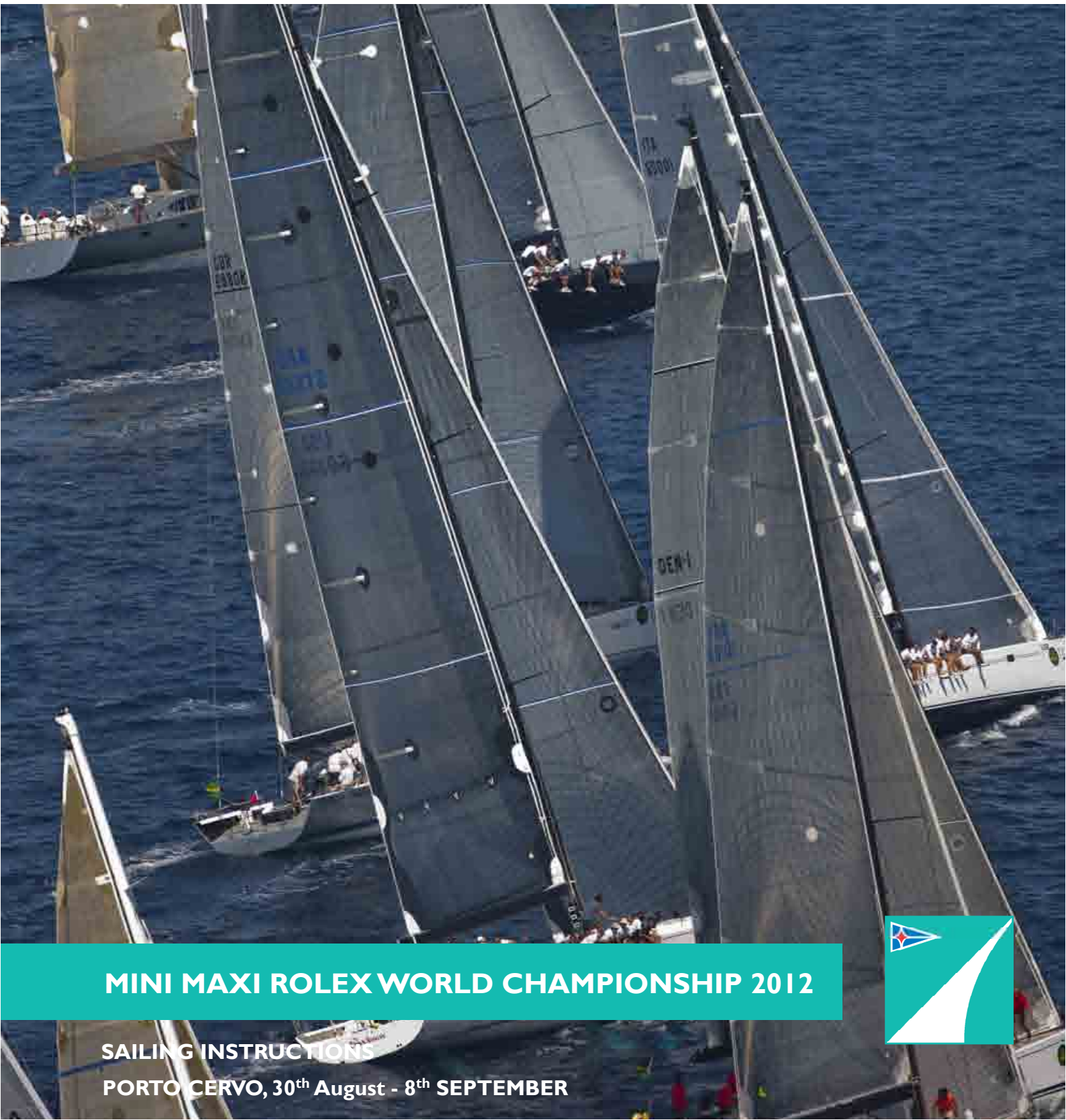




YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA



MINI MAXI ROLEX WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2012



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
PORTO CERVO, 30th August - 8th SEPTEMBER

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the following:

