



ORC European Championship 2016 Measurement Guidelines



Dear ORC European Championship 2016 participant,

Welcome to the ORC European Championship in Porto Carras. In this e-mail you will find all the information you need about the measurement protocol for this ORC championship event.

Pre-race measurement checks will take place on Sunday, July 3rd and Monday, July 4th each day from 9:00 – 13:00 and 14:00 – 18:00 with 40-minute slots assigned for each boat, and three boats measured in each time slot. A few slots may also be available on Tuesday, July 5th, but this last day is intended for possible re-checks and re-measurement of boats that did not complete their pre-race measurement checks on Sunday and Monday.

You may select your measurement slot using an on-line scheduling system for which you will get a separate e-mail invitation. Please note that it is on a first come - first served basis and it is in your interest to book your slot as soon as possible to get the time you want.

Pre-race measurement checks will include:

1. **Sails:** The sail inventory to be used at the championship shall be selected through a special section of the ORC Sailor Services found at this link: <http://data.orc.org/public/login.html>

To access ORC Sailor Services, use your registered log-in credentials, and if you are not registered please do so with the e-mail address that you received this message – the link is at:
<http://data.orc.org/public/register.php>

After logging in to the ORC Sailor Services, please follow the link «European Championship 2016 Sails Declaration». There you will find a sail inventory for your boat that was automatically created from the available data on your latest ORCi certificate. From this inventory you can then select the sails you want to use for this championship. The maximum number of sails (exclusive of storm & heavy weather sails required by the Offshore Special Regulations) is defined as follows:

Class AB:	1 mainsail (plus one spare)	8 headsails	4 spinnakers
Class C:	1 mainsail (plus one spare)	7 headsails	4 spinnakers

Please, don't forget:

- **ALL** sails must be measured and stamped by an ORC measurer before being presented for inspections
 - if you have any un-measured sail coming just before the championship, add it to the inventory leaving blank its measurement dimensions and add a comment that says „New sail to be measured“ with the expected date and time of arrival of this sail
 - With the exception of an optional second mainsail, all sails must be carried aboard. The second mainsail shall have a minimum of one set of reef points, and the mainsails may be interchangeable. Sails damaged during the series may be repaired. Sails damaged beyond repair may be replaced with permission of the International Jury.
2. **Check of the measurement inventory items**
 3. **Check of the safety equipment (attached please find safety equipment check list)**



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The boat must be ready for inspection at the scheduled time with a responsible person on board (eg, owner and/or skipper) presenting the following:

- all sails ready for stamping and signed with the head taken out from the bag showing the ORC measurement stamp
- a copy of the current valid ORC International certificate

Crew weight is not part of the pre-race measurement check, but the official scale will be available for your own check. Please be sure that your crew weight is less than what is recorded on your certificate. We remind you that ANY excess in measured crew weight is not considered as an issue of compliance with the certificate with an appropriate rating tolerance allowed, and so it will result in a measurement protest where the decision may be disqualification in all races where crew weight exceeded the value on the certificate.

Post-race measurement checks

You will be informed by VHF radio or the measurement team coming to your boat after racing if you are selected for a daily measurement check. In this case, please follow the instructions of the measurement team and proceed to the measurement check point as requested. Inspections made on the water shall include a check if all stamped sails are on board, measurement inventory items and any specific items (such as tension of the lifelines). At the end of the offshore race, safety equipment shall also be checked again.

Measurement checks ashore shall include: Crew weight, a check on sail measurements on the largest sails, freeboards and inclining. Boats to be checked shall be selected based on:

Offshore race:

- Ashore: safety equipment and use of sails among randomly selected top three boats in elapsed time in each class

Inshore races:

- On the water: top two boats in each class after each race
- Ashore: freeboards and Inclining for 1st boat overall in each class at the end of the day
- Ashore: crew weighing for 2nd boat overall in each class at the end of the day
- Ashore: sail measurements check for 3rd boat overall in each class at the end of the day

Independently from its results, any boat can be checked upon a measurement protest or by the choice of the Measurement Committee.

These measurement control criteria shall be applied each day except the same boat need not be checked twice for the same item. In this case a different check may be scheduled for that boat and if needed boats placed 4th, 5th, 6th etc. will be selected for the check as well.

We thank you for your co-operation and looking forward to a great championship event.

ORC European Championship Measurement team