



RACING TOUR

GC32 RACING TOUR 2023

TOUR NOTICE OF RACE

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1. Organisation

- 1.1 The GC32 Racing Tour 2023 is managed by the GC32 Event GmbH (GCE) subsidiary of the GC32 Int. Class Association (ICA). The GCE appoints Yacht Clubs, Marinas or Event Agencies to organise and fund GC32 events. For each of its events the GCE appoints a local Organiser with whom the GCE coordinates the organisation of that event. GCE also manages the relations with any sponsors that the GC32 Racing Tour 2023 enters into agreement.
- 1.2 The Organiser shall sign an Event Agreement with the GCE and follow the Event Guidelines and regulations issued by the ICA and the GCE incl. Event Communication Briefing, Sponsorship Regulations and any other issued by the ICA and the GCE in respect of the Organisation.

2. Rules

- 2.1 The GC32 Racing Tour and each event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). Other documents under RRS Definition Rule (g) include:
 - (a) The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS)
- 2.2 The current version of the 'Appendix HS – High Speed Rules' shall apply and are included in an integrated set of event rules along with changes to the RRS permitted under RRS 86.1(b) in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 – High Speed Rules* attached to the Sailing Instructions and also available at www.gc32racingtour.com/onb.
- 2.3 Any prescriptions of a National Authority that apply will be posted on the ONB.
- 2.4 RRS 64.1(a) is changed to permit the protest committee (PC) to waive penalties and/or impose penalties other than disqualification for breaches of a rule. This may include Discretionary Penalties, or other arrangements which may include monetary penalties, loss of technical service privileges or exclusion from the event or GC32 Racing Tour.
- 2.5 Under RRS 87, the GC32 Class Rules A10.2, C11.3(a), the second sentence of C11.1(c), G2.2 and Appendix H will not apply.

- 2.6 Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from the OA, including but not limited to interviews, presentations, boat tours, public appearances, meeting attendances, dinner attendances and photo-shoots.
- 2.7 If there is conflict between languages the English text will prevail.

3. Eligibility, Entry and Fees

- 3.1 The GC32 Racing Tour is open to all boats that hold a valid GC32 measurement certificate and are registered members of the GC32 International Class Association.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter the GC32 Racing Tour by completing the GC32 Racing Tour 2023 entry form and sending it together with the required fee to info@gc32racing.com by 31st March 2023.
- 3.3 Entries to the event can be made by completing the event entry form and sending it together with the required fee 30 days before the first entered event to info@gc32racing.com
- 3.4 Boats shall hold a valid GC32 Racing Tour Racing License. Contact info@gc32racing.com for further information.
- 3.5 All crew members shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 19.
- 3.6 The single event entry fee is 8'000 Euros ex-VAT for entries made by 31st March 2023.
- 3.7 The single event entry fee is 9'000 Euros ex-VAT for entries made after 31st March 2023.
- 3.8 In case the event is cancelled and is unable to be rescheduled in the same year, the OA may retain up to 10% of the corresponding entry fee in order to cover any costs incurred in connection with the cancelled event.

4. Schedule

- 4.1 21 – 25 June – Lagos, Algarve, Portugal (official practice and race days)

5. Event Schedule

- 5.1 The provisional schedule at each event will be:
- (a) Day 1 – Container grounding
 - (b) Day 2&3 – Boat preparation and measurement
 - (c) Day 4 – Boat launching and Free Practice
 - (d) Day 5 – Free Practice
 - (e) Day 6 – Official Practice
 - (f) Day 7-10 – Racing, 5 races per day unless otherwise notified
 - (g) Day 10 – Racing and haul out
 - (h) Day 11 – Haul out and pack up
 - (i) Day 12 – Containers depart at 1200
- 5.2 Berthing will be provided free of charge for boats from Day 4 until Day 11.
- 5.3 The intention is for racing to take place between 1300-1700 each day.
- 5.4 The OA reserves the right to change the dates and the locations of events and may include alternative dates in the calendar.

