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## **NOTICE OF RACE**

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## PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. INTRODUCTION

**1.1. Notice of Race (“NOR”):** This is a preliminary Notice of Race for the **Portugal Ocean Race**. A more comprehensive NOR will be published within one year of the start of the Portugal Ocean Race.

**1.2. Name:** The official name for this event is the “Portugal Ocean Race”. This name may be changed once sponsorship negotiations are complete.

**1.3. Organising Authority:** The Organising Authority of the Portugal Ocean Race is Blue Marble Sailing Ventures, 33 Waterside Road, Marblehead, MA 01945 (US office) and Av. Casal Ribeiro # 15-9, 1000-090, Lisbon, Portugal (Portugal office). For purposes of clarity “Race Organiser(s)” will be used in this document.

**1.4. Texts & Language:** The official language of the Portugal Ocean Race and all matters in relation to the Race shall be English, and English will prevail in the case of dispute.

### 2. THE EVENT

**2.1 Race Start:** The Portugal Ocean Race will start from Portimão, Portugal on the 20th October, 2012 at 14:00 local time.

**2.2 The Course:** The Portugal Ocean Race will consist of four legs. Distances estimated and may be different depending on the location of gates.

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**Leg 1** - Portimão, Portugal to Cape Town, South Africa

7,100 nautical miles

**Leg 2** - Cape Town, South Africa to Auckland, New Zealand

7,500 nautical miles

**Leg 3** - Auckland, New Zealand to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

6,800 nautical miles

**Leg 4** - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to Portimão, Portugal

4,900 nautical miles

**2.3 Successive leg restart dates:** Race Organisers reserve the right to alter or modify the restart dates. Any changes will be done with the safety of the competitors and the success of the event in mind.

**Leg 2** - Cape Town, South Africa to Auckland, New Zealand

1st January, 2013 - 14:00

**Leg 3** - Auckland, New Zealand to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

9th March, 2013 - 14:00

**Leg 4** - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to Portimão, Portugal

4th May, 2013 - 14:00

**2.4 Classes:** The Portugal Ocean race will be contested in a single division that will need to be ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category Zero compliant and meet other relevant race rules outlined in the Sailing Instructions for each leg.

**2.5 Teams:** The Portugal Ocean Race will be contested in teams of up to six people per team with a maximum of four people on board for any leg of the race. Teams can choose to race with one, two, three or four people on board and can change that number for the each leg if

they desire. Race organisers reserve the right to have different scoring gates for entries with differing number of people on board, but no matter the number on board, all boats will be scored equally and all teams will compete on an even footing for the Portugal Ocean Race Trophy.

**2.5 Number of Entries:** The Portugal Ocean Race will be limited to 30 boats.

**2.6 Entry Fee:** The entry fee for the Portugal Ocean Race is €15,000. This money will be set aside in a special “Competitor Emergency Fund.” The intent behind the entry fee is to encourage a spirit of cooperation between competitors. The entry fee funds will be used, at the discretion of the race organisers, to help out competitors that have encountered some unexpected breakdown that threatens their ability to finish the race. Full details will be disclosed in the Sailing Instructions. Leftover funds will be donated to the Official Race Charity - AMI - Assistência Médica Internacional.

### **3. ADVERTISING AND RACE BRANDING**

Advertising will be in accordance with ISAF Category C. Advertising of tobacco and tobacco products is not permitted.

Race Organizers require a certain amount of space on the hull and sails of each competitor for Race Branding. Branding will be provided to each competitor free of charge. Race Branding may be applied in paint so long as it strictly conforms to the pantone colour and logo design supplied by the Race Organisers. The Race Organiser shall retain the right to refuse any incorrectly painted logo. Reserved branding space on each yacht will be as follows:

**3.1 Hull branding:** The forward 15% of the hull on each side. This will include space for race numbers.

**3.2 Boom branding:** The aft 25% on each side of the boom.

**3.3 Sail branding:** A race logo to be placed on both sides of the mainsail within 25% of the top of the sail.

**3.4 Race Flags:** Race Flags will be required to be flown on each boat at the following times:

**3.4.1** When the boat is in harbour.

**3.4.2** Within ten miles of the start of each leg both before and after the start.

**3.4.3** Within ten miles of the finish of each leg both before and after the finish.

**3.5 Other flags:** Up to six branded race flags may be required to be flown from the forestay of each yacht while the yacht is in harbour.

