



**Cherbourg 2027**  
**France**  
Nations Cup  
Grand Final



# **World Sailing**

## **2027 NATIONS CUP**

06<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> September 2027  
Cherbourg, France

**NOTICE OF RACE ( NoR )**



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## 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 VENUES AND DATES**

The venues and dates will be as follows:

| Event       | Divisions    | Venue          | Dates                  | NoR Sections to apply |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Grand Final | Open & Women | Cherbourg, FRA | 6 Sept- 11 SEP<br>2027 | I, II, III            |

### **3 EVENT GRADING**

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

### **4 RULES**

- 4.1
  - (a) The events will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS 2025-2028, and including Appendix C.
  - (b) 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.
  - (c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply shall be posted on the official notice board prior to registration. (refer to Section IV)
- 4.2 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
- 4.3 RRS C8.6 and C6.3 may be changed in the sailing instructions.
- 4.4 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 World Sailing Member National Authorities (MNAs) may nominate the winners of their latest match racing National Championship in the Open and Women's Division to be eligible for invitation to the Grand Final. The relevant MNA Match Racing National Championship shall be graded as Grade 3 or above and must have occurred in the period January 1 2025 to November 30 2026. These nominations shall be allocated to Regions and the MNA of the skipper with the highest ranking points by Region in the October 2026 World Sailing ranking list in each division shall be invited to the Grand Final. In addition, for the Europe Region, the MNA of the runner up skipper on ranking points in each Division, and from a different MNA to the highest ranking points skipper, will be invited to the Grand Final. Section III of this Notice of Race shows the MNA's allocation to Regions. For this paragraph and 5.2 below - in the event of the MNA not nominating the winners of latest match racing National Championships then World Sailing may at its sole discretion use the MNA nominated skipper in lieu of the winners of their latest match racing National Championships.
- 5.2 Remaining places for the Grand Final to be allocated on the basis of the highest ranked skippers across all Regions in the October 2026 World Sailing ranking lists and who are nominated MNA National Champions from paragraph 5.1 above for the Open and Women's Division. These skippers will be invited to the Grand Final to represent their MNA.

World Sailing reserves the right to invite one Women's team from an emerging Nation for the Women's Division and one Open team from the 2026 World Sailing Youth Match Racing World Championship for the Open Division to represent their MNA as a wildcard in the Grand Final.



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All allocations and invitations will may be made by World Sailing after consultation with World Sailing Nations Cup Working Party.

**5.3 The closing date for MNAs to apply for a place at a Grand Final or to secure their place “as by right” under paragraph 5.1 is November 6 2026 for all Regions (unless extended on specific request).**

After that date, individual skippers and teams may apply to WS or the OA of the Regional Final in the event that a MNA makes no submission. These applications will be considered according to the number of places left at the Grand Final. Skippers who apply from a Nation whose MNA has not requested a place will be ranked according to the World Sailing Match Racing Ranking List and will need the subsequent approval of World Sailing, informing the relevant MNA's. The Grand Final venue will also have the responsibility of attracting entries with the support of World Sailing.

**5.4 Ten (10) Open Division and ten (10) Women Division skippers will be invited to the Grand Final. Only skippers invited by World Sailing, after satisfying criteria in NOR Section 5, will be eligible to enter the Grand Final.**

To encourage mixed teams in the Open Division and increase participation, if fewer than 10 Women Division skippers accept invitations, World Sailing reserves the right issue additional invitations to skippers to participate in the Open Division provided that the total number of skippers participating in the Open and Womens' Divisions does not exceed 20.

The host MNA and the MNAs of the skippers currently holding the Nations Cup (‘defending Nation’ in each Division are eligible to participate in the nomination process by MNAs as described in section 5.1, subject to a maximum of 2 skippers per MNA for each of the Open and Women’s division

Any further places still to be filled for the Grand Final will be decided at the sole discretion of World Sailing after consultation with World Sailing Nations Cup Working Party.

**5.5 If an MNA receives an entry to the Grand Final by nomination in paragraph 5.1 and 5.2, they may make a substitution for the originally nominated skipper but must notify World Sailing up to one (1) calendar month before the Grand Final and seek approval.**

To remain eligible, the MNA shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing and nominate their skipper (e-mail). Both the acceptance and nomination must be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.

**5.6 Any competitor (skipper and crew) in the Nations Cup must be a national of the MNA which is entering him/her or which he/she represents.**

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

**5.8 All competitors shall meet the eligibility and nationality requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19**

**5.9 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at [www.sailing.org/isafsailor](http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor). Skippers and crew shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID 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**



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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 Advertising 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.



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**Section II – Grand Final**  
**Cherbourg, FRANCE**  
**06 September – 11 SEPTEMBER 2027**

**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.
- (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.



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### 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:**

[contact@yc-cherbourg.com](mailto:contact@yc-cherbourg.com) – Tel +33 6 78660654



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## Section III – Allocation of Entries

WS has allocated the MNA's to the following Regional Finals:

### OPEN DIVISION & WOMEN'S DIVISION

| Africa       |  | Asia                 |                   | Europe |                | North America   |  | South America        | Oceania          |
|--------------|--|----------------------|-------------------|--------|----------------|-----------------|--|----------------------|------------------|
| Algeria      |  | Bahrain              | Palestine         |        | Andorra        | Latvia          |  | Antigua              | American Samoa   |
| Angola       |  | Brunei               | Philippines       |        | Armenia        | Liechtenstein   |  | Aruba                | Australia        |
| Botswana     |  | Cambodia             | Qatar             |        | Austria        | Lithuania       |  | Bahamas              | Cook Islands     |
| Djibouti     |  | China, PR            | Republic of Korea |        | Azerbaijan     | Luxembourg      |  | Barbados             | Fiji             |
| Egypt        |  | Chinese Taipei       | Singapore         |        | Belgium        | Malta           |  | Bermuda              | Guam             |
| Kenya        |  | DPR Korea            | Sri Lanka         |        | Bulgaria       | Moldova         |  | Canada               | New Zealand      |
| Libya        |  | Hong Kong            | Thailand          |        | Croatia        | Monaco          |  | Cayman Islands       | Papua New Guinea |
| Madagascar   |  | India                | Timor-Leste       |        | Cyprus         | Montenegro      |  | Cuba                 | Samoa            |
| Mauritius    |  | Indonesia            | Utd Arab Emirates |        | Czech Republic | Netherlands     |  | Dominican Republic   | Solomon Islands  |
| Morocco      |  | Iraq                 | Vietnam           |        | Denmark        | North Macedonia |  | Grenada              | 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         |  |                      |                  |



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## **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)).



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(\*) 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](mailto:jury.appel@ffvoile.fr), using preferably the appeal form downloadable on the “Arbitrage” website of FFVoile.



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## 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**

**☐ Yes / ☐ No**

Skipper (No 1 preference)  
Email address

World Sailing Sailor ID

Skipper (No 2 preference)  
Email address

World Sailing Sailor ID

#### **Women's Division**

**☐ Yes / ☐ No**

Skipper (No 1 preference)  
Email address

World Sailing Sailor ID

Skipper (No 2 preference)  
Email address

World Sailing Sailor ID

Signature

Date

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