



NOTICE OF RACE

Preamble. Swan Bonifacio Challenge will take place in Bonifacio from 29 May to 1 June 2024 and is organized, under the authority of Federation Francaise de Voile, by Yacht Club de Bonifacio in collaboration with ClubSwan 50 Class, ClubSwan 36 Class and ClubSwan Racing.

1. RULES

1.1 This event will be governed by:

- (a) the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS),
- (b) the ClubSwan 50 and ClubSwan 36 Class Rules unless they are amended within this Notice of Race, in accordance with RRS 87.
- (c) The Nation League scoring system applies, available [AT THIS LINK](#)
- (d) For ClubSwan 50 - the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4, subject to possible amendments by class rules.
- (e) For ClubSwan 36 - the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix for Inshore Racing, subject to possible amendments by class rules.
- (f) RRS 47 is in force (see NOR 19)
- (g) Prescriptions of FFvoile RRS 2021-2024 (available [here](#))
- (h) In the event of a discrepancy between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions take precedence. (this changes RRS rule 63.7).
- (i) For ClubSwan 50 and ClubSwan 36 classes, Appendix UF applies, including coastal race.
- (j) The notation '[NP]' in a rule of this Notice of Race (NOR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a)
- (k) For ClubSwan50 Class ONLY: it may be established a "Guest-onboard-day". All ClubSwan 50 teams will be asked to welcome one guest onboard, with the aim of not creating any advantage/disadvantage.
It is the sole responsibility of the OA to decide if, given weather condition, to cancel the "Guest-onboard-day".

This amends Class Rule C.2.6 limited to the “Guest-onboard-day”.

Class Rule C.2.6 applies to any other racing days.

- (l) For ClubSwan 36 Class: the Class Rule Crew number/ weight C.2.1(a) is amended as follows:

“The crew weights recorded during the 1st event of The Nations League will apply to all of The Nations League events, with the exception of the Swan OD Worlds.

By entering the weight-in room, each crew member authorizes the Class Secretary to register his/her weight and to record it for the forthcoming events.

Re- weighing shall only take place if a valid protest shows that the pre-race weights were not recorded correctly.

If there is a crew member change FROM THE PREVIOUS EVENT:

- the new crew member will need to weigh-in prior the start of that event;
- the team’s overall weight shall remain under the maximum allowed weight, if the weight should exceed the limit, the whole or part of the crew shall re-weight;
- if two (2) or more crew members are being replaced for an event, the entire team will need to re-weigh in.

A new ClubSwan 36 team joining The Nations League during the season, after the first event, shall weigh-in before the first race it attends.”

- (m) For ClubSwan 50 Class: the Class Rule Crew number/ weight C.2.1(a) is amended as follows:

“The crew weights recorded during the 1st event of The Nations League will apply to all of The Nations League events, with the exception of the Swan OD Worlds.

By entering the weight-in room, each crew member authorizes the Class Secretary to register his/her weight and to record it for the forthcoming events.

Re- weighing shall only take place if a valid protest shows that the pre-race weights were not recorded correctly.

If there is a crew member change FROM THE PREVIOUS EVENT:

- the new crew member will need to weigh-in prior the start of that event;
- the team’s overall weight shall remain under the maximum allowed weight, if the weight should exceed the limit, the whole or part of the crew shall re-weight;

- if three (3) or more crew members are being replaced for an event, the entire team will need to re-weigh in.

A new ClubSwan 50 team joining The Nations League during the season, after the first event, shall weigh-in before the first race it attends.”

1.2 The organizing committee reserves the right to install on every participating boat a tracking or positioning device. The costs of the installation of these devices will be of the organizers, although the crew must help at all times in the correct installation and use during the regatta, by following the instructions handed out during the registration confirmation and the skipper’s briefing.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTION

SIs will be available at registration from Monday 27 May, and will be posted on the event website.

No paper SIs will be available, this modifies Appendix “L” of RRS Preamble.

3. NOTICES

The Official Notice Board will be available online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16518>

4. ELEGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the ClubSwan 50 and ClubSwan 36, with valid Measurement Certificate and Measurement Forms.
- 4.2 The World Sailing Eligibility Code (WS Regulation 19), and the Sailors Categorization Code (WS Regulation 22) shall apply.
- 4.3 Crew lists and World Sailing Sailor IDs for all crew, as well as declarations of alternate, substitute and relief helmsmen shall be submitted by email or through YachtScoring to the Class Secretariat no later than Tuesday, 14 May 2024:
 - CLUBSWAN 50 CLASS: class@clubswan50.com;
 - CLUBSWAN 36 CLASS: clubswan36class@nautorswan.com
- 4.4 Crew Lists will be displayed on the Official Notice Board within 20:00 on Tuesday, 28 May.
- 4.5 The Classification Protest Time Limit will be at 10:00 on Wednesday 29 May.
- 4.6 Eligible boats may enter through their Class Secretariat. Details will be made available.
- 4.7 The full entry shall be received by the Class no later than 29 April 2024, accompanied by the required entry fee.