- (a) the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012;
- (b) the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 with life rafts compulsorily on board, but subject to the following amendments: i. jackstays are not required to be fitted on deck (amends OSR 4.04) "www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSR2010Mo3081209-%5B7985%5D.pdf";
- (c) the IRC Rules Parts A, B and C shall apply. For the purposes of IRC rules 21.1.5 d) and (e) this regatta is on consecutive days, yet the sails carried on board need not remain the same for the duration of the event but sails need to remain the same for each day. The day begins when the boat leaves the dock for the first time each day;
- (d) The 2012 IMA Class rules are invoked. In addition Class Rule 3.1 is also invoked. The title of World Champion will be assigned to the top scoring boat of the Mini Maxi Fleet in compliance with the IMA Class Rules including the Owner/Driver Rules;
http://www.internationalmaxiassociation.com/pdf/2012_IMA_Class_Rules.pdf;
- (e) Exceptions to RRS Rule 77 may be granted by the Organizing Authority upon written request prior to the close of registration;
- (f) Notwithstanding anything in the above rules to the contrary, power assisted winches, canting keels, trim tabs and water ballast are permitted as long as each is declared on the IRC certificate;

1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply except Part 6 of prescriptions of the FIV, which will apply only to Italian nationals. A copy of that prescription is in Appendix Alpha.

1.3 In the event of a discrepancy between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions take precedence. This changes rule 63.7.

1.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

1.5 These Sailing Instructions including Appendices Alpha (FIV Prescriptions), Bravo (Coastal and Islands Courses Edition 2012), Charlie (Windward/Leeward Courses) and Delta (Decal Placement Diagram)

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Mini Maxi Rolex Worlds official notice board located in the Piazza Azzurra opposite the main door to the YCCS Clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09.00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole on the YCCS Clubhouse Terrace overlooking the Piazza Azzurra. The display or removal of signals will be announced by radio on VHF channel 72 when the Race Committee at its absolute discretion considers it is appropriate to do so.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'. This changes RRS Race Signals.

5 SAILING PROGRAMME AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The intended programme and schedule of races is set out below but the Race Committee reserves the right to change the schedule as it sees fit taking into account weather conditions and all other factors which may affect the fairness of the racing:

Thursday, 30 th August	Measurement, Inspection and controls – in Marina di Portisco
Friday, 31 st August	Measurement, Inspection and controls – in Marina di Portisco
Saturday, 1 st September	Measurement, Inspection and controls
Sunday, 2 nd September	Inspection, Registration and Briefing
Monday, 3 rd September	Race (s)
Tuesday, 4 th September	Race (s)
Wednesday, 5 th September	Race (s)
Thursday, 6 th September	Lay day or Re-sail

Friday, 7 th September	Race (s)
Saturday, 8 th September	Race (s) and Prize Giving

5.2 The maximum number of races is eight. It is intention of the Race Committee to hold a minimum of four windward/leeward races and two coastal races of no more than 70 nautical miles. If four windward/leeward and two coastal races are achieved with one day of racing remaining, two windward/leeward races will be run should weather conditions allow.

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first Maxi category each day will be 11.30 (as detailed in SI 9.5).

5.4 The Skipper's Briefing will be held at the YCCS Clubhouse on Sunday, September 2nd at 18.00. The Organizing Authority and/or the Race Committee reserve the right to modify the programme according to weather conditions or other unforeseen reasons.

5.5 If the Race Committee intends to hold an additional race the same day, a Race Committee or Service Boat near the finishing line will display Code Flag G. The warning signal for the additional race will be made one minute after the lowering of Code Flag G (with one sound), as soon as practical after the conclusion of the previous race.

5.6 When the dates of the coastal races are decided, a notice will be placed on the Official Notice Board not later than 20.00 hrs on the day before.

5.7 The IMA Annual General Meeting will be held at the YCCS on Thursday 6th September at 18.00.

5.8 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15.00.

6 CLASS FLAG

6.1 The Class Flag will be International Code Flag 'E'.

6.2 Boats racing in the Mini Maxi Rolex World Championship will start in accordance with Sailing Instruction 9.5 below.

7 RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be in North Eastern Sardinian waters in the vicinity of Porto Cervo and its adjoining gulf and islands.

