



Audi Invitational

Porto Cervo, 20-21 June 2009

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS) in conjunction with the Farr® 40 Class Association.

2 HEADQUARTERS

The 2009 Farr 40 Audi Invitational Regatta Headquarters will be at Yacht Club Costa Smeralda Club House:

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3 RULES

3.1 This Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

3.2 Yachts shall comply with the 2008-2009 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4 (except neither 5.01.2 nor 4.26.4(g) shall apply for this event) and Appendix 3 of the Farr 40 Class Rules. In the event of conflict, designer and manufacturers original standards shall prevail.

3.3 Remove the second sentence of RRS 30.2 and replace with the following: "If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall receive, without a hearing, a 10% scoring penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3 (c)".

3.4 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that, except for infringements of Part 2 that occur within three boat lengths of a rounding mark or finishing mark, only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

3.5 The maximum amount of drinkable liquid aboard each yacht shall not exceed six litres per person per day. This liquid is included in the restrictions for movable ballast in RRS 51.

3.6 In RRS 61.1, after the second sentence, add the words: "The red flag shall have the minimum dimensions of 45cm x 45 cm and shall be displayed vertically from the backstay." This changes RRS 61.1.

3.7 Video, data and/or photographs taken from any source shall not be used as evidence at protest hearings. This changes RRS 63.6.

3.8 Where there is conflict with the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail except that neither shall change nor alter any Class Rules except 31.1. This alters 63.7.

3.9 Italian competitors shall be in compliance with the Italian Sailing Federation Rules requiring FIV cards. Other Italian Federation prescriptions do not apply.

3.10 The 2009 Farr 40 AUDI Invitational is the 3rd series of the Farr 40 2009 European Circuit.

3.11 For one day of the regatta each yacht shall carry one additional crew member who will be randomly selected from a pool of invited celebrity guests. The additional crew member must sit behind the helmsman and tactician while racing. The weight of the additional crew member shall not be included in the crew weight and shall not be subject to protest. This changes Class Rule 31.1.

4 ELIGIBILITY

The regatta is open to all Farr 40 Class yachts as defined by the Class Rules. Owners, Charterers and Substitute helmsmen shall be current members of the Farr 40 Class Association and shall be approved by the Farr 40 Class Eligibility Review Committee.

5 ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

5.1 Entry Forms for the 2009 Farr 40 AUDI Invitational (20-21 June 2009) are available at: www.farr40.org and www.yccs.it

5.2 The Entry Form, a copy of a valid 2009 One Design Certificate and the Entry Fee of \$800.00 shall be submitted to the Farr 40 Class Association no later than 1 May 2009. Late entries may be accepted, however an additional fee of \$100 will be charged for entries received after 1 May 2009.

5.3 Crew lists and ISAF Sailor User IDs for all crew, along with designation of alternate, relief or substitute helmsmen shall be submitted to Stagg Yachts no later than 30 May 2009.

5.4 Registration shall be completed with the OA as described below. Sail declarations may be made on site during registration. No later than 1700 hours on 19 June 2009 all entries shall have completed the following:

- (a) Registration with OA, including fees;
- (b) Entry Form and 2009 One Design Certificate on file with the OA;
- (c) Owner, Charterer, and Substitute Helmsman Class Membership Dues for 2009 paid and on file with Stagg Yachts;
- (d) Owner, charterer and substitute helmsman 2009 European Fleet dues paid for those competing in the Farr 40 European Circuit.
- (e) Skipper and crew weighing, and liability waivers signed and on file with the OA;
- (f) Sail Declaration form on file with the OA;

- (g) Measurement forms on file with the OA;
- (h) Crew classification declared and verified on the Sail/Crew Declaration form, and on file with the OA;
- (i) Owner/Skipper shall be a member of their Member National Authority;
- (j) All owners, tacticians and boat captains shall have signed and submitted to the OA Appendix 10 stating that their boat fully complies with Class Rules and that they will abide by said Class Rules while racing.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Please see also www.yccs.it

June 18-19 Measurement*

June 18-19 Audi Invitational Registration*

June 18-19 Audi Invitational Owner and Crew weigh-in

June 20-21 2009 Farr 40 Audi Invitational

*Measurement will be scheduled by the Class Association.

6.2 The Race Committee intends to conduct as many races as practicable on each scheduled day of racing, up to a maximum of six races for the Series.

6.3 After consultation with a non-competing Class Representative, the OA and/or PRO may modify the above programme according to prevailing weather conditions and/or other unforeseen circumstances.

7 MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION

7.1 Crew will be weighed on the official scales at Race Headquarters.

7.2 Random yacht and equipment inspections may be conducted prior to, between races and after racing each day to check for compliance with Class Rules, the NOR and the 2008-2009 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4.

8 EVENT ADVERTISING

8.1 Each yacht may be required to display event advertising on the bow, and may be strongly urged to display advertising on the backstay and boom. While not racing, all yachts are strongly urged to fly the event flag from the forestay.

