

Racing Rules of Sailing

1. **The Yates Mallorca Cup will be carried out under the 2017-2020 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing. All yachts will be rated with a time compensation system.**
2. **Classes and Participation**
 - 2.1 All classes start together at the first 2 to 4 races.
 - 2.2 After these first qualifying races the yachts will be divided into the following classes..
 - 2.3 The 1st. half of the ranking will be classified into the „Gold fleet“, which will sail to win the Yates Mallorca Cup.
 - 2.4 The 2nd half of the ranking will be classified into the „Silver fleet“, which will sail to win the Silver Fleet Cup.
 - 2.5 The racing committee has the right to announce the results of the first races after the qualifying races have finished.
 - 2.6. The racing committee has the right to let all yachts start together in one class, or change the relation of number of yachts in each class (changing thus point 2 2.1)
3. **Signals**
 - 3.1 Port Signal: The captains, or a representative, must attend the skippers briefing before the start of the races. In Palma at the racing office, in Cabrera by VHF. The time will be announced the day before during the skipper briefing and published on the racing pin board.
 - 3.2 All Starts will be signalled from the yacht of the racing committee. Usually the „Gold Fleet“ starts first.
 - 3.3 Warning Signal: 10 Minutes before the Start: Flag Nr. 4 together with an accustic signal (horn)
 - 3.4 Preparatory Signal: 5 Minutes before the start: Flag P together with an accustic signal (horn)
 - 3.5 Start: The Start is signalled through removing Flag Nr. 4 and Flag P together with an accustic signal (horn)
 - 3.6. Individual Recall: If at the Start signal one yacht (or part of it, or the equipment or crew) is crossing the Starting line early, then the Flag X together with an accustic signal (horn) is displayed. This yacht will have to go back and cross the starting line again correctly. The early starters will not be called by VHF.
 - 3.7. General Recall: If at the Start signal various not identified yachts are crossing the starting line early, then the racing committee can make a recall like rule 29.1 All Yachts must come back as fast as possible for a new start. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal of the first substitute Flag together with an accustic signal (as described above) The Silver Fleet must wait until the Gold Fleet has started.
 - 3.8 If you fail to comply with rule 3.6 then this yacht receives a 25% penalty.
4. **Results:** The Low- Point System according to the ISAF, WR will be applied.
5. **Tie:**

If two or more yachts have the same score, then the one wins, which has sailed the most 1st places, then the most second places and so on. If no winner can be determined, then the yacht which has sailed a better position in the first divided fleet race wins.
6. **Committee boat at finishing line:**

If weather conditions and other circumstances make it necessary, the destination can also be formed by a landmark on which a red flag is set or which was precisely defined at the skipper briefing or by VHF radio
7. **Liability:**

All participants of the Yates Mallorca Cup participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Embarcaciones Bavaria Spain S.L., the Racing Committee, as well as other Persons involved in the organisation will not accept any liability sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
8. **Change of the sailing instructions:** Should there be any changes to the sailing instructions, they will be communicated to the participants directly or posted on the racing pin board
9. In contrary to rule number 44.1 of WR (two complete turns for penalty) here we penalise with a single complete turn (360°).
10. A yacht that does not carry out a penalty according to WR Rule 44.1 can accept a time penalty of 20% on the corrected time (after SRS conversion) instead of a protest hearing. This in amendment of the WR Rules 44.3 (c) and A4.2.
11. **Prizes:** After the races there will be prize giving ceremonies with prizes for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd classified of each class.
12. If the weather or other circumstances do not allow the announced courses to be sailed, the race committee may choose other courses and starting times, which will be announced at the daily skipper briefings.
13. The racing committee can shorten or prolong any race, if circumstances require, and create a different destination by specifying the position. Likewise, further launches can take place, with the times of the races sailed on the same day being added together for a daily evaluation and evaluated individually as a unit and for the overall ranking. Also, if the circumstances make it advisable, and without justification, the closing time can be shortened or extended.
14. The engine must be switched off 5 minutes before the start. It may only be used in an absolute emergency, stating the time and location to the racing committee
15. **Series Scores / exclusion of scores:** The racing committee is entitled to exclude a score if 6 or more races are held.
16. If less than 5 races are sailed, the racing committee is entitled to use the results of the qualifying races for the final classification.