



2012 RS:X WORLD WINDSURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS
2012 RS:X Class U21 Windsurfing Championships

NOTICE OF RACE

The 2012 RS:X World Windsurfing Championships and the Andalusian Sailing Federation (ASF), is pleased to invite RS:X sailors to take part in the 2012 RS:X World Windsurfing Championships & 2012 RS:X Class U21 Windsurfing Championships under specified conditions laid down by the International RS:X Class Association in co-operation with ISAF between the dates of

March 20th – 29th 2012
El Puerto de Santa María, Cadiz, Spain



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1. RULES

This is an ISAF sanctioned event governed by:

- 1.1. The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. No National Authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs will take precedence.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.5. For medal races, ISAF Addendum Q, Umpired Fleet Racing, will apply and change a number of racing rules. The version that is current when the regatta begins will appear in full with the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.6. In order to comply with local maritime law, each competitor shall wear a properly secured personal flotation device according to CR C.1.2 (a) at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing, without the need for display of the Y flag. This changes rule 40. This rule also applies to support boat personnel

2. ADVERTISING & SAIL INSIGNIAS & NATIONAL FLAGS

- 2.1. Rigs and competitors may be required to carry advertising for event sponsors which will be supplied by the local organizing committee in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
- 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. The LOA reserves the right to change a competitor's sail number (not letters) to avoid the duplication of numbers.
- 2.4. Competitors shall provide their own self adhesive National Flags and replacements.
- 2.5. For group Identification, each competitor will be issued with two branded Lycra vests one of which shall be worn whilst racing **Men:** Blue and Yellow, **Women:** Pink and Green.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY REGULATIONS

- 3.1. All entries shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19 – Eligibility Code.
- 3.2. The [RS:X World Championships Qualification System](#) shall apply.
- 3.3. The Event shall be open to all nations.
- 3.4. Valid entries for the 2012 RS:X Class U21 Windsurfing Championships shall be Under 21 years - born after 1991 - on 31 December 2012
- 3.5. Those competitors eligible to compete in the more junior event will also compete in the more senior event. All events shall run consecutively.
- 3.6. A minimum of 5 entries is required to validate Championships in a men/women division.
- 3.7. Applications will be refused when the entries exceed:
 - 3.7.1. 120 Men in the 2012 RS:X World Windsurfing Championships
 - 3.7.2. 120 Women in the 2012 RS:X World Windsurfing Championships
- 3.8. The deadline for valid entries is **March 6th 2012**.
- 3.9. Competitors shall have an ISAF Sailor Number before the entry deadline.
- 3.10. Competitors' membership of a National RS:X Class Association (NCA) or the International RS:X Class Association (ICA) shall be fully paid up before the entry deadline.
- 3.11. A competitor's entry may be subject to the agreement of the relevant NCA whose membership of the ICA shall be fully paid up and in good standing before the entry deadline.



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- 3.11.1. The NCA shall ensure that its competitors comply with the relevant age limitations.
- 3.12. Entries shall be made & paid online, at the same time, before the entry deadline at <http://worldwindsurfingchampionships2012.rsxclass.com>
 - 3.12.1. An entry is not valid until paid. Unpaid entries will be ignored.
 - 3.12.2. Entries made after the entry deadline will not be accepted unless approved by the ICA office and only in special circumstances as determined by the ICA.
 - 3.12.3. 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
- 3.13. The following documentation will be required at Registration on site:
 - 3.13.1. Proof of Entry Fee payment.
 - 3.13.2. Proof of valid third party liability Insurance
 - 3.13.3. Proof of age (passport).
 - 3.13.4. Parental / legal Guardian Assent (Form 2) for entries under the age of 18.
 - 3.13.5. Proof of 2012 Federation Licence (for the Spanish sailors)

