

MAXI YACHT ROLEX CUP 2001

PORTO CERVO, 2nd – 8th SEPTEMBER

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in:

- Racing Rules of Sailing 2001/2004 (RRS)
- Current ORC Special Regulations governing Offshore Racing for Category 3 races – liferaft on board compulsory
- IMA Class Rules and Regulations (for IMA Trophy)
- Wally Yacht Class Rules (for Wally Division)
- Current IMS Rules and Regulations (where appropriate)

In the event of a conflict between any of the above rules and/or regulations and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions and the communications of the Race Committee and/or the International Jury with the approval of the IMA representative shall prevail.

In the event of conflict between ISAF Rules and IMS Rules, ISAF Rules shall prevail.

English shall be the official language used at the regatta.

2. Event classification and advertising

The Regatta is designated Category C, under RRS Appendix 1 - ISAF Advertising Code, Regulation 20.

Category A, ISAF Advertising Code, Regulation 20 is required to compete for the IMA Trophy.

3. Navigation lights

From sunset to sunrise, Part B of the International Regulations for preventing collisions at sea will apply replacing Part 2 of the ISAF 2001 - 2004 Racing Rules Sailing.

For the purpose of this rule, sunset during the event is at 20.00 hours and sunrise at 06.30 hours local time.

4. Finishing at night

When a boat finishes at night or with little visibility it must light her sail number using a powerful light or lighting her spreader light and will make as much as possible to identify herself to the Race Committee.

5. Entries

- 5.1 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the Organising Authority.
- 5.2 The regatta is open to the following classes:
- IMA Yachts
 - IMS or ORC Club yachts with minimum LOA of approximately 20m.
 - Vintage, Classic and Spirit of Tradition boats with minimum LOA of approximately 20 m.
(at the discretion of the Organising Authority)

Each boat shall comply with her Class Rules and Regulations.

- 5.3 Final certificates shall be submitted to the YCCS Race Secretariat prior to 14.00 hours on September 2nd, 2001. Certificates shall be verified by the IMA Technical Assistant.
- 5.4 According to the number of entries boats may be divided into the following divisions:
- IMS/ORC Club Division
 - Wally Division
 - Cruising Divisions (Light & Heavy Displacement)
 - Unlimited Division

6. Venue

- a) Regatta Headquarters and Official Notice Board will be located in the tent in front of the mooring places at Porto Cervo – Port East.
- b) Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff near the Regatta Headquarters at Port East.

7. Briefing

The official Briefing will be held at the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda at 18.00 hours on September 2nd, 2001. Two representatives of each boat may attend.

8. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions and Notices to Competitors

- 8.1 All amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 10.00 hours on the day it comes into effect. It is the responsibility of competitors to acquaint themselves with these notices. A copy of each amendment may be placed in each boat's mailbox located in the Regatta Headquarters.
- 8.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

9. Signals made ashore

- 9.1 The display or removal of signals will be announced by sound signal and possibly via radio on VHF Channel 72. There will be no ground for redress in the case of mistakes or omission for sound and radio signals.
- 9.2 Code flag AP (Answering Pennant) means the race is postponed. The warning signal will not be displayed before one hour after AP is lowered.
- 9.3 Code flag AP displayed over code flag "A" means that all races are postponed to a later day.

10. Programme

- 10.1 - Sunday, 2nd : Inspections, Registrations & Briefing
- Monday, 3rd : Race(s)
- Tuesday, 4th : Race(s)
- Wednesday, 5th : Race(s)
- Thursday, 6th : Lay Day or Reserve
- Friday, 7th : Race(s)
- Saturday, 8th : Race and Final Prize Giving

10.2 Unless postponed, the first signal for all races will be given at 12.00 hours. The Race Committee may change the above programme due to the weather conditions or for other reasons.