6. Equipment and Measurement

- 6.1 Boats shall comply with RRS 78.1 and shall produce a valid measurement certificate prior to the first Tour event they race in. GC32 Class Rules can be found at <https://gc32.org/onb/>
- 6.2 Boats may be inspected at any time by the OA.
- 6.3 The Race Committee may specify additional conditions while racing including maximum permitted sail area.
- 6.4 The OA will provide a safety boat with a crew of two including a rescue swimmer. The safety boat will provide support during official practice and racing.
- 6.5 Boats are required to have their own support boat capable of providing assistance and righting in the event of a capsize. Support boats shall carry a crew of two, be clearly identified, and registered at each event.

6.6 For all on-water activity outside Official Practice and Racing, boats shall operate under their own rigorous safety plan and shall in no way rely on the OA to arrange safety cover. It is a boats responsibility to have its own equipment salvage plan and they shall confirm to the OA that this is in place.

6.7 Sails shall be registered with the OA before they are used in a race. Refer to GC32 Class Rule C.11.2.

7. Courses

7.1 The courses to be sailed will be described in the SI. Courses and racing formats may vary at the sole discretion of the OA or Race Committee and may include windward-leeward style with upwind or reaching starts using laid marks, coastal courses using a combination of navigation marks, laid marks or natural obstructions, or speed challenge courses between laid marks.

7.2 The Race Committee may define a restricted area around the race course. Access to this will be strictly limited to one support boat per team.

8. Penalties and Protests

8.1 Breaches of NoR 13, 14, 15 and 16 are not open to protest by boats but may be referred to the PC, this changes RRS 60.1.

8.2 Any penalty will be at the discretion of the PC and may include Discretionary Penalties, monetary fines, loss of technical service privileges or exclusion from the event.

9. Event Scoring

9.1 RRS Appendix A will apply as changed by this NoR.

9.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute an event series.

9.3 No scores will be excluded from a boats event series score.

9.4 All race formats will be scored in the same way.

9.5 Speed Challenges will not be scored.

9.6 A boat that did not start, did not finish, did not compete, did not comply with rule 28.1 or retires from a race shall receive points equal to those entered in the event.

9.7 A boat that is disqualified from a race shall receive one more point more than those entered in the event.

9.8 If there is an event series-score tie between two or more boats the tie shall be broken in favour of the boat that had the better place in the last race completed.

9.9 The OA will publish a separate ranking for boats complying with NoR 11.1 (Owner Driver Trophy) based on their event series-scores. Races will not be re-scored for this ranking. In races where a boat does not comply with NoR 11.1 she shall be scored DNC for this ranking.

10. Owner Driver Trophy Scoring

10.1 Boats that meet the following criteria will be eligible for the Owner Driver ranking:

(a) The helm has registered with the OA as the Owner Driver; and

(b) The helm has a World Sailing Group 1 Classification; and

(c) The helm has met the conditions to be classified as a World Sailing Group 1 competitor for the last 5 years; and

(d) The helm has not, in the last 5 years, competed in, the sailing events of the Olympic Games, the Volvo Ocean Race, the America's Cup, the America's Cup selection series or ranked in the top 10 on the World Match Race Rankings.

10.2 A boat may nominate a substitute helm if the owner-driver is not available. Substitute helms shall comply with NoR 11.1 and be registered with the OA before helming in any race.

10.3 For the Owner Driver Trophy each boat shall be awarded Owner Driver Points in line with RRS A4.1 based on her position relative to the other Owner Driver boats in each event.

- 10.4 A boats GC32 Racing Tour score in the Owner Driver Trophy will be the total of her Owner Driver Points excluding her worst event score. The boat with the lowest Tour score wins, the others shall be ranked accordingly.
- 10.5 Boats are required to have entered the Tour or compete in at least 1 event to be part of the Owner Driver Trophy ranking.
- 10.6 A boat complying with NoR 11.5 that does not compete in an event shall score points equal to the number of boats entered for the Owner Driver Trophy and that compete in at least 1 event plus one.
- 10.7 If there is a tie between two or more boats Owner Driver Points they shall be ranked in order of their Owner Driver Points scored in the last event.

