



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA



AUDI SARDINIA CUP 2012

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
PORTO CERVO, 11th - 17th JUNE





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1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The 2012 Audi Sardinia Cup is organised by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS) in conjunction with the TP52 Class and with the support of the European Soto40 Class.

The event will be sailed in the waters of Porto Cervo between the 12th and the 17th June 2012. The regatta headquarters will be located at the YCCS.

2 THE RULES

2.1 The 2012 Audi Sardinia Cup will be governed by:

a) The rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2009 – 2012);

b) The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (2012 – 2013) as follows:

1. Cat. 3 including liferafts for TP52 and IRC52;

2. Cat. 4 including liferafts for Soto40 Class;

NOTE: The liferaft requirements amend class rules. Reason is local regulations.

Liferafts may be stored inside the boats near the entry hatch in a fixed position (this amends class rules) if below 40kg. Liferafts shall be packed in a rigid container or canister.

According with OSR 3.28.3.b) a minimum of 25 litres of fuel is required while racing. Further red parachute flares are not required - amends OSR 4.23, jackstays are not required - amends OSR 4.04.

c) 2012 TP52 Rule, Bylaws and interpretations;

NOTE: The SI shall give the wind speed limit for class rule C.1.2.a.

d) The IRC52 Wild Card Invitation Guidelines, see Appendix B;

e) The Soto40 Class Rule and interpretations, with the following modifications:

1. Rule 1.1.1: it is modified as follows; no ISAF code will be required for the teams, except in the case of boats competing for the Owner Driver Trophy (see NOR 18.3);

2. Rule 1.1.2: is deleted;

3. Rule 17.1: is modified by NOR 7.2.

The Audi Sardinia Cup Organizing Authority has written approval of the Soto40 Management Group to apply the above changes; such permission will be posted at the event's ONB.

f) No National Authorities prescriptions will apply except Part 6 of prescriptions of the FIV (Italian Sailing Federation), which will apply only to Italian competitors;

A copy of prescription can be found in Appendix A of the Notice of Race.

g) The NOR for the 52 Super Series and the NOR for the Soto40 European Championship Series. These NORs are to be respected by the individual event NORs, every attempt has been made to streamline them. The event NOR may differ for local requirements, which should be respected.

h) RRS 86.2 & ISAF Regulation 28.1.3 – 2012 TP52 Sailing Series and the Soto40 European Championships

As per ISAF Regulation 28.1.3 the ISAF Executive Committee has allowed the Organizing Authority of the 2012 TP52 Sailing Series and the Soto40 European Championships to change the Racing Rules of Sailing for both the TP52 and Soto 40 classes in Addendum Q. This modified Addendum Q takes precedence over any conflicting Sailing Instructions.

i) Add to RRS 41 OUTSIDE HELP:

(e) Help to recover from the water and return on board any person on board, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.

l) In compliance with the TP/52 Rule 2011 C1.2b, the minimum wind speed limitation to implement the alteration to RRS 42 is 13 knots, measured at deck level.

2.2 OFFICIAL LANGUAGE: the official language of the Audi Sardinia Cup shall be English.

2.3 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.

3 SCHEDULE OF BRIEFING AND RACES

3.1 The official briefing will be held at the YCCS Clubhouse at 18.00 hours on Tuesday 12th June, 2012. Two representatives of each boat shall attend.

3.2 The Racing Schedule will be as follows:

Monday 11 th June	Registration and free practice day
Tuesday, 12 th June	13.00 Official Practice Race (s) – 18.00 Briefing
Wednesday, 13 th June	12.00 W-L Races
Thursday, 14 th June	12.00 W-L Races
Friday, 15 th June	12.00 Coastal Race
Saturday, 16 th June	12.00 W-L Races
Sunday, 17 th June	11.00 W-L Races Prize Giving at 18.00 hours

3.3 On Sunday 17th June there will be no warning signal after 14.30 hours.

3.4 A maximum of nine races are scheduled (eight W-L races and one Coastal Race).

3.5 The Coastal Race is scheduled on Friday 15th but is in the absolute discretion of the Race Committee to modify the program weather depending. The decision will be posted on the ONB not later than 20.00 hrs on the day before the race is to take place.

