



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA



**Audi**

SAILING SERIES 2010

**MELGES<sup>32</sup>**

## 2010 AUDI MELGES 32 SAILING SERIES – Event 3 AUDI INVITATIONAL

*June, 24<sup>th</sup> - June, 27<sup>th</sup>*

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and by the current sailing regulations defined by the FIV in Italy for 2010.
- 1.2 In case of conflict between languages, the English version shall prevail.
- 1.3 Where there is conflict with the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail except that neither shall change any Class Rules. This changes RRS 63.7.

#### 2 RACE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Fabio BARRASSO  
Members: Edoardo Recchi  
Giovanni Porcu  
Francesca Campus  
Peter Lawson  
Marshall Lawson

#### JURY

David Lees  
Luca Babini  
Maria Torrijo  
Mats Bjorklund  
John Ripard

#### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in Piazza Azzurra in front of the YCCS Clubhouse.

Any changes to SI will be posted not later than 60 minutes before the warning signal of the first race of the day, except for the changes to the schedule of races that will be posted by 19.00 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals ashore will be done by International Code Flags as per ISAF RRS and National Prescriptions.  
Code Flags for visual signals ashore will be hoisted on the official flag staff located at the Terrace of the YCCS Club House.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, race is postponed. The warning signal will not be made less than 60 minutes after lowering of the AP flag ashore.
- 4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

## **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

### **5.1 Dates of racing**

Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> / Wed 23<sup>th</sup> /Thu 24<sup>th</sup>

Boat rigging and Launching.

Timing for launching shall be communicated by the registration office.

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 09.00 - 18.00 Registration, weight-in, measurements checks;  
Practice Race 15.00  
Competitors briefing 18.00

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> June First Warning Signal 12.00

Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> June Race with Guest on Board (which is not a race in the series). &  
Audi Sailing Series Races

Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> June Races, Prize-giving

5.2 A maximum of 3 (three) races will be scheduled each day.

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race will be at 12.00 on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

5.4 On the last day of regatta no warning signal will be made after 12.25

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags will be Melges32 Class flag.

## **7 RACING AREA**

Races will be conducted in the waters off Porto Cervo.

## **8 COURSES**

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

## **9 MARKS**

9.1 Windward and Offset Marks will be inflatable cylindrical red buoys with white band and Audi logo .

9.2 Gate Marks will be inflatable cylindrical red buoys with white band and Audi logo.

9.3 The new mark, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be inflatable cylindrical yellow buoy with white band and Audi logo.

9.4 The starting/finishing mark will be an inflatable cylindrical red buoy with white band and Audi logo. The start/finishing mark may be replaced with a pin end boat.

## **10 FORBIDDEN SAILING AREA**

Boats are forbidden to sail in the Porto Cervo Harbour and to pass between the Sardinian coast and the Secca del Cervo

## **11 THE START**

11.1 Races will be started by using rule RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a orange flag writing on the RC starting vessel and the course side of the mark as per 9.4 at the port-end of the line.

The starting mark may be replaced by a Service boat displaying an orange flag.

With the aim to attract the attention of racing boats before the warning signal, the orange flag will be shown approximately four minutes before the warning signal together with sound signal.

- 11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rules A4.1.

## **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 new mark (as per SI 9.3) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable  
When a change of course will be arranged on a windward leg the offset mark will be repositioned and will be course mark.
- 12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and race committee boat to starboard. This changes Rule 28.1.

## **13 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staffs displaying orange flag on the RC vessel and the finishing mark (SI 9.4). The starting mark may be replaced by a Service boat displaying an orange flag.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 RR 44.1 and 44.2 will be changed so that one turn, including one tack and one gybe is required for a boat that while racing may have broken a rule of Part 2.  
However, if she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.  
When a boat takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing.  
A boat that has taken a penalty shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the time limit. Otherwise, the penalty will be considered as not taken.
- 14.2 One or more Judges may be positioned on the course area on boats displaying a white flag with "Jury" writing on it.  
Actions or lack of actions, positioning on the course or any possible interference by Judges shall not be, in any case, grounds for requesting a hearing or redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 14.3 A boat may protest another boat, informing her at the first reasonable opportunity, under a rule of Part 2, except rule 14, or under rule 31 or 42 by hailing Protest and conspicuously displaying a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity after an incident in which she was involved in or she saw. She shall remove the flag as soon as possible after the protested boat has taken her penalty. In case no penalty will be taken she shall keep the flag displayed until she has informed the RC after finishing or retiring.
- 14.4 If a boat, while racing, protests another boat in accordance with Rule 61.1 (a) for a breach of a rule of Par 2 (except Rule 14) or a breach of Rule 31 or 42 and if a Judge on board a boat in accordance with SI 14.2 see the incident, the following provisions of this SI 14.3 shall apply.
- 14.5 Unless the protested boat takes a valid penalty, the Judge will signal his or her decision as follows:
- (a) A green flag or a green and white flag with one long sound meaning "no penalty". Protest is dismissed.
  - (b) A red flag with one long sound meaning "the identified boat is penalized one turn".
  - (c) A yellow flag with one long sound meaning "no decision can be taken". The protesting boat can follow the procedure as per SI 14.3
  - (d) A black flag with one long sound meaning "the identified boat is disqualified" and scored DNE. The boat shall promptly leave the course area.
- The Judge shall hail or signal to identify each boat to be penalized. The signal may be by radio on channel 72.

