competitors will be ranked according to overall scores in Opening Series. If no race in Final Series is completed then competitors will be ranked according to overall scores in Qualifying Series;

## 14. SUPPORT PERSONS & SUPPORT BOATS

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- 14.1. Support Persons may [register online](#) with payment by credit/debit card or bank transfer. Payment made at the event venue at registration shall be in cash and Euros only;
- 14.2. The Support Person's Fee for registration received and paid by 2400 hrs (UTC) on **November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020** is **50** euros. Payment received after shall be **65** euros;
- 14.3. A registration is not valid until paid;
- 14.4. The following documentation shall be brought to the event Race Office before the Practice Race:
  - 14.4.1. Proof of valid Third-party Liability Insurance;
  - 14.4.2. Boat driving license (if applicable).

## 15. [DP] STORAGE

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- 15.1. On completion of registration and continuing until the end of the regatta, when ashore (other than when launching and retrieving), all boards shall be kept in their assigned places. Removal of any board from the assigned place shall require prior written approval from the event Technical Committee. Access to boards in the board storage area during certain hours, including hours of darkness may be restricted;
- 15.2. Unless otherwise directed by the LOA, all competing boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area;
- 15.3. Boards shall be removed from the venue on the Departure Day as defined in the Schedule.

## 16. [DP] SAFETY

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- 16.1. Competitors shall carry a whistle as specified in the Class Rules C1.2.

## 17. PRIZES

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- 17.1. Trophies/prizes for the 2020 RS:X Windsurfing European Open Trophy and 2020 RS:X Windsurfing Youth European Open Trophy will be awarded to the first five Men and Women in each of these events;
- 17.2. Medals for the 2020 RS:X Windsurfing European Championships and 2020 RS:X Windsurfing Youth European Championships will be awarded to the first three Men and Women in each of these events, when the titles 'RS:X European Champion' and 'RS:X Youth European Champion' shall be awarded to the first placed Men and Women in each of these events;

- 17.3. Trophies/prizes for the 2020 Vilamoura RS:X U21 Windsurfing Championships and 2020 Vilamoura RS:X U17 Windsurfing Championships will be awarded to the first five Men and Women in each of these events;
- 17.4. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the RS:X Class Administration.

## **18. RISK STATEMENT**

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- 18.1. Rule 4 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." 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:
  - 18.1.1. 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;
  - 18.1.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
  - 18.1.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
  - 18.1.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
  - 18.1.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the race organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
  - 18.1.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
  - 18.1.7. The fact that the Race Committee conducts inspections, or not, of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

## **19. INSURANCE**

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- 19.1. Competitors shall possess valid Third-party Liability Insurance with a minimum cover of 1 million euros;
- 19.2. Coaches and support boat drivers shall also have valid Third-party Liability Insurance with a minimum cover of 1.5 million euros;
- 19.3. Failure to provide evidence of Insurance cover may be penalized by exclusion from the event.

## **20. DRUG TESTING**

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- 20.1. Competitors are reminded of the World Sailing rules and regulations concerning the use of banned methods and substances. Drug testing may take place during the event.

## **21. TELEVISION & MEDIA**

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- 21.1. In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the LOA and the International RS:X Olympic Windsurfing Class Association the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said Championship as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

## **22. OFFICIAL CEREMONIES & DRESS CODE**

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- 22.1. Competitors are welcomed to attend the ceremonies, if held.
  - 22.1.1. Smart casual clothes shall be worn.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO NOTICE OF RACE

The conditions that can be expected are: wind speed 6 - 20 knots, water temperature 17-20°C and air temperature 18-26°C.

The accommodation facilities are published on the event website:  
[www.rsxclass.org/europeans2020](http://www.rsxclass.org/europeans2020) and also [www.vilamourasailing.com](http://www.vilamourasailing.com)

Neither the LOA nor International RS:X Class Association take responsibility for travel and accommodation arrangements made in error.

There is limited equipment that will be available for charter and dealt with on a first come, first served basis. Please contact: Vincent Evans, Group SATET, [vincent.evans@neilpryde-od.com](mailto:vincent.evans@neilpryde-od.com) or [contact@neilpryde-od.com](mailto:contact@neilpryde-od.com) Mob. +33 6 47 82 96 87

For coach boat charter please visit: [www.vilamourasailing.com](http://www.vilamourasailing.com), or email: [events@prowgroup.com](mailto:events@prowgroup.com). Charters are dealt with on a first come, first served basis.

## ATTACHMENT A

