



Microplastic Distribution Survey

Palau-Okinawa Yacht Race2024

ORGANISING AUTHORITY Kanagawa Prefecture Sailing Federation (KPSF)
Palau Sailing Federation
Japan and Palau Youth Sailing Club

RACE DATE March 29, 2024 (Fri) – April 19, 2024 (Fri)

VENUE Malakal Island, Republic of Palau - Okinawa, Japan

* All dates and times in the Notice of Race are JST (Japan Standard Time).

Notice of Race

1. RULES

- 1-1. The race is governed by the rules defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024(RRS).
- 1-2. IRC Rule 2024 Part A, B and C. And the IRC Prescriptions of Japan Sailing Federation (JSAF).
- 1-3. World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2024-2025 (OSR) . And OSR Prescriptions of JSAF.
- 1-4. The following changes and additions are made to the rules. The OSR item numbers in this Notice of Race are for the 2022-2023 editions, and if there are any revisions to the item numbers in the 2024-2025 editions, they will be carried over to the appropriate content item.
- a) The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
 - b) During the period from sunset to sunrise, instead of RRS Chapter 2, International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) will be applied.

- c) When RRS 20 applies, a boat may indicate her need for room to tack or her response by "arm signals" or "VHF radio".
- d) If an engine is used in accordance with RRS 42.3 (g), (h) or (i), the race committee must be notified immediately. The details of the situation (purpose, time and place of use, etc.) must be submitted to the race committee in writing as soon as possible after the finish.
- e) The use of automatic steering devices is permitted. This changes RRS 52 and IRC Rule 15.2(d).
- f) Spare number
- g) EPIRBs do not have to include an internal GPS. This changes OSR 4.19.
- h) Liferafts may be inspected by the Japan Craft Inspection Organization (JCI). This changes OSR 4.20.1.
- i) If the liferafts have been inspected by the Japan Craft Inspection Organization (JCI) in this NoR 1-4.h), the minimum equipment of the life raft is acceptable for the equipment of the said item. This changes OSR 4.20.2.
- j) If the liferafts have been inspected by the Japan Craft Inspection Organization (JCI) in the NoR 1-4.h), liferafts servicing is acceptable within the period of validity period of the inspection of the relevant item. This changes OSR 4.20.5.
- k) PLB (Personal Locator Beacon) may be substituted for Personal AIS. This changes OSR 4.22.1 b).

1-5. If there is a conflict between languages in the NoR the Japanese text takes precedence.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2-1. The sailing instructions will be available after February 2, 2024 (Fri) located at <https://japan-palau-yachtrace.com/2024>.

3. COMMUNICATION

3-1. The online official notice board is located at <https://japan-palau-yachtrace.com/2024>.

3-2. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SI.

3-3. A roll call to the race committee shall be mandatory, and the method shall be by satellite phone. The details of the roll call shall be in accordance with the communication guidelines to be separately established. [DP][NP]

3-4. Equipped with and activated by an automatic location notification device loaned by the Organizing Authority. [DP][NP]

4. ELIGIBILITY

4-1. All boat shall be/have:

- a) World Sailing national authority currently registered.
- b) monohull boats more than 9m LH.
- c) valid ENDORSED IRC certificate.
- d) comply OSR Monohull Category1.
- e) If the boat is Japanese-flagged, it must have the Japan Craft Inspection Organization certificate. A temporary change of maritime zone is allowed, but temporary certificate is not permitted.
- f) During the race period, boats shall have effective insurance with comprehensive overseas coverage including the following: Liability insurance, Passenger death/accident insurance, and Search and rescue cost insurance.

4-2. All crew shall be/have:

- a) World Sailing national authority currently registered (include JSAF2024 member).
- b) experience in overnight sailing.
- c) Submission of personal history and health declarations.
- d) Submission of certification of training as required by OSR SECTION-6 (Number of persons required).

4-3. A skipper shall be/have:

- a) Experience in no-port call sailing of 300 NM or more.
- b) The health of all crew members must be confirmed in advance.

5. ENTRY

5-1. Entry registration must be submitted online through the competition website between September 1, 2023 (Fri) to December 31, 2023 (Sun).

5-2. Late entries will be accepted with an additional fee until January 31, 2024 (Wed).

5-3. Applications will be accepted by submitting the application and payment of the entry fee within the application period. To participate in the race, the required documents are listed in 5-4. must be submitted by the deadline via e-mail attachment.

September 1, 2023 (Fri)	Entry starts
December 31, 2023 (Sun)	Entry / Fee payment Deadline
January 31, 2024 (Wed)	Late entry / Late entry fee payment Deadline

5-4. Required Documents and Submission Deadlines [DP][NP]

Submission Deadlines	Required Documents
Before the first equipment inspection	1.OSR Declaration Form *
February 29, 2024 (Thu)	2.If the boat is a Japanese-flagged boat, JCI certificate (Scanned documents) 3. Insurance Policy Certificate (Scanned documents) 4.ENDORSED IRC certificate (Scanned documents) 5.OSR SECTION-6 Training Certificate 6.Proof of crew member's national authority membership (Scanned documents) 7.Sailor Categorization Code 【Eligible boats only】 8.Crew list * 9.Personal history and health declarations * 10.Organizer - Competitor participant agreement * 11. Boat's operation plan *
March 30, 2024 (Sat)	12. Check-in form *

a) Documents marked with an asterisk (*) will be posted on the competition website as they become available.