3.6 A maximum of 3 races per day will be sailed. 3 races shall be completed to constitute a Series.

3.7 Unless postponed, the first signal for the first race of the day, will be given every day at 12.00 hours with the exception that on Sunday 17th when the first warning signal will be given at 11.00.

3.8 The TP52 and Soto40 boats are not allowed to practice, tune or test on the waters within a 30 mile radius circle of the YCCS Yacht Club other than on the free practice days Sunday and Monday 10/11 June.

3.9 The jury upon receiving a report from the race committee of a boat's failure to comply with rule 8.4 may impose without a hearing a penalty on the event score up to a maximum of 4 places. This changes RRS 63.1.

3.10 Notwithstanding the above, participants can make a request to the TP52 Class Manager or the Soto 40 Official Measurer for permission to sail on non sailing days for corporate sailing, charity functions or any other genuine marketing or social activities. The TP52 Class Manager or Soto 40 Official Measurer will require the applicants to put their reason in writing (this will be posted on the Official Notice Board) and will also require that no new sails will be used and less than 50% of the regular crew is on board.

3.11 The Organising Authority and/or the Race Committee reserve the right to modify the programme for any reason.

4 ADVERTISING

Refer to Paragraph 9 of the Notice of Race.

5 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located in front of the entrance of the YCCS Club House.

6 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the ONB no later than 10:30 hours on the day it comes into effect, except that changes to the programme will be posted by 20:00 hours on the day before the change takes effect. A copy of each amendment may be placed in each boat's mailbox located in the Regatta Headquarters.

7 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

7.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the official flagstaff located at the terrace of the YCCS Club House.

7.2 The display or removal of signals will be announced by sound signals and possibly via radio on VHF Channel 72.

7.3 Code flag "AP" (Answering Pennant) made ashore means: "The race is postponed. The Warning Signal will not be displayed before 60 minutes after "AP" is lowered."

8 RACING AREAS, FORMAT AND COURSES

8.1 The racing area will be the waters of Porto Cervo and La Maddalena Archipelago.

8.2 Windward/Leeward races are courses between buoys with mainly windward/ leeward legs. These courses will have a distance between 4 and 10 miles.

8.3 Coastal races are non-Windward/Leeward courses identified as Coastal courses by the Sailing Instructions with a distance between 25 and 50 miles. A shorter or longer distance for the Coastal Races shall not be ground for protest or redress.

8.4 Scheduled races will include 8 Windward/Leeward Races and 1 Coastal Race.

8.5 A safety zone might be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

8.6 Starting areas, courses, finishing lines and marks are described in Appendix Alpha (Windward – Leeward Courses) and Appendix Bravo (Coastal and Island Courses).

9 THE MARKS

9.1 For the Windward/Leeward Course, marks, including the new mark under SI 11 (Change of the next leg of the course) and the starting and finishing marks when used, will be red cylindrical buoys.

9.2 For the Coastal race, the marks are described in Appendix BRAVO.

10 THE START

10.1 The TP52 Class flag shall be the warning signal for the IRC52/TP52 Class. Flag VICTOR shall be the warning signal for the Soto 40 Class.

10.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Rules A4 and A5.

10.3 The starting line will be between a 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 starting mark.

10.4 Both the Race Committee Boat and the Pin End Boat rate as marks.

10.5 The starting area will be located within approx 3 nautical miles off the entrance of Porto Cervo.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. For the avoidance of doubt, if a change of course is signaled for a windward leg, Mark 1a (the "offset") will be laid and will be a yellow mark.

11.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and race committee boat to starboard. This changes Rule 28.1.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 For Windward/Leeward courses 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.

12.2 The finishing line may have a shorter length than the starting line.

12.3 For the coastal race, 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 (Mark Zulu). The YCCS burgee will be flying from the signal mast. Before crossing the finishing line the mark in Pevero Bay (Mark Bravo) shall be left to starboard.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 Windward-Leeward Courses

The time limit for courses n°2 and n°3 is 60 minutes. The time limit for courses n°4 and n°5 and n°6 is 90 minutes. If the course is not completed within this time by at least one boat of each Class the race is abandoned. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of the same Class sails the course and finishes will be scored the average points of boats still to finish. This amends RRS 35 and A 4.1.

13.2 Coastal Race

The time limit for the coastal race is at 19.30 hours. If the course is not completed within this time by at least one boat of each Class the race is abandoned. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat of the same Class sails the course and finishes will be scored the average points of boats still to finish. This amends RRS 35 and A4.1.

