

# 2008 Audi MedCup Circuit

## NOTICE OF RACE

**2008 AUDI MEDCUP CIRCUIT** is a circuit for TRANSPAC 52 Class Boats to be sailed in the Mediterranean and Atlantic waters.

The Organising Authority of the 2008 Audi MedCup Circuit is the TP52 Mediterranean Fleet Association in conjunction with the Royal Spanish Federation of Sailing (RFEV), Real Club de Regatas de Alicante, Societe Nautique de Marseille, Yacht Club de Cagliari, Club de Regatas de Puerto Portals, Club de regatas de Cartagena and late Club Marina de Portimao with the support of the TP52 Class Association.

### 1. EVENTS, VENUES AND DATES

- **Trophy City of Alicante**, Alicante (Spain) from May the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **Trophy City of Marseille**, Marseille (France) from June the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **Trophy Region of Sardinia**, Cagliari (Italy) from June the 30<sup>th</sup> to July the 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **Breitling Regatta**, Puerto Portals (Spain) from July the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **Trophy Region of Murcia**, Cartagena (Spain) from August the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Trophy of Portugal**, Portimao (Portugal) from September the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Further information on the events, venues and dates can be found at [www.medcup.org/onb/](http://www.medcup.org/onb/) and will be sent via e-mail to the boats registered on the circuit.

### 2. RULES

2.1 The 2008 Audi MedCup Circuit will be governed by:

- a) The *rules* as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2005 – 2008).
- b) The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (2008 – 2009) Cat. 3. According with OSR 3.28.3.b) a minimum of 25 litres of fuel is required while racing.
- c) 2008 TP52 Rule and Bylaws.
- d) The interpretations of the *Transpac 52 Box Rule* and to the *Transpac 52 Bylaws* (as published in [www.transpac52.org](http://www.transpac52.org) )
- e) No National Authorities prescriptions will apply, except that every competitor shall be in compliance with their National Authority Rules.

2.2 For windward/leeward races ONLY, ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) definition of **Two-Length Zone** is deleted in its entirety and replaced with:

**Two or Three Length Zone:** The area around a *mark* or *obstruction* within a distance of two hull lengths, except that at a *mark 2 gate* and at a finishing *mark of course 1* the distance is extended to three hull lengths of the boat nearer to it.

In accordance with RRS 86.2, the **2008 Audi MedCup Circuit** Organising Authority has the authorisation of the ISAF to change the definition of "*Two Length Zone*".

2.3 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that, except for infringements of Part 2 that occur within two or three length zone (See NOR 2.2) of a rounding mark or finishing mark, only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

2.4 **OFFICIAL LANGUAGE:** The official language of the Circuit shall be English.

2.5 Any modification to this NOR will be posted on the Official Notice Board at [www.medcup.org/onb/](http://www.medcup.org/onb/) and will be sent by e-mail to the boats registered in the circuit. Such notification shall be deemed to be in compliance with RRS 88.2(a).

### 3. **ADVERTISING**

3.1 The 2008 Audi MedCup Circuit is designated Category C, in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 - Advertising Code.

3.2 All boats will be required to display:

- Bow numbers.
- Event stickers on both sides of the bow.
- Circuit stickers on both sides of the cockpit.
- Circuit stickers on both sides of the boom.
- Circuit stickers on both sides of stern quarters
- Circuit stickers on tack end of pole
- Circuit sticker on aft pedestal grinder.
- Event flag permanently hoisted on the backstay.
- Circuit flags to be hoisted when the boats are in dock during the events.

**The jury may impose, without a hearing, a 5-point penalty in each of the day's races to boats failing to comply with this rule. This changes RRS 63.1.**

3.3 Furthermore, the boats may be requested to install satellite monitor equipment, which will not interfere with the boat's instrumentation and communication equipment although should be powered by the boat electrical installation. The Organising Authority may also require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of on board video cameras for the official television production.

3.4 The presence of one or more crew members of designated boats may be required to participate in press conferences and to attend Mixed Zone areas designed for PR and communications purposes. The Organising Authority agrees to communicate such requirements with adequate notice to the boat's owners/representatives.

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3.5 In order to improve the media impact of the circuit, boats participating in the practise race shall provide a space at the after end of the cockpit for organisation guests. Guests insurance will be provided by the Organisation.

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The 2008 Audi MedCup Circuit is open to all boats with a valid 2008 TP52 Class Certificate.  
4.2 All competitors shall comply with ISAF Regulation 19 – Eligibility Code.  
4.3 The Registration Nationality of each team shall be decided by the owner of the boat.