11. Radio Communications

- 12.1 Any device used on board a boat whilst racing that wirelessly transmits or receives voice or data communications shall be registered with the OA along with a description of how the device maintains compliance with RRS 41.

12. Advertising and Identification

- 12.1 Boats shall be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA as follows:
 - (a) On both sides of the forward 25% of each hull;
 - (b) On both sides of the mast;
 - (c) On both sides of the hull aft of the front edge of the rear beam;
 - (d) On the bowsprit;
- 12.2 Boats are responsible for the care and maintenance of the OA supplied advertising. The cost of any replacements will be borne by the boat.
- 12.3 Breaches of NoR 13.1 will be resolved in line with World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2.
- 12.4 Boats are required to display a representation of the country flag of the nationality represented by the boat filling the area on both sides of the mainsail between the second and third battens from the top.
- 12.5 Boats are required to display a representation of the country flag of the nationality represented by the boat on both sides of the gennaker within a radius of 4000mm from the tack point and with minimum linear dimensions of 5000mm.
- 12.6 Boats are required to display the GC32 Class logo on both sides of the mainsail centrally between the first and second battens from the top. The minimum width of the logo shall be 750mm.
- 12.7 Sail numbers are optional.
- 12.8 Boats may be required to display their hull number in double digit format on the outside of each bow at least 375mm high and on the aft face of the starboard hull 150mm high.
- 12.9 Boats may be required to display up to 4 OA supplied flags each of dimensions 800mm x 2000mm from the forestay whilst the boat is moored. The order in which all forestay flags are flown will be decided by the OA.
- 12.10 Refer to NoR Addendum A for a visual guide to the positions of advertising and branding.
- 12.11 Competitors are requested to display a clearly visible GC32 Racing Tour logo on all their visible team clothing at all times when on site at an event on the right or left shoulder.
- 12.12 While racing competitors are requested to display the GC32 Racing Tour logo on the front upper right-hand side and reverse lower centre of their outermost clothing.

13. Media, Communication & Promotion

- 13.1 The OA will provide comprehensive media and communications services, and will coordinate activity with boats, sponsors, Host Venues and partners. Services will include but are not limited to:
 - (a) Video production
 - (b) Stills photography
 - (c) Social media platforms
 - (d) Pre, during and post event reporting

