



**Fortaleza 2027**  
**Brazil**  
World Sailing  
Championships

# **Fortaleza 2027 World Sailing Championships Test Event**

**24 – 31 January 2026**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

**Version 25 January 2026**

### **Change Log**

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| Amendment 3, 25 January 2026:      | 1.6, delete rule RRS B5 60.2(a)(1)<br>2.2 Nation flags, deleted<br>Addendum 1, number of races<br>Addendum 4, ILCA class rule change   |
| Amendment 2, 12 January 2026:      | 1.2, 7.1 update of terminology due to new format<br>1.7 RRS reference<br>1.14 Kite equipment limitation<br>7. Format<br>8. Schedule<br>Addendum 1: Number of Races<br>Event Logo updated |
| Amendment 1, 21 October 2025:      | 4.1 Entry process and deadlines  |
| Initial version, 19 September 2025 |  |

The Organizing Authority is Confederacao Brasileira de Vela in conjunction with World Sailing

## 1. RULES

- 1.1 Additional Rules referenced in the Notice of Race (NOR) or Sailing Instructions (SI) will be published on the regatta website.
- 1.2 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in *The 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). Other documents under RRS Definition Rule (g) include:
  - 1.2.1 [DP] [SP] Fortaleza 2027 World Sailing Championships Test Event - Equipment Regulations (ER).
  - 1.2.2 [DP] Fortaleza 2027 World Sailing Championships Test Event - Support Team Regulations (including Support Team Vessels) (STR).
  - 1.2.3 For ~~Medal Races and Windsurfing Medal Series races~~ **Dinghy and Windsurfing Finals**, World Sailing Appendix MR Umpired Medal Racing available on the World Sailing website ([www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)) applies and changes a number of racing rules. A link to the version that is current when the regatta begins will appear in the Sailing Instructions.
  - 1.2.4 For the Kite **Medal Series Finals**, World Sailing Appendix FMS Kiteboarding Medal Series available on the World sailing website ([www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)), applies and changes a number of racing rules. A link to the version that is current when the regatta begins will appear in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 [DP] Protocols relating to any medical pandemic may be published at any time and will state if they have the status of a rule.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42 applies.
- 1.5 For the Men's and Women's Kite events, RRS Appendix F applies.
- 1.6 For the Men's and Women's Windsurfing events, RRS Appendix B applies, ~~however RRS B5 60.2(a)(1) is deleted.~~
- 1.7 In all rules governing this regatta;
  - 1.7.1 Both 'athlete' and 'competitor' mean a person competing or intending to compete in the regatta
  - 1.7.2 [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing (this changes RRS A5),
  - 1.7.3 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat and for which the International Jury may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1~~(a)~~ and ~~63.1~~ **63.2(a)**
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.9 Information concerning Class Rule changes is contained in Addendum 4.
- 1.10 RRS 90.3(e) applies.
- 1.11 No National Authority prescriptions apply.
- 1.12 [DP] RRS 78.1 is changed so that athletes are responsible for ensuring that their boat is maintained in accordance with the Class Rules and that the measurement certificate, where applicable, remains valid.
- 1.13 [DP] Each boat is required to comply with RRS 78.1 and the event Equipment Rules from the time of its pre-race equipment inspection onwards unless otherwise approved by the Technical Committee. In addition, when applicable Supplied Equipment shall comply with RRS 78.1 and the Equipment Rules from the day it becomes available to competitors. Non-compliance may be protested and penalised as if it were discovered after racing.
- 1.14 **Formula Kite Class Rule C.1.1(f) is invoked to apply throughout the competition.**

## 2. [DP] ADVERTISING, BOW NUMBERS and EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY THE Organising Authority (OA)

- 2.1 When provided by the Organizing Authority, boats or competitors shall carry, display or wear the following as instructed:

- 2.1.1 [SP] Bibs for all competitors;
- 2.1.2 Coloured bibs for event leaders (1st, 2nd and 3rd);
- 2.1.3 Bow number;
- 2.1.4 Event advertising and Look of the regatta;
- 2.1.5 [SP] Cameras, camera dummies and sound equipment;
- 2.1.6 [SP] Tracking and timing system equipment.
- 2.1.7 [SP] When sailing in split fleets a coloured ribbon of the group to which the boat is assigned.

