



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA



## ROLEX SWAN 45 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2012

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

PORTO CERVO, 10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER



**PLEASE NOTE that separate instructions are being issued for the Rolex Swan Cup. However for the information of competitors in the Rolex Swan 45 World Championship, there are references to the classes sailing in the Rolex Swan Cup in these instructions.**

## **1. Rules**

1.1 International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009/2012.

1.2 The 2012 Rolex Swan 45 World Championship will take place within the Rolex Swan Cup. The 2012 Swan 45 Class Rules shall apply to Class D, Swan 45 OD.

1.3 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Category 3. However:

- (i) no white parachute flares are required amending Special Regulation 4.23;
- (ii) jackstays are not required, amending Special Regulation 4.04;
- (iii) life rafts on board are compulsory;

1.4 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7

1.5 Appendices Alfa, Bravo, Charlie.

1.6 No National Authority prescriptions will apply except Part 6 of the prescriptions of the FIV, which will apply only to Italian nationals. A copy of that prescription is in Appendix C.

1.7 In accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 Advertising Code for the Swan 45 Class, advertising is permitted in accordance with the 2012 Swan 45 Class Rules.

1.7.1 In addition boats shall 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 and
- (b) sponsor's decal on each side of the bow.

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

Boats shall also display the event battle flag throughout the same period but only while moored. Protest for infringement of SI 1.6.1 may only be made by the RC. This amends RRS 60.1 (a).

1.7.2 The Organising 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.

1.8 From sunset to sunrise, Part B of the International Regulations for preventing collisions at sea will apply replacing Part 2 of the RRS, in accordance with the preamble of Part 2 of the RRS. For the purpose of this rule, sunset during the event is at 19.30 hrs and sunrise at 07.00 hrs local time.

1.9 English shall be the official language of the Regatta.

## **2. Venue**

2.1 Race Headquarters will be located at the YCCS Clubhouse; the Official Notice Board (ONB) will be located in front of the entrance of the YCCS Clubhouse on Piazza Azzurra; the Club Swan Office will be located in the Hospitality Village in front of the YCCS Clubhouse on Piazza Azzurra.

2.2 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the official flag staff located at the terrace of the YCCS Clubhouse.

## **3. Registration Formalities**

3.1 In addition to the requirements contained in the Notice of Race, to qualify as a competitor the following shall be completed with the Race Office by 16.00 hrs on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012:

- Registration with the Organizing Authority, including entry form duly signed, crew list, sail declaration, and entry fee;
- Rolex Disclaimer and Photographic Rights Form duly signed by each crew member;
- Declaration of adequate insurance coverage duly signed;

3.2 Boats not complying with the above formalities by 16.00 hrs are not eligible for the event without the approval of the O.A.

## **4. Skipper's Briefing**

The official Skipper's Briefing will be held at the Cervo Conference Centre at Port East at 18.00 hrs on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Two representatives per boat are admitted. The tickets for the Briefing distributed with the Registration Kit are mandatory for admittance to the Meeting Room.

## **5. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions and Notices to Competitors**

5.1 Any amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the ONB no later than 09.30 hrs on the day it comes into effect except that any change affecting the schedule of races will be posted before 20.00 hrs on the

day before the change takes 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.

5.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB.

## 6. Signals Made Ashore

6.1 The display or removal of signals will be indicated by a sound signal and possibly also by radio on VHF Channel 72.

6.2 Code flag "AP" (Answering Pennant) means: "the race is postponed". The warning signal will not be displayed before 60 minutes after "AP" is lowered. This changes RRS Race Signals.

## 7. Programme

7.1

- Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00 – 18.00	Inspection, Registration & Measurements
- Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	09.00 – 16.00	Inspection, Registration & Measurements
	18.00	Skippers Briefing Cervo Conference Centre
- Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	11.30	(First Signal) Race(s)
- Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	11.30	(First Signal) Race(s)
- Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	11.30	(First Signal) Islands Long Race
- Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Lay Day or Re-sail	
- Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	11.30	(First Signal) Race(s)
- Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	11.30	(First Signal) Race(s)
	17.30	Final Prize Giving Piazza Azzurra

The Swan 45 World Championship, as already stated, is taking place in conjunction with the Rolex Swan Cup as one regatta and the order in which the classes of the two events start will vary from day to day. A schedule of the time of class starts and the order of starting will be posted before the briefing on the 10<sup>th</sup> September.

7.2 The Organizing Authority and/or the Race Committee reserves the right to modify the above programme based on weather conditions and/or other unforeseen reasons.

