



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA

COPPA EUROPA SMERALDA 888

Porto Cervo, 6 – 9 July 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the WS Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024.
- 1.2 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions and the subsequent communications of the race committee shall prevail, in compliance with RRS 63.7.
- 1.3 **For Italian crews only:** all Italian crews must be FIV members and have a valid medical certificate. Foreign competitors must comply with the rules of their national authority.
- 1.4 English shall be the official language used at the regatta and will prevail in case of conflicts.

2. Racing Area

Refer to the NoR at paragraph 9.

3. Venue

- 3.1 Regatta Headquarters will be located at the YCCS.
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag staff located at the YCCS terrace.

4. Crew Members

Refer to NoR at paragraph 6.1.

5. Registration Formalities

- 5.1 The Skippers' pack will be delivered during registrations at the YCCS Race Office.
- 5.2 Participants not complying with the following formalities are not eligible for the event.
 - Entry Form duly completed and signed.
 - Payment of entry fee.

6. Briefing

The official Briefing will be held at the YCCS at 11.30 on Thursday 6th July.

7. Alternative Penalties

RRS 44.1 is changed so that only 1 turn, including 1 tack and 1 gybe, is required even for infringement of rules of part 2.

8. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions and Notices to Competitors

- 8.1 Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online [ONB](#) on the YCCS website no later than 10.00 on the day it takes effect and sent by email to the boat representatives. It is the responsibility of competitors to acquaint themselves with these notices.
- 8.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online [ONB](#) on the YCCS Website and sent by email to the boat representatives.

9. Signals made ashore

Code flag AP (Answering Pennant) means that the race is postponed. The warning signal will not be displayed prior to 1 hour after AP is lowered. This changes RRS Race Signals "AP".

10. Programme

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| 10.1 | - Wednesday, 5 th July | 10.00 – 18.00 | Arrival of participants, Registration at YCCS Race Office |
| | - Thursday, 6 th July | 09.30 - 11.00
11.30
14.30 | Registrations at YCCS Race Office
Official Briefing at YCCS followed by a Welcome brunch
Race (s) |
| | - Friday, 7 th July | 09.30
11.30
19.30 | Briefing at the YCCS Piazza Azzurra
Race (s)
Event Reception at the YCCS |
| | - Saturday, 8 th July | 09.30 | Briefing at the YCCS Piazza Azzurra |

- Sunday, 9th July 09.30 Briefing at the YCCS Piazza Azzurra
 11.00 Race (s) followed by the Prize Giving at the YCCS

Friends and/or guests of the participants may attend the scheduled social events at cost, on the conditions indicated in the entry form.

- 10.2 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to modify the above programme according to weather conditions and/or other reasons.
- 10.3 No warning signal will be made after 14.30 on Sunday, 9th July.
- 10.4 The maximum number of races to be sailed shall be 11. The series will be valid if at least 3 races are completed. All races will have coefficient 1. The maximum number of races per each day is 3.
- 11. Start Procedure**
- 11.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 11.2 A boat which starts later than 5 minutes after her starting signal, shall be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 11.3 In accordance with RRS 26, the Smeralda 888 Class Flag will be displayed as the warning signal.
- 12. Starting Line**
- The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end of the line and the course side of the starting mark (red robotic mark) at the port end. The starting mark may be replaced by a service boat displaying an orange flag. In this case the starting line will be between the staffs displaying an orange flag on each boat. The race committee boat and/or service boat on the starting line may hold their position with the use of engines. This action will not be grounds for a request for redress (change RRS 60.1(b)).
- 13. Finishing Line**
- The finishing line will be a straight line between the course side of a red robotic mark and the staff with a blue flag on the race committee boat. The finishing mark may be replaced by a service boat displaying an orange flag. In this instance, the finishing line will be between the staffs displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and an orange flag on the service boat. The race committee boat and/or service boat on the finishing line may hold their position with the use of engines. This action will not be grounds for a request for redress (change RRS 60.1(b)).
- 14. Description of the Course**
- W-L Course as described in Appendix ALFA.
- 15. Individual Recalls**
- Individual recalls will be made in accordance with RRS 29.1.
- 16. General Recall**
- General recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2.
- 17. Time Limit**
- The time limit is of 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat has completed the course will be scored point equal to the number of finishers plus 2 points without hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 18. Marks**
- All course marks will be red robotic marks.
- 19. Change of Course after the start**
- Rule 33 applies. In case of a course change, the new mark will be a yellow inflatable mark. If a change of course is signalled for a downwind leg, the downwind mark will remain the original mark (red robotic mark).
- 20. Shortening of the Course**
- When the course is shortened at a mark, the finishing line shall be between the mark at which the course is shortened, which mark shall rank as the finishing mark and a staff displaying signal "S" on the race committee/service boat.
- 21. Committee, Service Boats and Support Vessels**
- 21.1 The race committee boat will be identified by a large burgee of the YCCS.
- 21.2 Service boats will be identified by a flag with a red letter "S" on a white background.

22. Protests

- 22.1 Protests shall be written on forms available online [HERE](#) and sent to the YCCS race office (secretariat@yccs.it) within the protest time limit (PTL). PTL is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 22.2 Schedule of hearings will be emailed to competitors. All persons involved in the hearings shall remain in the vicinity of the protest room at YCCS.
- 22.3 The race committee/protest committee intending to protest a boat under Rule 60.2(a) or Rule 60.3(a) because of an incident observed in the racing area shall inform her after the race by email to the boat representative within the protest time limit as indicated in paragraph 22.1 of these instructions.
- 22.4 On the last day of series for the purpose of RRS 62 and 66 the time limit will be no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision of the protest (RRS 65) or of the relevant incident. Amends RRS 62 and 66.
- 22.5 It is the boat's representative's sole responsibility to check the online [ONB](#) at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Competitors are reminded of RRS 63.3(b).

23. Scoring

The low point system scoring Appendix A applies. Each yacht's score shall be the sum of all her races (no discards).

24. Communications

A boat retiring from a race shall notify the race committee or the race office as soon as possible.

25. Disclaimer

Refer to Entry Form.

26. Trophies

Refer to NoR at paragraph 8.

It is part of our mission to raise awareness among regatta participants on the urgent environmental issues affecting the oceans.

Please be informed that the event is paperless.

We are pleased to inform you that the regatta is organized following the principals of the Charta Smeralda, an ethical code established by the One Ocean Foundation - <http://www.1ocean.org>

APPENDIX ALFA
Description of the Course

1. General Instructions

1.1 Starting Area

The starting area will be located within a radius of approx. 2 n.m. of the entrance of Porto Cervo.

2. Description of the Course

Marks shall be rounded to port in the following order:

Start - Mark 1 – Mark 1a - Leeward Mark – Mark 1 – Mark 1a - Finish.

Marks shall be rounded to Port (except for the finishing line downwind).

The race committee will try to set a course which will take approximately 40 minutes to be completed.

The length of the course shall be determined by the race committee. A longer or shorter racing time will not be grounds for redress. (change RRS 60.1(b)).

