

Cape 31 MED Race Circuit 2026



Notice of Series ('NoS')

The Organizing Authority ('OA') is the individual host clubs in conjunction with the MED Cape 31 Regional Class Authority.

The notation 'NP' means the provision will not be subject to protest by a boat, this will change RRS 60.1.

The Cape 31 MED Race Circuit 2026, termed as 'the Circuit', is composed of a series of race weekends which are termed as 'Rounds'.

A term in *italics* refers to a definition in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2028 and other than a title, a term in **bold** refers to a definition in the World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028.

1. Rules

1.1. The Circuit and the individual Rounds forming the Circuit will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2. The Circuit and the individual Rounds forming the Circuit will be governed by the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS).

1.3. The National Prescriptions that apply, if any, will be made available in the relevant Round Notice of Race and/ or Round Official Notice Board (ONB).

2. Sailing Instructions

2.1. Each Round will have a set of Sailing Instructions (SI) issued by a date set in the applicable Notice of Race. Each Round's SIs will be posted on the applicable Round ONB.

3. Communication

- 3.1. The ONB for the Circuit will be online available at: [MED Circuit ONB](#).
- 3.2. In additions to notices on the ONB, communications with competitors will be made via a Circuit Messaging System which will be done via Whatsapp which can be joined with the following joining [LINK](#) or by using this QR Code:



- 3.3. At least one representative from each boat entering the Race Circuit will be required to join and periodically monitor the Messaging System at least weekly in between events.
- 3.4. Competitors may seek clarity from the Organizing Authority or ask questions by emailing team@cape31class.com.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. The Circuit is open to boats of the Cape 31 Class which comply with section B of the '2026 Cape 31 International One Design' **Class Rules**.
- 4.2. The Circuit is also open to Charterers which charter a boat that complies with section B of the '2026 Cape 31 International One Design' **Class Rules** and which hold a valid membership to the Class Association as per Class Rule A.12.1.
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration accessible on the Circuit ONB, and paying the Circuit entry fee as well as the Round fees for the Round(s) the boat wishes to compete in.
- 4.4. To be considered an entry, a boat is required to complete all online registration requirements for the Circuit and Round(s) they wish to compete in as well as paying relevant fees as follows:

| Fee | Deadline |
|------------|--|
| Circuit | 3 weeks before the first Round a boat competes in. |
| Round 1 | Friday before Racing (17 April) |
| Round 2 | Friday before Racing (8 May) |
| Round 3 | Friday before Racing (29 May) |
| Round 4 | Friday before Racing (3 July) |
| Round 5 | Friday before Racing (18 Sept) |

At its sole discretion, the MED Cape 31 Regional Class Authority may accept 'late' entries being those that wish to compete but have missed the applicable deadlines above.

5. Fees

5.1. The Circuit fee is €8700 and is payable via bank transfer to Cape 31 MED Events Ltd.

Cape 31 MED Events Ltd
IBAN - BE71905254000769
SWIFT/BIN - TRWIBEB1XXX
Bank name/Address - Wise, Rue du Trône 100, 3rd floor,
Brussels, 1050, Belgium

5.1.1. There is a lower fee of €5500 available to fully Corinthian teams (A full **Crew** including the owner which hold valid World Sailing Category 1 Status).

5.1.2. A Single event Circuit Fee of €2500 is available

This Circuit Fee includes the provision of:

5.1.2.1. Professional Race Officer & Travel at all events except Round 4

5.1.2.2. Professional Umpiring & Travel

5.1.2.3. On Site Measurer & Travel

5.1.2.4. On Site Event Co-ordinators & Travel

5.1.2.5. Season Co-ordinators

5.1.2.6. Sailing Energy Media - Photography & Videography

5.1.2.7. Class Management System

5.1.2.8. Purchase of the Class Owned Vakaros Infrastructure

5.2. The Round Fees and what they include will be included in each Round Notice of Race and are payable direct to the relevant host club. Instructions on how these payments are to be made will be set out in the relevant Notice of Race.

6. Crew Limitations

6.1. Not used. See **Class Rule C.2**

7. Advertising

7.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority,

7.2. Event advertising (as described in World Sailing regulation 20.4) that a boat is required to display will be set out in the relevant Notice of Race including the positioning of such advertising and when it must be displayed.

