

44Cup 2023

The 44Cup 2023 will be organised by the RC44 Class Association in co-operation with a local yacht club in each venue.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. For the match racing, Appendix C of RRS will apply.
- 1.2. No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.4. The RC44 Class Rules, the 44Cup Sailing Instructions, the 44Cup NOR, the RC44 Class Association Constitution and the 44Cup Rules will apply.
- 1.5. Fleet Race will be umpired on the water using the last applicable version Appendix UF 44Cup

2. ADVERTISING

44Cup Rule 9 shall apply.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The race is open to all boats of the RC44 class that comply to the obligations of the class rules, RC44 Class Association regulations and their National Authorities in the case that a National Authority exists.
- 3.2. All the 44Cup teams having paid their annual class fee are automatically registered to all the events of the 44Cup. A team not wishing to join an event shall inform the Class Office minimum 6 weeks before the beginning of the event.

4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1. The WS Sailor Classification Code will apply. The skippers are responsible for their team registration to WS and shall send a copy of the classification certificate of each crew (including himself) with the entry form. Skippers shall provide the WS Sailor ID for each crew at registration. Skippers can register their crew on the WS website www.sailing.org.
- 4.2. For full information regarding the crew limitations, see class rules section C "Conditions for Racing".

5. FEES

No Entry Fee is required to join an event. All participants shall pay the annual fee of the RC44 Class Association.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1. 2023 event schedule:

Date	Event	Venue	Yacht Club	Country
1 – 5 March	44Cup Oman	Al Mouj Marina	Oman Sail	Oman
28 June – 2 July	44Cup Marstrand	Marstrand	MSS	Sweden
9 – 13 August	44Cup Cowes Worlds Championship	Cowes	RYS	UK
18 – 22 October	44Cup Alcaidesa Marina	Gibraltar Strait	Club Nautico Bevelle	Spain
22 – 26 November	44Cup Calero Marina	Calero Marina	Calero Marina	Canary Island - Spain

- 6.2. Event format: 1 official practice day followed by 4 fleet racing days.
- 6.3. Fleet Racing Series: Maximum four races per day are scheduled. Short coastal races can be scheduled, depending on weather conditions. No initial warning signal will be made after 15h30 on the last day of racing of each event.
- 6.4. In cooperation with the class, the OA may change the format, terminate, or eliminate any round, when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.
- 6.5. The 2023 RC44 World Championship will take place in Cowes - UK.

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate.
- 7.2. The Organisers may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and/or her sails and equipment before, during or after the races. There will be no facilities for initial sails measurement. Each boat shall sail with measured sails (initial measurement at the sail loft) and comply with the class rules and sail stickers regulations.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

9. VENUE

A detailed map of the racing areas will be distributed at registration.

10. COURSES

The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward configuration. Spreader marks and leeward gates shall be used. Short coastal races may be scheduled depending on the weather conditions.

11. EVENT SCORING

11.1. The Low Point System of Appendix 'A' will apply to the fleet racing series.

11.2. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.3. Each boat's score shall be the total of her race scores. No score will be excluded.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall be identified with a team flag (min size 40x60cm).

13. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

13.1. All boats are to be afloat and moored by 14:00 on the practice race day.

13.2. Boats shall be kept on the assigned pontoons in the harbour.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta unless approved in writing by the OA.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

15.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15.2. Race information will be given by VHF radios. The VHF channel will be confirmed in the SI.

16. PRIZES

The prizes will be given as follows: Trophy to the winner of the fleet racing series.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 Decision to Race.

17.2. The owner/competitor is entirely responsible for his own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the notice of race or sailing instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

17.3. It is for the owner/competitor to decide whether the boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which they will find themselves. By launching or going to sea, the owner/competitor confirms that boat is fit for those conditions and the crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

17.4. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owner/competitor nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however, it may have occurred, as a result of the owner/competitor taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters.

17.5. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the owner/competitor of her responsibilities.

17.6. RRS 67 is changed and replaced with:

1. Any claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.
2. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a rule.

18. INSURANCE

The boat is required to hold adequate third-party insurance with a minimum cover of € 10.000.000,00 per event or the equivalent if expressed in other currency, and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate.

19. PHOTOGRAPHS AND TV RIGHTS

By participating in the 44Cup a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the RC44 Class Association the right in perpetuity to make use of and show, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still photographs, live or taped film or video on television and/or other media, showing him/her during the period of the competition, as well as to use such contents in any media whatsoever, for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information without compensation.

The Organising Authority