

Real Club Náutico de Gran Canaria Medalla de Oro de la Ciudad

Dear Olympic Team Manager,

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Matías Gómez and I am currently the Commodore of the Real Club Naútico de Gran Canaria. It is a pleasure for me to invite you and your team to the events that will take place at our club throughout this winter season 2014-2015.

The Real Club Naútico de Gran Canaria is an institution that is 106 years old and counts with 4800 paying members. It has one of the best, if not the best, sailing records in the world, having obtained seven Olympic gold medals, 43 World Championships and 46 European Championships. It is therefore the only sailing club that has been given the President of the IOC trophy to account for its many successes.

In the organizing sense, our Club has been successfully organizing sailing camps and competitions (both nationally and internationally) for decades. For the past twelve years this club has become winter training headquarters for many teams coming from all over the world. It is because of this that, together with both the city hall of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and the 'Cabildo' of the island, we have arranged a series of events throughout the winter months that include training camps and the following regattas:

- Semana Olímpica Canaria de Vela (4-8 December)
- Trofeo AECIO- Excellence Optimist Cup (26-29 December)
- Trofeo Isla de Gran Canaria (10-11 January)
- Regata de Carnaval (14-15 February)

The Classes that visited us last winter were the following:

- Laser Class: Denmark, Sweden, Norway, United Kingdom, Poland, Finland, Russia, Lithuania, Estonia, Hungary, Ireland, Turkey and Peru.
- 470 Class: United Kingdom, Russia, Germany, Sweden, Italy, Portugal, Finland, Czech Republic.
- RSX Class: Netherlands, United Kingdom, Hong Kong, Sweden, Portugal and Norway.
- Nacra 17: Denmark, Germany, Poland and Australia.

Our club offers excellent facilities and services. You can visit our website at <u>www.rcngc.com</u>, where the link *Gran Canaria Sail in Winter* will direct you to further information, including photos and videos that were taken in past editions.

The club provides support in transporting those boats that are interested in taking part in our winter activities, including round-trip free containers and a direct connection by vessel container to Miami, a requirement that has been much requested. For further information regarding equipment transport and organization do not hesitate to contact us at <a href="mailto:nautica@rcngc.com">nautica@rcngc.com</a>.

I bid you farewell in the hopes of welcoming you at the RCNGC this upcoming winter.

Kind regards,

Matías Gómez

Commodore of the RCNGC