- 14.6 Rule 64.1 (c) is changed so that the provision for exonerating a boat may be applied by the Judge without a hearing, and it takes precedence over any conflicting rule of this penalty system.
- 14.7 When a boat fails to take the penalty signalled by the Judge on the water, she can be protested through the standard procedure. If she is disqualified at the hearing, the boat shall be scored DNE on that race. The Judge on the water may act against a boat, without a protest by another boat, when breaks RRS 31, 42, C10 of Melges32 Class Rules, RRS 14 when there is damage or injury or if she failed to retire when rule 44 required her to do so.
- 14.8 For any other rule not listed in SI 14.3 the provisions of Rule 61.1.(a) shall apply in full.
- 14.9 A boat that accepted and made a correct penalty while racing shall not be entitled to lodge any protest concerning the same incident with exception of RRS 14 infringements.
- A boat that protested an other boat that accepted and took a penalty while racing shall not be entitled to lodge any protest concerning the same incident with exception of RRS14 or when rule 44.1 required the protested boat to retire.

This changes RRS 60.1

## **15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 15.1 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.1.

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. [The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted within 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 jury room, located at the Yacht Club.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5 Breaches of instructions 18, 22, 23 and 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 16.6 A boat that intend to protest must inform verbally the Race Committee on the RC arrival vessel immediately after its finish or while retiring, (also trough VHF channel 72), being sure to receive from them a positive signal of understanding, or the protest will not be accepted. This changes rule 61.1(a) and 63.5 RRS.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A4 will apply.
- 17.2 One (1) race is needed for the regatta to be scored in the 2010 Audi Melges 32 Sailing Series.
- 17.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- When 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee or Protest Committee.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.3 The crew weigh-in is valid also for the ISAF Offshore Team World Championship – Audi Sardinia Cup unless two crew member are changed from one event to the other.

## **20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee Measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **21 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be identified by a flag with a red letter “S” on a white background. The Jury boat will be identified by a flag with a red letter “J” on a white background.

## **22 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Keel boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

## **23 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

In case of infringements the RRS 29.1 and 29.2, the RC will inform all competitors about Bow numbers and/or Sail numbers of recalled boats by VHF Ch. 72

Any action, inaction, delay or reception/transmission problem will not be grounds for any redress request by competitors who failed to comply with the rule.

## **24 PRIZES**

Prizes will be supplied to the first three boats.

## **25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **26 BOW NUMBERS**

Bow numbers will be delivered at registrations; the competitors shall attach the identification bow-numbers in the proper positions as per available plan and any other flag or sticker as per Nor # 3. (see also attachment B).

## **27 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND**

(a) The OA may require media personnel, equipments and electronic devices to be carried on board at any time

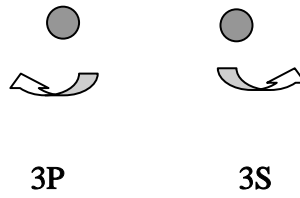
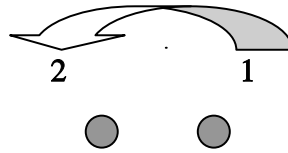
(b) The position of these personnel and equipment will be determined by the RC and may be advised verbally.

(c) The OA shall have the right to use any image, sound recorded and navigation datas.

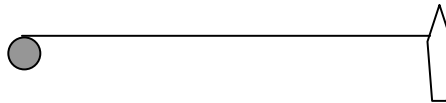
(d) Video and photos taken from any support and/or coach boat or electronic positioning system datas/images shall not be used as evidence at protest hearings and shall not be ground for redress request.

This alters RRS 63.3 63.6 and RRS 60.1(b). The penalty for infringing this rule shall be assessed at the discretion of the event Jury or Protest Committee.

## ATTACHMENT - A : COURSE



Starting/Finishing Mark



RC boat

Course: Start – 1 – 2 - Gate 3P/3S – 1 – 2 - Finish

## ATTACHMENT - B

All participating boats are requested to position the bow number and the sponsor's stickers as indicated below:

### *AUDI STICKERS AND BOW NUMBERS*

