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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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[NP] denotes a rule for which a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

1.1 See NoR 1 (RULES)

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than one (1) hours before the scheduled time of the first Warning Signal on the day it will take effect.

2.2 Any change to the racing schedule will be posted no later than 2100 hours on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the [Official Notice Board](#) (ONB) located on the organizer's website.

3.2 In addition, information may be provided via a Telegram Channel. The access link will be posted on the [Official Notice Board](#). Information provided via this channel does not replace official notices posted on the ONB.

3.3 On the water, the race committee will monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 77.

3.4 The VHF radios will be provided by the Organizing Authority (OA). If the radio is lost or damaged, the damage deposit will be charged.

4 [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment provided by OA with care and seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located at the head of the central pier of the club's harbor.

5.2 When Flag "AP" is displayed, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 20 minutes" in the Race Signals AP. This changes RRS Race Signal AP.

6 FORMAT OF RACING

6.1 Format of racing will be as described in NoR 5.

6.2 Qualifying series will consist of up to 20 flights and final series up to 5 races.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES AND STARTS

7.1 Racing Schedule:

Date	Time	Description
28. SEP	1000	Competitors Briefing
	1200	First Warning Signal - Qualification
29. SEP	0930	Competitors Briefing
	1100	First Warning Signal - Qualification
30 SEP	0930	Competitors Briefing
	1100	First Warning Signal - Qualification
01 OCT	0930	Competitors Briefing
	1100	First Warning Signal - Qualification
02 OCT	0930	Competitors Briefing
	1100	First Warning Signal - Finals

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area will be in the Split Channel.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The diagram in Addendum A shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10 MARKS

10.1 Mark 1 is a rounding mark, to be left on port and will be an orange robotic buoy.

10.2 Marks 2s and 2p are gate marks and will be orange robotic buoys.

10.3 Starting marks are the Race Committee (RC) vessel on the starboard end and a yellow robotic buoy on the port end.

10.4 Finishing marks are an RC vessel on the port end and a yellow robotic buoy on the starboard end.

11 THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between the course side of a yellow starting mark and the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel.

11.2 RRS 26 is changed as follows:

- 3 minutes before the starting signal a Warning signal: displaying a red flag with black number 3;
- 2 minutes before the starting signal a Preparatory signal: removing the red flag with black number 3 and displaying a yellow flag with black number 2;
- 1 minute before the starting signal, a One-minute signal: removing the yellow flag with black number 2 and displaying a green flag with black number 1.
- Starting signal: removing the green flag with black number 1

11.3 A boat that does not start within two (2) minutes after her Starting Signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4, A5.1 and A5.2.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

12.2 The position of any mark(s) may be adjusted by up to plus or minus 10 degrees relative to previous location and up to approximately 200 meters to windward or leeward without signalling a change of course. This changes RRS 33.

12.3 [NP] The change of the course will be communicated to the competitors via VHF. This changes RRS Race Signals.

13 SHORTENING THE COURSE

13.1 The course will not be shortened.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be between the course side of a yellow starting mark and the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel.

14.2 A boat that does not finish within ten (10) minutes after the first boat has sailed the course and finished will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 5.1 and 5.2.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM, HEARING REQUESTS AND ENQUIRIES

15.1 All races will be umpired fleet racing as described in Addendum C.

15.2 A boat shall be exonerated from breaking RRS 31 if the umpires are satisfied that the breach is entirely due to robotic buoys adjusting their position. This changes RRS 43.1(b).

16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

16.1 According to the following table:

First boat to finish the race	Finishing after first boat	Target time
20 minutes	10 minutes	12 – 15 minutes

17 SCORING

17.1 As defined in NoR 12.

18 [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 A team that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible via VHF.

19 OFFICIAL VESSELS

19.1 Official vessels will be marked with flags carrying letters as follows:

- Race committee: **“RC”**
- Umpire: **“JURY”**
- Press: **“PRESS”**
- Repair service: **“RC”**
- Organizing authority: **“FISU”**

20 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT TEAMS, PERSONS AND VESSELS

20.1 Support vessels shall stay outside the area where boats are racing and at least 100 meters away from racing boats from the Preparatory Signal until all boats in all classes have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment.

20.2 Competitors whose support vessel breaks Rule 20.1 may be penalized by penalty points in the race in which the breach occurred.

20.3 All support vessels shall be registered with the OA and will be required to comply with local legislation. The OA may refuse registrations and accept late registrations at their sole discretion.

20.4 A registration fee of 100 EURO shall be paid to the hosting club (only in cash) in the race office, and this includes crane operations and berthing spot.

20.5 Support vessels shall be insured with a valid and for the racing area suitable third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1,500,000.00 Euro per incident or the equivalent.

