

A new format proposal for Princesa Sofia 2017.

1. **Format:** three stages during 6 racing days:
 - a. **STAGE 1 - QUALIFICATIONS STAGE:**
 - 3 days with 6 races
 - one discard
 - All boats racing in one fleet (if more than 35 boats the fleet will be divided into flights)
 - Target time: 40 minutes
 - Course: Trapezoid with two reaches at the last downwind
 - Top 20 boats will advance to the Gold fleet Semi-Finals, all other boats will race in the Silver fleet Semi-Finals
 - b. **STAGE 2 – SEMI-FINALS:**
 - Gold fleet - Top 20**
 - Points from Qualifications will carry forward.
 - 2 days with 6 races
 - One discard
 - Target time: 30 minutes
 - Course: Trapezoid with two reaches at the last downwind.
 - Top 8 boats will be advance to the Final stage (Medal Race)
 - Silver fleet - all others**
 - Points from Qualifications will carry forward
 - 2 days with 6 races
 - One discard
 - Target time 30 minutes
 - Course: Trapezoid with two reaches at the last downwind
 - c. **STAGE 3 – FINALS (MEDAL RACE):**
 - Gold fleet - Top 8**
 - Points from Semi-Finals will carry forward
 - One final race for the top 8 boats from stage 2
 - Double points, no discard
 - Target time 20 - 25 minutes
 - Course: W/L
 - Silver fleet - all others**
 - Points from Semi-Finals will carry forward
 - One final race for all boats from stage 2
 - Double points, no discard
 - Target time 20 - 25 minutes
 - Course: W/L
2. **Scoring:**
 - a. Positive points - First place will get points of the total numbers of entries, last boat will get 1 point, OCS, UFD, BFD,DSQ will get 0 points
 - b. At the Finals Stage (MR) double points
 - c. Carrying forward points between each stage
 - d. One discard on stage 1a (Qualification) and one discard on stage 1b (Semi-Finals)