8.2 One set of bow numbers per boat will be issued for use in the 2009 Farr 40 Audi Invitational and shall be displayed as specified by the OA.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and at www.yccs.it

10 COURSES AND RACING AREA

Courses will be defined in the Sailing Instructions. Races will be held on the waters off Porto Cervo and/or the Gulf of Arzachena.

Sailing is forbidden by the Italian Law inside the harbour.

11 PENALTIES

11.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed as described in NOR 3.5.

11.2 The penalty, if any, for any infringement of the rules (including the Class Rules and ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4) other than RRS Part 2 is at the sole discretion of the Jury in consultation with the Class representative, and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.

12 SCORING

Each yacht's score shall be the sum of all her races (no discards). Six races are scheduled. Completion of two races constitutes a regatta. This Changes RRS A2.

13 INTERNATIONAL JURY

Decisions of the International Jury shall be final (RRS 70.5).

14 PRIZES

14.1 Trophies for first through fifth place overall, and for the winner of each individual race, will be awarded.

15 DOCKAGE

15.1 The Entry Fee includes moorings from 09.00 hrs on 18 June 2009 to 10.00 hrs on 28 June 2009 provided that the completed Entry Form and Fee are received before 1 May 2009.

15.2 Payment for water, electricity and telephone will be responsibility of each boat and shall be paid directly to the Marina Office. Should a mooring be required for a longer period, entrants may extend the booking by contacting the Marina Office directly. Extended bookings will be chargeable at the current marina rates. Early booking is recommended. Telephone bookings must be confirmed by fax, email or post.

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15.3 The OA will be responsible for the assignment of mooring positions for all entrants. All entrants will be notified on their arrival in Porto Cervo of their mooring position.

16 SUPPORT BOATS

16.1 Competitors' attention is drawn to the applicable Class Rules and Interpretations.

16.2 Support and Media boats shall register with the OA.

17 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Yachts may be hauled out after hull weighing and during the regatta only with the prior written permission of the International Jury, and under such terms as they may decide. Normally, the Jury shall grant such permission only if necessary to repair damage. While hauled out, bottoms and foils shall not be sanded, polished, washed, or otherwise worked on except as permitted by the Jury in the area of repair. Hulls and appendages may be cleaned in the water.

18 MEDIA & IMAGE RIGHTS WAIVER

18.1 The Media Centre will be at Regatta Headquarters.

18.2 At no cost to the competitors, the OA may request the installation of onboard tracking and/or video cameras for the purposes of the official television production.

18.3 By entering this regatta, the owner (or charterer) and crew members on competing yachts grant at no cost the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses, and biographical material, as well as representations of their yacht:

(a) in any media (including television, print and internet), to the Organizing Authority, the Farr 40 Management Group, Stagg Yachts, the Farr 40 Executive Committee, AUDI and affiliated companies, other sponsors;

18.4 The Organizing Authority, the Farr 40 Management Group, Stagg Yachts, the Farr 40 Executive Committee, AUDI and affiliated companies and other sponsors shall not use the names, voices, images, likenesses or biographical material of an owner (charterer) or crew member in a way that constitutes an endorsement of AUDI's products unless the competitor or crew member is otherwise engaged by AUDI or affiliated companies to endorse AUDI's products or otherwise gives his/her prior written consent to such use.

18.5 Owners (charterers) and crew members shall acknowledge and accept the granting of media rights referred to in this paragraph 18 by signing the Entry Form and the Disclaimer and Acknowledgement of Rights Form provided by the OA.

19 DISCLAIMER

19.1 All those taking part in the race do so at their own risk and responsibility. The owner (charterer) and each crewmember:

(a) acknowledges and accepts the risks (including the risk of harm to persons and property and the risks associated with the perils of the sea and the seaworthiness of any boat) associated with participation in this regatta and waives all rights against and releases the Organizing Authority, the Farr 40 Management Group, Stagg Yachts, the Farr 40 Executive Committee, AUDI and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members in respect of any loss of life or injury to persons, or loss of or damage to property, suffered in connection therewith;

(b) acknowledges that participation in this regatta by him or her is on the basis that participation is entirely at his or her risk and responsibility and that the Organizing Authority, the Farr 40 Management Group, Stagg Yachts, the Farr 40 Executive Committee, AUDI and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members are not responsible for any boat or its crew;

(c) acknowledges and agrees that this form is governed by the laws of Italy and that any liability for harm to persons that results from breach of an express or implied warranty that this regatta and all services relating thereto will be conducted or rendered with reasonable care and skill is excluded.

19.2 Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

19.3 All competitors shall acknowledge this by signing the Disclaimer and Acknowledgment of Rights Form provided by the Organizing Authority.

20 INSURANCE

20.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the sole inescapable responsibility of the owner/owners' representative. It is the responsibility of the owner to provide insurance for the yacht covering eventual damage to persons or property.

20.2 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance including third-party insurance of minimum cover of 1,000,000 Euro, and it is the owner or owners' representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

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