

MEDITERRANEAN SPRING CUP 2023

The **MEDITERRANEAN SPRING CUP** for J70 class boats will be held in waters of Barcelona and the Bay of Palma de Mallorca, organised by Real Club Náutico de Barcelona and Real Club Náutico de Palma.

The event is formed by three series to be held on the following dates:

Series 1: 24, 25 and 26 March 2023	RCNB
Series 2: 31 March, 1 and 2 April 2023 (Trofeo Princesa Sofia)	RCNP
Series 3: 21, 22 and 23 April 2023	RCNP

The notation [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat and by which the International Jury may refuse to open a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 63.1.

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by:

- a) The Racing Rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS)
- b) Races may be umpired in accordance with Appendix UF "Umpired Fleet Races". This will be indicated in the Sailing Instructions.
- c) The cruising technical regulations *Reglamento Técnico de Cruceros* in force, available at https://www.rfev.es/uploaded_files/Document_5206_20211222063234_es.pdf
- d) [DP] The J70 Class Rules in force.
- e) The World Sailing Equipment Regulations (ERS)
- f) RD 62/2008 approving the Regulation of the conditions of maritime safety, navigation and human life at sea applicable to nautical concentrations of a commemorative nature and nautical-sports events.
- g) RRS 90.3 (e) will apply
- h) [NP][DP] All competitors and Support personnel will follow any reasonable regulations given by a member of the Organizing Authority.

2. [NP] [DP] ADVERTISING

2.1 World Sailing Regulation 20, the RFEV Prescriptions and the Reglamento Técnico de Cruceros and its appendixes, governs advertising in this event.

2.2 Participants can be requested to display advertising in accordance with paragraph 20.4, WORLD SAILING Regulation 20 as follows:

Event sticker on each side of the hull.

Event flag on backstay.

Bow number

3. ELEGIBILITY

- 3.1 The event is reserved to J70 Class boats.
- 3.2 Any boat formally entered and which participated in any of the Series will score for the Mediterranean Spring Cup 2023.
- 3.3 Participants of Spanish nationality or Spanish residence or competing in boats representing a Spanish Yacht Club must be in possession of the 2023 Sailor Federation License.
Foreign sailors who do not have a sailing Federation license or an athlete medical insurance, will have to prove they are holders of an accident and illness insurance valid in Spain.

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1 Entries must be made using the entry form available at <http://springmediterraneancupj70.com/> before 20.00 hours on 24 de February 2023. Nevertheless, the Organising Committee reserves the right to accept entries after this deadline. These entries will be subject to a 50% increase in the entry fee.

- 4.2 Entry fees are as follows:

	One Series	Three Series
RCNB- RCNP members	200 €	500 €
Non members	300 €	800 €

- 4.3 The entry fee must be paid when making the entry by bank transfer. The date of payment will be considered the entry date.

Bank details

Real Club Nàutic de Barcelona
Banco Sabadell Atlántico
Agencia Pla de Palau
BARCELONA
Account No. 0081-0163-61-0001988006
IBAN: ES90
SWIFT: BSABESBB

4.4 Entry confirmation before the beginning of the regattas

- 4.4.1 The boat representative must register and personally sign the Registration Form at the R.C.N.B or RCNP Race Office before the start of the first race of each series.

- 4.4.2 Registration is subject to the presentation, before the time indicated, of the following documents:

- Valid boat Measurement Certificate under the name of the current owner.
- Copy of a valid insurance policy with a civil liability (damage to third parties and goods) or extension of civil liability coverage and damage to third parties up to a minimum of 300.000 Euros.
- Copy of the payment receipt of the valid insurance.
- In case of displaying advertising, authorisation of the corresponding National Authority to display Category C advertising.

- e) Spanish sailors, or those with legal residence in Spain or crew of a boat representing a Spanish Yacht Club, must be holders of the 2023 Federation sailing license.
- f) Entry form duly completed and signed.