5-5. Changes to the crew list will be accepted until 09:00 on March 31 (Sun). However, if additional crew members are added, all required documents for the crew members must be submitted together with the additional payment of the crew member registration fee.

5-6. Changes to the Rating Certificate after the submission deadline will be accepted only for the convenience of the Rating Authority.

5-7. Email address for document submission : info@japan-palau-yachtrace.com

6. FEES

6-1. The following entry fees must be paid by bank transfer by the due date. Transfer fees must be paid by the applicant.

- a) Standard Entry Fee: 350,000JPY/boat + Crew entry fee 15,000 JPY/person
- b) Late Entry Fee: 480,000 JPY/boat + Crew entry fee 15,000 JPY/person

6-2. Bank Payment Details

Bank Name: The Bank of Yokohama, Ltd.

SWIFT CODE (BIC CODE): HMAJJPJT

Branch name: Kanazawa Sangyo Center Branch (Branch No. 349)

Address: 5-2, Fukuura 1-chome, Kanazawa-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa, JAPAN

Account type: Savings account

Account number: 349-6040483

Account holder name: Japan and Palau Youth Sailing Club

If you wish to transfer money other than sail number and name of your boat, please email the name of the transfer to the race committee.

6-3. The entry fee paid is non-refundable. However, if the race is cancelled, the fee will be refunded after deducting the preparation cost up to that point.

7. CLASS

7-1. Races will be conducted with a minimum of 5 boats applying to participate.

7-2. The number of boats may be divided into classes depending on the number of entries.

8. CREW LIMITATIONS

8-1. Boats with all crew members in Group 1 of the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code are eligible for the Corinthian Award. All crew must have a valid certification of Group 1.

9. ADVERTISING

9-1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organization Authority.

10. SCHEDULE

January 6 (Sat.) - March 9 (Sat.)	Equipment inspection - 1
March 28 (Thu.) - March 30 (Sat.)	Equipment inspection - 2
March 30 (Sat.)	Skipper's meeting Departure procedures
March 31 (Sun.)	Warning signal
April 14 (Sun.) 11:00-14:00	Award ceremony (Republic of Palau)
April 19 (Fri.) 15:00	Time limit

- a) Details (location and content) of the *Skipper's meeting*, *Departure procedures*, *Award ceremony* will be announced later.
- b) All dates and times in the NoR are in JST (Japan Standard Time).

11. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION[DP][NP]

- 11-1. All boats will have at least one equipment inspection by March 9, 2024 (Sat). The equipment inspection's date, time, and location inspection shall be coordinated individually between each boat and the organizer. Boats with inadequate equipment by March 30 (Sat) will not be allowed to participate in the race.
- 11-2. The skipper or the person in charge of the boat shall be at the equipment inspection.
- 11-3. Boats may be inspected at any time. The inspection may be conducted immediately after the finish.

12. VENUE

- 12-1. Starting place: Malakal Island, Republic of Palau (Details will be announced at a later date.)
- 12-2. Finishing place: main island of Okinawa, JAPAN (Details will be announced at a later date.)

13. COURSE

- 13-1. Started Republic of Palau Malakal Bay East Lighthouse → main island of Okinawa, JAPAN. The approximate course length is 1,229NM. Details such as start and finish

positions, additional mark positions (planned to be a virtual mark immediately after the start), etc. will be announced as soon as those are confirmed.

14. OBLIGATIONS of BOATS[DP][NP]

14-1. As part of the survey on the spread of microplastics in the Pacific Ocean, participating boats will be required to collect microplastics in the ocean during the race. Please make every effort to understand and put its purpose into practice. Microplastic collection shall be conducted by the specified method using an unpowered microplastic collection device loaned by the Organizing Authority.

14-2. Submit information (images, articles, etc.) on the participating boats and crews as requested by the Organizing Authority.

15. CALCULATION OF ACHIEVEMENT

15-1. Calculated by time on time by TCC.

15-2. If there are boats of the same rank in Corrected Time, the boat with the smaller TCC will be ranked higher.

16. BERTHING[DP][NP]

16-1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned place in the Yokohama Bayside Marina by 12:00 p.m. on March 28, 2024 (Thu.).

16-2. Berthing places after the finish will be announced separately.

17. COPYRIGHT / PORTRAIT RIGHT

17-1. The copyright of all documents used and submitted in the race belongs to the race organizer. In addition, the use and release of images recorded on land or at sea and their reproductions during the period from race application submission to the end of the award ceremony shall be given to the race organizer forever and free of charge.

18. RISK STATEMENT

18-1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

19. PRIZES

Prize will be given as follows:

19-1. 1st to 3rd place for all boats.

19-2. If grouped, 1st through 3rd in each group.

19-3. Line Honor: The boat with the shortest time required (if a time penalty is imposed, it will be added to the time required).

19-4. Best Navigator: 1st place navigator of all boats.

19-5. Corinthian Award: The highest ranked boat in World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code Group 1 with all crew members. (See NoR 8-1.).

19-6. Awards other than those listed above may be given.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

20-1. For further information, please contact info@japan-palau-yachtrace.com via e-mail.

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