4. FEES

- 4.1. The Entry Fee is **160** Euros or **320** Euros for entries not made and paid at the same time
- 4.2. Payment shall be made in Euros. No other currency will be accepted.
- 4.3. Those wishing to pay by bank transfer shall scan the bank transfer document authorized by their bank and email it to the ICA Executive office
- 4.4. Our bank details are:
 - A/C:** The International RS:X Class Association Ltd
 - Bank Details:** Lloyds TSB
 - Address:** 101 High Street, Poole, Dorset BH15 1AJ, UK
 - Euro Account #:** 86299141
 - Sort Code:** 30-96-73
 - IBAN:** GB21LOYD30967386299141
 - SWIFTBIC:** LOYDGB2L

5. FORMAT

- 5.1. Men and women shall race separately.
- 5.2. There will be a maximum 16 races in a series over 6 race days.
- 5.3. Racing will consist of Round 1, Round 2 and a Medal Race.
- 5.4. At the discretion of the Class Race Director competitors will race in Groups, which will be as equal in size as possible, as follows:
 - 5.4.1. Where there are 50 or fewer boards entered, they shall race in a single Group.
 - 5.4.2. Where there are between 51 and 60 boards entered, they may race in two Groups.
 - 5.4.3. Where there are between 61 and 120 boards entered, they shall race in two Groups.
- 5.5. Where there are two Groups:
 - 5.5.1. For Round 1 they will be divided according to their ranking in the last World Championship and then on their ranking in the last European Championship.
 - 5.5.2. For Round 2 they will be divided according to their overall rankings (discards applied) at the completion of Round 1.
- 5.6. On the completion of Round 2 the top 10 competitors will compete in the Medal Race.



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6. SCHEDULE

Event Schedule

Date	Day	Times	Event
Mar 20 th	Tuesday		Arrival
Mar 21 st	Wednesday	0900-1800 hrs 1200 hrs 1630 hrs 2000 hrs	Registration & Equipment Check Practice Race Coaches Meeting Opening Ceremony
Mar 22 nd	Thursday	12:00 hrs	Round 1 - Races
Mar 23 ^d	Friday	12:00 hrs	Round 1 - Races
Mar 24 th	Saturday		Reserve Day
Mar 25 th	Sunday	12:00 hrs	Round 2* - Races
Mar 26 th	Monday	12:00 hrs	Round 2* - Races
Mar 27 th	Tuesday	12:00 hrs	Round 2* - Races
Mar 28 th	Wednesday	12:00 hrs 16:00 hrs 2000 hrs	Round 2* - Races & Medal Races* Last possible warning signal Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony
Mar 29 th	Thursday		Departure

* See 13.3

- 6.1. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day 12:00 hrs.
- 6.2. The warning signal for the last race of each day shall not be made within 2 hours of the official sunset time.

7. EQUIPMENT AND EQUIPMENT CHECKS

- 7.1. All competitors shall use their own equipment.
- 7.2. There will be no official measurement prior to the first race. Competitors may check their own equipment using the official scales etc. The championship chief measurer will be available to answer questions.
- 7.3. Before the close of registration, competitors shall register each piece of equipment they intend to use:
 - 7.3.1. By going to <http://worldwindsurfingchampionships2012.rsxclass.com> and entering the serial number
 - 7.3.2. By sticking the self-adhesive 'Fast Check' numbers issued on to those pieces of equipment
- 7.4. The list of registered serial numbers will be posted by the measurer on the Official Notice Board and will be available to view on the event website.
- 7.5. Seeding numbers issued by the chief measurer shall be placed back-to-back immediately adjacent to the inside vertical edge of their National letters and sail numbers.
- 7.6. Competitors are reminded that they are responsible for making sure that their equipment complies with class rules at all times.
- 7.7. Measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the event.
- 7.8. Competitors and their equipment shall be on site by 0900hrs on **March 21st 2012**.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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



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9. VENUE

- 9.1. The regatta site is:
FEDERACIÓN ANDALUZA DE VELA
El Puerto de Santa María (Puerto Sherry)
Office telephone number: +34956852239
Fax: +34 956874805
Email: info@fav.es

10. COURSES

- 10.1. At the discretion of the Class Race Director the course will be Trapezoidal Courses for Rounds 1 and 2 and Windward Leeward for the Medal Race.
10.1.1. Courses will have Slalom Ends.
- 10.2. Race target time will be 30 minutes for all races.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. Discretionary penalties will be awarded for breaches of safety regulations, trash disposal and the requirements of the organizing authority relating to advertising and media coverage of the event.