2.2 ~~[SP] Boats shall display national flags as specified in the ER / their Class rules.~~

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be online at the regatta website <http://world-championships.sailing.org>
- 3.2 The STR will be available by 30 September 2025 on the Official Notice Board.
- 3.3 The ER will be available by 30 September 2025 on the Official Notice Board.
- 3.4 Other documents governing the regatta will be published on the Official Notice Board no later than 15 January 2026 .
- 3.5 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee or Organising Authority, a boat shall not make voice, radio or data transmissions and shall not receive voice, radio or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Entry process and deadlines:
  - a) MNAs shall request entry by completing an 'entry request form' available from [registration@sailing.org](mailto:registration@sailing.org).
  - b) Each MNA is awarded one 'priority' entry per event if requested before 17 October 2025 1200 UTC and paid by 7 November 2025 1200 UTC
  - c) Any 'priority' entries that are unpaid after 7 November may be reallocated.
  - d) After 21 October, unused quota places shall be offered to the waiting list and 'open' entry; entries may only be requested by MNAs and payment of the entry fee shall secure entry, until the quota is full.
  - e) MNAs may request additional places at any time using the 'entry request form';
  - f) No entry shall be offered after 15 January 2026 at 1200 UTC.
- 4.2 Only competitors registered by a Member National Authority (MNA) in good standing with World Sailing are eligible to enter the regatta.
- 4.3 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 the date of publishing this NOR. To help preserve the integrity and safety of the Fortaleza 2027 World Sailing Championships Test Event, 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**. World Sailing may amend this rule following any further decisions made on the participation of Russian and Belarusian competitors. Competitors shall be fully paid members of the relevant international class association as required by those rules and evidence of membership shall be provided as requested by the Organizing Authority.
- 4.4 Competitors shall be fully paid members of the relevant international class association as required by those rules and evidence of membership shall be provided as requested by the Organizing Authority.
- 4.5 An entry is not complete until payment has been received and the boat has completed registration. Registration includes equipment and entry requirement checks.

- 4.6 If an athlete is less than 18 years old on the date the regatta starts, a completed Parent/Guardian Consent form shall be uploaded to online registration.
- 4.7 World Sailing Eligibility in accordance with World Sailing Eligibility Code is required of all athletes.
- 4.8 Each athlete shall be registered with a World Sailing ID, available from the World Sailing website.
- 4.9 Each athlete shall be a national of the country they represent (see World Sailing Eligibility Code). Each athlete shall upload proof of their nationality to the online registration system and whenever requested by World Sailing.
- 4.10 Crew substitution is not permitted.
- 4.11 The regatta is open to the following events:

Event	Equipment	Quota
Men's Windsurfing	iQFOiL	50
Women's Windsurfing	iQFOiL	50
Men's Kite	Formula Kite	50
Women's Kite	Formula Kite	50
Men's Dinghy	ILCA 7	65
Women's Dinghy	ILCA 6	65

- 4.12 The Organizing Authority may cancel an event if less than 15 entries have been confirmed and paid by 7 November 2025, as per the payment deadline in 4.1b.
- 4.13 [DP] Each boat may be required to complete a Questionnaire as part of the entry and registration process.

## 5. FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are stated in Euro and include any local "taxes"
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| Competitors  | 300 euros |
| Support team vessel (including one support person) | 100 euros |
| Additional support person                          | 40 euros  |
- 5.2 Entry fees will only be refunded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 5.3 The Organizing Authority may charge an additional fee for bank charges for each individual invoice of 10 euros.

## 6. SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT

- 6.1 Not in use.

## 7. FORMAT

- 7.1 For all Events, the regatta will consist of an **opening qualification** series and a **medal series Finals**. ~~If the Event is split into fleets, the opening series will be divided into a qualifying series and a final series.~~
- 7.2 The complete format for each Event will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

## 8. [NP][DP] SCHEDULE

- 8.1 The schedule, including registration, equipment inspection and racing, is as follows:

Date	Time	Activity
24 January 2026	0900	Venues open
24 - 25 January 2026	0900-1700	Registration
24-25 January 2026	<del>TBC</del> 1000-1700	Racing Areas open for training
25 January 2026	0900	Equipment Inspection begins
25 January 2026	1800	Technical Meeting for Team Leaders
25 January 2026	<del>TBC</del> 1700	Opening Ceremony
27 - 30 January 2026	0830	Daily Team Leaders Meeting
26 - 30 January 2026		Racing – See Addendum 1
30 January 2026	<del>TBC</del> 1800	Prizegiving and Closing Ceremony

- 8.2 The first warning signal for the first race on 26 January 2026 will not be before 1100. On subsequent days the warning signal may be earlier.
- 8.3 On the last day of racing for each event no warning signal will be made after 1700.
- 8.4 The Race Committee may change the schedule to bring forward any number of races. ~~The Race Committee may schedule racing on a reserve day.~~ The Sailing Instructions will define the process for the publication of the daily race schedule, including the allocation of Events to race areas.
- 8.5 The technical meeting for team leaders is scheduled for 1800 on 25 January 2026, ~~location to be confirmed.~~ Room 'Veleiro' on the ground floor of the Marina Park Hotel. MNAs shall have no more than three representatives at the technical meeting to complete their delegation's entry procedures.
- 8.6 From 27 January 2026 there will be a daily team leader meeting at 0830. MNAs shall have no more than three (3) representatives in person at the daily team leader meetings.
- 8.7 The provisional race schedule, including the time of the first warning signals and assignments of events to race areas will be posted ~~within the Sailing Instructions~~, no later than ~~40~~ 15 January 2026.

