



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA



**AUDI INVITATIONAL
MELGES 32 SAILING SERIES**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
PORTO CERVO, 16th - 19th JUNE 2011**



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1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules*, as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012 and the FIV prescriptions for Sports Activities Sailing in Italy 2011

1.2 In case of conflict between the Italian Version and English Version, the English version shall prevail.

1.3 a) Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the penalty for a boat when it may have broken a rule of Part 2 will be one turn including one tack and one gybe.

b) When rule 20 applies the following arm signals by the helmsman are required in addition to the hails :

i) for "room to tack", repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward ; and

ii) for "you tack" repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and weaving the arm to windward.

1.4 Unless the IC flag "U" (I.C.) has been displayed on the Race Committee as per SI 14.2 C, recorded video and images from any boat support, press, media and / or support boat, or data / video of positioning electronic devices can not be used as evidence during the hearing and may not be a reason for redress request. This changes the RRS 63.3 - 63.6 - 60.1 (b).

1.5 The Italian Sailing Federation has authorized on the water umpiring.

2 COMMITTEE OF RACE AND JURY

The Race Committee and Jury are composed by:

RACE COMMITTEE

Fabio Barrasso	President
Peter Reggio	PRO
Edoardo Recchi	
Giovanni Porcu	
Francesca Campus	
Peter Lawson	
Marshall Lawson	
Fabrizio Pirina	
Alessandro Sorgia	
Marco Poli	

INTERNATIONAL JURY

David Lees	UK	President
Ajay Balram	IND	
Lorenz Walch	GER	
Luciano Giacomi	ITA	
Roberto Pedriali	ITA	

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at secretary race office.

Any changes to SI will be posted no later than 60 minutes before the warning signal of the first race of the day, except for the changes of the race schedule 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 given using IC Flags as per ISAF RRS and National Prescriptions. for visual signals ashore and will be displayed on the flag-pole close to secretary race office.

4.2 When IC flag AP is displayed ashore, race is postponed. The warning signal will not be made less than 60 minutes after lowering the AP flag ashore.

4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the RRS Part 4 preamble.

5 REGATTA SCHEDULE

5.1

Monday, 13th

Rigging and Launching (by crane booking)

Tuesday, 14th

Rigging and Launching (by crane booking)

Wednesday, 15th

Rigging and Launching (by crane booking)

09:00-12:30; 14:30-18:00 Registration, Crew weigh-in, Measurement checks

Thursday, 16th

09:00-12:30; 14:30-18:00 Registration, Crew weigh-in, Measurement checks

15:00 Practice Race

18:30 Competitors Briefing

Friday, 17th

09:00-10:00 Late Registration, Late Crew weigh-in, Late Measurement checks:

11:30 First Warning Signal

Saturday, 18th

11.00 First race of the day to be sailed with Guest on board (out of Circuit) followed by other races of the Audi Sailing Series

Sunday, 19th

11.30 Races

Award ceremony (After races, at the end of the protest time)

5.2 A maximum of 3 (three) races may be sailed each day.

On Saturday an additional race with the Guest Onboard may be held (out of the Series), valid to award the Audi Invitational Trophy.

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race will be given at 11.30 on Friday.

5.4 On the last day of regatta no initial warning signal will be displayed after 14:25

6 CLASS FLAG

The Melges 32 Class flags will be the class (warning) signal.

7 RACING AREA

The races will be held on the water off Porto Cervo.

8 COURSES

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 passed. In the event that the gate is not in place, boats shall pass the existing, leeward mark to port.

9 MARKS

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

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

9.3 The change of course mark as per SI 12.1 will be inflatable cylindrical red buoy with white band and Audi logo.

9.4 The starting/finishing mark will be inflatable cylindrical red buoy with white band and Audi logo.

10 FORBIDDEN SAILING AREA

In case of Sailing forbidden area these will be notified on the Official Notice of Board.

When these areas are notified, these will be considered "obstruction" as per definition & related application of RRS 19 & 20.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

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

For the purpose acquiring the attention of racing boats before the warning signal, an orange flag will be display approximately four minutes before the warning signal together with sound signals.

11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored as 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 for a windward leg is signalled, the offset mark will be repositioned and it will be a mark of the course.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staffs displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel and the finishing mark as defined at SI 9.4.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The penalty system applied is the following:

a) As per RR 44.1 b (modified by SI 1.3) in case a damage or injury has been caused or a significant advantage has been gained, the boat penalty shall be to retire.

b) A boat that has taken a penalty shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit. Otherwise, the penalty will be considered as not taken.

14.2 Umpiring:

a) One or more Judges may be positioned on the course area on boats displaying a white flag with "JURY" writing on it.

b) Actions or lack of actions, positioning on the course or any possible interference by Judges shall not be, in any case, grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1 a.

c) If the RC display the IC flag U no later than the warning signal means that there are no umpires on the Race Course, and the SI from 14.3 to 14.9 are not applied. In this case the traditional Protest system as per SI 16 will be applied.