- (e) Tour website that includes a dedicated page for each entry
- 13.2 The OA will provide an archive image compilation (video and stills) available for editorial use. Competitors and their sponsors will have access to all media materials (video, images, news). Downloadable content is copyright free for editorial use only. All uses of media materials must be properly credited and shall not, without the prior written consent of the OA, be cut, modified, edited or extracted. Commercial use of any media content is prohibited without the prior written consent of the OA or media supplier as applicable (a fee may be charged for such use e.g. provision of material and rights fee).
- 13.3 A boat may not enter into any exclusive media deals in any form of media including but not limited to print, broadcast and online, unless approved in writing by the OA.
- 13.4 By participating in an event, competitors and support persons automatically grant to the OA, the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made prior to, during and after an event, without compensation.
- 13.5 By participating in an event, competitors automatically grant to the official GC32 Racing Tour Partners the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made prior to, during and after an event, without compensation with the following restrictions:
- (a) All official Partner materials which feature competitors shall feature with equal prominence at least two competitors.
- (b) In no way suggest endorsement of any Brand or Partner product or service by a competitor.
- 13.6 Any images (video and stills) provided to the OA by a team shall be free from charge and with full reproduction rights (including a deemed non-exclusive copyright license) for editorial use.
- 13.7 The dates of any communications regarding a boat's participation in or details about the GC32 Racing Tour, shall be mutually agreed with the OA before publication.
- 13.8 Boats shall provide website content e.g. Skipper and crew information, team name, logo, team URL and photos when requested by the OA. Failure to provide the content may result in a boat not being properly represented on the GC32 Racing Tour website. Team names may not be amended without written approval from the OA.
- 13.9 Boats shall use the official GC32 Racing Tour logo in their own media and communication material conforming with brand guidelines supplied by the OA and provide reciprocal website links from their, and/or their sponsors websites to www.gc32racingtour.com.
- 13.10 When required by the OA:
- (a) Boats shall carry media personnel and OA supplied media equipment while racing;
- (b) Competitors shall wear OA supplied equipment which may record and/or transmit audio, video, performance data, biometric data while racing;
- (c) Competitors shall be available for interviews;
- (d) Boats shall carry position tracking and data transmission equipment while racing;
- (e) Competitors shall attend press conferences and other media and promotional activities;
- (f) Competitors shall attend the prize giving at the end of the event.
- 13.11 The position of OA supplied equipment will be determined by the OA and may be advised verbally. Competitors shall follow the operating instructions given by the OA and ensure that the equipment is switched on and functioning normally when required.
- 13.12 Competitors and support persons shall not make any defamatory or derogatory statements or take part in any activities which are derogatory to or which may cause damage to the reputation, image or goodwill of the OA, and any other third party or partner of the OA.
- 13.13 Boats shall designate an immediately contactable representative who has the authority to make decisions jointly with the OA regarding any crisis communications involving the boat. In the event that the OA is unable to contact the representative within 20 minutes of an incident the OA has the right to publish any information it deems appropriate.

14. Guest Sailors and Hospitality

- 14.1 The OA reserves the right to organise guest sailing during official training, sail-outs or official racing. When required by the OA and when conditions permit, as decided by the Race Committee, boats shall carry a Guest Sailor on-board in addition to its full crew. Guest Sailors shall be aged over 18 unless permitted in writing by the Race Committee and a parent/guardian, sit in the allocated Guest Sailor position (see NoR Addendum B) and shall not take part in sailing the boat in any way.
- 14.2 When guest sailing takes place during an event, the OA will manage the allocation of all Guest Sailors. If a boat wishes to invite its own guests, it shall inform the OA accordingly. Guests invited by a boat may be allocated to their boat as well as others. Costs for a boats own guest sailor programme shall be borne by the boat and will be invoiced by the OA.
- 14.3 If a boat decides not to be part of the Guest Sailor program, they shall notify the OA when entering the Tour or individual event.
- 14.4 In lieu of a Guest Sailor, a boat shall carry on-board either:
- (a) a substitute weight of at least 80kgs supplied by the OA which shall be placed on the trampoline in front of the forward beam on the starboard side. When the weight is required, it shall be secured to the trampoline using a system as agreed by the Race Committee. The weight shall be maintained and managed by the boat and shall be presented for measurement at registration; or
 - (b) a substitute person of at least 80 kgs (including any corrector weight) who shall be registered with the OA and follow all the requirements of a Guest Sailor. Boats may only use one substitute person each day.
- 14.5 Substitute weights may be checked at any time by the Race Committee.
- 14.6 Guest Sailors are required to attend an OA Guest Sailor Safety Briefing prior to going afloat, sign a disclaimer and remain within the area defined by the OA whilst on-board a boat.
- 14.7 Unless otherwise decided by the OA there will be no Guest Sailors on the final race of an event.
- 14.8 When a Guest Sailor boards a boat, crews shall ensure that they:
- (a) Have signed the disclaimer prepared by the OA;
 - (b) Wear the OA supplied personal floatation device;
 - (c) Wear the OA supplied helmet;
 - (d) Receive a safety briefing on-board the boat.
- 14.9 VIP Hospitality facilities will be available at each venue. Options for this will include Access Only; Food and Drinks Packages; and Reserved or Private areas. Further information can be obtained from the OA.