8. Qualifying Series and Final Series

8.1. Not used.

9. Schedule

9.1. The following Rounds constitute the Circuit.

| Date | Round Title | Host Club/ Organization |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| 24-26 April | Round 1 | Yacht Club Costa Smeralda |
| 15-17 May | Round 2 | Puntaldia Marina & YC |
| 4-6 June | Round 3 | Bonifacio Marina & YC |
| 10-12 July | Round 4 | Yacht Club Toscana, Scarlino |
| 24-26 September | Round 5 | COYCH, Hyeres |

10. Equipment Inspection

10.1. A Boat may be subject to **Event Equipment Inspection** as detailed in the Round Notice of Race and SIs.

11. Clothing and Equipment

11.1. Not used. See **Class Rule C.3**.

12. Venue

12.1. The venue for each round is described on the Circuit ONB.

13. Courses

13.1. As described in the Round Notice of Race. The intention is for each event to use a windward/ leeward course with an offset windward mark and a leeward gate set from a committee vessel.

13.2. It is also the intention to use smart marks and an automated OCS system. This will be described in the Round Notice of Race.

14. Penalty System

14.1. Races may be umpired using 'advisory umpiring'.

15. Scoring

15.1. At least 3 Rounds will be required to be completed and scored for the Circuit series to be constituted.

15.2. At least 3 races in a Round are to be completed and scored for that Round to count toward the Circuit series scores.

15.3. If less than 4 Rounds are counted toward the Circuit series score, a boat's Circuit series score will be the sum of her Round ranks. If 4 or more Rounds are

counted toward the Circuit series score, a boat's Circuit series score will be the sum of her Round ranks excluding her worst.

15.4. For the purpose of a boat's Circuit series score, if it does not come to the start area of at least 1 race in a Round, ready to race, for that Round it will be scored points equal to the total number of boats entered in the Circuit plus 1.

15.5. Where a boat is chartered, for the purpose of the Circuit series score, points, ranks and scores shall be associated with the Charterer not the boat they charter.

16. Support Person Vessels

16.1. See **Class Rule** C.8.

16.2. In addition to the **Class Rules**, *Support Person* Vessels will be required to carry appropriate marine VHF equipment to be able to receive communications on the channels used by the *Committee(s)* detailed in the SIs and channel 16 to facilitate compliance with RRS 37 – Search and Rescue Instructions.

17. Chartered of Loaned Vessels

17.1. Not used.

18. Berthing

18.1. Boats will be required to berth as directed by the Organizing Authority.

19. Haul-Out Restrictions

19.1. See **Class Rule** C.5.7.

19.2. In addition to the **Class Rules**, boats will be required to be afloat in their designated berth by 17:00 (local time) on the day before the first scheduled race as described in the relevant Notice of Race.

20. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

20.1. Not Used.

21. Data Protection

21.1. The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the National Authority, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published and made publicly available.

17.2 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, photographs, video footage, and audio recordings taken of them prior to, during, and after the event without compensation.

22. Risk Statement

22.1. RRS 3 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 Circuit, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

22.1.1. 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.

22.1.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore.

22.1.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.

22.1.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.

22.1.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

22.1.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

22.1.7. It is their responsibility to familiarise 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.

23. Insurance

23.1. To be described in the Notice of Race for each Round.

24. Prizes

24.1. An Overall 'Open' and 'Corinthian' MED Cape 31 Race Circuit Trophy will be awarded to the Circuit Series Winners at the conclusion of Round 5 alongside other Circuit prizes.

24.2. Prizes will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall 'Open' and 'Corinthian' teams in each Round during each Round prize giving detailed in the relevant Round Appendix.

24.3. For the purpose of 24.1 and 24.2, a Corinthian entry is a boat with no more than 1 **crew** on board which does not hold a valid World Sailing Category 1 Categorization as per the World Sailing Categorization Code.

24.4. For the purpose of 24.1, where **Crew** have made a genuine timely effort to obtain a Category 1 Categorization but have been unable to due to the World Sailing platform, they may apply to the Organizing Authority and the Organizing Authority may accept that **Crew** as holding a Category 1 status. Where the Organizing Authority accepts such Crew, the Crew will be required to obtain and confirm to the Organizing Authority that Categorization as soon as reasonably practical after the relevant Round.

25. Further Information

25.1. For further information regarding the Circuit, emails may be sent to team@cape31class.com