World Sailing

2027 NATIONS CUP

06th to 11th September 2027
Cherbourg, France

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

AMENDMENT 1

DELETE AND REPLACE WITH

Section I – General

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be World Sailing and the Clubs / Member National Authorities of World Sailing as referred to in Section II and Section III of this Notice of Race (NoR).

2 EVENT VENUE AND DATES

The venue and dates will be as follows:

Event	Divisions	Venue	Dates	NoR Sections to apply
Grand Final	Open & Women	Cherbourg, FRA	06th to 11th September 2027	I, II, III

3 EVENT GRADING

The Grand Final will be a World Sailing Grade 1 event.

4 RULES

4.1 The events will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS 2025-2028, and including Appendix C.

4.2 The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.

4.3 Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply shall be posted on the official notice board prior to registration (refer to Section IV).

4.4 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.5c.

4.5 RRS C8.6 and C6.3 may be changed in the sailing instructions.

4.6 An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed, approved by the relevant national authority if required, in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

5 SKIPPERS' ELIGIBILITY

5.1 Invitations and nominations

Up to ten (10) skippers shall be invited to compete in each of the Open Division and the Women's Division. No more than two (2) skippers representing the same Member National Authority (MNA) may be invited in either division.

Only skippers invited by World Sailing shall be eligible to enter the Grand Final.

The host MNA and the defending Nation in each division shall each receive one guaranteed invitation in the relevant division, provided that the MNA submits an eligible nominated skipper by the applicable deadline. These invitations count towards the maximum of ten (10) invitations in that division.

Each MNA may nominate a skipper for consideration for invitation to the Grand Final in the Open Division and/or the Women's Division. Normally, the nominated skipper shall be the winner of the MNA's most recent national match racing championship in the relevant division.

To be eligible for this purpose, the relevant national match racing championship shall:

- be graded World Sailing Grade 3 or higher; and
- have taken place between 1 January 2025 and 30 November 2026.

Where an MNA nominates a skipper other than the winner of its most recent eligible national match racing championship, World Sailing may, at its sole discretion, accept that nominated skipper as eligible for selection in place of the championship winner.

5.2 Regional allocations

Subject to paragraph 5.1, World Sailing shall allocate invitations by region using the October 2026 World Sailing Match Racing Ranking.

In each division, the nominated skipper with the highest ranking points in each region shall be invited to represent that skipper's MNA.

In addition, in the Europe Region, the nominated skipper with the second-highest ranking points shall be invited in each division, provided that the skipper represents a different MNA from the highest-ranked nominated skipper in that division.

Section III of this Notice of Race sets out the allocation of MNAs to regions.

5.3 Remaining places and wildcards

Any remaining places in each division shall be allocated by World Sailing from among eligible MNA-nominated skippers, based primarily on the October 2026 World Sailing Match Racing Ranking.

When allocating remaining places, World Sailing may take account of the need for broad geographical representation across the six (6) regions.

World Sailing may, at its sole discretion:

- invite one (1) Women's Division team from an emerging nation as a wildcard for the Women's Division; and
- invite one (1) Open Division team from the 2026 World Sailing Youth Match Racing World Championship as a wildcard for the Open Division.

A wildcard invitation shall count towards the maximum number of invitations in the relevant division and shall be subject to the limit of two (2) skippers per MNA per division.

World Sailing shall make all allocations and invitations after consultation with the World Sailing Nations Cup Working Team.

5.4 Application deadline and direct applications

The deadline for an MNA to submit a nomination for a Grand Final place, including a guaranteed invitation under paragraph 5.1, is **13 November 2026** for all regions, unless World Sailing grants an extension in response to a specific request.

After that deadline, where an MNA has not submitted a nomination, an individual skipper or team may apply directly to World Sailing or to the Organising Authority of the relevant Regional Final.

World Sailing may consider such applications only for places that remain available at the Grand Final. Applicants from an MNA that has not submitted a nomination shall be considered according to the October 2026 World Sailing Match Racing Ranking and shall require World Sailing's approval. World Sailing shall inform the relevant MNA of any such approval.

5.5 Reallocation between divisions

To encourage mixed teams in the Open Division and increase participation, if fewer than ten (10) skippers accept invitations in the Women's Division, World Sailing may issue additional invitations for the Open Division.

Any such additional invitations shall be made at World Sailing's sole discretion, provided that:

- the total number of skippers invited to the Open and Women's Divisions does not exceed twenty (20); and
- no MNA is allocated more than two (2) skippers in either division.

Any further places remaining vacant shall be allocated at World Sailing's sole discretion after consultation with the World Sailing Nations Cup Working Team.

5.6 Substitution of nominated skipper

Where an MNA has received an invitation under paragraphs 5.1, 5.2, or 5.3, it may request approval to substitute its originally nominated skipper.

The MNA shall submit the request to World Sailing no later than one (1) calendar month before the Grand Final. Any substitution is subject to World Sailing's approval.

To remain eligible, the MNA shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing and nominate its skipper by email. World Sailing must receive both the acceptance and the nomination by the deadline stated in the letter of invitation.