10.3 If the Race Committee intends to hold an additional race in the same day:

- The Race Committee or Service vessel on the finishing line will hoist the 2nd substitute.
- The warning signal of the additional race will be given one minute after the lowering of code flag "Second Substitute", approximately 10 minutes after the conclusion of the previous race.

10.4 On Saturday, 8th September there will be no starting signal after 13.00 hours.

10.5 The maximum number of races to be sailed shall be five. If five races are completed there will be one discard. The series will be valid if at least 3 races are completed.

11. Sponsor's Flags

A flag with the logo of the event will be given to each entered boat by the Organising Authority. This flag should be flown from 09.00 hours on September 2nd to 1 hour after the finish of the last race of the Series and be flown on the backstay of the boat. Furthermore a sponsor battle flag will be provided to each boat Participants are kindly invited to hoist this battle flag while moored.

12. Starting area - Courses - Finishing Line - Marks

Starting areas, courses, finishing lines and marks are described in Appendix Alpha. Nautical Charts I.I. 42, 43, 323, 324, 325, 910 are used for reference in the Appendix ALPHA.

13. Committee, Jury, Service and Support Vessels

- 13.1 The Committee Vessel will be identified by a blue flag with R.C., a large burgee of the YCCS and the event's flag.
The Committee vessel will normally be the starting vessel.
- 13.2 Service vessels will be identified by a yellow flag with R.C..
- 13.3 The Jury Vessel will display a white Jury Flag.
- 13.4 Other vessels used by Press, Photographers, Film Crews, VIP's, etc. are not under the jurisdiction of the Race Committee. Any actions by these vessels shall not be ground for redress.

14. Start Procedure

- 14.1 For the Start the fleet will be divided in three groups.
The following group flags will be utilised for the start procedure
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| 1st Group | Wally Division and Unlimited Division | Flag "W" |
| 2 nd Group | Cruising Divisions | Flag "D" |
| 3 rd Group | IMS/ORC Club Division | Flag "R" |
- 14.2 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 14.3 All signals may be repeated on VHF channel 72. Radio signals are for information only. There will be no grounds for redress in the case of omission or mistakes of radio signals.
- 14.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end of the line and the starting mark at the port end.
The starting mark may be replaced by a Service Vessel displaying an orange flag. In this case the starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on each vessel.
- 14.5 A boat shall start no later than five minutes after her starting signal.
- Boats of divisions which are not starting shall keep the starting line clear. Infringement of this Rule may be reported by the Race Committee to the International Jury for sanction.
- 14.6 All support vessels shall keep well clear of the starting area and, after the preparatory signal, are not to approach within 100 yards of any competing vessels.
Infringement of this Rule by a boat's support vessels may result in the imposition of a scoring penalty against that boat.

15. Black Flag Rule

RRS Rule 30.3 is modified as: "If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is identified in the course side of the starting line or of its prolongation during the minute before her starting signal, the boat will be disqualified without a hearing, even if the race is restarted, resailed or rescheduled, but not if it is postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. The Race Committee will endeavour to advise the boat by any possible means. If a General Recall is signalled or the race is abandoned after the starting signal, the Race Committee shall display her sail number and if the race is restarted or resailed she shall not sail in it. If she does so, her disqualification shall not be excluded in calculating her series score".

16. Individual Recalls

- 16.1 Individual recalls will be made in accordance with RRS 29.2.
Code Flag X will be lowered not later than 3 minutes after the start (amend RRS 29.2).
- 16.2 If possible the words "Flag X-ray" will be repeated by radio over VHF channel 72.

17. General Recall

- 17.1 General recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.3.
- 17.2 If possible the words "Flag First Substitute" will be repeated several times over VHF channel 72.
- 17.3 When a general recall has been signalled a new preparatory signal will be given one minute after the lowering of code flag "First Substitute".

18. Time Limits

The time limit for all the coastal races is 19.00 hours. If at least one boat completes a course within the time limit, all other boats which complete the course within 60 minutes of the time limit will be scored.
Others boats will be scored DNF. In case of postponement of the starting time the time limit will not be changed.