15. Prizes

- 15.1 Prizes may be awarded to the winner of the event.
- 15.2 Tour Partners have the right to present Teams trophies and/or prizes relating to matters outside of the immediate competition.

16. Risk Statement

- 16.1 Competitors participate in the Tour entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 3, Decision to Race. Racing in a GC32 event is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport (and these events in particular) and accept responsibility for the expose of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - (d) By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - (e) The provision of a race management team, safety boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - (f) The provision of safety boat support is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
 - (g) They have considered their own personal insurance position and are satisfied they have adequate cover for the event.
 - (h) Moving containers, craning, launching and landing are very specialised activities. It is the responsibility of competitors to ensure that each of these operations is appropriately manned and supervised by a person suitably trained in the respective operations and using the appropriate personal protection equipment.
- 16.2 The OA will produce a risk assessment and emergency plan for each event and it is strongly recommended that each boat does likewise. Any potential health and safety issue should be brought to the immediate attention of the Race Committee.

17. Insurance

- 17.1 Each and every participating boat shall arrange and maintain appropriate Marine Hull & Third Party Liability (Protection & Indemnity) insurance for each and every boat (including, but not limited to GC32 Catamarans, RIBs, Tenders and Guest Spectator boats) operated by or on behalf of the boat with a Third Party Liability (Protection & Indemnity) coverage limit of not less than € 3,000,000 (three million Euros) for any one accident or occurrence, including liability of the team to any guests on board any of their boats valid as a minimum for the period on location prior to, during and after all events. Furthermore, it is the sole responsibility of each participating boat to decide upon, arrange and maintain appropriate levels of insurance for their crew and shore support staff, and to advise those crew and shore staff accordingly.
- 17.2 A copy of all relevant insurance certificates for both GC32s and support boats shall be submitted to the OA no later than 0900 on the official practice day of the first event in which a boat competes.

18. Shipping

- 18.1 Boats are required to join the GC32 Racing Tour logistics plan. The cost of which shall be borne by boats.
- 18.2 Boats are limited to a total of two closed 40-foot standard or high cube containers.
- 18.3 The OA's Logistic Partner will assist with the applications for ATA Carnets.
- 18.4 The OA does not guarantee the shipping of any container.
- 18.5 In countries where ATA Carnets are not valid, the OA will apply for a Bond fee (normally 5% of the value declared), on behalf of a boat. Bond payments to be made directly by the boat. Bonds are normally returned in full within a few months.
- 18.6 The OA shall not be responsible for the delay, damage or loss of a container in transit, and will act only as an intermediary between the shipping company and the boat.
- 18.7 Details of the shipping package will be distributed to teams when available.