7.2 The starting line will be located within approximately four nautical miles from the entrance to Porto Cervo harbour.

8 COURSES, MARKS AND AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The courses for all except the coastal races will be windward/leeward as described in Appendix Charlie. The coastal race courses are described in Appendix Bravo edition 2012.

8.2 The course for both windward/leeward races and the coastal races will be signalled to competitors from the Race Committee Vessel by displaying the number of the selected course on the course board before or at the warning signal.

8.3 MARKS

(a) The marks for the coastal courses are described in Appendix Bravo Edition 2012. Marks laid by the Race Committee will be yellow inflatable buoys;

(b) The marks for the windward/leeward courses will be yellow inflatable buoys.

8.4 If one mark at a gate is missing, boats shall leave the remaining mark to port. (Changes RRS 34.)

8.5 The starting and finishing marks, if used, will be yellow inflatable buoys.

8.6 Areas that are designated as obstructions are described in Appendix Bravo 2.5.

9 THE START

9.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

9.2 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end of the line and a Service Boat at the port end. The Service Boat at the port end may be replaced by a yellow inflatable buoy. The Race Committee Boat and the Service Boat may hold their position with the use of engines.

9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been displayed shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequences for other categories.

9.4 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

9.5 Scheduled Starting Order and Times.

The starting order for the maxi categories will change depending on whether the Mini Maxi and/or Wally categories are racing Windward / Leeward or Coastal courses.

(a) If the Mini Maxi and Wally category will be sailing Windward/ Leeward courses, races will start in the following order and the scheduled warning signal for each category follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Code Flags</u>	<u>Time</u>
Maxi Racing & Racing/Cruising *	O & R	11.30
Super Maxi	F	11.40
Mini Maxi	E	11.50
Wally	W	12.00

(b) If the Mini Maxi category only will be sailing Windward/ Leeward courses, races will start in the following order and the scheduled warning signal for each category follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Code Flags</u>	<u>Time</u>
Wally	W	11.30
Maxi Racing & Racing/Cruising *	O & R	11.40
Super Maxi	F	11.50
Mini Maxi	E	12.00

(c) If all maxi categories will be sailing Coastal courses, races will start in the following order and the scheduled warning signal for each category follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Code Flags</u>	<u>Time</u>
Mini Maxi	E	11.30
Wally	W	11.40
Maxi Racing & Racing/Cruising *	O & R	11.50
Super Maxi	F	12.00

(d) If the Wally category only will be sailing Windward/ Leeward courses, races will start in the following order and the scheduled warning signal for each category follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Code Flags</u>	<u>Time</u>
Mini Maxi	E	11.30
Maxi Racing & Racing/Cruising *	O & R	11.40
Super Maxi	F	11.50
Wally	W	12.00

* Note: The Maxi Racing and Racing/Cruising categories will start together

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE FOR WINDWARD/LEEWARD RACES

10.1 In windward/leeward races, to change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new white mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. If a

change of course is signalled for a windward leg, Mark 1a (the "offset") will be laid and will be a white inflatable buoy.

10.2 In case of a course change, the change shall be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark and offset mark may not yet be in the new position.

10.3 For change of course after the start on coastal races refer to Appendix Bravo 2.9.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 For windward/leeward downwind finishes, the finishing line will be in the same location as the starting line, except that the line may be shorter with the pin end moved closer to the signal boat. The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Pin End Boat. In the event that the Pin End Boat is not on station, it will be replaced by a finishing mark.

11.2 For windward/leeward upwind finishes, the finishing line will be located approximately 300 meters beyond the windward mark. The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Pin End Boat. In the event that the Pin End Boat is not on station, it will be replaced by a finishing mark.

11.3 Race Committee starting line and finishing line boats may hold their positions by using engines.

11.4 For coastal race finish information, refer to Appendix Bravo 2.3.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty except if the incident takes place when at least one of the boats is in the *zone*.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 The time limit for each windward/ leeward race shall be 2 hours and 30 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

13.2 The time limit for the coastal races shall be 19.30. Boats failing to finish within 150 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

14.2 Protest forms are available at the YCCS Race Office placed in the Piazza Azzurra. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit and lodged with the Jury Secretary.

