

The Organizing Authority is Circolo Vela Arco (CVA) on behalf of Federazione Italiana Vela and in conjunction with the International A Division Catamaran Association.

The event is an initiative of Associazione Italiana Catamarani Classe A and Vereinigung Deutscher A-Division Catamaran-Segler e.V.

Sailing Instructions (SI)

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury.[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
1.2 The Class Rules of the International A Division Catamaran Association (IACA), the Championship Rules (dated 10/10/2017) and the approved Championship Rules Amendments (dated 08/22/2022 and published on the ONB) will apply for the European Championships.
1.3 For applicable COVID regulation see Notice of Race (NOR).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board: <u>https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/3280/event</u>

The ONB is easily accessible from mobile devices by scanning the QR-code below



Official Notice Board

Other relevant and targeted QR-codes are found on the "Notice of public links" to directly access frequently used forms and documents.

Any additional communication provided by whatsapp group, telegram groups, or similar tool is a supporting but not official communication. Failure to post notices on such media/tool shall not be grounds for requests for redress under RRS 62.1(a).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions (except race schedule, see SI 6.5) will be posted not less than two hours before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole at the Boat Park. When a signal is displayed over a fleet flag, it applies to that fleet only.

4.2 [DP][NP] Flag D displayed ashore with one sound signal this means: "the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed or not before the scheduled time, whichever is later. Boats shall not leave their allocated berth until this signal is made".

5. FORMAT OF RACING

5.1 The regatta will consist of a Single Series for each Fleet.

5.2 The Open Discipline and the Classic Discipline will race in separate fleets with different starting times

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 Overall schedule		
Friday 9th	09 -12 / 14 –	18 Final Check entry
Saturday 10th	09 -12 / 14 –	18 Final Check entry
Sunday 11th	09 – 10	Final Check entry
	11	Competitors Briefing
	14	Practice Races Classic first, after Open
	19	Opening Ceremony
Monday 12th	13	First Warning Signal Classic (max two races) First Warning Signal Open (not before 15.30h, and up to three races)
Tuesday 13th	tbd	Racing
Wednesday14th	tbd	Racing
Thursday 15th	tbd	Racing & Dinner
Friday 16th	tbd	Racing
		Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony

6.2 On Friday 16 September no warning signal will be made after 1600h.

6.3 A total of TWELVE races in each discipline are scheduled.

6.4 No more than THREE races in each discipline may be sailed per day as long as there is no delay in schedule.

6.5 The schedule for the first warning signal of each day following the first will be posted before h 20:00 of the day before it takes effect. Where no schedule is posted before h 20:00 the schedule of the previous day is confirmed for the next day.

7. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag for the Open fleet will be a white flag with a black A Class logo

The class flag for the Classic Discipline fleet will be a red flag with a black A Class logo.

8. RACING AREAS

8.1 Attachment B shows the location of the racing areas

9. THE COURSES

9.1 Attachment A shows the course to be sailed, the order in which the marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left, and the signals indicating the number of rounds to be sailed.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing from the race committee signal vessel to Mark 1.

9.3 There will be a gate at the leeward marks and a spreader mark at the windward mark.

9.4 A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port. If a Gate Mark is missing during the race the remaining one is to be left to port.

10 MARKS

Marks 1 and spreader mark 1a	red
Marks 2s. and 2p	green
Change mark	pink
Starting marks	Race Committee vessels
Finishing marks	Race Committee vessels

11. THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.

11.2 [DP][NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

11.3 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

11.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with ONE sound signal not less than FIVE minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a change mark, which will be as detailed in SI 10. When a new mark is laid, the original mark will be removed as soon as possible. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. 12.2 If the windward mark is changed a new spreader mark will not be laid. This changes RRS 33.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between staffs displaying blue flags on the finishing marks.

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limits and target times are as shown in table below:

Race Time Limit	Finishing Window	Target Time
75 minutes	20 minutes	45 minutes

14.2 Boats failing to finish within the Finish Window (the time after the first boat starts sails the course and finishes) will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 RRS 44.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty.

15.2 Penalties for breaches of NOR 18 (Insurance), NOR 21 (Media Rights), the ER (Equipment Regulation), Class Rules and rules in the Notice of Race and SI marked [DP], are at the discretion of the International Jury.

