



2009
RS:X South American Championships
&
RS:X South American Youth
Championships

NOTICE OF RACE

Búzios Vela Clube, the Local Organising Authority (LOA), is pleased to invite RS:X sailors to take part in the 2009 RS:X South American Championships & RS:X South American Youth Championships under specified conditions laid down by the International RS:X Class Association in co-operation with ISAF

between the dates of
March 3rd – 8th, 2009



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1. RULES

This is an ISAF sanctioned event governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, ISAF 2009-2012.
- 1.2 No National Authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The RS:X Class Rules will apply.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs will take precedence.
- 1.5 The Medal Races will be subject to on-the-water umpiring according to Addendum Q.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING & SAIL INSIGNIAS & NATIONAL FLAGS

- 2.1 Advertising will be Category "C" in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
- 2.2 Competitors may be required to carry advertising for event sponsors.
- 2.3 The maximum area on the sail that the event sponsor's branding may occupy is 300mm x 1000mm and shall be placed immediately below batten #5 and as close to the clew as possible.
- 2.4 National letters and sail numbers shall comply with relevant Class Rules. The LOA reserves the right to change a competitor's sail number (not letters) to avoid the duplication of numbers.
- 2.5 Competitors may also be required to wear a Lycra vest carrying the event sponsor's name(s) / logo (s) as supplied by the LOA.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY REGULATIONS

- 3.1 All entries shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19 – Eligibility Code.
 - 3.1.1 The total combined entries per division shall not exceed 120
 - 3.1.2 Entries may be subject to the agreement of the relevant authority.
 - 3.1.3 Entries shall have been issued with an ISAF Sailor Number
- 3.2 Competitors shall be members of their National Class Association (NCA) or of the International RS:X Class Association. National Class Associations (NCA) shall be in good standing.
- 3.3 Class membership formalities can be completed on site.
- 3.4 Each full member (National Class Association) shall pay the entry fees of his nationals by February 16st 2009.
- 3.5 Competitors shall provide the following documentation prior to completing registration formalities on site:
 - Original Entry Form (Form 1 – Download)
 - Proof of Entry Fee payment
 - Evidence of valid third party Insurance
 - Proof of age (passport)
 - Parental / legal Guardian Assent (Form 2) If needed.
 - Measurement Form signed by the Official Measurer
 - Medical treatment permission (Form 3)
- 3.6 Coaches and team support personnel shall provide the following documentation prior to completing registration on site:
 - Original Regatta Entry Form (Form 4 – Download)
 - Proof of Entry Fee payment
 - Boat Driving Licence (if applicable)
 - Evidence of Boat Insurance (if applicable)
 - Proof of ICSA membership



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4. FEES

- 4.1 The Entry Fee for 2009 RS:X South American Championships is 90 euros,.
- 4.2 Coaches and team support personnel shall register their boats by March 3rd, 2009 by paying 40 euros each. (see Form 3).
- 4.3 Payment shall be made in US (american dollars), in €(euros) or R\$(local currency), according to the exchange rates set by the LOA. No other currency will be accepted.
- 4.4 Entries shall be made on site and only in cash. No other form of payment will be accepted.

5. EVENTS

- 5.1. **2009 RS:X South American Championships**
 - 5.1.1 The Event shall be a single discipline course racing event for South American competitors only.
 - 5.1.2 The first South American man and woman in the Final Standing shall be the 2009 RS:X South American Champion.
- 5.2. **2009 RS:X Open South American Championships**
 - 5.2.1 The Event shall be a single discipline course racing event for all entries into the RS:X South American Championships.
 - 5.2.2 The first man and woman in the RS:X Open Final Standing shall be the 2009 RS:X South American Open winner.
- 5.3. **2009 RS:X South American Youth Championships**
 - 5.3.1 The Event shall be a single discipline course racing event for Divisions C and D, for South American competitors only.
 - 5.3.2 The first youth boy and girl in the Final Standing shall be the 2009 RS:X South American Youth Champion