7.3 On Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> there will be no warning signal after 14.30 hrs.

7.4 The Islands Long Race will have a duration of approximately 6 to 9 hours.

7.5 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.

## 8. Finishing in restricted visibility

When a boat finishes at night or with restricted visibility she shall light her sail number using a powerful light or her spreader light and notify the Race Committee on VHF 72 when within 0.5nm of the finish line.

## 9. Classes

9.1 Boats participating in the Rolex Swan Cup 2012 and the Swan 45 World Championship shall be divided into 4 Classes in accordance with the Notice of Race. The class divisions given below are provisional and will be confirmed by a notice posted on the ONB after the close of registration on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> September.

9.2	CLASSES	CLASS FLAG
	A Maxi	Maxi Class Flag
	B Grand Prix	White Flag
	C Classic Sparkman & Stephens Classes	Blue Flag
	D Swan 45	Swan 45 Class Flag

9.3 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend Classes until 17.00 hrs on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> September. In this case appropriate notice will be posted on the ONB.

## 10. Starting Area - Courses - Finishing Line - Marks

10.1 Starting areas, courses, finishing lines and marks are described in Appendix Alpha (Windward - Leeward Courses) and Appendix Bravo Edition 2012 (Coastal and Island Courses).

10.2 Classes A, B and C will sail Coastal and Long Island Courses only. Class D will sail Windward- Leeward Courses and an Island Long Race Course.

**11. Race Committee, Jury, Service and Support Boats**

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

11.2 Service boats will be identified by a white flag with red "S".

11.3 The Jury boats will display a white flag with "J".

11.4 Vessels used by Press, Photographers, Film Crews, VIP's, etc. are not under the jurisdiction of the Race Committee but are requested to display the Rolex green flag.

11.5 All support boats shall keep well clear of the starting area and, after the preparatory signal, are not to approach within 100 metres of any competing boats. Infringement of this Rule by a boat's support boat may result in the imposition of a penalty against that boat. They are requested to display the Rolex green flag.

**12. Starting Procedure**

12.1 Boats not starting shall not interfere with boats in their starting sequence and shall keep clear of the starting area.

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

12.3 Competitors that do not leave the harbour are requested to notify the Race Office before 11.00 hrs.

Competitors that leave the harbour but do not start are requested to notify the Race Committee Boat by radio after the start of her class.

12.4 The Rolex Swan Cup and the Rolex Swan 45 World Championship starting order may change depending on whether the Swan 45 OD (D) class is racing Windward - Leeward Courses or their Islands Long Race Course. The intent of the Race Committee is to have the Islands Long Race for Class D on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> September. All other racing for Class D will be Windward – Leeward Courses.

12.5 On the days when the Swan 45 OD (D) class will be sailing Windward - Leeward courses, races will start in the following order and the scheduled warning signal for each class follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Code Flags</u>	<u>Time</u>
Maxi	Class Flag	11.30
Grand Prix	White Flag	11.40
Classic Sparkman & Stephens Classes	Blue Flag	11.50
Swan 45 OD	Class Flag	12.00

12.6 On the day when all classes will be sailing the Islands Long Race (scheduled for Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> September), 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	Class Flag	11.30
Grand Prix	White Flag	11.40
Swan 45 OD	Class Flag	11.50
Sparkman & Stephens	Blue Flag	12.00

**13. Time Limits****13.1 Windward – Leeward Courses**

The time limit is 120 minutes. If at least one boat of the Class completes the course within the time limit, all other boats in the class which complete the course within 30 minutes after the finish of the first boat of the class shall be scored. Other boats shall be scored one position worse than the last scored boat. (Amends RRS 35, A 4 and A5).

**13.2 Islands Long Race**

The time limit is 23.00 hrs. If at least one boat of the Class completes the course within the time limit, all other boats in the class which complete the course within 270 minutes after the finish of the first boat of the class shall be scored. Other boats shall be scored one position worse than the last scored boat. (Amends RRS 35, A4 and A 5).

**14. Retirement**

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

## **15. Protests**

15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit, which is 90 minutes after the finish of the last boat in the class on the last race of that day. Boats finishing after 19.30 shall lodge protests between 08.30 hrs and 09.30 hrs the following morning.

15.2 The Schedule of Hearings will be posted on the ONB not later than 30 minutes after the end of the protest time limit.

15.3 Protest hearings will start as soon as possible after the Schedule of Hearings is posted. Representatives of boats which are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the Jury Room located at the Regatta Headquarters. For the Islands Long Race there will be no hearings before 16.00 hrs on the following day unless the parties agree otherwise.

