

**Atlantic Rally for Cruisers (ARC)
Racing Division**

23 November 2025

Organising Authority (OA) World Cruising Club, Cowes UK

in association with

Real Club Náutico, Gran Canaria

Saint Lucia Sailing Association, Saint Lucia

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

1. RULES

1.1. The ARC Racing Division is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.1.1. RRS Part 2 rules shall apply from the Racing Division Warning Signal until the Starting Signal of the Cruising divisions.

1.1.2. Thereafter, the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) shall apply.

1.2. The following rules shall also apply:

1.2.1. World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Category I (2024-2025): [sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/offshore-special-regulations/](https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/offshore-special-regulations/)

1.2.2. IRC Rules parts A, B, and C: [ircrating.org/irc-rule/](https://www.ircrating.org/irc-rule/)

1.2.3. World Cruising Club (WCC) General Conditions.

1.2.4. ARC 2025 Conditions of Entry (CoE).

1.2.5. WCC Safety Equipment Regulations.

1.3. The following rules will be changed:

1.3.1. RRS 29.1 does not apply. This changes RRS A5.

1.3.2. RRS 41(c) is changed to allow all sources of weather information to be received.

1.3.3. RRS 44.1 & 44.2 are deleted.

1.3.4. RRS 44.3 is changed. See NoR 14.1.

1.3.5. IRC Rule 22.4 is changed to the following: There are no limitations on crew numbers or weight.

1.4. World Sailing Development rule DR21-01

DR21-01 applies. The RRS definition of *Start* is changed as follows:

Start A boat starts when her hull having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line, and having complied with RRS 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the Starting Line from the pre-start side to the course side either:

- a. at or after her starting signal, or
- b. during the last 60 seconds before her starting signal.

RRS 29.1 does not apply. When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition *Start* she shall not return to the pre-start side of the line, and a starting penalty shall be applied to her elapsed time. The Starting Penalty shall be three (3) hours.

1.5. Other rules may be changed. All changes will be listed in the Sailing Instructions (SIs).

1.6. Where there is a conflict between a translated NoR and this NoR, the English text shall prevail.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. SIs will be available from the ARC Office in Las Palmas, Gran Canaria.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located at [worldcruising.com/arc](https://www.worldcruising.com/arc) and in the ARC Information Centre, Las Palmas.

3.2. Seminars will be held during the year. Full details are at [worldcruising.com/training.aspx](https://www.worldcruising.com/training.aspx).

3.3. Yachts shall be fitted with a communications system capable of sending an email message whilst at sea (vis SSB radio or Satellite system).

3.4. It is recommended that yachts are also fitted with SSB Radio to enable participation in the ARC Radio Net during the crossing.

3.5. All yachts will be provided and fitted with a loan satellite tracking device. Participants shall complete the hire agreement. Position reports will be regularly updated on the WCC website worldcruising.com.

3.6. Each skipper or representative, with up to one crew member, shall attend the Skippers' Briefing held on Saturday 22 November 2025 in Las Palmas.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. The ARC Racing Division, Division II, is open to monohull yachts between 8.23m and 32.10m (27' & 105') in length. See ARC-4.

4.1.1. Each yacht shall have a Safety and Stability Screening Number (SSSN) of not less than 30. This requirement may be superseded by comparable minimum STIX and AVS values calculated in accordance with ISO 12217/2.

4.1.2. Each yacht shall present a valid IRC Rating Certificate to the OA as soon as possible, and no later than 18:00 on Sunday 16 November 2025. No alteration in a boat's TCC will be permitted after this date, except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct Rating Office errors.

4.1.3. Each boat manufacture series post 16 June 1998 shall produce an RCD Declaration of Conformity

4.1.4. Each boat shall be rated RCD Category A, or have equivalent minimum STIX and AVS values calculated in accordance with ISO 12217/2; or for yacht series pre-16 June 1998, an SSSN of not less than 30.

4.2. The ARC Racing Division is limited to forty (40) entries. Whilst there is no closing date for entries, potential entries are encouraged to submit the entries by the end of June 2025.

4.3. Registration is online at www.worldcruising.com. See NoR 25 below for full details.

4.4. Boats shall race in the following classes:

4.4.1.

Class 0 Racing LH greater than 12m, less than 32.1m
IRC Hull Factor: 10.0 and higher
IRC DLR: 145 and lower
IRC TCC: Greater than 1.100 and less than 1.815

Class 1 IRC TCC 1.110 to 1.250

Class 2 IRC TCC 0.950 to 1.109

Class 3 IRC/Cruiser IRC Hull Factor 7.4 or less

4.4.2. A boat that meets all the requirements for Class 0 shall race in Class 0.

5. FEES

5.1. Fees are as detailed in the CoE ARC-8, and ARC-10.

5.2. Yachts entered in the Racing Division shall pay a £250 supplement.

5.3. Sponsored yachts shall pay a 100% surcharge.

5.4. Late Entry fees may be subject to a surcharge, as detailed in ARC-12.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1. See NoR 1.3.5.