## 9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 A Technical Committee will be appointed in accordance with RRS 92.
- 9.2 [DP] Boats shall be available for inspection in accordance with Notice of Race Addendum 1 and the Equipment Inspection Schedule in the ER.
- 9.3 The procedures for inspections will be specified in the ER.
- 9.4 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the rules.

## 10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available by 15 January 2026 on the Official Notice Board.

## 11. VENUE AND RACE AREAS

- 11.1 The Race Office(s) will open from 0900 to 1800 every day during the regatta.
- 11.2 For the Kite events the venue will be at Iracema Beach. For the Dinghy and Windsurfing events the venue will be at Marina Park Hotel. Notice of Race Addendum 2 shows the locations of the venue.
- 11.3 The racing areas are shown in Notice of Race Addendum 3. The locations of the racing areas may be changed by the Organizing Authority in the Sailing Instructions. Additional racing areas may be added by the Organizing Authority in the Sailing Instructions.

## 12. COURSES

- 12.1 The courses will be windward/leeward, slalom sprints, upwind sprints or trapezoid with optional finishing legs.
- 12.2 The target times for each event shall be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

### **13. INTERNATIONAL JURY**

- 13.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.3.

### **14. SCORING**

- 14.1 Scoring for all Events shall be defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 14.2 A competitor may be scored 'Disqualification for unsportsmanlike behaviour' (DQB) for disqualification due to any violation of the World Anti-Doping Code, or as the result of any other action from the Jury. This changes RRS A10

### **15. [DP] SUPPORT PERSON (INCLUDING SUPPORT TEAM VESSELS)**

- 15.1 Support persons requiring access to the venue shall be registered online by their MNA in the registration system and pay the applicable Fee. The deadline to be registered is 15 December 2025, unless otherwise agreed by the Organizing Authority.
- 15.2 By registering as a support person, each such person agrees to be governed by the rules.
- 15.3 The allocation of support team vessels is defined in the STR.
- 15.4 Support team vessels shall be registered with the Organizing Authority by their MNA in the registration system when it opens and will be required to comply with local legislation. The support team vessel fee is stated in Notice of Race 5.1 and shall be paid by 15 January 2026 unless otherwise agreed by the Organizing Authority in writing.
- 15.5 A support team vessel includes any vessel that is under the control or direction of a support person as defined in the RRS and includes any person gathering data that may be used by a team or competitor.
- 15.6 [NP] Support team vessels shall display the 3-letter code of their World Sailing MNA at all times while afloat clearly visible from both sides of the vessel. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200 mm. These Nation codes will not be supplied by the Organizing Authority.
- 15.7 [NP] When supplied by the Organising Authority, support team vessels shall clearly display their assigned 'Test Event' sticker on both sides of the vessel (tubes, hull or console).
- 15.8 The Organizing Authority may, at its discretion refuse support team vessels entry to the venue if they are deemed unsuitable. Generally, open vessels less than 6.5 metres in length, having minimum or no superstructure (cabin, coach house, bridge etc.), will be considered suitable.
- 15.9 Limitations of equipment that may be carried and mandatory equipment that shall be carried on support team vessels will be detailed in the STR.
- 15.10 A competitor, or support person shall not leave any device, piece of equipment, buoy, marker or similar item permanently in the water.

### **16. [NP] [DP] BERTHING**

- 16.1 Boats ashore shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.

### **17. PRIZES**

- 17.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three in each event.

### **18. [NP] [DP] MEDIA RIGHTS**

- 18.1 By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, their sponsors and World Sailing the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 18.2 The attention of all competitors and support team personnel is drawn to the privacy notices published on World Sailing's website: <http://www.sailing.org/legal.php>

## **19. [NP] INSURANCE**

- 19.1 Each 'person in charge' (see RRS 46) shall hold a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage of at least 2,000,000 euros (or equivalent) per incident.
- 19.2 Each support vessel shall have valid insurance including third party liability coverage of at least 2,000,000 euros (or equivalent) per incident.
- 19.3 The Organizing Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of certificates.

## **20. RISK STATEMENT**

- 20.1 Competitors and support persons participate in the event entirely at their own risk. Rule 3 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
  - 20.1.1 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;
  - 20.1.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
  - 20.1.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
  - 20.1.4 By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
  - 20.1.5 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;
  - 20.1.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
  - 20.1.7 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.

