



2023-2024

The Europe Race Race Series Notice of Race

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Preamble

The Europe Race Race Series consists of a series of 50 + races varying in length between 20 to 800 NM. Boats take part in a minimum of 7 races to reach a qualified rating. Boats are scored overall by their rating. The rating is based on a mathematical formula that ensures boats are rated by skill, not by time spent on the water. More racing only will stabilize the rating. If your skill increases over time so will your rating. Volatility of the rating is determined by the nr of races and the age of race results. Qualification for the finals will be by being in the top 10% of the qualified boats.

1. THE RACE

- 1.1. The Europe Race race will be conducted using the virtual sailing game Sailaway in its latest installment
- 1.2. The Europe Race will start on September 1st 2023 with the warning signal of the first Race at 17:00 UTC and start at 17:10 UTC
- 1.3. The Europe Race prologue races will be held in the weeks prior for testing purposes.
- 1.4. These prologue races will be announced in the Sailaway game, Discord channel, and in the website of the race.
- 1.5. All The Europe Race prologue races will suspend racing the last leg of the respective prologue race no later than Sept, 1st 2023 17:00 UTC. Boats that have not finished will be scored as per position at that time the race is suspended, the finish time will be determined by extrapolation of the VMG on the shortest course to the finish at the time of suspending the prologue race.
- 1.6. All legs in the The Hague Iceland Back to Back will be part of The Europe Race for the full manual division
<https://e-offshore-racing.com/index.php/the-hague-iceland-back-to-back/>
- 1.7. The Sailaway Fastnet Race for the IMOCA class full manual will be part of The Europe Race for the full manual division.
<https://e-offshore-racing.com/index.php/fastnet-race/>
- 1.8. The Sailaway Admiral's cup will be part of The Europe Race for the IMOCA class full manual division.
<https://e-offshore-racing.com/index.php/admirals-cup/>

2. SCHEDULE

- 2.1. A total of 3 races will be scheduled for all weekends from Sept 1st 2023 -March 30th 2024
 - 2.1.1. The 1st race starts Fridays 17:10 UTC

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- 2.1.2. The 2nd race starts Saturdays 01:10 UTC
 - 2.1.3. The 3rd race starts Sundays 13:10 UTC
 - 2.1.4. All races for IMOCA 60 class full auto division start 20 minutes later.
 - 2.2. There may be Coastal Short Races replacing any and all races
 - 2.3. Races starts may be postponed to a start time later that same day, without further notice.
 - 2.4. There may be more races than mentioned in NOR 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 without further notice.
 - 2.5. Races will be published in Sailaway more than 24 hrs before the preparatory signal.
3. COURSE
 - 3.1. The course for the The Europe Race races are always from the start line in the starting city to the finish line at the finishing city. There are no further marks.
 - 3.2. The course for the Coastal short races will be announced in each of the legs and it will be covered in less than 4 hours.
 - 3.3. Courses will be published on Sailaway, however can be changed up to 1 hr before the start. Boats are to join the race not sooner than 60 minutes before the start. Boats may be ejected from the race or leg for the purpose of course changes by the Race Organizers up to 60 minutes before the start.
 - 3.4.
4. AMENDMENTS

This Notice of Race can be amended. Amendments will be published on the Sailaway Discord server and/or the race website
5. REGISTRATION
 - 5.1. Please register your boat in the online form provided by the race Organising Authority. Link to the form is provided on The Europe Race website <https://e-offshore-racing.com/index.php/the-europe-race/>
 - 5.2. Registration will be completed by entering the races in Sailaway no sooner than 60 minutes before the start..
 - 5.3. By registration the e-sailor accepts the Rules and Regulations that govern The Europe Race.
 - 5.4. There is no registration fee.

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6. RULES

- 6.1. Documents, or links to public locations of those documents, governing The Europe Race will be published on the Sailaway Discord server and are available for download from The Europe Race website.
<https://e-offshore-racing.com/index.php/the-europe-race/>
- 6.2. The Europe Race is governed by the rules as defined in Sailing World Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Sailing Instructions (SI) for The Europe Race to be published no later than 14 days before the start of Leg1.
- 6.3. By registering to participate in The Europe Race, e-sailors accept the rules and terms of the race as set out in this Notice of Race and set out in The Europe Race Sailing Instructions.
- 6.4. If a e-sailor behaves in a way that contradicts the rules and terms of engagement set out in this Notice of Race, or those set out in The Europe Race Sailing Instructions. The race committee has the right to remove the e-sailor.
- 6.5. Individual e-sailors are not allowed more than one profile to participate in the race and are not allowed to be registered to The Europe Race more than once.



7. BOAT CLASS

7.1. The races will be only conducted in the IMOCA class.

8. BOAT DIVISIONS

8.1. **Full Manual:** Boat handling in online mode will be 100% manually in races and legs designated FM, Full Manual. Autopilot can be set to either to steer a compass course or to steer by maintaining true wind angle.

8.1.1. In offline mode speed will be reduced to 88.5% of the nominal speed under the conditions at that time (11.5% penalty). Steering by autopilot in off-line mode can be by autopilot following way-points set by the e-sailor.

8.2. **Full/Semi Automatic:** Boat handling in online mode can be 100% automated as per e-sailor setting, in races and legs designated FA, Full Automatic. Autopilot can be set to either to steer a compass course or to steer by maintaining true wind angle, both online or off-line, by waypoints only when off-line.

8.2.1. In races shorter than 100 NM, sailing off line is for emergencies only. In offline mode speed will be reduced to 88.5% of the nominal speed under the conditions at that time (11.5% penalty)

8.2.2. In races longer than 100 NM, off-line mode speed will be enhanced to 117.5 % of the nominal speed under the conditions at that time (17.5 % bonus). Steering by autopilot in offline mode can be by autopilot following way-points set by the e-sailor.

9. POINTS

9.1. Boats will start with a rating at 1600.00

9.2. Individual races are scored by low points

9.3. All race results will be entered into the rating.

9.4. The Europe Race is scored by highest rating.

10. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

10.1. There is no age restriction on registering for the Europe Race. If a e-sailor under the age of 18 years old qualifies for prizes, any prizes must be accepted by a parent or legal guardian who must consent to the event rules and the acceptance of the prizes.

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11. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 11.1. By participating in an event of The Europe Race, e-sailors automatically grant to the organizers, Sailaway developers Orbcreation b.v and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any live, taped or filmed reproductions, in game video streams and of the e-sailor during the period of The Europe Race without compensation.



12. INFORMATION

- 12.1. Sailing Instructions (SI) for The Europe Race will present changes to the Sailing World Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 12.2. For technical queries about the Sailaway game, contact the Sailaway developers Orbcreation b.v at <https://sailaway.world/>
- 12.3. For other queries about The Europe Race, including feedback on the Racing Rules of Sailing, please contact The 2021 The Europe Race organizer(s) through the Sailaway Discord server or the race website.

13. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 13.1. e-sailors must conduct themselves in a reasonable manner, maintaining a friendly and polite demeanor to spectators, members of the press, other e-sailors, The Europe Race organizers, Sailaway developers Orbcreation b.v employees and World Sailing. All e-sailors are expected to adhere to the standards of good sportsmanship.
- 13.2. e-sailors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from the organizers and Sailaway developers Orbcreation b.v employees.
- 13.3. Race organizers may reduce or remove a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request.

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