20.6 Support vessels shall clearly display the country code burgee for identification.

21 [DP] [NP] TRASH DISPOSAL

21.1 Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

ADDENDUMS:

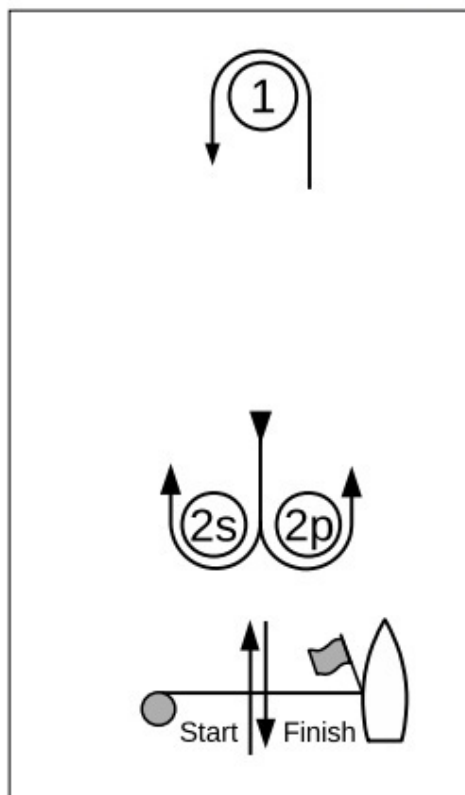
Addendum A: Course

Addendum B: Rules of handling the boat

Addendum C: Umpired Fleet Racing Rules

Addendum D: Damage Report

Addendum A: Course



Mark 1 will be positioned upwind, seen from the starting line.

Mark 1 shall be passed on the port side

Marks 2S and 2P are gate-marks

Sequence: Start – 1- 2S/2P – 1 – Finish

Addendum B: Rules of handling the boat

B1 [SP] GENERAL

The technical committee can check the boats for any changes that are a breach of SI B2 or B6 on a random basis. If they find such a change, they will inform the IJ. IJ may penalise the boat with one additional point without a hearing. This changes 60.5 (a), A5.1 and A5.2.

B2 [NP] PROHIBITED ACTIONS

To prevent damages and injuries:

B2.1 The following actions are prohibited unless in case of emergency or directed by RC or Umpires:

- (a) Sailing in a manner that could cause serious damage or injury.
- (b) Tying in, binding or dropping the jib.
- (c) Any additions or alterations to the equipment supplied.
- (d) Use of equipment for a purpose other than that intended.
- (e) Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used as intended.
- (f) Replacement of any equipment. Exception: damage. In this case, the replacement may be carried out only by the repair service.
- (g) Marking of sails, boat or arranged equipment, perforation of sails or attachment of further tell-tails to the sails.

B3 [NP] HANDING OVER / LEAVING BOATS

B3.1 Every team shall be ready for boat/crew change at the shuttle base or on a change vessel not later than the time of the preceding start.

B3.2 After finishing a race, the boats shall roll up their jibs and mainsails hoisted to allow the change vessel coming alongside for the crew change.

B3.3 A boat may only be handed over to the following team in the presence of a race committee member, or afloat or at the changing area, as prearranged.

B3.4 Before handing over a boat to the next crew, the boat's original condition shall be restored by the crew.

B3.5 Before handing over a boat to the next crew, the crew sailing the boat shall report any damage or problem with the boat. If there is any damage on a boat, the crew shall complete a damage report as described in NoR Attachment G at the first reasonable opportunity after getting back ashore.

B3.6 When a crew receives a boat, it has 2 minutes to check that the boat is okay and report possible problems or damages to RC via VHF channel 77 and display BLUE FLAG.

B3.7 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment and repairs may only be done by the repair service of the OA, or under their management.

B4 [NP] CREW POSITIONING

B4.1 The crew shall not hang, push or pull on the standing rigging to promote the manoeuvre or to project weight outboard. It is allowed to use the mast for promoting the manoeuvre.

B4.2 The cockpit lines may be used with the exception that hanging on to the cockpit lines from the outside is prohibited.

B4.3 The crew shall not stand, sit on the cockpit lines or the pushpits.

B4.4 Hiking is not permitted; crew legs must remain inside the boat while racing.

B5 [NP] BOWSPRIT

B5.1 Having the bowsprit extended, except when in the process of setting, flying, or taking down the gennaker, is prohibited. The bowsprit shall be fully retracted at the first reasonable opportunity after taking down the gennaker. A boat that does not retract the bowsprit fully may be warned and given an opportunity to correct the error.

B5.2 Extending the bowsprit before getting on the new leg of the course, after entering the zone of a rounding mark without a gennaker set is prohibited.

B6 [DP][NP] SHROUDS AND FORESTAY

It is prohibited to adjust shroud and forestay tension at all times while afloat. Backstay tension may be adjusted while racing.

Addendum C

UMPIRED FLEET RACING

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C1 CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS, THE RULES OF PART 1 AND 2, AND RULE 70

C1.1 Add to the definition *Proper Course*: 'A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.'

C1.2 Add to rule 2: 'When *racing*, a boat need not take a penalty unless signalled to do so by an umpire.'

C1.3 Add new rule 7 to Part 1:

7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.'

C1.4 Renumber text of rule 14 to 14.1 and add

14.2 When there is contact that causes damage, or the umpires decide a boat has broken rule 14 and damage resulted, they may, without a hearing, impose a scoring penalty on any boat involved in the incident. The minimum penalty to be applied in such a case is 5 points.

