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29th May - 2nd June 2024

# Menorca J Class Regatta

Competing for the “Kings  
Hundred Guinea Cup”

NOTICE OF RACE & TECHNICAL INFORMATION





Dear J Class owners and crews,

It is an honour for the Club Marítimo de Mahón to be chosen as the host for the MENORCA J CLASS REGATTA, to be held from May 29th to June 2nd, 2024. We would like to express our sincere gratitude for entrusting us with the organisation of this important event.

Mahón is a city with a long maritime tradition and a privileged location in the Mediterranean. The natural harbour of Mahón is one of the largest in the world and holds a rich and fascinating history. The city is home to a wide variety of restaurants, shops, and tourist attractions, making it an ideal destination for visitors from around the globe.

The Club Marítimo de Mahón boasts extensive experience in organising regattas and other nautical events. We are confident that our expertise and knowledge will enable us to deliver a high-quality event that will satisfy all participants.


The MENORCA J CLASS REGATTA will be a unique opportunity for J Class owners and crews to come together and compete in a stunning setting. The racecourse is located in clear and protected waters, ensuring excellent sailing conditions. Additionally, the island of Menorca offers a diverse range of natural landscapes, from white sandy beaches to rocky cliffs and lush forests.

We are certain that the MENORCA J CLASS REGATTA will be an unforgettable event for all participants. We would like to invite you to take part in this event and experience for yourselves everything that Mahón and Menorca have to offer. We are confident that you will enjoy an unforgettable experience, and will do utmost to make this a memorable experience.

We remain at your disposal for any further information or assistance you may require.

Yours sincerely,

Antonio Hernández Pons  
The President of the Club Marítimo de Mahón



The regatta is organised by the “Club Marítimo de Mahón (CMM)” by delegation of the “Real Federación Española de Vela (RFEV)” with the collaboration of the “Federación Balear de Vela (FBV)” and the “J Class Association (JCA)”.

The Insular Council of Menorca, the City Council of Maó, the Fundació Foment del Turisme de Menorca and the Port Authority of the Balearic Islands also cooperate with the event.

# 1. Rules

- a. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Other documents under RRS Definition: Rule (g) include:
    - i. World Sailing Appendix UF, Umpired Fleet Racing
    - ii. [DP] World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 monohull without life raft
    - iii. [DP] The J Class Association Class Rule
    - iv. [DP] The ORC Rating System Rule
    - v. [DP] IMS Rule
    - vi. [DP][NP] Exceptions to RRS77 may be granted by the Organising Authority upon written request prior to the close of registration, this changes RRS 77
    - vii. RRS 90.3(e) applies
  - b. No National Authority Prescriptions will apply.
  - c. In all rules governing this event:
    - i. [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee, umpires or technical committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the umpires with a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
    - ii. [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat and for which the umpires may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 63.1.
  - d. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
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## 2. [DP] [NP] [SP] Advertising and equipment supplied by the Organising Authority

- a. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and/or supplied by the Organising Authority, including the following throughout the period starting Wednesday 29th May and ending one hour after the finish of the last race of the series;
  - i. Event sponsor pennant on the backstay;
  - ii. Event flags hoisted on the forestay while moored in the harbour;
- b. The Organising Authority may require the installation, at no cost to the competitors, of on-board cameras.
- c. Participants shall allow the installation of the tracking unit on their boats and shall be responsible for the unit while on board. They shall return the unit to the Race Office as soon as possible after finishing the regatta and may be required to leave a damage deposit of Euros 900, at the moment of registration, by credit card, in case the unit is not returned or damaged.
- d. Competitors and support persons shall handle equipment or place advertising provided by the Organising Authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

## 3. Communication

- a. The Official Notice Board will be on-line at the event website: [www.clubmaritimomahon.com](http://www.clubmaritimomahon.com)
  - b. A WhatsApp messaging group will be used. The sign up details for the WhatsApp group will be provided at registration. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
  - c. Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
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## 4. Eligibility and entry

- a. Entry is open to J Class yachts with a valid ORC J Class rating certificate.
  - b. On-line entry opens on 8th January 2024. Entry for the event is not final until full payment and registration has been completed.
  - c. Registration will be made online, uploading all required documents.
  - d. Competitors of Spanish nationality or legal residents in Spain or sailing in boats representing a Spanish club must be in possession of the Sailing Federation license for 2024.
  - e. Competitors, boat owners, helmsmen/women, crew members and support personnel under 18 years of age shall upload a signed and completed parent (or guardian) consent and declaration form when making the online registration. The forms are available for download during the online registration process on the event website.
  - f. On 1 March 2022 World Sailing published the following recommendations in reaction to the situation in Ukraine: <https://www.sailing.org/2022/03/01/world-sailing-statement-6/>. To help preserve the integrity and safety of Menorca J Class Regatta, entries shall not be open to competitors and support persons holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality. The Organizing Authority may amend this rule following any further World Sailing decisions on the situation with Russia and Belarus.
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## 5. Entry fees