19. Retirement

- 19.1 A boat abandoning a race shall notify the Race Committee by radio over VHF channel 72 or by any other possible means.
- 19.2 Boats that do not leave the harbour shall notify the Regatta Headquarters before 12.00.
- 19.3 The I.J. may take action for infringement of the above rules.

20. Protests

- 20.1 Protests shall be made in accordance with RRS 60.
- 20.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at Regatta Headquarters and lodged there within one hour after the protesting boat has finished the last race of the day, unless the International Jury decides to extend the time limits.
- 20.3 Schedule of hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
All persons involved in the hearings shall remain in the vicinity of the Jury Room.
- 20.4 The Race Committee or International Jury intending to protest a boat under Rule 60.2(a) or Rule 60.3(a) because of an incident it observes in the Racing Area shall inform her after the race by posting a notice on the Official Notice Board within the protest time limit of the last boat.
- 20.5 On the last day of racing a party to the hearing may ask for reopening no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision.
- 20.6 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.4.
- 20.7 All boats shall respect all the rules to prevent pollution and environment damages.
Furthermore attention is called on the Rules for the Park of La Maddalena presently in force.
The I.J. may take action in case of infringements of the above ecological rules.

21. Scoring

- 21.1 The Low Point System RRS Appendix A will apply. Ties not resolved by the Appendix will be broken by the relative position of each boat in the last race scored.
- 21.2 Decision on application of IMS options with constructed courses and performances curve scoring method, or by the GPH or by the Ocean Course IMS are the responsibility of the IMA Technical Committee
All the above decisions, including those concerning the distance, the percentage and/or different directions of the wind are the responsibility of the IMA Technical Committee and shall not be ground for redress (Amends RRS 60.1).
- 21.3 Immediately after and/or during the arrivals of boats informal and provisional results may be issued by the Secretariat for information only.
Formal provisional results shall be signed by the Race Committee Chairman.
Formal final results shall be signed by the Race Committee and International Jury Chairman.

22. Penalties

22.1 R.R.S. 44.1 will apply but penalty shall be 360°.

22.2 Report by the Race Committee on OCS will not be ground for redress. (Amends RRS 60.1)

23. Moorings

Free moorings will be available at Port East from 09.00 hours on September 1st to 09.00 hours of September 9th for boats timely registered and participating in the event.

Boats shall lie at sea at the moorings assigned to them.

Mooring fees shall be applied for boats not respecting the assigned mooring place.

24. Hauling out

Boats shall not be hauled out after 12.00 on 2nd September without prior written permission of the International Jury.

25. Rating Certificates

25.1 A signed copy of the boat's valid IMS or ORC Club certificate shall be presented at the Regatta Headquarters prior to 11.00 hours on September 2nd. Boats without rating certificate may receive a handicap value from the IMA Technical Committee.

25.2 The list of rating values shall be edited by the Measurement Committee by 16.00 on September 2nd, approved and signed by the International Jury. Thereafter no changes of the rating values are possible unless as a consequence of controls and inspections.

25.3 Protests regarding a boat's rating and/or measurement shall be lodged before the warning signal of the first race.

The protest shall indicate the matters to be examined. Rule 64.3(d) shall apply.

26. Control, Measurement and Inspection

26.1 The IMA Technical Committee may rule on all matters of rating, accommodation, equipment and associated Rules and Regulations. The Committee's ruling shall be final. It shall advise the Race Committee and the International Jury on any related disputes and propose appropriate penalties for infringements.

26.2 The IMA Technical Committee has the right to undertake random inspections and measurement checks on any entered boat throughout the regatta and registration period. All boats shall be available for inspection between 0800 and 1800 hours each day. In the event of a protest, access for inspections may be requested at any time.

26.3 Sail inventory for the event shall be lodged at the Measurement Committee.

Random controls are possible.