15.3 For breaches of the SIs marked [SP], the race committee or Technical Committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing or protest the boat when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate (for example, in case of reiterated breaches). A boat that has been penalized with a standard penalty can neither be protested for the same incident by another boat nor can another boat request redress for this action. The penalty assessed will be an additional 3 points added to their finish position for the first race of that day. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and Appendix A5 SPs could be applied also for environment pollution or any misbehaving in the boat park/misbehaving going on or coming from the water.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Hearing requests shall be delivered, within the protest time limit (see SI 16.2), exclusively through the on-line form available on the ONB at

URL link → <u>https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event_id=3280</u>

It is the responsibility of the requestor to make sure that the request is successfully received by the system by checking the hearing calendar at the

URL link → <u>https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/schedules/3280/event</u>

In case the system unavailability or failure the competitor shall contact the race office to be authorized to submit the request via e-mail. This changes RRS 61.2, 62.2 e 66.

16.2 The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the last boat of each class has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee, and International Jury about incidents they observe in the racing area. This time limit also applies to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the designated jury room. Hearings may start before the scheduled time with the agreement of all parties.

16.4 The Race Committee, Technical Committee or International Jury intending to protest a boat under RRS 60.2, 60.3 or 60.4 will comply with RRS 61.1(b) by informing her by posting a notice as soon as reasonably possible.

16.5 For the purposes of RRS 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the Technical Committee appointed by the Organising Authority.

16.6 On the last day of racing of each series a request for redress from a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16.7 The time limit for requests under RRS N1.4(b) is 5 minutes after a party is informed of a decision.

17. INTERNATIONAL JURY

Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5

18. SCORING

18.1 The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

18.2 In each discipline, 5 races are required to constitute a European Championship series.

18.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores.

18.4 When from 6 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18.5 When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

18.6 Resolve Ties: Ties will be broken in accordance with RRS A8.

18.7 Scoring enquiries

To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form only online as available on the ONB at the following URL link \rightarrow <u>https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/scoring_inquiries/new?event_id=3280</u>

A scoring enquiry may be later turned into a request for redress through the ONB.

19. SAFETY

19.1 [SP][NP] Boats not leaving the harbour for the day's races shall notify the race office as soon as possible.

19.2 [SP][NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19.3 [DP][NP] When Flag V is displayed by the race committee signal vessel, coach and other support boats will collaborate with the race committee in rescue tasks. This changes Race Signal "Flag V" (Victor) and RRS 37.

19.4 Support boats are required to monitor the safety VHF channel 72 at all times.

20. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT [DP][NP]

20.1 Equipment shall only be replaced with permission of the Championship Technical Committee. 20.2 Equipment Substitution Requests shall be submitted through the ONB at the following URL link \rightarrow <u>https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/equipment_substitutions/new?event_id=3280</u>

20.3 While on the water, requests for substitution shall be notified to the Race Committee and made to the Technical Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Once back ashore request shall be formalized as per SI 20.2

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP][NP]

21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with A Class Catamaran Equipment Regulations, which may include RRS 43.

21.2 Event Limitation Stickers / Marks must remain in place for the duration of the event.

21.3 On the water or upon reaching the shore, a boat may be instructed by the Technical Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be identified as follows:

Race committee boats	White flag with RC
Jury boats	Yellow flags with J
Technical Committee boats	White flags with M
Media boats	White flags with PRESS TV
Safety boats	Red flags with S

23 SUPPORT BOATS [DP][NP]

23.1 Support boats shall comply with the Support Boat Regulations.

23.2 This SI does not apply during rescue operations.

23.3. At all times while on water, support boats shall clearly display a yellow flag with a black S, these will be supplied by the Organizing Authority.

23.4 All support boats are at all times submitted to the Race Committee authority and must comply with any instructions given.

23.5 The International Jury may direct the Organising Authority to revoke privileges from any boat or person found to be in breach of SI 23.

24 EVENT ADVERTISING [SP][NP]

Boats shall display event advertising provided by the Organising Authority. Boats shall affix the stickers in accordance with the instructions given by the Organising Authority.

25 CODE OF CONDUCT [DP][NP]

Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official or a member of the Organising Authority. Boats shall follow all instructions given by the OA when returning to shore to avoid overcrowding at the launching ramps.

26 ENVIROMENT PROTECTION [DP][NP]

With reference to Basic Principle, that states "Participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing.", it is recommended to pay maximum attention to environmental protection at all times during the practice of the sport of sailing, before, during and after the event.

Most specifically RRS 47 Trash Disposal is recalled, stating "Competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule applies at all times while afloat. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be less than disqualification".

Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

27 RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP][NP]

Radio transmitters, radio receivers, portable phones and similar devices may be carried but shall only be used in relation to emergencies.

The IACA Championship Rules apply for European Championships and forbid the carrying and use of any personal GPS device.

28 PRIZES

The Organising Authority will provide prizes to the first FIVE boats in each fleet and as detailed in the Notice of Race.

29 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission.
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event and to attend any competitors briefing held for this event.

30. INSURANCE [DP][NP]

Each participating boat shall have valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of at least EUR 1,500,000 (or equivalent) per incident.