**3.6 Dodgers:** Two branded dodgers (supplied by Race Organisers) will be required to be fixed between the stanchions and the pushpit on both sides of each boat. They shall only need to be displayed pre-start, and within 10 miles of the start and finish of each leg.

**3.7 Acceptability:** The Race Organisers reserve the right to refuse advertising deemed to be in bad taste. It will be responsibility of each team to ensure that any advertising is legally acceptable at the stopover ports.

#### 4. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Each competitor or “team” will need to complete certain requirements.

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**4.1 Age limit:** Competitors must be 18 years old before the start of the race. Exceptions may be granted by the race Organisers at their discretion.

**4.2 Health certificate:** Each competitor must provide a document within 1 week of the start and of each successive leg restart, that certifies that he/she is both physically and mentally fit to participate in the Portugal Ocean Race.

**4.3 Qualifying voyage:** Each competitor/team must complete a qualifying voyage of no less than 2,000 nautical miles and shall include a wide range of wind conditions. The qualifying voyage can return to the same place where it started and need not be transoceanic. Race Organisers reserve the right to insist on an additional qualifying sail.

Any competitor racing any leg of the race will need to have completed at least 1,000 nautical miles on board with the person designated as “skipper” for each leg having completed the full 2,000 nautical mile qualifying voyage.

**4.4 Affiliation:** All competitors must be affiliated with their ISAF Member National Authority.

## 5. OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS

A comprehensive list of modifications to OSR will be made available within six months of publishing this NOR and will be furnished as a separate “Special Regs” document.

## 6. SELF STEERING DEVICES

The use of all types of self-steering devices is permitted no matter the number of people on board for each leg.

## 7. POSITIONING AND RACE TRACKING

All Race Teams shall give the Race Organiser permission to follow the progress of their boat via Satellite Tracker Beacons. These beacons will be supplied by the Race Organisers and must be returned in good working order at the end of the race. If the competitor/team is unable to return the beacon within a reasonable time after the race, they will be billed for the full value of the beacon.

## 8. SCORING

The Portugal Ocean Race will be scored on a points system with points accumulated in accordance with the finishing positions of each yacht. Points will also be accumulated in accordance with the position of each yacht at each scoring gate. In the case of tied number of points, the overall elapsed time for the race will be the determining factor. Details of the point scoring system will be announced in the Sailing Instructions.

## 9. TIME LIMIT

There are time limits for each leg of the race as well as minimum turn around times in each stopover.

**9.1 Leg time limit:** The time limit for each leg will be two weeks after the first boat has finished. Any boat finishing outside the time limit will be scored as a DNF for the leg.

**9.2 Minimum time in port:** Each boat must spend a minimum of 72 hours in each stopover port and must provide evidence to the Race Organisers that they are ready to leave for the upcoming leg. Race Organisers reserve the right to insist on more time in the stopover or

to eliminate the competitor/team from the leg if they deem any yacht unsafe or not ready for the voyage.

The time for each competitor for each leg will begin at the official leg start and not when a competitor actually crosses the start line.

## **10. COMMUNICATIONS**

The Portugal Ocean Race is not only a sporting event, it is a partnership between all competitors, their sponsors, the Race Organisers and event sponsors and in this regard a certain amount of media and communication will be required from each boat during the leg in order to maximise the media and PR impact of the race. The minimum amount of media will be outlined in the Communications Instructions provided prior to each leg. Competitors unable or unwilling to comply with the media requirements may, at the Race Organisers discretion, be penalised.

## **11. OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE**

There is no restriction on receiving outside information during the race.

## **12. PRIZES**

The Portugal Ocean Race floating trophy will go to the team that has accumulated the most points as described in the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a tie the trophy will go to the team with the shortest overall elapsed time for the race.

## **13. RESPONSIBILITY OF RACE ORGANISERS, SPONSORS AND COMPETITORS**



Around-the-world racing is a potentially dangerous activity and anyone intending to become involved in the Portugal Ocean Race, whether as a competitor or otherwise, does so on the basis that they accept that it is at their own risk and that they could suffer loss, damage or injury as a consequence of such participation.

**13.1 Liability waiver:** All competitors participating in the Portugal Ocean Race will need to sign a waiver that absolves the Race Organisers, the event sponsors and fellow competitors from any liability.

**13.2 Insurance:** All entries will be required to be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €2,000,000.

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Race Director  
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