



TECHNICAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What do I need to have prior to the championship?

- A 2023 ORC International certificate issued no later than **23 July 2023**. No changes shall be made on ORC International certificates after **23 July 2023** unless prescribed and approved by the Technical Committee.
- The flotation date on an ORC International Certificate shall not be earlier than **4 August 2013**. It is shown on the 3rd page of your ORC International certificate

FLOTATION AND STABILITY			
Calculation method	Poles inclining	SFFP	0.624
Flotation Date	29.06.2021	FFM	1.466
Measurer	ESP-295	FF	1.466
Comment		LCFcl	7.358
		SG	1.0250

- All sails (mainsails, headsails set on the forestay, headsails set flying, spinnakers, asymmetric spinnakers including those with SHW/SFL < 0.85) shall be measured according to the IMS Rule. Storm & heavy weather sails shall be measured according to the WS Offshore Special Regulations (OSR). OSR Maximum areas are shown on the ORC International certificates.
- All sails shall have a measurement stamp or sticker with all required measurements clearly readable.

ORC		Measure:	SRN:
dd / mm / yy	Signed:		
HHB	HQB		
HUW	HLP		
HTW	HLU		
HHW			

- Any sail without such a measurement stamp or measurements clearly readable, will be needed to be measured at the venue. An appropriate measurement fees will be charged accordingly

How to register for the pre-race equipment inspection?

- Pre-race equipment inspection will take place on:

Friday, 4 August	from 9:00 – 13:00 and 14:00 – 18:00
Saturday, 5 August	from 9:00 – 13:00 and 14:00 – 18:00
Sunday, 6 August	from 9:00 – 13:00

You will receive an e-mail with instructions how to book your time slot for the pre-race measurement inspection.

How to get prepared for the pre-race equipment inspection?

- The pre-race equipment inspection will be carried out on the fully equipped yacht in a rule compliant and ready to sail condition.
- A pre-race inspection team will show up at the yacht's berth at the appointed time.
- Please be ready at the scheduled time with a responsible person on board (e.g., owner and/or skipper).
- Present all sails with the corner taken out from the bag showing the ORC measurement stamp. Make a clear decision which sails you want to use during the championship.
- Have all safety equipment ready for inspection.

What is checked during the pre-race measurement inspection?

- **Sails:** The maximum number of sails to be used at the event excluding storm & heavy weather sails required by the OSR shall be as defined in ORC Rule 206.1

	<i>Class A</i>	<i>Class B</i>	<i>Class C</i>
Mainsail	2	2	2
Headsails	7	6	5
Spinnakers	5	5	4

** If there is a headsail furler recorded on the certificate, only one headsail shall be used.*

- Each boat shall select sails to be used at the event up to the maximum numbers as defined above. Selected sails will be marked with an event sticker. Only sails marked with an event sticker may be on board during the event.
 - Sails carried on board may vary from day to day, but shall remain the same for each race day, including days with multiple races even in the case of damage to sails. The race day begins when the boat leaves for the race course from its dock or mooring.
 - Sails damaged during the event may be repaired. Sails beyond repair may be replaced with permission of the Technical Committee.
- **Internal ballast:** If there is any, weight and position will be checked. An internal ballast shall be properly fixed below the cabin sole, or as low as possible fixed to the hull structure to prevent movement.
 - **Safety equipment:** Please find attached the safety equipment check list. Be aware that full compliance with the WS Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) is the sole responsibility of the person in charge and it cannot be limited to this document. Any safety equipment item missing during the check may be presented up to 17:00 on **6 August 2023**. Please contact the TC member that was checking your boat to present any missing items. A boat shall not race until she passes the pre-race equipment inspection.
 - **Crew weight** is not part of the pre-race equipment inspection, but the official scale will be available for your own check.

What is checked after races on the water?

- The following will be inspected after each inshore race:
 - the presence of event stickers on the sails on board
 - the position of the items recorded in the measurement inventory
 - major OSR compliance (such as the tension of the lifelines).
- TC members will approach boats selected randomly for these inspections.

What is checked during the post-race equipment inspection dockside?

- Inspections dockside will include flotation, checks of sail measurements and crew weight. If you are selected for these inspections, you will be informed by a WhatsApp message and/or VHF. TC member will meet you at your mooring place.
- Boats to be checked dockside will be selected as follows:

Offshore races

- Safety equipment and the presence of event stickers on the sails on board among randomly selected boats in each class.

Inshore races

- **Flotation:** 1st boat overall in each class when selection is made. TC member will meet you at your mooring place to define details about the time and location of the check.
- **Sails measurements check:** 2nd boat overall in each class when selection is made. Please bring to the sails inspection area the largest of each: mainsail, headsail set on the forestay, symmetric spinnaker, asymmetric spinnaker, all headsails set flying and all asymmetric spinnaker with SHW/SFL < 85%.
- **Crew weighing:** 3rd boat overall in each class when selection is made. The Crew shall be weighted in light street clothes with short trousers, a t-shirt, and flip-flops as a minimum.

These criteria shall be applied at the end of each racing day, except when the boat is supposed to be inspected for an item previously checked. In this case, a different check may be scheduled for that boat, and if needed, boats placed 4th, 5th, 6th etc. will be inspected.

- Independently from the results, any boat can be inspected upon a measurement protest or by the choice of the Technical Committee.

What can be the result of the post-race equipment inspection?

- If the Technical Committee finds that boats do not comply with the ORC Rating Rules, it shall protest the boat and it may protest the boat for any infringement of the OSR.
- The flotation check will start with the freeboards measurement. A test certificate will be run with these measurements to calculate APH that will be compared with the one on your ORC International certificate. If the difference between the two APHs is less than 0.1%, a boat will be considered in compliance with her certificate. If the difference is greater, an inclining test will be performed to run a new test certificate. If the APH difference is still greater than 0.1%, TC will protest the boat and ORC Rule 305.2 will be applied.
- If there is any difference in sail measurements, a test certificate will be run with these sails measurements for a comparison of the APH with the one on your ORC International certificate. If the APH difference is greater than 0.1%, TC will protest the boat and ORC Rule 305.2 will be applied.

- If the crew weight is found greater than the maximum or smaller than the minimum recorded on the ORC International certificate, TC will protest the boat. Please note that ANY infringement related to the crew weight is not considered as an issue of compliance with the certificate and it is not subject to the APH comparison. ORC Rule 305.2 does not apply in this case, and the decision of the protest may be a disqualification in all races where crew weight was not in the range given in the certificate.

What can I modify during the championship?

- **Crew changes:** Once the entry is accepted, each boat shall submit the crew list. Crew lists shall include all crew members who will be on board at the start of the first race and may be amended up to the start of the first race. After the first race, changes in crew may be made only on request and with the permission of the Technical Committee. Request for the crew changes (adding new crew members, replacing, or disembarking crew members) shall be made online no later than 2 hours before the scheduled time of the start of the first race of the day. The substituted crew member shall not be aboard any other competing boat throughout the remainder of the series. The weight of all crew members on board after all crew changes shall neither be greater than the maximum nor smaller than the minimum crew weight as defined in ORC Rule 200.1. Crew substitutions in the Corinthian Division shall also be valid World Sailing Category 1 sailors. If not, the entry will be scored in the Open Division.
- **Equipment change:** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized by the Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity. If this includes sails damaged beyond repair, please present the damaged sail to the Technical Committee.