15.4 It is the responsibility of each boat to check the Schedule of Hearings to see if she is cited in a protest. Failure of any boat to appear when called for a hearing will be considered by the International Jury as ground for proceeding under RRS 63.3 (b).

15.5 For infringements of rules other than the rules of RRS Part 1 and 2, the International Jury may apply any penalty including no penalty.

15.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

(a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

15.7 On the last day of the regatta 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.

15.8 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

## **16. Measurement Protests**

16.1 Protests by competitors regarding a boat's measurement shall be lodged by 15.00 hrs on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Measurement protests shall be accompanied by a deposit of Euro 1.000,00 for each protested boat. The protest shall indicate the matters to be examined. If the protest has no basis the deposit will be forfeited towards the inquiry expenses; if it is well-founded the deposit will be refunded.

16.2 Boats may not protest another boat in respect of an allegation that a measurement stated in that boat's measurement certificate is wrong unless the Measurement and Rating Committee certifies that such measurement can be checked by it without substantial delay. (Changes RRS 60.1 and 62)

## **17. Scoring**

17.1 The Low Point Scoring System RRS Appendix A (Par. A 4.1) shall apply. Ten (10) races are scheduled and one discard will be allowed if at least eight races are completed. A minimum of three races are required to constitute the series.

The Island Long Race shall not be excluded and it carries a coefficient of 1.5.

17.2 For daily prizes, in the case that two races are sailed on one day, the overall result of the day will be determined by calculating the sum of the two scorings for each boat.

17.3 Criteria to award the Corinthian Trophy will be published on the ONB.

## **18. Penalties**

18.1 Jury boats will be at sea observing the races. 19.2 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that, except for infringements of Part 2 that occur within the zone of a mark, only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

18.2 A boat may take a One - Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two - Turn Penalty.

## **19. Hauling Out**

At 16.00 hrs on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> all boats shall be launched and shall not be hauled out subsequently without the prior written permission of the Organizing Authority.

## **20. Control, Measurement and Inspection**

20.1 In accordance with Notice of Race Para 3, a Measurement Committee (MC) will be appointed and will rule on all matters of rating, accommodation, safety, equipment and associated Rules and Regulations. The MC will report to the International Jury any dispute and the International Jury will determine the appropriate penalties for infringements after consultation with the MC.

20.2 The MC has the right to undertake random inspections and measurement checks on any competing boat throughout the regatta and registration 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.

20.3 A cross section of competing 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 check measurement.

## **21. Crew Lists - Swan 45 Class Crew Weighing**

21.1 A crew list with the names of each crew member shall be lodged at the Regatta Headquarters by 13.00 hrs on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Changes to the crew list shall be made in writing indicating the name(s) of the substituting crew member(s) and shall be lodged at the Regatta Headquarters before 09.30 hrs of each day. Failure to do so may result in the imposition of a penalty against that boat by the International Jury.

21.2 Final Swan 45 Class ISAF crew classifications shall be lodged with the Class Secretary by 09.30 hrs on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> September. Non-owner relief helmsmen shall comply with Class Rules.

21.3 Swan 45 crew weighing will take place on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> September and on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> September until 13.00 hrs. Crews may be weighed officially more than once.

## **22. Communications**

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

22.2 Failure by the Race Committee to transmit by radio the information referred to in the Sailing Instruction, errors, omissions or delay in doing so and failure by a boat to receive or hear such radio transmissions will not be grounds for request of redress. (Amends RRS 60.1 (b) and 62.1 (a)).

22.3 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 10.30 hrs until racing has concluded on each of the race days. See RRS 41. No competitor shall make radio, cell phone or computer transmissions, or receive radio, cell phone or computer communications during that time frame, except in the case of an emergency. The only other exception is that a crew member may place or receive a cell phone call of a personal nature that does not involve the exchange of information that could affect the boat's outcome in the race. The Skipper/Owner shall be responsible for all communications activity aboard his/her boat. Not complying with this instruction may be considered a gross breach of sportsmanship and will be dealt with accordingly. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent internal communications by radio between crew members.

22.4 Channel 72 shall not be utilised by the boats except as indicated in paragraph 14 (Retirement) or safety reasons and radio shall not be utilised for protest communications.

## **25. Electronic Equipment**

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

## **26. Disclaimer**

26.1 Competitors agree to be bound by 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 the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, Nautor Holding Srl, the Swan 45 One Design Class Associations, the Race Committee, the International Jury, all event sponsors and any other party 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 and anybody connected with the boat in any way.