## **21. AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTICE OF RACE**

- 21.1 This Notice of Race may be changed. Changes will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

## **Contact Details**

Logistics and local information: [fortaleza@cbvela.org.br](mailto:fortaleza@cbvela.org.br)

Entries and registration: [registration@sailing.org](mailto:registration@sailing.org)

Marina Park Hotel (reservations only): [renata@marinapark.com.br](mailto:renata@marinapark.com.br)

## Notice of Race Addendum 1

### Competition and Equipment Inspection Schedule

Event	Equipment Inspection	Racing (including reserve days)	Number of Races
Men's Windsurfing	25 January 2026	26 - 30 January 2026	<del>20</del> 16 + <del>Medal Finals Series</del>
Women's Windsurfing	25 January 2026	26 - 30 January 2026	<del>20-16</del> + <del>Medal Finals Series</del>
Men's Kite	25 January 2026	26 - 30 January 2026	<del>20-16</del> + <del>Medal Finals Series</del>
Women's Kite	25 January 2026	26 - 30 January 2026	<del>20</del> 16 + <del>Medal Finals Series</del>
Men's Dinghy	25 January 2026	26 - 30 January 2026	<del>8</del> 9 12 + <del>Medal Race Finals Series</del>
Women's Dinghy	25 January 2026	26 - 30 January 2026	<del>8</del> 9 12 + <del>Medal Race Finals Series</del>



## Notice of Race Addendum 2

### (a) Venues

#### **Hotel Marina Park**

Dinghy and Windsurf events,  
Container grounding and storage

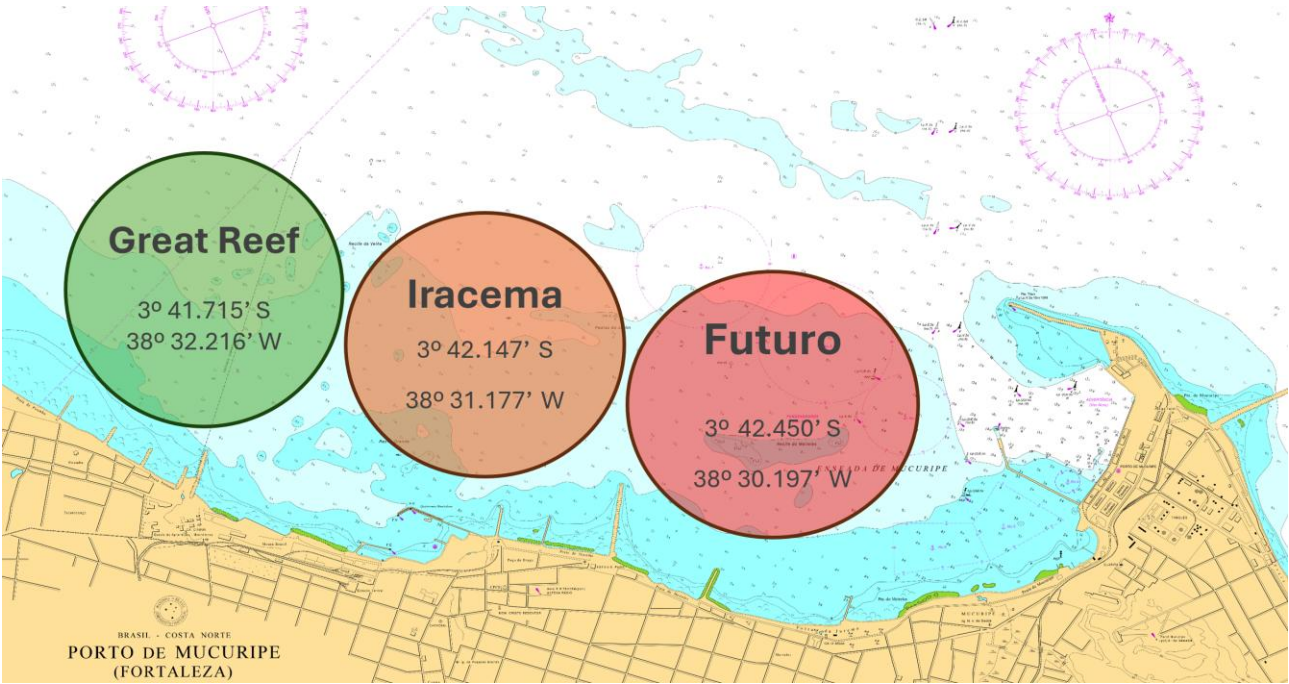
#### **Beach Iracema**

Kite events



Notice of Race Addendum 3

Racing Areas



## Notice of Race Addendum 4

### Class Rule Information

1. The list of class rule changes will be published here ~~by 1 January 2026.~~
  - a. **The ILCA class rule 19 is changed to add:**
    - (e) **For this event only, the event Technical Committee may permit the use of mast top sections that have been registered for the event and presented at the pre-event equipment inspection.**