14.3 Protest Time limits are as follows:

- (a) Protests relating to the TCC allocated to a boat is in accordance with Clause 6.5 of the Notice of Race;
- (b) Protests resulting from an incident in a race - 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

14.4 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes after the protest time limit has expired to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Jury room, located on the ground floor of the YCCS Clubhouse beginning at the time stated on the notice. Hearings may be scheduled to begin up to 30 minutes before the end of the protest time limit. All persons involved in the hearing shall remain in the vicinity of the Jury room.

14.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or international jury will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

14.6 Penalties for breaches of a rule other than a rule of Part 1 and Part 2 of the RRS may be less than disqualification if the Jury so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

14.7 Breaches of instructions 9.3, 16, 19.2, 19.3, 21 and 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).

14.8 On the last day of the regatta:

- (a) a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

- (1) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (2) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- (b) a request for redress from a Jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

15 SCORING

15.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply. One score will be excluded if five or more races are sailed, however, coastal race scores shall not be excluded.

15.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series and to award the Mini Maxi Rolex World Championship Title.

15.3 Coastal Races will carry a 1.5 weighting factor for determining awarded point values.

16 RETIREMENT

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee Boat by hailing or by radio on VHF channel 72 before leaving the race area, or the Race Office immediately after arriving ashore.

17 REGISTRATION AND FORMALITIES

To qualify as a competitor the following shall be completed with the Race Office by 13.00 on Sunday 2nd September:

- a. Acceptance of the Notice of Race as set out in the Entry Form;
- b. Disclaimer of liability as set out in the Entry Form;
- c. Helmsmen, Relief Helmsmen and Crew list classification. All competitors shall be in compliance with the ISAF eligibility Code and IMA Owner/Driver rule. A representative of the ISAF Sailor Classification Commission will be present during registration and will carry out spot checks;
- d. Media rights consent signed by all crewmembers;
- e. Italian Sailing Federation cards for Italian Sailors;
- f. Insurance Declaration as set out in the Entry Form;

18 MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION

18.1 The Race Committee may undertake random inspections and measurement checks on any competing boat throughout the regatta period. All boats shall be available for inspection at any reasonable time. In the event of a protest, access for inspections may be requested at any time.

18.2 Boats may be checked soon after each race. Boats may be boarded on their way to and from the race area when conditions allow. Sails may need to be transported ashore for measurement check.

19 ADVERTISING

19.1 Boats may display advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code. Boats shall display Event Advertising in compliance with ISAF Regulation 20 and as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

19.2 Boats will be required to display the following throughout the period starting one hour after the completion of registration and ending one hour after the finish of the last race of the regatta:

- (a) Sponsor's pennant on the backstay;
- (b) Sponsor's decal on each side of the bow. (Placement of decal as shown in Appendix Delta)

19.3 In addition, boats shall display the event battle flag throughout the same period but only while moored.

19.4 The Organizing Authority will supply the pennant, decals and flag at registration.

19.5 The Organizing Authority may also require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of on board video cameras for the official television production and/or a tracking system.

19.6 Boats intending to display advertising during the regatta shall state on the entry form the nature of such advertising.

19.7 Boats are responsible to inform advertisers and sponsors that no activities advertising any brand will be permitted ashore within the Porto Cervo Marina Area without the consent in writing of the Organizing Authority obtained before the start of the regatta.

20 OFFICIAL BOATS AND PRESS

20.1 The Committee boat will be identified by a large burgee of the YCCS. The Committee boat will normally be the starting boat.

20.2 Service boats will be identified by a white flag with the letter "S".

20.3 Jury boats will be identified by a white flag with the letter "J".

20.4 Vessels used by Press, Photographers, Film Crews, VIP's, etc. are not under the jurisdiction of the Race Committee but may be identified by displaying a white flag with the letter "P".

21 SUPPORT BOATS

21.1 Support boats shall register with Organizing Authority before the start of the first race of the regatta and shall where possible display a green Rolex flag supplied by the Organizing Authority.

21.2 Support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished, the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment or until the boat supported has retired.

22 HAULING OUT AND REPAIRS

22.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Organizing Authority. Cleaning and polishing below the waterline is not permitted when hauled out during the event. The cleaning of the hull inside the Harbour is not permitted.

