



Notice 24 September 2026

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Date: Thursday 24th September

Time: 11:30

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS – SAILOR CATEGORISATION

The Cape 31 Class Association wishes to clarify the application of the World Sailing sailor categorisation requirements following a number of enquiries ahead of the Hyères regatta.

1. Expired Group 1 Categorisations

Clause 24.4 of the 2026 Mediterranean Circuit Notice of Series allows the Organising Authority to accept sailors as holding Group 1 status where they have made a genuine, timely effort to obtain categorisation but have been unable to do so due to difficulties with the World Sailing platform.

The Organising Authority has reviewed the circumstances of affected sailors and, where satisfied that the requirements of Clause 24.4 have been met, has exercised its discretion under this existing provision.

2. Sailors Made Uncategorised

Where a sailor's categorisation has been changed to uncategorised by World Sailing, this is a separate matter from an expired categorisation.

Clause 24.4 does not provide for the reinstatement of a previously held categorisation following a change in status by World Sailing.

3. Sailors Recategorised as Group 3

Where World Sailing has formally recategorised a sailor as Group 3 following an interview or completion of its categorisation review process, this decision is made solely by World Sailing.

The Cape 31 Class Association and the Organising Authority have no control over World Sailing's categorisation decisions and cannot amend or overturn a sailor's categorisation.

Any questions or appeals relating to such decisions must be addressed directly to World Sailing.

The Class Association wishes to reassure all competitors that the applicable rules have been applied consistently to all teams and that Clause 24.4 has been applied only in the circumstances for which it was intended.

Cape 31 Technical Committee

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