The number of sails to be carried on board is free but the sails on board shall be part of the sail inventory.

27. Crews Lists

A Crew List with the names and weight of each crew member shall be lodged at the Regatta Headquarters by 12.00 hours on September 2nd.

Total crew weight shall be in compliance with the rating certificate. Two additional guests are permitted but they shall not act as crew.

Changes to the crew list in compliance with the IMS Rules shall be made in writing indicating the names and weight of the substituting crew member(s) and shall be lodged at the Regatta Headquarters before 09.00 hours of each day.

28. Disclaimer

All those taking part in the Regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility.

The Organising Authority (the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, Strategic Organisation Limited, Birra Peroni Industriale S.p.A.) and all parties involved with the organisation of the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup (IMA, Montres Rolex SA, SECI, Starwood Hotels), disclaim any and every responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, injury or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and at sea as a consequence of participation in the races covered by these Sailing instructions.

Competitors are reminded that owners, or their representatives, are personally responsible for all accidents to their crews and boats. It is their duty to insure against any risk including civil responsibility to third persons. The attention of competitors is drawn to ISAF Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4 and ORC Special Regulation 2 - Owner's responsibility.

29. Communications

29.1 All boats shall be equipped with VHF channel 16 and 72.

29.2 The Official channel for the Race Committee is channel 72.

29.3 The Race Committee will endeavour to announce signals over VHF channel 72. Failure to do so will not be grounds for granting redress.

29.4 Boats shall not make radio transmissions while racing except in case of emergency.

29.5 A time check may be transmitted by the Race Committee on VHF channel 72 approx. half an hour before the first scheduled start of the day.

30. Electronic Equipment

All types of electronic aids, including radar, GPS, etc., are permitted.

31. Trophies

- The Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup will be presented to the overall winner of the IMS Division and Wally Division
- YCCS Trophies will be presented to the winner of the other Divisions
- The IMA Special Trophy will be presented to the winner of the IMA Championship Racing Division and Cruising Division
- The Nastro Azzurro Trophy will be presented to the best Classified Italian yacht in the IMS/ORC Division
- The Bentley Trophy will be presented to the fastest yacht on the measured mile

Trophies for boats not represented at the Prize Giving Ceremony will not be awarded.

APPENDIX ALPHA COURSES

1. Selection of the Course

- 1.1 The course will be signalled to competitors by the Committee vessel hoisting the International Code numerical pennant corresponding to the selected course.
- 1.2 The flag indicating the course will be hoisted on the Committee Vessel before the warning signal and will be lowered with the preparatory signal unless the same course remains in force for the following start.

2. General Instructions

2.1 Starting Area

The starting area will be located within a radius of approx. 4 n.m. of the entrance of Porto Cervo.

2.2 Starting Line

See paragraph 14.3 of the Sailing Instructions.

2.3 Finishing Line

The finishing line shall be between the mast of the YCCS Observatory situated on the hill near the red light at the entrance to Porto Cervo and the finishing mark. The YCCS burgee will be flying from the signal mast of the Observatory. Before crossing the finishing line the mark in Pevero Bay (mark Bravo) shall be left to starboard.

2.4 Marks

Marks will be yellow triangular inflatable marks with the sponsor name.

2.5 Prohibited Passages

For all courses, boats are prohibited to pass:

- between the Sardinian coast and the Secca del Cervo
- between the Sardinian coast and the Li Nibani isles
- between the Secca Corsara and the Isle of Spargi

N.B.: Between the Harbours of la Maddalena and Palau there is a continuous ferry boat service.

Boats are advised to give priority to the ferry boats when sailing in their vicinity.