- a. The entry fee of 1,500.00 Euros for each yacht, includes the social tickets for up to 40 people at the Event Welcome Party, Regatta BBQ and Rendezvous Party, and use of the Club Maritimo De Mahon clubhouse and its facilities, storage for each yachts container(s), vehicle and trailer parking and mooring for support vessel under 40m and RIBs.
- b. The costs for berthing J yachts, support vessels over 40m, electricity, water, are not included in the entry fee.
- c. The entry fees if the event is cancelled will be fully refunded.
- d. Entries after 1st March 2024 may be accepted at the Organising Authority's discretion with a 50% surcharge.
- e. The Organising Authority is not responsible for any cost incurred by the non-acceptance of a yacht's entry. Entry fees paid will not be refunded if the yacht does not participate in the event.

## 6. Format

- a. The event will consist of up to seven (7) fleet races using World Sailing Appendix UF.
- b. Races will be a mixture of windward leeward and coastal courses.

## 7. Schedule

The intended schedule is as follows:

### Wednesday 29th May

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Registration and inspections	10:00 – 18:00	Online / clubhouse / dockside
Press conference	12:00 TBC	Club Maritimo De Mahon clubhouse
Event Briefing	19:00	Club Maritimo De Mahon clubhouse

### Thursday 30th May

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First warning signal	12:30	
Event welcome party	16:30 - 18:30	Dockside

### Friday 31st May

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First warning signal	12:30	
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### Saturday 1st June

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First warning signal	12:30	
Regatta BBQ and Rendezvous Party	20:30	Club Maritimo De Mahon clubhouse

### Sunday 2nd June

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First warning signal	12:30	
Prize giving	17:00	Club Maritimo De Mahon clubhouse

No warning signal will be displayed after 15:00 on Sunday 2nd June.



## 8. [DP] Equipment inspection

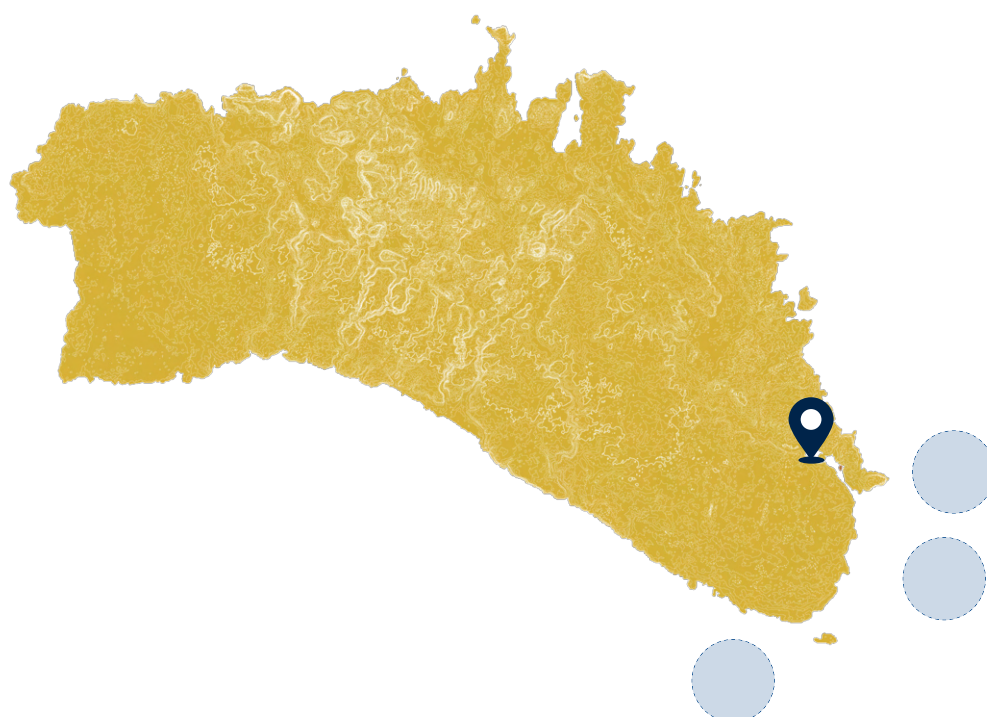
- a. Each boat shall provide a copy of her measurement certificate to the Technical Committee at the time of registration.
  - b. Boats shall be available for inspection as indicated in NOR 7a. schedule.
  - c. Measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the event at the discretion of the Technical Committee, Race Committee or the Umpires.
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## 9. Sailing Instructions