#### 5. ENTRY

- 5.1. Eligible boats may commence the entry process by requesting a user name and password at [www.medcup.org/onb/](http://www.medcup.org/onb/), which will allow access to the MedCup registration page.  
Registration for the 2008 Audi MedCup Circuit includes registration for the individual events; however, the presence of each boat at those events must be confirmed through the MedCup registration page no later than 30 days before the start of the event.  
A complete crew list for each individual event must be filled at the MedCup registration page no later than one week before the start of every event.
- 5.2. The following documents are requested from each boat for competing at the 2008 Audi MedCup Circuit:
- The Entry Procedure duly completed by the boat (at the MedCup Registration Page)
  - Confirmation of payment of entry fee.
  - A copy of the 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance for a guaranteed minimum of 1.500.000 Euros which shall be valid until the end of the circuit.
  - Confirmation of payment of insurance
  - The current TP52 certificate.
  - Copy of passport or ID for all the crew members and, where applicable, the appropriate license from the National Authority.

If there are changes to these documents between events or new crew members are joining the team, it is each boat's responsibility to provide an updated copy to the Organising Authority.

- 5.3. Valid entries shall be registered and mooring spaces at the first event and bow numbers for the whole series given, according to their receipt date.  
5.4. The entry period will be open between April the first and April the 25<sup>th</sup> 2008.  
5.5. The Organising Authorities of the single events will not accept entries of boats to their events without confirmation of their registration for the 2008 Audi MedCup Circuit.

#### 6. FEES

- 6.1. The 2008 Audi MedCup Circuit entry fee will be **5.350€** (5.000€ + IVA 7%) per boat and is to be paid by bank transfer through the MedCup registration page. This entry fee covers ALL the events of the 2008 Audi MedCup Circuit.  
6.2. The Organising Authority reserves the right to accept late entries with the payment of an additional 2.000€ fee.

## 7. PROGRAMME AND SCHEDULE

- 7.1. It is planned to sail a maximum of 60 races: 54 Windward/Leeward courses and 6 Coastal races. The final schedule for every event will be announced on the Official Notice Board at [www.medcup.org/onb/](http://www.medcup.org/onb/), will be sent via E-mail to each boat's registered representative and will be included in each event's Sailing Instructions.
- 7.2. All the events will have a combination of Windward/leeward and coastal races. The final programme for every event will be detailed in its Sailing Instructions.
- 7.3 All events will have the following schedule:
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| Saturday and Sunday: | registration.                    |
| Monday:              | practice race(s).                |
| Tuesday:             | races                            |
| Wednesday:           | races                            |
| Thursday:            | races                            |
| Friday:              | races                            |
| Saturday:            | races and prize giving ceremony. |

This schedule may vary and will be announced on the Official Notice Board at [www.medcup.org/onb/](http://www.medcup.org/onb/), will be sent via E-mail to each boat and will be detailed in each event's Sailing Instructions.

- 7.4 The first warning signal for each event's practice race is scheduled at 12:00. This schedule may vary and will be announced on the Official Notice Board at [www.medcup.org/onb/](http://www.medcup.org/onb/), will be sent via E-mail to each boat's registered representative and will be detailed in each event's Sailing Instructions.

## 8. COURSES

- 8.1. Windward/Leeward courses are races between buoys, with mainly windward/leeward legs. These courses will have a distance between 4 and 18 miles.
- 8.2. Coastal courses are non-Windward/Leeward courses identified as Coastal Course by the Sailing Instructions, with a distance between 30 and 50 miles.

## 9. INSPECTIONS AND MEASUREMENT

- 9.1. ALL BOATS must be measured/checked in 2008 by one of the official measurers of the TP52 Class prior to the first event they will enter. It's the owner's responsibility to schedule this measurement with the official measurers.
- 9.2. Daily safety and measurement controls will be carried out during the races by the official measurers of the event (at least one of them will be official measurer of the TP52 Class).
- 9.3. Crew weight checking will follow the procedure specified in the "TP52 Rule" 12.1.6-A.
- 9.4. Sails and sails limits:
- 9.4.1 There is a maximum limit of 26 sails a boat can declare during the 2008 Audi MedCup Circuit included one heavy weather jib but excluded one trysail and one storm jib. Each sail will be identified by the official class measurers. No sail without



In all other cases of an owner deciding to change from one boat to another, the new boat will need to be registered again and will be scored as a new boat, with DNC in all previous races.