19. Liability and Indemnity

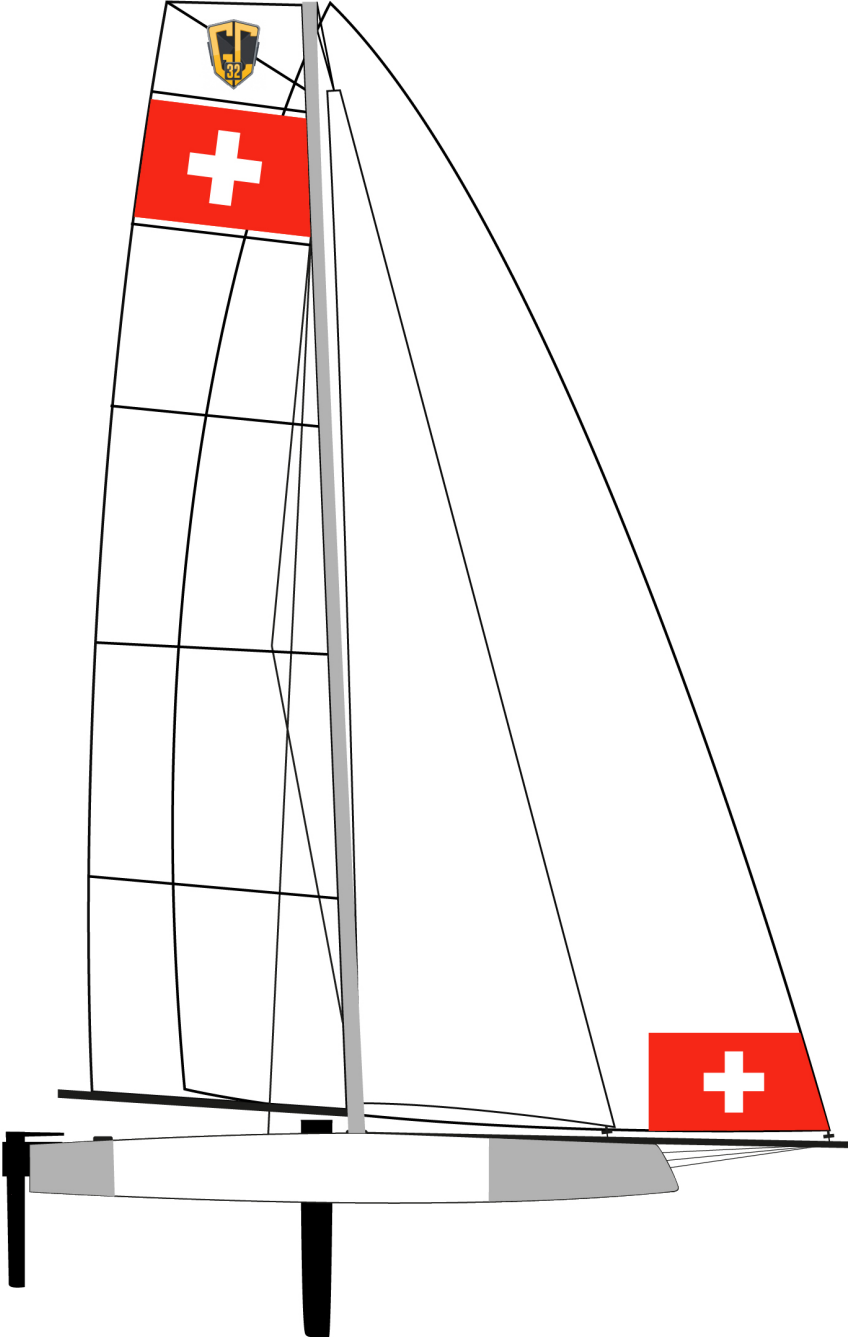
- 19.1 By entering the event each Skipper accepts, for himself/herself and on behalf of all others involved with that boat, that the OA excludes all liability howsoever arising to the maximum extent permissible by law. Further, the Skipper agrees to indemnify the OA against any loss, action, claim, damage, cost or expense incurred by the OA as the direct result of a deliberate or negligent act or omission by the Skipper.
- 19.2 Subject to the Force Majeure provisions contained below, the obligations of the OA are limited to compliance with the express contractual obligations of this NoR only. Except

where expressly required by statute, the OA shall not be obliged to take action for any reason outside of the express terms of this NoR.

- 19.3 Without limitation, the OA will not be liable for any actual or alleged indirect or consequential loss, howsoever arising, suffered by any person in relation to the Tour.
- 19.4 The OA shall not be liable to any person whatsoever for any actual or construed loss, damage, costs, expenses or other claims for compensation arising as a direct or indirect result of any cause beyond the reasonable control of the OA including (without limitation) any Act of God, war, military operations, terrorist attack or threat, accident, breakdown of plant or machinery, riot, abnormally inclement weather, earthquake, tidal waves, fire, flood, hurricane, tornado, drought, explosion, lightning strike, lockout, trade dispute, commercial instability, labour disturbance, refusal or delay of any license or permit by any relevant authority or non-delivery or delay in the manufacture, production or supply by any third party of any information, goods or services.

Addendum A – Advertising and Branding

Areas in grey are reserved for use by the OA.



Addendum B – Guest Sailor Position