14.3 a) A boat may protest another boat, informing her at the first reasonable opportunity, under a rule of RRS Part 2, except rule 14, or under rule 31 or 42 by hailing "Protest" and conspicuously displaying a **yellow flag** at the first reasonable opportunity after an incident in which it was involved in or it saw. It shall remove the flag as soon as possible after the protested boat has taken her penalty or when the umpire has taken a decision.

b) If it is not answer from the Umpire or a yellow flag is displayed from the umpires, the protestor may display on the rigs a red flag which shall keep displayed until it has informed the RC after finishing or retiring. In case of protest it will be applied the penalties of the following rule 14.5 d)

14.4 For any other rule not listed in SI 14.3, it shall hail "Protest" displaying a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity after it becomes aware of the infringement and shall keep the flag displayed until it has informed RC after finishing or retiring.

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

14.5 If after a protest no boat takes a penalty, the Judge on the water will signal his decision as follows:

(a) A green flag or a green and white flag with one long sound means "No penalty". Protest is dismissed.

(b) A red flag with one long sound means "The identified boat is penalized one turn" in accordance with RRS. 44.1 and 44.2 as modified by the SI 1.3 "

(c) A yellow flag with one long sound means "No decision can be taken" the protesting boat can follow the procedure as per SI 14.3 (b) .

When a Protest is made in accordance with SI 14.3 (b) the penalty shall be a scoring penalty in accordance with rule 44.3 (b), except that the number of places shall be calculated in accordance with the second sentence of rule 44.3 (c) changing 20% to 30% unless the International Jury decides that the conditions set out in rule 44.1 (b) apply, when the penalty shall be disqualification from the race. Rule 2 remains obviously always applicable.

(d) A black flag with one long sound means "The identified boat is disqualified" and scored DNE. The boat shall promptly leave the course area.

14.6 The Umpire will hail or signal to identify each boat to be penalized. Penalty information may be signalled by radio on the RC channel if the RC so decided for OCS warning as per SI.

14.7 Umpire initiated penalties:

a) The Umpire may act against a boat, without a protest by another boat, when breaks RRS 31, 42, C7.3 or C10 (1 to 5) of Melges 32 Class Rules, or she failed to retire when rule 44 required her to do so.

b) When a boat fails to take the penalty if required by the Umpire or if the Judge consider that after the Penalty the boat has gained a significant advantage, or the boat has made a breach of sportsmanship or the breach was inside the "zone" or involved RRS 20 the Umpire can penalize the boat with further Penalty turns or DSQ the boat (Black Flag)

c) A boat not respecting RRS 14 when there is damage or injury can be DSQ with or without discard, or penalized through a standard procedure.

14.8 Complementary Rules:

a) 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 (This changes RRS 60.1)

b) 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)

14.9 No request for redress, re opening a hearing or any appeal will be accepted for any action or no action of the umpires on the water, or for any infringement of part 2 of the RRS without a regular hearing.

15 TIME LIMIT

15.1 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). 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. On the last scheduled day of racing as in the Racing Rules book, Appendix L, SI 16.7.

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 and for other breaches that the Jury considers "minor", 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 finishing vessel immediately after her 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 as single event

17.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 or more 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.

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 display a white flag with S.

22 SUPPORT BOATS

Support/Coach boats must register at the Race Office and will be provided a Flag with a Number.

All the registered boats must support the Official during security operations, must support all the Participants when needed.

23 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Keel boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with a written accordance and permission of the Race Committee.

24 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.

The RC will inform all competitors about Bow numbers and/or Sail numbers of OCS boats by VHF Channel 72.

No-action, delay or reception/transmission problem will not be grounds for any redress request by competitors who failed to comply with the rule. This changes RRS 62.1.

25 PRIZES

Prizes will be supplied to the first five boats and to the daily winners.

26 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.

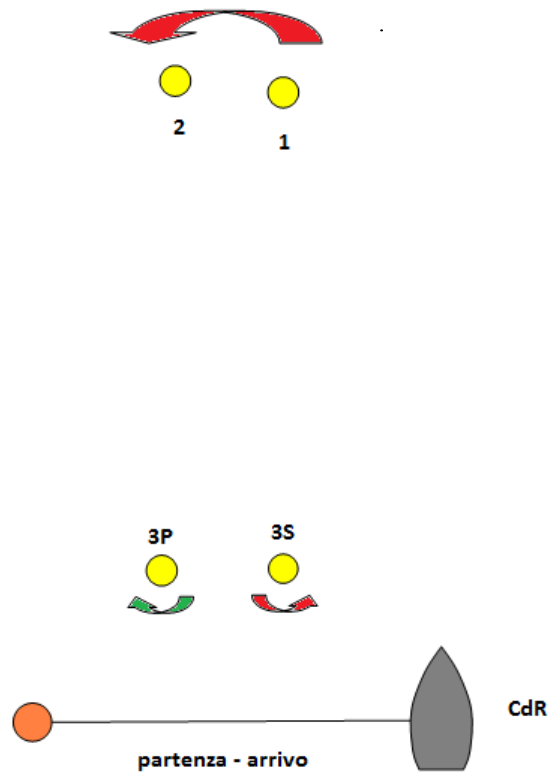
27 BOW NUMBERS

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.

28 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.

ATTACHMENT A – RACING COURSE



Percorso: P – 1 – 2 - Gate 3P/3S – 1 – 2 – A

Chart Sailing Area