6.2. The minimum number of skipper and crew is two (2) persons.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1. There are no limits to the display of advertising for sponsored yachts. Non-sponsored yachts shall comply with WCC-24 ADVERTISING & WCC-25 SPONSORSHIP.

7.2. Yachts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA, in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.1.

8. QUALIFYING CRUISE

8.1. Each yacht shall reach Las Palmas on her own keel.

8.2. The Skipper and one (1) crew member shall have completed an offshore qualifying passage of 500 miles in the preceding twelve months prior to the Start.

9. SCHEDULE

9.1. The ARC Office in Las Palmas will open at 10:00 on Monday 10 November 2025.

9.2. Last date for yachts to arrive is Sunday 16 November 2025.

9.3. All yachts shall be available for Safety Equipment Inspections from 16 November 2025.

9.4. There will be a series of briefings given to competitors in Las Palmas. Details will be provided upon arrival.

9.5. The ARC Racing Division Warning Signal will be at 12:35 on Sunday 23 November 2025.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1. Boats and Safety Equipment will be inspected in Las Palmas from Sunday 16 November 2025.

10.2. Yachts that do not comply will be requested to withdraw from the Rally.

11. CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

11.1. ARC-branded Rally clothing may be order at worldcruising.com/shop.aspx.

11.2. Each yacht shall be dressed overall with a set of international code flags for a specified period before the event starts, and from arrival in Saint Lucia until the official end of the event. WCC-27.

12. VENUE

12.1. The Race Area will be the local waters of the Canaries, Atlantic Ocean, and Saint Lucia.

12.2. The ARC Office in Las Palmas will be based in Muelle Deportivo.

12.3. The ARC Office in Rodney Bay will be in the Rodney Bay Marina.

13. COURSE

13.1. The Course leaves Gran Canaria to Starboard, Saint Lucia to Port, to finish in Rodney Bay, Saint Lucia. Distance approximately 2,700 nautical miles.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. RRS 44.3 Scoring Penalty is changed to the following: The Scoring Penalty will be a percentage time penalty added to a boat's elapsed time. The applicable percentage will be stated in the SIs.

15. SCORING

15.1. Scoring will be the Low Point System, see RRS Appendix A.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1. Not applicable.

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

17.1. Chartered yachts, and their crews, shall comply with all regulations and requirements, including showing a copy of their Charter Agreement.

18. BERTHING

18.1. Berthing is at Muelle Deportivo, Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, 28.12819° N, 15.42366° W, at the expense of the skipper.

18.2. Berthing is at Rodney Bay Marina, St Lucia,

14.07756°N, 60.95090°W, where there is one-day's complementary berthing after arrival in Saint Lucia. See CoE ARC-7

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1. Not applicable.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

20.1. Yachts may arrange for a diver to undertake hull inspections or cleaning through the Marina Office.

20.2. Yachts may at any time and within the existing marina regulations, scrub the hull using flossing, sponging or mechanical devices.

21. DATA PROTECTION

21.1. The World Cruising Club, in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 (GDPR), will use information provided by competitors for the purposes of WCC event management only. This data will be held in compliance with the GDPR and will not be shared with any third parties or used for marketing purposes other than contacting competitors by email, post, SMS and telephone with information regarding this event or future events.

21.2. Competitors automatically grant to the OA, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event provided that they do not infringe the privacy rights of participants. See WCC General Conditions WCC-35.

22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person-in-charge who shall do his best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced and appropriately trained crew who are physically fit to face all weather. The person-in-charge shall also assign a person to take over their responsibilities in the event of their incapacitation.

22.2. Sailing 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:

22.2.1. 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 event;

- a.** they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- b.** they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- c.** their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- d.** the provision of a race management team, patrol boats, and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- e.** the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practicably provided in the circumstances;
- f.** it is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
- g.** they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date, and is familiar to the crew.

23. INSURANCE

23.1. It is each owner's responsibility to carry insurance in respect of their legal obligations to third parties arising out of their interest in or use of the boat to include cover for participation in the WCC Event, from the time of arrival at Las Palmas, until safe arrival at the Rodney Bay, Saint Lucia. See WCC-5.

23.2. It is strongly recommended that both skippers and all crew have a personal travel insurance policy, which should include coverage of offshore sailing.

24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizegiving will be held in Rodney Bay Marina, at 1700 hours local time on Saturday 20 December 2025.

24.2. Prizes are as follows:

24.2.1. Trophies for yachts placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd on corrected time in each Class;

24.2.2. Line Honours;

24.2.3. Overall Racing Division Winner.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1. World Cruising Club Ltd:

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