6. RACING FORMAT & DIVISIONS

- 6.1 There will be six Divisions:
 - a. Division (A) – Men
 - b. Division (B) – Women
 - c. Division (C) – Youth Boy
 - d. Division (D) – Youth Girl
 - e. Division (E) – U17 Boy
 - f. Division (F) – U17 Girl
- 6.1.1 Divisions C and D shall be under the age of 19 years on 31 December 2009 (born after 31 December 1990)
- 6.1.2 Divisions E and F shall be under the age of 17 years on 31 December 2009 (born after 1992)
- 6.2 Division B, C, D, E and F shall race together. – Division A shall race separately. Each in a maximum 9 races series over 5 days.
- 6.3 A minimum of 3 races is required for a valid Championship in that Division.
- 6.4 The events will run simultaneously and consist of a Single Series and a Medal Race and/or an Opening Series and a Medal Race. The Opening Series will consist of a “First Round” (Qualification Series) and a “Final Round” (Final Series).
- 6.6 There will be one Medal Race for Divisions A and/or B only provided that those divisions have a minimum of 20 entries. Each one will consist of the top 10 sailors from their current standing.
- 6.6.1 Other Divisions will compete in a normal series race in place of a medal race.
- 6.7 Where there are 50 or fewer boards entered in a Division, they shall race in a Single Series.
- 6.8 Where there are between 51 and 60 boards entered in a Division, they shall race either in a Single Series or in two Groups in an Opening Series as decided by the RS:X Class Race Director.
- 6.9 Where there are between 61 and 120 boards entered in a Division, they shall race in two Groups in an Opening Series. They shall be divided based on their final standing; first, in the last World Championship; second, on their final standing in the ‘Open Event’ at the last South American Championship; and thirdly, on their final standing at their ‘home’ Continental Championship and finally their national standing.



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6.10 A minimum of 5 eligible entries is required to form a division. If less than 5 eligible entries have been received for a division, then those entries may sail in another division as defined by the Race Committee.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1 Event Schedule

Date	Day	Times	Event
March 2nd	Monday		Arrival
March 3rd	Tuesday	0900-1800 hrs	Registration & Measurement
		1400 hrs	Practice Race
		1800 hrs	Coaches Meeting
		1900 hrs	Opening Ceremony
March 4 th	Wednesday	1200 hrs	Races
March 5 th	Thursday	1200 hrs	Races
March 6 th	Friday	1200 hrs	Races
March 7 th	Saturday	1200 hrs	Races
March 8 th	Sunday	1200 hrs	Races & Medal Races
		1630 hrs	Last possible warning signal
		1900hrs	Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony
March 9 th	Monday		Departure

7.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1200hrs.

8. MEASUREMENT

8.1 Each competitor shall ensure that his/her equipment complies with the current Class Rules.

8.2 Measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the event.

8.3 Competitors and their equipment shall be on site by **on March 3th 2009**. Competitors shall book a Measurement Time Slot by signing in at the Measurement Area after picking up their Measurement Form from the Registration Desk.

9. EQUIPMENT

9.1 All competitors shall bring their own equipment.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

10.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration as well as the Event Program scheduling social events.

10.2 Alterations to the Sailing Instructions shall be approved by the Class Race Director.

11. VENUE

11.1 The regatta site is; www.buziosvelaclub.com.br
Tel/fax: **55 (22) 2623-0508**
E-mail: vela@buziosvelaclub.com.br



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12. COURSES

- 12.1 Except for the Medal Races, the courses will be Olympic Trapezoidal or Windward-Leeward Courses with Slalom Ends.
- 12.2 For the Medal Races, the course type will be Windward-Leeward Course with two or three loops and Slalom End.
- 12.3 The length of the courses will be adapted according to wind strength in order to have a race duration of about 30 – 35 minutes except for the Medal Race where the duration will be of about 20 – 25 minutes.
- 12.4 "Gates" may be used in place of single leeward marks.