14.3 When there is contact between hulls, the umpires may, without a hearing, impose a scoring penalty of 2 points on a boat that was penalized in the incident. Furthermore, the umpires may also impose a scoring penalty of 1 point on other boats if they consider that these boats contributed to the contact.

C1.5 When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:

- (a) for 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
- (b) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

C1.6 Rule 70.1 is replaced with: A *party* to a hearing may only appeal a protest committee decision or its procedures, but not the facts found, under rule 69 to the national authority, except when rule 70.3 applies.

C1.7 Rule 70.2 is deleted.

C1.8 Test rules

- (a) Rule 17 is deleted.

C2 CHANGES TO OTHER RULES

C2.1 Rule 28.2 is changed to:

28 SAILING THE COURSE

28.2. A boat may correct any errors in *sailing the course*, provided she has not rounded the next *mark* or crossed the finishing line to *finish*.

C2.2 Rule 31 is changed to:

31 TOUCHING A MARK

While *racing*, neither the crew nor any part of a boat's hull shall touch a starting *mark* before *starting*, a *mark* that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing *mark* after *finishing*. In addition, while *racing*, a boat shall not touch a race committee vessel that is also a *mark*.

C3 ON WATER PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

C3.1 Rule 44.1 is changed to: 'A boat may take a penalty when, in an incident while *racing*, she may have broken one or more of the rules of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused injury or serious damage), rule 31 or rule 42. However,

- (a) when a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 in the same incident, she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31;
- (b) if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire'

C3.2 A penalty in rule 44.2 is a 'One-Turn Penalty'

C3.3 On the Water Protests by Boats and Penalties

- (a) While *racing*, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) for an incident in which she was involved, under rule 31, or rule 42 by conspicuously displaying a Y flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall remove the flag before, or at the first reasonable opportunity after a boat involved in the incident has taken a penalty voluntarily or after an umpire's decision.
- (b) A boat that protests as provided in rule C3.3(a) is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by voluntarily taking a penalty. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a penalty voluntarily.

C3.4 Penalties and Protests Initiated by an Umpire

- (a) When a boat
 - (1) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
 - (2) breaks rule 42,
 - (3) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
 - (4) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
 - (5) breaks course limit restrictions, if any, SI B4 or SI B5
 - (6) fails to comply with rule C3.6,an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat by signalling in accordance with rule C3.5(b), or C3.5(c). If a boat is penalized under rule C3.4(a)(5) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled.
- (b) An umpire who decides, based on their own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a rule, other than rule C3.6 or rule 28 or a rule listed in rule C3.3(a), may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.1. However, they will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.
- (c) When a boat fails to comply with rule C2.1 (rule 28.2) an umpire shall disqualify her under rule C3.5(c).

C3.5 Umpire Signals

An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'
- (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'a penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat.
- (c) A black flag with one long sound means 'A boat is disqualified.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.

C3.6 Imposed Penalties

- (a) A boat penalized under rule C3.5(b) shall take a penalty.
- (b) A boat disqualified under rule C3.5(c) is no longer *racing* and shall promptly leave the course area.

C4 RACE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- C4.1** After boats have finished, the race committee will inform competitors about the results on the official notice board.

C5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

- C5.1** No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

- C5.2** A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than rule C3.6 or rule 28, or a rule listed in rule C3.3(a),
- (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
- (c) request redress

Does not have to display a red flag or hail protest, and shall inform the race committee in the following way:

Inform the Race Committee via VHF or hail the race committee no later than two minutes after finishing or retiring.

- C5.3** The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee and any protested boat about any protests or requests for redress made under rule C5.2.

- C5.4** The race committee will not protest a boat.

- C5.5** The technical committee will only protest a boat under rule 60.1 when it decides that a boat or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules, rule 50, or the rules in the equipment regulations of the event.
- C5.6** The time limit defined in rule C5.2 also applies to protests under rule C5.4 and C5.5 when such protests are permitted. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.
- C5.7** Hearings
Except for a hearing under rule 69.2
- (a) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.
 - (b) The protest committee may inform the parties and schedule the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate this orally.
 - (c) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
 - (d) Protest Committee decisions that change the score of one or more boats shall be communicated to all boats.
- C5.8** Rule 60.5 is deleted and replaced with: 'If the protest committee decides that a boat has broken a rule and was not exonerated, it may impose penalties other than disqualification (including imposing no penalty). If a boat has broken a rule when not racing, the protest committee shall decide whether to apply any penalty to the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident or make some other arrangement.
- C5.9** Rule 63.7(b) is changed to 'A *party* to the hearing may not request a reopening.'
- C5.10** Rule 61.4(b)(1), (2), (3) and (5) are deleted.

Addendum D: Damage Report

If you detect any damage when taking over a boat, please notify RC before starting the race.	
Boat number and club name	
Skipper	
Date and race number	
Damage description	
Reason for damage	
Skipper's signature	

For OA only:

Damage protocol received (date and time)	
Has the reparation been executed satisfactorily?	Yes/No
Estimated repair cost in Euro	
Comments	

Attention:

In case of damage, every skipper is obliged to submit a complete damage report to the OA whenever he detects damage or loss. The deposit is also applied to damage to shuttle boats.