5.7 Nationality and competitor eligibility

Each competitor, including skipper and crew, shall be a national of the MNA that enters or represents that competitor.

The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

All competitors shall comply with the eligibility and nationality requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19.

All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at World Sailing Sailor Profile. Skippers and crew shall provide their World Sailing Sailor IDs to the Organising Authority at registration.

6 ENTRIES

6.1 The team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made as specified in Section II.

6.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee shall be paid as specified.

6.3 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/

This position is unchanged at the date of publishing this NOR. Entries shall be open to competitors of all MNA's, but not to competitors holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality **unless they are sailing as neutrals in accordance with World Sailing Neutrality Policy or they are sailing under a Residence Certificate issued by World Sailing in accordance with the World Sailing Eligibility Code**. AINs are permitted to compete as individuals on teams. Teams of AINs are not permitted to compete.

6.4 Withdrawal
When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation H1).

6.5 Damage deposit
The damage deposit will be specified in Section II.

~~6.6 Insurance~~
~~All competitors are required to have adequate third party insurance of not less 1,500,000€ or equivalent.~~

7 ADVERTISING

7.1 World Sailing Adverting Code applies as boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA. The Advertising and Sponsorship clause of the Event Description and Bidding Information document shall apply.

7.2 Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the Organising Authority.

7.3 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

8 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

The OA may require television personnel and equipment (or dummies) to be carried on board while racing and may require competitors to be available for interviews. The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

9 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Each team is requested to provide a national flag approximately 100x70 cm for display from the stern of the boat.
Each team is requested to provide their national anthem on a USB drive.

10 COACH BOATS

Individual coach boats shall not be allowed. A coach boat is any boat that is under the direction or control of a person gathering information or giving material support for the benefit of particular competitors either on the water or off.
The organisers may provide combined coach boats.

11 DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

12 OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Further information will be found on the World Sailing website.

World Sailing | Cherbourg 2027 France Nations Cup Grand Final

Section II - Grand Final
06th to 11th September 2027
Cherbourg, France

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) is World Sailing in conjunction with the Cherbourg Yacht Club, Cherbourg and the FFVoile.

2 VENUE

The venue will be the Cherbourg Yacht Club, Cherbourg, France.

3 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

The provisional programme will be announced in due course.
Practice day September 06, Racing days September 07- 11, 2027.

4 ENTRIES

4.1 The Entry fee will be EUR 1200 net payable at 30 days before the event or by prior agreement at registration.

4.2 Damage deposit

(a) An initial damage deposit of EUR 1500 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident. Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or IJ.

(b) In the event a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.

(c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

5 BOATS AND SAILS

(a) The event will be sailed in J/80 type boats.

(b) 10 boats will be provided.

(c) The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, and Gennaker.

(d) Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

6 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

(a) The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 4 or 5 for the Open Division and 4 or 5 for the Women's Division. All registered crew shall sail all races. All crew members (including the skipper) shall be Female in the Women's Division and may be Mixed for the Open Division.

(b) The maximum total crew weight determined prior to racing (when wearing at least shorts and shirts) shall be 350 kg for the Open Division and 340 kg for the Women's Division.

(c) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the IJ may authorise an original crew member to substitute.

(d) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the IJ may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

7 EVENT FORMAT

(a) The event will consist of the following stages:
Stage 1 - A round robin or a double round robin in groups
Stage 2/3/4 etc - Quarter Final/Semi Final/ Petit final/Final etc (each a separate stage)

(b) The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

(c) A maximum of one team per MNA per Division may progress to the Semi Final. In the event more than one team per MNA is eligible, the highest ranked team in Stage 1 will progress.

8 COURSE

(a) The course will be windward/leeward finishing downwind.

(b) The intended course area will be the adjacent waters of Petite Race inside breakwater, Cherbourg.

9 PRIZES

(a) The principal prize for first place in each Division will be the World Sailing Nations Cup.
(b) World Sailing Medals in Gold, Silver and Bronze for the teams finishing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each division.
(c) World Sailing has been notified of these Prizes.
(d) The OA, after consultation with World Sailing Technical Delegate, may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

10 CONTACT

For further information and qualified entries **please contact:**

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Phone: +33 6 78660654

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Section III – Allocation of Entries

WS has allocated the MNA's to the following Regions:

OPEN DIVISION & WOMEN'S DIVISION

Africa	Asia		Europe		North America	South America	Oceania
Algeria	Bahrain	Palestine	Andorra	Latvia	Antigua	Argentina	American Samoa
Angola	Brunei	Philippines	Armenia	Liechtenstein	Aruba	Belize	Australia
Botswana	Cambodia	Qatar	Austria	Lithuania	Bahamas	Bolivia	Cook Islands
Dijbouti	China, PR	Republic of Korea	Azerbaijan	Luxembourg	Barbados	Brazil	Fiji
Egypt	Chinese Taipei	Singapore	Belgium	Malta	Bermuda	Chile	Guam
Kenya	DPR Korea	Sri Lanka	Bulgaria	Moldova	Canada	Columbia	New Zealand
Libya	Hong Kong	Thailand	Croatia	Monaco	Cayman Islands	Ecuador	Papua New Guinea
Madagascar	India	Timor-Leste	Cyprus	Montenegro	Cuba	El Salvador	Samoa
Mauritius	Indonesia	Utd Arab Emirates	Czech Republic	Netherlands	Dominican Republic	Guatemala	Solomon Islands
Morocco	Iraq	Vietnam	Denmark	North Macedonia	Grenada	Nicaragua	Vanuatu
Mozambique	Islamic Rep. of Iran		Estonia	Norway	Jamaica	Panama	
Namibia	Japan		Finland	Poland	Mexico	Paraguay	
Nigeria	Jordan		France	Portugal	Puerto Rico	Peru	
Senegal	Kazakhstan		Georgia	Romania	Saint Kitts & Nevis	Uruguay	
Seychelles	Kuwait		Germany	San Marino	Saint Lucia	Venezuela	
South Africa	Kyrgyzstan		Great Britain	Serbia	St Vincent & Gren.		
Sudan	Lebanon		Greece	Slovakia	Trinidad & Tobago		
Tanzania	Malaysia		Hungary	Slovenia	United States		
Tunisia	Myanmar		Iceland	Spain	Virgin Isl., British		
Uganda	Oman		Ireland	Sweden	Virgin Islands, US		
Zimbabwe	Pakistan		Israel	Switzerland			
			Italy	Turkey			
			Kosovo	Ukraine			



Section IV – National Prescriptions applying

Prescriptions of the Fédération Française de Voile (FFVoile)

Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028

Version of 15th of October 2024

FFVoile Prescription to RRS 25.1 (Notice of race, sailing instructions and signals)

For events graded 4 and 5, standard notices of race and sailing instructions including the specificities of the event shall be used. Events graded 4 may have dispensation for such requirement, after receipt of FFVoile approval, received before the notice of race has been published. For events graded 5, posting of sailing instructions will be considered as meeting the requirements of RRS 25.1 application. These standard documents can be downloaded on the "Arbitrage" website of FFVoile. https://arbitrage.ffvoile.fr

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 60.5(d) (Decisions on protests concerning class rules)

The protest committee may ask the parties to the protest, prior to checking procedures, a deposit covering the cost of checking arising from a protest concerning class rules.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 65.1 (Legal liability)

Any question or request related to legal liability arising from an incident occurred while a boat was bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing depends on the appropriate courts and cannot be examined and dealt by a protest committee. A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that such action, admit legal liability.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 70.3(b) (Appeals and requests to a national authority)

The denial of the right of appeal is subject to the written approval of the FFVoile, received at least 2 months before the event. This approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 76.1 (Exclusion of boats or competitors)

An organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary reason.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 78.1 (Compliance with class rules; certificates)

The boat's owner or other person in charge shall, under his sole responsibility, make sure moreover that his boat complies with the equipment and security rules required by the laws, by-laws and regulations of the Administration.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 86.3 (Changes to the racing rules)

An organizing authority wishing to change a rule listed in RRS 86.1(a) in order to develop or test new rules shall first submit the changes to the FFVoile, in order to obtain its written approval and shall report the results to FFVoile after the event. Such approval shall be mentioned in the notice of race and in the sailing instructions and shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 88.2 (Changes or deletions to National prescriptions)

Prescriptions of the FFVoile shall not be changed or deleted in the notice of race and sailing instructions, except for events for which an international jury has been appointed. In such case, the prescriptions marked with an asterisk (*) shall not be changed in the notice of race and sailing instructions. (The official translation of the prescriptions, downloadable on "Arbitrage" website of FFVoile shall be the only translation used to comply with RRS 90.2(b)).

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 91(a) (Minimum number of protest committee members)

The protest committee shall be composed of a minimum number of committee members in accordance with the provisions of the federal regulations of the FFVoile, unless a derogation is granted by the FFVoile

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 91(b) (Appointment of an international jury)

The appointment of an international jury meeting the requirements of Appendix N is subject to prior written approval of the FFVoile. Such approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

FFVoile Prescription to APPENDIX R (Procedures for appeals and requests)

Appeals shall be sent to: Fédération Française de Voile, jury d'appel - 17 rue Henri Bocquillon, 75015 Paris

– email: jury.appel@ffvoile.fr, using preferably the appeal form downloadable on the "Arbitrage" website of FFVoile.

World Sailing Nations Cup 2027

INVITATION REQUEST FORM

Member National Authority .....World Sailing Group.....Continent/Region.....

We herewith apply for an invitation for the World Sailing Nations Cup 2027 as per Notice of Race 5.1. We intend to enter the following skippers:

Open Division **O Yes / O No**

Skipper (No 1 preference) World Sailing Sailor ID
Email address

Skipper (No 2 preference) World Sailing Sailor ID
Email address

Women's Division **O Yes / O No**

Skipper (No 1 preference) World Sailing Sailor ID
Email address

Skipper (No 2 preference) World Sailing Sailor ID
Email address

Signature Date

As soon as possible before the deadline, please return the completed and signed form to **World Sailing via** match.racing@sailing.org **and listing subject "Nations Cup 2027"**.