







La Seyne-sur-Mer (France) – 11th–16th April 2012

NOTICE OF RACE

The "Yacht Club des Sablettes", in co-operation with the French 470 Class Association ("AS 470 France"), is pleased to invite all 470 sailors to take part in the

XXXVIIth International 470 Spring Cup

to be held at La Seyne-sur-Mer (France, near Toulon) from 11th to 16th April 2012

1. – Rules

- **1.1** The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the 2009-2012 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing.
- **1.2** No applicable prescription of the French Sailing Federation requires advance preparation.
- **1.3** The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply to the extent they are referenced into the International 470 Class Rules.
- **1.4** No Racing Rule change requiring advance preparation will apply. Racing Rule changes will appear in the sailing instructions.
- **1.5** No Class Rule change will apply.
- **1.6** If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. – Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. – Eligibility and entry

3.1 – The regatta is open to boats of the 470 Class and to competitors who comply with the ISAF eligibility code. The two crew members of a competing boat shall represent the same National Authority.

Only crews in good standing with the International 470 Class Association may participate: each crew member shall be member of a National 470 Class Association affiliated to the National Authority, or of the International 470 Class Association when there is no National Association in the concerned country.

Boats shall comply with the Class Rules and have a valid measurement form. The sail number shall conform to the Class Rules.

3.2 – Eligible boats may enter by using the on-line entry process on Internet, or by downloading and completing the Entry Form, and sending it, with payment of the required entry fees, by 10th March 2012, to:

AS 470 France c/o Alain CORCUFF 135 Montée du Cantin 69270 – Fontaines-Saint-Martin - France e-mail : <u>alain.470@gmail.com</u>

The on-line entry process and the downloadable Entry Form are posted at

http://www.sailracer.org/events/event-v2.asp?eventid=89071

accessible directly or via www.470.org or www.ycsablettes.org

3.3 – Late entries sent after the deadline indicated here above will be accepted only at the discretion of the organisers, whose decision shall be final, and will be subject to increased entry fees.

4. - Fees

- **4.1** Entry fees for entries received and payments done by 10th March: **130 EUR per boat**. Entry fees for late entries and/or payments received after 10th March: **160 EUR per boat**.
- **4.2** Entry fees shall be paid at the same time the entry forms are sent, to:
 - "470 International" by On-Line Secured Credit Card Payments, either when using the online entry process, or via the "PayPal payments" button on <u>www.470.org</u> - Account nr.: <u>payments@470.org</u>
 - or
 - 2) by bank transfer to "AS 470 France" account

"AS 470 France" La Poste – Centre Financier de Nantes – 44900 – Nantes Cheques - France Bank : 20041 – Branch : 01011 – Account : 0250003B032 – Key : 21 Id International IBAN : FR34 2004 1010 1102 5000 3B03 221 BIC : PSSTFRPPNTE

or,

3) for French crews only, by sending a French cheque to the order of **AS 470 France** to the address mentioned in 3.2.

Please, advise of Paypal payment or bank transfer by email to: alain.470@gmail.com

5. – Regatta format

- **5.1** The regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series, all boats taking part in the two series.
- **5.2** For the qualifying series, crews will be divided into fleets approximately of similar level and size of no more than around 50 boats each, initially according to their positions in previous international races and to the national ranking lists provided by the National Associations at the time of registration.
- 5.3 For the final series, crews in the qualifying series will be divided into final fleets Gold, Silver, Bronze,.... Fleet Gold will consist of the first part of the final scores of the qualifying series, fleet Silver of the second part, and so on. The final fleets will have approximately the same number of boats each, with no more than around 50 boats each.

6. - Schedule

- **6.1 Registration:** the Race Office will open on 11th April 2012 at 10:00. Each competitor shall confirm his/her entry at the Race Office by 12th April 2012 at 11:00.
- **6.2 Pre-race measurement inspections:** inspections will begin on 11th April 2012 at 10:00. Each boat shall pass the inspections and have a set of sails stamped by the Regatta Chief Measurer by 12th April 2012 at 11:00.
- **6.3 Qualifying series:** on 12th and 13th April 2012

The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the first race is 14:00 on 12th April.