- a. Sailing Instructions will be available by Tuesday, 21st May 2024 on the event website. Any other documents governing the regatta will be published with the Sailing Instructions.
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## 10. Venue

-  The event venue will be the Club Marítimo De Mahon, Moll de Llevant, 287 - 07701 Mahón - Illes Balears - Spain.
-  The approximate racing areas are illustrated below:





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## 11. The Courses

- a. The races will be Windward/Leeward courses and a coastal race. It is also hoped that the Race Committee will be able to arrange for a race to start or finish in the harbour, depending on the weather conditions.

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## 12. Scoring

- a. RRS Appendix A will apply, except that no races will be discarded.
- b. At least 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

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## 13. Trophy and prizes

- a. The Kings Hundred Guinea Cup will be awarded to the first placed boat.
- b. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

### ABOUT THE TROPHY

This, Silver gilt, Royal presentation, was manufactured by the house of Carrington & Co in London 1927. The body is engraved with the presentation inscription *'Royal Yacht Squadron Regatta. The Kings Cup 1937 presented by King George VI'* and the opposing side with the Royal coat of arms. On May 9th 2012 this Cup was presented to the J Class Association to be preserved as a perpetual Trophy for friendly competition between J Class Yachts.





## 14. [NP] [DP] Support Person Vessels

- a. All support persons and vessels shall be registered with the Organising Authority and will be required to comply with any local legislation and regulations. The Organising Authority may refuse or accept late registration at its sole discretion.
- b. a. By registering as a support person, each such person agrees to be governed by the rules.
- c. All support vessels shall clearly display the flag(s) provided at registration while afloat.
- d. All support vessel operators shall present evidence of adequate third-party insurance cover for the vessel.
- e. The use of drones will be granted by the Organising Authority to approved operators only. All local regulations need to be followed. The use of drones (RPAS) by participants or support persons is always prohibited in the facilities of the Club Marítimo de Mahón.

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## 15. [NP] [DP] Moorings and diving

- a. Yachts shall be kept in their assigned berth in Marina Port Mahon from 09:00 Wednesday, 29th May. Berths should be booked directly with the Marina Port Mahon: [capitania@marinaportmahon.com](mailto:capitania@marinaportmahon.com) All services and mooring fees should be paid directly to Marina Port Mahon.
- b. Support vessels under 40m and RIB berths will be assigned by the Club Marítimo De Mahon. The moorings will be occupied under the full responsibility of the person in charge of each vessel. Support vessels and RIBs under 40m whose registration has been accepted for the regatta will have a mooring reserved free of charge, between May 28th 2024 (midday) and June 3rd 2024 (midday).
- c. Local restrictions and guidelines for diving boats shall apply and can be provided by the Marina Port Vell offices.





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## 16. [DP] Media rights, cameras and electronic equipment

- a. All competitors, boat owners, helmsmen/women, crew members and support personnel taking part in the event or being on board participating boats, and as mandatory requirement for the correct entry, grant the Organising Authority with no cost whatsoever, the event image rights and consent to the use of their name, voice, photographs, videos, biography information, as well as the representation of boats, in any digital, written or internet media with the purpose of advertising, promoting, making a documentary and any other kind of communication related to the referred event.
- b. By participating in the event competitors, boat owners, helmsmen/women, crew members and support personnel accept to receive event information from the Organising Authority.
- c. The boat owners, helmsmen/women, crew members and support personnel may be required to attend a daily media press conference for interviews at the event.

## 17. [NP] Insurance

- a. Each 'person in charge' (see RRS 46) shall hold a valid third-party liability insurance policy with a minimum cover of 600.000 Euros per incident or the equivalent. A copy of this certificate is required to complete the registration.
  - b. The Organising Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of certificates.
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## 18. Risk statement

- a. Competitors and support persons participate entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 3, Decision to Race. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the regatta, each competitor and support person agrees and acknowledges that:
    - i. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the regatta;
    - ii. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
    - iii. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
    - iv. By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the regatta and fit to participate;
    - v. The provision of a race management team, patrol vessels, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
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## 19. [DP] Code of conduct

- a. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.
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## 20. Amendments

- a. Any amendment to this Notice of Race will be posted on the regatta website.

# Further information and contacts

Event website: [www.clubmaritimomahon.com](http://www.clubmaritimomahon.com)

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