5. PROGRAMME

The event programme is the following:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday	10.00 to 12.00h	Competitor registration
	14.00h	Warning signal
Saturday and Sunday	12.00h	Warning signal

On the last day of each series, no warning signal will be made after 15.30h.

6. FORMAT

- 6.1 There are 36 races scheduled. A minimum of 6 races must be completed to award the Title of winner of the J70 MEDITERRANEAN SPRING CUP 2023.
- 6.2 No more than 4 Windward/Leeward races per day will be sailed.
- 6.3 The Organising Committee and/or the Race Committee reserve the right to modify this programme at their discretion taking into consideration the weather conditions or other elements that can affect the fair development of the event.

7. [DP] SAILS INVENTORY, INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

Only the sails indicated in the Class Rules in force can be carried on board during the regatta.

Security and measurement checks may be carried out at any point.

8. SCORING

- 8.1 RRS A.5.3 will apply.
- 8.2 A boat's total score will be the sum of all scores, excluding the following worse races:

Races	Discards
6	1
12	2
18	3
24	4
30	5
36	6

9. RESULTS

There will be overall results for the J70 MEDITERRANEAN SPRING CUP 2023 and overall results for each Series.

10. [NP] [DP] SAFETY

- 10.1 All boats must be equipped with a VHF radio with channel 16 and the channel used for communications in the regatta.
- 10.2 It is mandatory for all participating boats to use their engine to navigate in waters of the Port of Barcelona and Palma and to follow the navigation rules of such ports.

11. TROPHIES AND SOCIAL EVENTS

- 11.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three classified boats in the J70 MEDITERRANEAN SPRING CUP and in each of the Series. The Organising Authority may award other trophies. The official Trophy list will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) before the start of the races.
- 11.2 Social Events will be announced conveniently on the Official Notice Board (ONB).

12. [NP] [DP] BERTHING

- 12.1 Boats whose entry is accepted in this event will have a berth reserved at the venue where the Series is held, from one day before and until one day after the regatta. Berths will be free of charge and will be taken under the entire responsibility of the skipper of each participating boat.
- 12.2 Every boat entered will have crane service (each service consists of one boatlift and one lowering) each weekend programmed in point 5. This service is included in the entry fee.
- 12.3 Boats must be afloat before 12.00 hours on the first day of racing and throughout the regatta, no boat can be hauled out without prior written authorisation from the Race Officer. The Sailing Instructions of each Series can establish different shifts for hauling out and launching.
- 12.4 In case of urgent need of hauling out, the person responsible for the boat will make everything possible to inform the Race Officer by radio, telephone or any other means. If not possible, the authorisation may be requested later.

13. LOGISTICS AND TRANSPORT

The Organisation will offer special conditions for the transport from Barcelona a Palma and vice versa, to participate in Series 2 and 3 to be held in Palma de Mallorca through an agreement-collaboration with ferry companies Tramed and Balearia. These conditions will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) at <http://springmediterraneancupj70.com/>

14. DECLARACIÓN DE RIESGO

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. Competitors and support persons participate in the event entirely at their own risk. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- 15.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- 15.4 By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, complies with the class rules, is equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- 15.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

- 15.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 15.7 It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

15. MARINE LOCAL REGULATIONS

- 15.1 Royal Decree 62/2008 of 25 January, which approves the Rules of the conditions of maritime security, shipping and human life at sea, applicable to commemorative and nautical sports events will apply.
- 15.2 Participants are made aware of the fact that boats can only participate in the regatta if they are dispatched in accordance with the rules to sail in waters where the regatta takes place and their skippers hold the necessary qualification documents to govern the boat. The organising clubs inform all participants that they are holder of a civil liability insurance for an amount of 1.202.024 de Euros. Besides the requirements of the Notice of Race, it is each boat's responsibility to ensure it has all the additional insurances deemed convenient.

16. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE OF RACE

The Organisation reserves the right to change this Notice of Race. Any amendment to this Notice of Race made before 24 March, 2023 will be posted on the event webpage <http://springmediterraneanocupj70.com/>