Maximum of five races per fleet over two days (no more than three races a day).

The qualifying series will be extended as long as four races have not been sailed for each fleet.

6.4 - Final series: from 14th to 16th April 2012

Maximum of six races per fleet over three days (no more than three races a day).

When only one fleet is organised (refer to article 5.2), the qualifying series will be deleted and the final series will be sailed from 12th to 16th April 2012, which will consist of a maximum of eleven races over five days (no more than three races a day).

No warning signal will be done after 16:00 on 16th April 2012.

7. - Measurements

- 7.1 Each boat shall produce a valid Measurement Certificate, including the completed Measurement Form, at the time of pre-race measurement inspections. If the completed Measurement Form is a photocopy, its authenticity shall be confirmed with an original stamp and signature from the issuing authority. If a boat is to produce a measurement certificate in accordance with Racing Rule 78.2, she shall do so before 13th April 2012. Racing Rule 78.2 is changed by substituting the word "event" with the words "13th April 2012".
- 7.2 Pre-race measurement inspections will consist of checking at least the conformance of the sails to the measurement certificate and Class Rules B.4.2, C.17.3, C.17.4, D.1.4, G.2.2 and G.3.1 (sail numbers, 470 emblem on mainsail, sail buttons or stickers).
- 7.3 In accordance with Racing Rule 78, competitors are responsible for maintaining their boat in accordance with the Class Rules (for the purpose of Racing Rule 78, competitors are considered to be the owners). Measurement inspections at random during the regatta may be organised.

8. - Sailing instructions

The sailing instructions will be delivered to competitors at the time of registration at the Race Office.

9. - Venue

The regatta site is located at La Seyne-sur-Mer (near Toulon in France).

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10. – The courses

Course types will be the Olympic courses applicable to 470s, i.e. the Olympic trapezoid (with outer loop or with inner loop). Length of courses will be adapted according to wind strength in order to have an expected race duration of about fifty minutes for the leading boat.

11. – Penalty system

11.1 - Racing Rule Appendix P will apply.

12. - Scoring

12.1 - When a qualifying series and a final series are organised:

- at least four races are required to be completed for each fleet to constitute the qualifying series and to enter the final series,
- at least one final race is required to be completed for the fleet Gold to constitute the regatta series for all fleets.

Race scores from those qualifying races completed by all fleets will be carried forward to the regatta series.

- **12.2** When no qualifying series is organised, at least five races are required to be completed for the fleet to constitute the regatta series.
- 12.3 Each series score will be established as follows:
 - when fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores,
 - when four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- **12.4** There will be only one final official ranking list for the regatta. The first crew of the fleet Silver will rank a place after the last crew of the fleet Gold, the first crew of the fleet Bronze will rank a place after the last crew of the fleet Silver, and so on.

13. – Support boats

- **13.1** Coaches, team leaders and representatives from participating nations shall be registered at the Regatta Office before the first racing day.
- **13.2** Support boats shall fly their national flag or a flag with their three national letters clearly, or shall be permanently marked with a sticker of their national flag or of their three national letters on each side of the boat.

14. – Prizes and titles

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third crews of the regatta.

15. – Disclaimer of liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rule 4, Decision to race. The Organising Authority and all parties involved in the regatta organisation will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16. – Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1,5 Million EUR per event or equivalent. A certificate of such insurance may be asked to be shown during registration.

17. – Rights to use name and likeness

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

18. – Accommodation

Competitors may contact the Tourism Office of La Seyne-sur-Mer to get relevant information :

Office de Tourisme

Corniche Georges Pompidou - Les Sablettes 83500 - La Seyne sur Mer - FRANCE phone +33 (0)4 98002570 - fax +33 (0)498002571 e-mail : <u>info@ot-la-seyne-sur-mer.fr</u> site Web : <u>www.ot-la-seyne-sur-mer.fr</u>