



2024 eSailing World Championship

Challenge One Princesa Sofia Regatta

Sailing Instructions

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Event web sites: <https://www.sailing.org/our-sport/esailing/> and www.virtualregatta.com

Notation	Meaning
[NP]	The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a player may not protest another player for breaking that rule. The PRO and/or the Jury/PC and/or the OA may refuse to hold a hearing when a player protests, based on these rules.
[VRI]	Virtual Regatta Inshore, the eSailing platform licensed to host the eSailing World Championships.
[WS]	World Sailing, International Federation for Sailing and eSailing World Championships rights holder.
[VR]	Virtual Regatta, the organisation that provides the eSailing platform, VRI.
[OA]	The Organising Authority: World Sailing and Virtual Regatta Inshore.
[PC]	The Protest Committee

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event is Governed by:
 - The rules as defined in the Virtual Racing Rules of Sailing (VRRS). Available at: https://d2cx26qpfwuhvu.cloudfront.net/sailing/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/25122529/Virtual_Racing_Rules_220119.pdf
 - Virtual Regatta Terms of Use. Available at: <https://www.virtualregatta.com/en/tou/>
 - VRI Game Engine with the penalty-start counter system.
 - The Notice of Race (NoR) and Sailing Instructions (SIs) as well as their amendments.
 - All notices posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.2 [NP] Racing rules are operated by the VRI in-game engine.
- 1.3 The official language is English.
- 1.4 Decisions of the Jury/Protest Committee will be final.

2. Schedule

- 2.1 The Challenge is available to participate in at the following link: <https://www.virtualregatta.com/en/inshore-game/?openchallenge&3856>
- 2.2 Racing is permitted at any time within the times outlined in 2.3. Races will start when 12 players are present in any given race.
- 2.3 See [5. Scoring] for details on maximum number of race attempts and scoring.

2.4

Class	Start Time	Finish Time	Course	Wind
J70	17 March 1400 UTC	19 March 1400 UTC	Upwind Medium	18 knots
Star	19 March 1400 UTC	21 March 1400 UTC	Upwind Small	18 knots
Nacra 17	21 March 1400 UTC	23 March 1400 UTC	Upwind Long	22 knots

2.5 Venue will be a virtual render of Palma de Mallorca

3. Courses

- 3.1 Courses are as described in Appendix A
- 3.2 All course marks are yellow.
- 3.3 The start line shall be the red line drawn between a committee vessel and a yellow mark.

4. Time limits

- 4.1 [NP] Players must cross the start line within 60 seconds after the starting signal. Otherwise, a score of DNS will be given.
- 4.2.1 [NP] Players must finish within 600 seconds after the finishing time of the player in first position. Otherwise, a score of zero points will be given.

5. Scoring

- 5.1 In-game ranking system will be used for the Qualifying series.
- 5.2 The challenge score is the highest average score obtained for a series of 12 races in a row.
- 5.3 If a player achieves an average score equal to that of their maximum score, their total number of attempts will include both sets of races as well as any other attempts.
- 5.3 In case of a tie between two or more players:
 - 5.3.1 the player who achieved that score in the least number of attempts is placed ahead.
 - 5.3.2 in both score and number of attempts, the player with the highest average score is placed ahead.
 - 5.3.3 in score, number of attempts and average score, the player who scored most recently is placed ahead.
 - 5.3.4 cannot be broken by **5.3.1**, **5.3.2** or **5.3.3**, the player with the oldest account is placed ahead.
- 5.8 [NP] A maximum of 120 attempts are permitted.

6. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 6.1 [NP] All information such as notices or amendments to official documents will be posted on the Official Notice Board on the WS Discord Server no later than one (1) hour before the start time of the challenge. Unless there is a change to schedule, which will be posted 24 hours prior.
- 6.2 [NP] In unique circumstances, changes to the Sailing Instructions may have to be made during the challenge. These will be posted on the Official Notice Board on the WS Discord Server as well as communicated through in-game news and app notifications.

7. Starting Sequence

- 7.1 [NP] Entering a race.
 - 7.1.1 Click on the 'Challenge' card titled 'Princesa Sofia Regatta' available in the eSWC (blue lobby zone) of the Virtual Regatta Inshore game. See [2.1]
 - 7.1.2 Player clicks on the green arrow in the bottom left of their screen.
 - 7.1.3 Player chooses their race helps.
 - 7.1.4 Player is entered onto the race course.
- 7.2 [NP] Once the race reaches 12 players the starting sequence will begin with a sound and flag signal denoting 75 seconds until race start.
- 7.3 [NP] A second sound and flag signal denotes 60 seconds until the race start. The in-game rule engine activates at this point and penalties are active.
- 7.4 [NP] The third sound and flag signal denotes the race start. Players may cross the start line and begin the race.

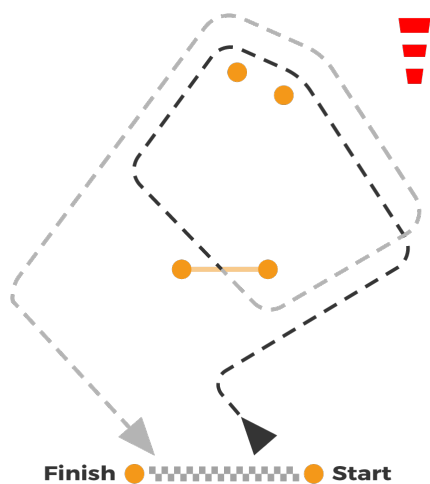
8. Protests and Redress

- 8.1 No grounds for redress
- 8.2 The Protest time limit is one (1) hour after the incident occurred.
- 8.3 Process for filing a protest
 - 8.3.1 Open the World Sailing Tournaments Discord server <https://discord.gg/FTMCzrxjkE>.
 - 8.3.2 Find the '🏴‍☠️ Protest' section.
 - 8.3.3 Head over to the '👤-hail' channel.
 - 8.3.4 Click on the '📧 File a Protest' button.
 - 8.3.5 Enter each section accurately.
 - 8.3.6 The Protest Committee will receive the protest and aim to provide a reply within 24 hours.
- 8.4 A protest against a player without recordings or visual proof will not be considered valid.
- 8.5 All hearings will take place virtually on the WS Discord Server.

- 8.6 Any hearings will take place in the 'Protest Room' voice channel. Upon submitting a protest in accordance with **[8.3]**, a 'Waiting Room' voice channel will be made available to you. You will be called into the 'Protest Room' voice channel from the 'Waiting Room'.

Appendix A

1.1 Course diagram for Upwind Short, Upwind Medium and Upwind Long courses.





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