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 scoring will be Low Points Scoring System in accordance with RRS A4 and B8.2.
13.1.1. Competitors racing in the 2012 RS:X Class U21 Windsurfing Championships will be ranked according to their scores in the 2012 RS:X World Windsurfing Championships.
- 13.2. A minimum of 3 completed races are required for a valid Championship.
- 13.3. A minimum of 4 completed races are required to complete Round 1 and a minimum of 3 completed races are required to complete Round 2.
- 13.4. Discards will be applied as follows:
- | # Races | Scores to be Excluded |
|------------|--|
| 1-4 | 0 |
| 5-11 | 1 - the worst score in the Rounds 1 or 2. |
| 12 or more | 2 - the worst score in the Round 1 and the worst score in the Round 2. |
- 13.5. In the Medal Race, a competitor's score shall be double the number of points specified in RRS Appendix A4.1, and the score for that race shall not be excluded from the series score.
- 13.6. The competitors assigned to compete in the medal race will be ranked highest in the regatta except for a competitor disqualified from the medal race under rule RRS 5 or 69.
- 13.7. If no Medal Race is completed, competitors will be ranked according to overall scores in Round 2, but if no race in Round 2 is completed then competitors will be ranked according to overall scores in Round 1.



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14. COACHES, COACH & SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1. The Entry Fee is **50 Euro** or **100 Euro** for entries not made and paid at the same time
- 14.2. The deadline for valid entries is **March 6th 2012**.
- 14.3. Entries shall be made & paid online, at the same time, before the entry deadline at:
<http://worldwindsurfingchampionships2012.rsxclass.com>
 - 14.3.1. An entry is not valid until paid. Unpaid entries will be ignored.
 - 14.3.2. No entries will be accepted on site in accordance with Art # 14.2
 - 14.3.3. Entries made after the entry deadline will not be accepted unless approved by the ICA office
 - 14.3.4. 50% of entry fees may be refundable if accompanied by a certificate issued by a medical doctor stating a valid reason why the participant cannot take part
- 14.4. The following documentation will be required at Registration on site:
 - 14.4.1. Proof of Entry Fee payment.
 - 14.4.2. Proof of valid third party liability Insurance
 - 14.4.3. Boat Driving Licence (if applicable)

15. BERTHING

- 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 jury. 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. SAFETY

17. Competitors shall be required to carry a towrope as described in Class Rules C.1.2(c)

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. Medals will be awarded to the first three Men and Women of each event.
- 18.2. Prizes will be awarded to the first five Men and Women of each event.
- 18.3. A total of US \$45,000 in prize money will be split equally between the men's and women's fleets and shared on a sliding scale between everyone who races in the medal races, based on the final results.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1. Competitors take part in all races at their own risk. The LOA and International RS:X Class Association or any of their officials or representatives or the sponsors or their officials or representatives are not responsible, under any circumstances, for any damage, loss or injury either ashore or on the water either to persons or equipment, which may result.
- 19.2. Participation in this event, supporting events and in each race in them is at the sole discretion of the sailor and at his/her own risk. Notice is drawn to RRS4.



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20. INSURANCE

- 20.1. Competitors shall possess valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €300.000
- 20.2. Coaches and support boat drivers shall also have valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €300.000.

21. DRUG TESTING

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

22. TELEVISION AND MEDIA

23. In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the LOA and the International RS:X 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.

24. OFFICIAL CEREMONIES & DRESS CODE

- 24.1. Attendance at the Opening Ceremony, Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony is mandatory.
 - 24.1.1. Smart casual clothes will be worn.

25. NOTICE OF RACE ENDS

The average conditions that can be expected are: wind speeds 11 knots, water temperatures 15 °C and air temperatures 15 °C.

Details on travel, transfers, accommodation, charter equipment and coach boat charter can be found on: www.la-vitamina.com

E-mail: sailing@la-vitamina.com

Phone number: 0034856922595 and 0034677178793

Charters are dealt with on a first come, first served basis

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