22.2 Repairs and replacement of sails, equipment and hull parts damaged during a regatta shall not cause a boat to be re-measured until after the regatta is completed. Applications to replace or repair sails must be made to the Organizing Authority on the Sail Repair/replacement Form available at the Race Office. No repair shall be carried out and no replacement shall be made after registration without the written consent of the Organizing Authority.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

23.1 The Race Committee will use VHF 72 to broadcast information such as signals made ashore, the location of the Race Committee Boat, bow or sail numbers of boats recalled, change of course etc. The Race Committee will broadcast information about its plans for the day at 0930. A time check may be transmitted by the Race Committee approximately 30 minutes before the first warning signal each day.

23.2 Neither failure by the Race Committee to transmit by radio the information referred to in this Sailing Instruction, nor errors, omissions or delay in doing so or failure by a boat to receive or hear such radio transmissions will be grounds for request of redress by a boat. (Amends RRS 60.1 (b) and 62.1 (a)).

23.3 With the exception of SI 16 and for safety or emergency reasons, a boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. Competitors shall not use any electronic device (including scanners), with the exception of cell phones, which can receive UHF frequencies, from 1030 until racing has concluded on each of the race days.

23.4 Electronic navigation aids, including radar and GPS, are permitted.

24 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

24.1 The Mini Maxi Rolex World Championship Trophy will be awarded to the top scoring boat in full compliance with the IMA Owner/Driver rule.

24.2 An additional Rolex Trophy will be awarded to the top scoring boat of the Racing/Cruising Category.

25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

25.1 Competitors agree to be bound by the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009/2012, by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race. Competitors agree to take any and all responsibility for the nautical qualities of their boat, the rigging, the crew's ability and the safety equipment. Competitors also agree to take any and all responsibility for damages caused to third persons

or their belongings, to themselves or to their belongings, ashore and at sea as a consequence of their participation in the regatta, relieving of any responsibility Rolex S.A., the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda and the International Maxi Association and all persons involved in the organization under whatever qualification and to accept full responsibility for the behaviour and dress of the boat's crew, representatives and guests.

25.2 Competitors are to be acquainted with ISAF RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

25.3 In any case, competitors agree that the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, the International Maxi Association, the sponsors and their agents, have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to crewmembers or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel or property.

25.4 As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability.

26 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with adequate cover taking into account the value of the boats racing and the measure of damages likely to arise in the event of an accident.

27 MEDIA RIGHTS

27.1 Competitors grant Rolex S.A. and the Organizing Authority, including the International Maxi Association, the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to Press and TV advertisements or Internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information; in this respect, competitors' names and any biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known.

27.2 As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights.

APPENDIX ALPHA

Extract from the prescriptions of the FIV

PART 6- ENTRY AND QUALIFICATION

Rule 75 – ENTERING A RACE

Prescription to Rule 75.2

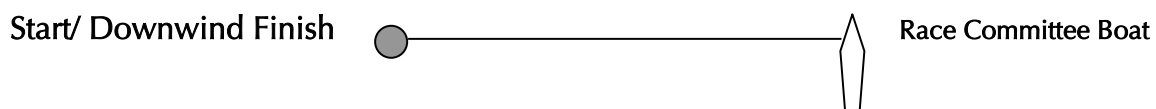
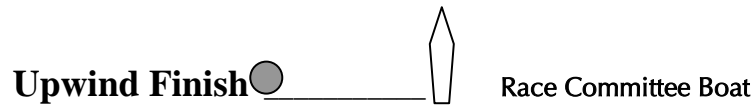
The Italian Sailing Federation prescribes: “Current FIV regulations are to be followed when accepting entries; the competitors must hold a valid and current FIV Membership and the owners of boats of recognized classes, including offshore, must also hold a valid and current FIV Membership, even if they are not sailing the race.”

APPENDIX BRAVO Edition 2012



APPENDIX Charlie

WINDWARD/LEEWARD COURSES



- Course 3: Start - 1 - 1a - Gate – Finish (Upwind)
- Course 4: Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a – Finish (Downwind)
- Course 5: Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate – Finish (Upwind)
- Course 6: Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate- 1 - 1a – Finish (Downwind)

APPENDIX DELTA