#### 9.6. CREW CHANGES DURING AN EVENT.

A boat shall race with the entire crew declared in the registration form for the entire regatta. Any changes to the Crew shall have proper reason, submitted in good faith to the Jury for their approval. Only substitutions approved by the IJ will be accepted.

#### 9.7. LASER GUNS.

It's forbidden the use of laser guns or any other devices using laser technology or radar.

### 10. SCORING AND RESULTS

10.1. A boat's total score will be the sum of her race scores with NO discards.

10.2. **Coastal races scoring:** two scores will be awarded for each Coastal Race, one score for a boats position after having sailed from the start to the Mandatory Middle Waypoint Gate and a second score for the boats position after having sailed from the start to the finishing line. Any penalty for a rule infringement up to, and until clear of the Middle Waypoint Gate and its marks will apply to both scores. Penalties for rule infringement after clearing the Waypoint gate shall only apply to the second score.

10.3. A boat that did not confirm her participation or was not present at an event shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the 2008 Audi MedCup Circuit at the time of that event. This changes RRS A9.

10.4. If there is a MedCup Circuit or event score tie between two or more boats, the tie will be broken in favour of the boat with the best total score in all the **coastal races of the circuit or event**. If the tie remains, it will be broken in favour of the boat with the most first places in all the *W/L races*, and if still remains, the most second places, and so on. This changes RRS Appendix A8.

### 11. RACING AREA – SAFETY ZONE

For each event a safety zone will be defined in the Sailing Instructions. No other boats except the three MedCup TV boats and one MedCup Press boat will be allowed within this safety zone. They will be clearly identified by an official flag supplied by the Organising Authority.

**The jury may impose, without a hearing, a 5-point penalty in each of that day's races to boats whose support boats fail to comply with this rule. This changes RRS 63.1.**

### 12. SUPPORT BOATS

A maximum of ONE support boat per team is allowed nearer than 100m to the Safety Zone perimeter. These boats will be clearly identified by an official flag supplied by the Organising Authority which will show the bow number identification of the supported boat.

### 13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1. For each event, an International Jury will be constituted, in accordance with Appendix N.
- 13.2. Redress Limitation. A boat may only request redress when racing at an event. Redress may be granted for this event only, and shall not be given for a greater number of races than that boat completes in that particular event.
- 13.3. Jury Observation. Members of the jury may observe the racing in boats identified by a jury flag. If a member of the jury witnesses what he believes may be an infringement he may signal this with one long whistle from the jury boat. The boats decide whether to take a penalty or not. Boats, the jury or the race committee may also protest in the usual way.
- 13.4. Measurement protests may also be addressed to the *Class Management* at any time during the year. The result of these protests shall not affect the results of any previous event.
- 13.5. Measurement protest between boats, affecting weight, freeboards or inclining test on the last day of an event will be addressed only to the *Class Management*, and they will have the same treatment as 13.4.

### 14. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 14.1. Audi Trophy for the overall winner of the 2008 Audi MedCup Circuit.
- 14.2. Breitling Trophy for the boat sailing the MedCup circuit in the shortest elapsed time.
- 14.3. Additional trophies can be awarded by the MEDCUP Organising Authority.
- 14.4. Prize Giving Ceremonies will be announced before the end of the events. The presence of at least 8 members of each team will be required at these ceremonies.

**The jury may impose without a hearing a 5-point penalty in the circuit scoring every time a boat fails to comply with this rule. This changes RRS 63.1.**

- 14.5. Events trophies will be described in each event's Sailing Instructions.

### 15. IMAGE RIGHTS

- 15.1. The image rights of the 2008 Audi MedCup Circuit are the exclusive property of the TP52 Mediterranean Fleet Association.
- 15.2. Participants undertake not to do or allow any act of reproduction, public communication or distribution of images concerning the 2008 Audi MedCup Circuit without previous authorisation from the Association.
- 15.3. Participants (competitors, boats and crew) grant the Association the unrestricted right and permission to use their names (commercial or not), logos, trademarks and image for any text, photograph, video or any other material without limitation, to be published or broadcasted or used in any media (included but not limited to Press, TV, radio or Internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information or release and/or in marketing or promotional acts. For such purpose, boats, competitors and crew

names and any historical or biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any known way.

## **16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 16.1 Competitors participate in the 2008 Audi MedCup Circuit at their own risk. Attention is drawn to the Fundamental Rule 4: DECISION TO RACE, of Part 1 of the RRS, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone".
- 16.2 The Organisation Committee will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the 2008 Audi MedCup Circuit.