5. ENTRY FEE

The entry fees will be as stated for The Nations League 2024 fee. For more details, contact your Class Secretariat.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with WS Regulation 20.
- 6.2 Boats may be required to display advertising and bow numbers chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Find below the preliminary schedule for the event:

Monday 27/05/24	
Registrations	14.00-18.00
Measurements	09.00-18.00
Tuesday 28/05/24	
Measurements	09.00-18.00
Practice Race	14:00
Wednesday 29/05/24	
Skippers briefing	09.30
Racing	12.00
Daily prize giving	At dock in
Thursday 30/05/24	
Racing	12.00
Daily prize giving	At dock in
Friday 31/05/24	
Racing	12.00
Daily prize giving	At dock in
Saturday 01/06/24	
Racing	12.00
Prize-giving ceremony	TIME TBC

Social functions will be announced in the vicinity of the event.

- 7.2 The scheduled time of warning signal for the first race is 12:00.
- 7.3 A maximum of 8 races are scheduled, of which at least 1 has to be completed by each class for the event to be valid. The RC may decide to sail one coastal race, when weather forecasts permit so. This race counts as one race.
- 7.4 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.
- 7.5 No race shall start after 15.00 hours on Saturday 01 June.
- 7.6 The OA and/or RC reserve the right to modify the program because of weather conditions or for any other reason.

8. SCORING

The scoring system will be the Low Point Scoring System described in Appendix A4 of the RRS will apply.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Boats competing in the event will be subject to inspection before the event begins; random measurement checks will be set during the event.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 of the RRS is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

11. VENUE

11.1 The venue will be Yacht Club de Bonifacio c/o Port Bonifacio – Quai Noel Beretti, 20169 Bonifacio (Corse) FRANCE.

11.2 The race area will be in the waters off Bonifacio. A diagram of the Race Area will be attached to the SI.

12. THE COURSE

The course will be shown in details in the SI and will be a windward/leeward type of course. It could be a quadrilateral with inner loop/outer loop.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall register with the OA, filling the form available on the online Official Notice Board and will have to comply with their Class Rules. Any infringement to the RRS or to the Class Rules could be reported to the Jury, that could open a hearing based on 60,4 RRS.

14. COMPETITOR DRONES

14.1 Teams or their representatives shall not fly drones over the Swan Bonifacio Challenge shore base or over the race area during racing days without complying with local legislation and in any case unless prior written approval by the organizer has been obtained.

14.2 The approval granted at sole discretion of the organizer may impose limitation on where and when to fly, with reference to any applicable Class Rule limitations.

14.3 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 organizer, race committee or jury at reasonable request.

15. BERTHING

Boats whose entry has been confirmed for the regatta, will have a berthing place reserved, free of charge (included in the entry fee) from Wednesday 22 May at 12:00 to Monday 3 June at 12:00. For any further needs, concerning berthing, please contact info@bonifaciomarina.com ; dial +33 04 95 73 10 07 or VHF channel 9.

16. PRIZES

The following prizes will be awarded:

(a) 1st, 2nd, 3rd of each class;

(b) Best-placed nation.

Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA. Details will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

17. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

The boats shall not be hauled out during the event, starting from Wednesday 29 May at 09:30, unless they have been authorized by the Technical Committee.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) and any person or entity involved in the organization of the event will not accept any liability for loss, damage, injury or nuisances to people or things, both on the water or ashore, occurring as a result of taking part in the event announced in this Notice of Race, whether or not they are consequence of any proper or improper action of the OA and any person or entity involved in the organization.

By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity that carries risks. These risks include the possibility of dealing with strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in the weather, breakdowns / damage to equipment, manouvering mistakes, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance due to yacht instability and fatigue with resulting in an increased risk of injury. The risk of permanent and serious injuries or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes is inherent in the sport of sailing.

Competitors and their support persons participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 (decision to race).

19. ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSABILITY

Recalling the Basic Principle that mentions: "Participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing", we recommend the utmost attention to environmental protection in all moments that accompany the practice of the sport of sailing before, during and after the event. In particular, attention is drawn to RRS 47 - Waste Disposal - which verbatim states: "Competitors and their support people shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule applies at all times while afloat. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be less than disqualification."

20. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1.500.000 Euro per incident or equivalent. The OA is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of insurance certificates.

21. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

The organisation reserves itself the right to change this Notice of Race. Any change made to this Notice of Race prior to the 27 May 2024, will be published on the event's website [according to RRS 89.2(b)].

22. SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Further details on Social Functions will be posted on the event web-site.

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information is available from:

- **CLUBSWAN 50 CLASS:** class@clubswan50.com;

- **CLUBSWAN 36 CLASS:** clubswan36class@nautorswan.com

24. ACCOMODATION

For hotel suggestions, please refer to your Class Secretariat.