13. SCORING

- 13.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix B and using rule B 8.3a "Low Points Scoring System".
 - 13.1.1 Each event shall be scored separately.
 - 13.1.2 A board's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 13.2 The Medal Race score shall not be excluded.
- 13.3 Competitors will carry their series score (i.e. total of race scores after discard) through to the Medal Race.
- 13.4 For the Medal Race, RRS B8.3(a) is changed, so that the points are doubled, and RRS B8.3(b) is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boards assigned to compete in that race.
- 13.5 Any series tie after the Medal Race will be broken in favour of the board finishing higher in the Medal Race.
- 13.6 If the Medal Race is not completed, medals will be awarded based on the series score.

14. INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 14.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with the RRS Appendix N.
- 14.2 Their decisions will be final and cannot be appealed, according to RRS 70.4.

15. COACHES, COACH & SUPPORT BOATS

- 15.1 Coach boats may be available for charter. Please apply to the organisers for costs and availability. For this limited service you may contact the LOA before the March 31st 2009 (Form 4)
- 15.2 Boats' drivers shall register and provide the LOA with their driving licence and proof of insurance as well as details of their boat and the board(s) they support.
- 15.3 Support boats shall also clearly display the white numbered flag supplied by the organization. These flags shall be returned to the organization at the end of the championship.

16. BERTHING

- 16.1 On completion of registration and continuing until the end of the regatta, when ashore (other than when launching and retrieving), all boards shall be kept in their assigned places. Removal of any board from the regatta site shall require prior written approval from the jury. Access to boards in the board storage area during certain hours, including hours of darkness may be restricted.
- 16.2 Unless otherwise directed by the LOA, all competing boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area.



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17. BOUYANCY

- 17.1 If personal buoyancy is prescribed by the Race Committee every competitor and support boat crewmember shall wear a jacket harness or vest with a minimum buoyancy of 4kg uninflated in fresh water. The buoyancy shall be tested with a ferrous metal weight of 4kg, which shall remain supported for a minimum of 5 minutes.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1 Medals will be awarded to the first three Men and Women in the RS:X South American Championships and in the RS:X South American Youth Championships.
- 18.2 At the RS:X Open South American Championships, medals will be awarded to the first three Men and Women.
- 18.3 At divisions E and F, only the first will be awarded.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 Competitors take part in all races at their own risk. The LOA and International Class Associations or any of their officials or representatives or the sponsors or their officials or representatives are not responsible, under any circumstances, for any damage, loss or injury either ashore or on the water either to persons or equipment, which may result.
- 19.2 Participation in this event, supporting events and in each race in them is at the sole discretion of the sailor and at his/her own risk. Notice is drawn to RRS 4.

20. INSURANCE

- 20.1 Competitors shall possess valid third party liability insurance, which may be acquired locally.
- 20.2 Coach and support boat drivers shall also have a valid third party liability insurance, which may be acquired locally.
- 20.3 Evidence of insurance cover shall be provided at registration.

21. DRUG TESTING

- 21.1 Competitors are reminded of the ISAF rules and regulations concerning the use of banned methods and substances. Drug testing may take place during the event.

22. TELEVISION AND MEDIA

- 22.1 In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the LOA and the International RS:X Class Association the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said Championship as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

23. OFFICIAL CEREMONIES & DRESS CODE

- 23.1 Attendance at the Opening Ceremony, Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony is mandatory.
- 23.2 Smart casual clothes will be worn.
- 23.3 The LOA reserve the right to refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion.



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24. MISCELLENOUS

- 24.1 The average conditions that can be expected in March are: wind speeds between 10 -25 knots, water temperatures 20^oC and air temperatures 22-28 ^oC.
- 24.2 More information about accommodation and transport from and to the airport will be previously published on the official event website. www.buziosvelaclub.com.br
- 24.3 Neither the LOA nor International RS:X Class Association take responsibility for travel bookings made in error.