2.6 Marks for the various courses:

- Mark ALPHA : Mark at the port end of the starting line.
Yellow triangular buoy with the sponsor's name.
- Mark BRAVO : In the Pevero Bay, at approx. 1.200 m ESE from the red light of the entrance to Porto Cervo. Yellow triangular buoy.
- Mark CHARLIE : Windward mark after the start. May be positioned when indicated by the Race Committee vessel at approx. 2 n.m. from the starting line. Yellow triangular buoy. (See paragraph 2.7 of Appendix Alpha)
- Mark DELTA : Iron cylindrical buoy in the Saline Bay.
(Lat. 41.09.52 – Long. 09.24.97)
- Mark ECHO : I° Monaci
(Lat. 41.12.90 – Long. 09.31.00)
- Mark FOXTROT : I° Mortoriotto
(Lat. 41.05.10 – Long. 09.37.28)
- Mark GOLF : Secca Tre Monti
(Lat. 41.09.35 – Long. 09.28.16)
- Mark HOTEL : I° Baretinelli di Fuori
(Lat. 41.18.27 – Long. 09.24.20)
- Mark INDIA : I° Spargiotto
(Lat. 41.14.93 – Long. 09.19.03)
- Mark JULIET : P. Marginetto
(Lat. 41.15.80 – Long. 09.25.00)
- Mark KILO : I° Le Bisce
(Lat. 41.09.65 – Long. 09.31.50)
- Mark LIMA : I° S. Stefano
(Lat. 41.11.35 – Long. 09.23.75)
- Mark ZULU : At the finishing line, at approx. 800 m ENE from the red light at the entrance of Porto Cervo. Yellow triangular inflatable mark with the sponsors name.
- Ecueil de Lavezzi : Lat. 41° 19' 00 North - Long. 09° 15' 4 East

2.7 Mark to windward after the Start

The Race Committee may position a yellow triangular buoy at approx. 2 n.m. windward of the starting line. In this case, the Committee vessel will hoist one of the following signals together with the flag indicating the course:

- Red flag with numbers on a board meaning:
the windward mark in the direction indicated shall be left to port;
- Green flag with numbers on a board meaning:
the windward mark in the direction indicated shall be left to starboard.

2.8 The course may be shortened at any mark in accordance with RRS 32.2 and ICF "S". 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 bearing a blue flag on the finishing vessel.

3. Description of coastal races

3.1 Course N. 1 (approx. 20 n.m.)

Start – KILO to starboard – DELTA to starboard – ECHO to starboard – BRAVO to starboard - Finish

3.2 Course n. 2 (approx. 26 n.m.)

Start – KILO to starboard – GOLF to starboard – ECHO to starboard – FOXTROT to starboard – BRAVO to starboard – Finish.

3.3 Course n. 3 (approx. 26 n.m.)

Start – ECHO to port – GOLF to port – KILO to port – FOXTROT to starboard – BRAVO to starboard – Finish.

3.4 Course n. 4 (approx. 30 n.m.)

Start – HOTEL to port – LIMA to port – KILO to port – BRAVO to starboard – Finish.

3.5 Course n. 5 (distance to be defined)

Start – CHARLIE to port – ECHO to port – DELTA to port – KILO to port – CHARLIE to port - BRAVO to starboard – Finish.

3.6 Course n. 6 (approx. 26 n.m.)

Start – LIMA to starboard – INDIA to starboard – Isle of Spargi to starboard – LIMA to port – KILO to port – BRAVO to starboard – Finish.

3.7 Course n. 7 (approx. 39 n.m.)

Start – LIMA to starboard – Ecueil de Lavezzi to starboard – HOTEL to starboard – ECHO to starboard – BRAVO to starboard – Finish.

3.8 Course n. 8 (approx. 25 n.m.)

Start – LIMA to starboard – HOTEL to starboard – ECHO to starboard – BRAVO to starboard – Finish.

3.9 Course n. 9 (approx. 32 n.m.)

Start – ECHO to port – GOLF to starboard – LIMA to starboard - HOTEL to starboard – ECHO to starboard – BRAVO to starboard - Finish