In any case Competitors agree that the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, Nautor Holding Srl, the Swan 45 Design Class Association, the sponsors and their agents, in particular Rolex S.A. have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss, or damage to any boat or property. As part of the registration process, each individual participating crewmember will be required to sign a declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability.

26.2 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor, who must ensure the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience and who are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging and all gear. He/she must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

26.3 Neither the establishment of these conditions, nor their use by the Organizing Authorities and the Race Organizers in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor. The crew are nonetheless advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.

26.4 The attention of competitors is drawn to 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".

**27. Insurance**

It is the responsibility of the owner to provide adequate insurance for the yacht covering damage to persons or property.

**APPENDIX ALFA**

**WINDWARD - LEEWARD COURSES**

**1. Selection of the Course**

1.1 No later than the Warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course, approximate magnetic bearing and distance to the 1<sup>st</sup> buoy from the mid point of the starting line on a board. This changes RRS 27.1.

1.2 The information will be arranged vertically.

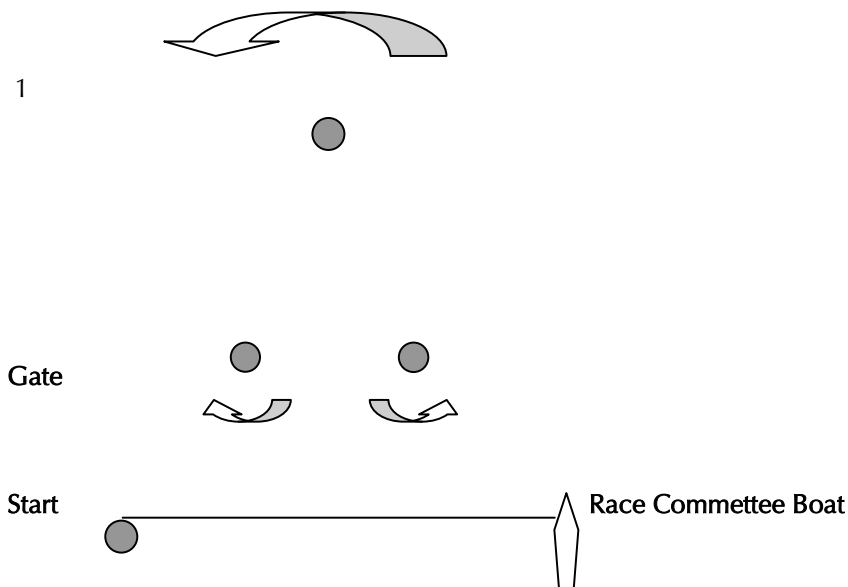
Example:

<b>1</b>	<i>Course</i>
<b>300</b>	<i>Approximate magnetic bearing to Buoy 1</i>
<b>1.7</b>	<i>Approximate distance to Buoy 1 (nautical miles)</i>

The accuracy of the approximate bearings and distances shall not be used as grounds for request of redress. This changes RRS 62.

Mark 1 shall be rounded to port.

- 1.3 (a) When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark;  
 (b) If only one Gate mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to port;  
 (c) The Gate may be laid after the starting signal;  
 (d) There will be no windward offset marks;  
 (e) The leeward gate will be positioned approximately 200 meters to windward of the center of the starting line and will be approximately 100 meters wide;  
 (f) The Finishing Line (leeward finishes) will be approximately 200 meters long with the race committee signal boat remaining in the same location as during the start (unless there is a change of course);  
 (g) The Finishing Line (windward finishes) will be approximately 200 meters long, and located approximately 200 meters to windward of the windward mark (unless there is a change of course).
- 1.4 The RC may broadcast the course, bearing and distance information before the Warning signal.



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

*Note: the upwind finish line is not depicted*

**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 Marks**

Marks shall be yellow triangular buoys with the sponsor's name. A new mark when used in accordance with "Change of course after the Start" in these Instructions shall be a white inflatable buoy. For the next change, an original mark shall be used.

## **2.3 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 a starting buoy at the port end.

The starting buoy 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. Both the Race Committee Boat and the Service boat rate as marks.

## **2.4 Finishing Line**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat or Service Boat and a finishing buoy.

The finishing buoy may be replaced by a Service Boat displaying an orange flag. In this case the finishing line will be between the staffs displaying an orange flag on each boat.

The Race Committee Boat and/or the Service Boat on the finishing line, may hold their position by using engines.

### **APPENDIX BRAVO EDITION 2012**

#### Coastal Courses

See Separate Booklet.

### **APPENDIX CHARLIE**

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 DELTA

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