

21st INTERNATIONAL MARBLEHEAD CLASS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

April 6th – 12th 2027

Okrug - Croatia

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The 2027 Marblehead World Championship is organized by Sailing Club Val Šibenik in conjunction with Croatian Sailing Federation (HJS), IRSA, World Sailing (WS) and the International Marblehead Class Associations (IMCA).

1. RULES

*The notation **[NP]** in a rule means that a boat cannot protest (No protest) against another boat when it is infringing this rule. This changes RRS60.1(a).*

*The notation **[DP]** in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

1.1 The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing including RRS Appendix E.

1.2 The following documents will also govern the event:

- IMCA Championship Regulations
- IRSA Supplementary Class Rules 2020
- WS Test Rules for Umpired Radio Sailing
- Heat Management System (HMS)
- System for reducing Protest Hearing (SYRPH)

1.3 The Jury may publish a document setting out an accelerated procedure for protests and requests for redress.

1.4

a) RRS 2025 may be changed in the Sailing Instructions

b) other rule changes are stated in the following sections

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SI and any appendices will be posted at www.racingrulesofsailing.org

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online notice board can be found at www.racingrulesofsailing.org

3.2 *DP +*NP + Except in an emergency, a boat *while racing + *from the warning signal until the end of the last race of the day + shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY

Exclusion of Russian and Belarusian competitors.

4.1 According to RRS 76.1, the OA will refuse or cancel the inscription of any competitor from Russia or Belarussia and the participation of any boat of which the owner is Russian or Belarusian.

4.2 The competition is open to International Marblehead Class boats selected by an IMCA Delegated National Member in good standing with IMCA. The World Sailing Eligibility Code (Regulation 19) applies together with the additional requirements of the IMCA Championship Regulations.

Required documents for registration:

4.2.1 a) for minors, a testimonial of completion of a questionnaire related to the health condition of the minor competitor or, for adults, a medical certificate dated less than one year, mentioning the absence of any medical objection to participate in sailing competition

4.2.1 b) a parental authorization for any minor competitor

4.2.2 For the boat:

- the measurement certificate of the boat, when its presentation is required by a rule
- if necessary a valid authorization to display advertising on the boat

4.3 To be considered as registered in the event, a boat shall be in good standing with all entry requirements and pay any fees.

5. ENTRY

5.1 Entries and allocation of places shall be governed by IMCA Championship Regulation 7, Entries (see Addendum 1)

5.2 The maximum number of entries shall be 76

5.3 Entry forms will be available on the event website at **www.worlds2027.com**

5.4 Completed entry forms shall be sent by email to **hrvoje.duvancic@gmail.com** before December 15th 2026 for first and second stages and before January 1st 2027 for third and fourth stages.

Entry fees for places allocated under stage one and two (IMCA - Championship Regulation 7.2.1) shall be sent to the account indicated in NoR 7, before December 15th 2026, for the first and second stages.

5.5 Places allocated under stages 3 - 4 shall only be confirmed upon receipt of the full entry fee. The delay for payment of fees is 10 days after January 1st (January 10th 2027).

5.6 In order that a disabled competitor may be able to compete on as equal terms as possible, the Race Committee will make as fair an arrangement as possible. Disabled competitors who require any form of help or special requirements should contact the Organizing Authority and the Race Committee at **hrvoje.duvancic@gmail.com** prior to entry to confirm that suitable arrangements can be made. It is the competitor's responsibility to determine that adequate facilities are available before entering the event.

6. MEASUREMENT AND REGISTRATION

6.1 Boats together with their measurement certificates shall be presented for registration and equipment inspection on April 6th to 7th. The Race Committee may extend the time for registration and inspection if there is a valid reason to do so.

6.2 No boat shall be eligible to race until it has been registered and has passed equipment inspection.

6.3 Boats may be controlled for compliance with class rules at any time

6.4 Advertising:

[DP][NP] boats [may] [shall] be required to display the advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. See World Sailing Advertising Code.

[DP][NP] the organizing authority may provide competitors with bibs, which they shall wear as authorized by World Sailing Advertising Code.

7. FEES

7.1 The fee for the event per boat will be (including IMCA fee 5€ and inclusive of Jury transport costs).

525,00 €

-100,00 € without lunch on venue

-50,00 € without shirt (goodie bag)

7.2 Payment via bank transfer to organiser:

Jedriličarski klub „Val“, Šibenik

Erste & Steiermarkische bank d.d.

IBAN: HR7524020061100822093

SWIFT: ESBCHR22

7.3 Entry fees includes opening ceremony dinner/buffet on April 7th, lunches from April 8th to April 12th and prize giving dinner on April 12th.

8. SCHEDULE

January	15 th	closing date for entries and receipt of fees, ASAP Announcement of allocation of places
April	6 th - 7 th	Registration, Practice, Equipment Inspection
April	7 th	Opening ceremony at 6pm
April	8 th – 11 th	Racing from 10am to 6pm. The Race Committee may continue racing after 6pm
April	12 th	Racing from 10am to 4pm. The Closing Ceremony is scheduled at 7pm

9. UMPIRES

9.1 WS International Umpires or International Judges shall be appointed as umpires. National Judges and National Umpires may be appointed to assist.

9.2 Competitors will be required to undertake Observer duties.

9.3 An International Jury conforming to RRS Appendix N shall be appointed and the right of appeal is denied under RRS 70.5.

9.4 When a hearing is reopened under rule 68 or N1.4(b) any decision to penalize or give redress made after the warning signal of any heat to which a party to the hearing may be promoted, shall not change the race schedule for that race. This changes rules 64.1 and 64.2.

10. SCORING AND RACING SYSTEM

The Championship shall be raced and scored under the Heat Management System (HMS). Five races shall be completed to constitute the championship.

11. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 4 of the Racing RRSs of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a heat or to continue racing is hers alone".

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a)** They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event
- b)** They are responsible for the safety of themselves, 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)** 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, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities
- f)** The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

12. ACCOMODATIONS, TRANSPORT, etc

The event website may contains a list of possible accommodation and costs, and a list of social, food, and transport packages and their cost.

13. EVENT AND VENUE INFORMATION

Event information updates will be posted on the Web site for the Marblehead World Championship, Okrug 2027 at the following web site **www.worlds2027.com**

14. MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors, owners of the boats are giving all rights for using pictures and videos of persons and boats during the regattas in medias, including commercials, press materials and all other promoting activities and press releases.

15. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the first top ten finishers. Organizer may also give additional prizes.