14 INTERNATIONAL JURY, PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. All decisions will be final as per RRS 70.5.

14.2 Umpiring: it is the intention of the Organising Authority to have the racing umpired. ISAF Addendum Q will be modified to the effect that the Jury may take decisions after racing if the incident afloat was unseen.

14.3 Redress Limitation: a boat may only request redress when racing at an event; redress may be granted for this event only and shall not be given for a greater number of races than that boat completes in that particular event. Other limitations may apply to the TP52 Class / IRC52s following the TP52 Class Redress Guidelines that will be communicated to the International Jury.

14.4 Penalties for breaches of the Notice of Race are at the discretion of the Jury.

15 SCORING

15.1 The Low Point Scoring System as described in RRS Appendix A shall apply for the individual classes of the 2012 Audi Sardinia Cup. There shall be no discards.

15.2 The Team Result shall be based on the combined score of the individual team members.

15.3 Coastal races scoring: the coastal race will be awarded one score with a 1.5 factor. The final score for each boat will be equal to her position after crossing the finishing mark multiplied by 1.5.

15.4 A boat that did not confirm her participation or was not present at an event shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the 2012 Sailing Series at the time of that event. This changes RRS A9.

16 RETIREMENT

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

17 CREW AND GUESTS

17.1 A boat shall race with the entire crew declared in the registration form for the entire regatta. Any changes to the Crew shall have proper reason and shall be submitted in good faith to the Jury for their approval. Only substitutions approved by the IJ will be accepted.

17.2 The maximum crew weight while racing at 2012 52 Super Series events will be 1050kg for TP52 Pro-Driver boats (Option C.2.2.a 2012 TP52 Rule).

The Owner Driver / Non-Pro driver TP52s may chose to sail with the same 1050kg + guest or 1130kg in case of full crew / no guest. This choice is to be indicated on the Crew Declaration form and cannot be changed during the event. IRC52s shall sail with a maximum crew weight of 1130kg, but may apply for an alternative crew weight, in writing to the class manager, and the Soto40s will sail with 700kg crew weight (this modifies the Soto40 Class Rule 17.1).

17.3 Guests on board: in addition to its maximum crew weight limit TP52 Pro-Driver boats and Soto40 boats shall have a guest on board every day of racing and in the Official practice race who shall:

- 1)** Not contribute to the racing of the yacht other than by the positioning of their weight. Unless otherwise prescribed by the Sailing Instructions, a person with acknowledged tactical or technical skills (yacht designers, sail designers or sailing coaches would be specific though non exhaustive examples) shall be considered to be contributing to the racing of the yacht;

- 2) Be positioned aft of the mainsail traveller and with their legs and torso inboard of a vertical line above the sheer line;
- 3) Be provided by the organizing authority in the practice race and one of the event's official racing days. The organizing authority may also provide Guests for the other official racing days if boats cannot fill this position;
- 4) The guest shall be on board for a minimum of one race day. TP52 guests may be replaced between races if permitted by the TP52 Class Manager before the first race of the day. The guest name(s), weight(s) and designated race day(s) shall be declared on the Guest Declaration form. The non event supplied guests are invited by the boat and under full responsibility of the boat;
- 5) The Event Organizer may refuse any guest. Boats are denied the possibility to contest this decision. The TP52 Owner-Driver / Non-Pro driver boats racing under the 1130kg crew option shall have a guest on board for the Official Practice Race. For this race they may chose to sail with 1130kg + guest.

17.4 TP52 and Soto 40 boats shall provide one foot rest at each side of the cockpit in an adequate position in order to provide support for the Guest. The footrests shall at least provide support over a straight line of 0.32m situated a minimum of 0.1m above the cockpit floor.

17.5 The Jury upon receiving a report from the race committee of a boat's failure to comply with rules 7.3 and 7.4 may impose without a hearing a penalty on the event score up to a maximum of 4 places. This changes RRS 63.1.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1 The Race Committee may use VHF 72 to broadcast information such as signals made ashore, location of the Race Committee Boat, the display of signal on the Race Committee boat, bow or sail numbers of boats recalled, changes of course etc..

18.2 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.

18.3 Neither failure to receive or hear radio transmissions nor failure to make them, nor delay or errors in them, will be grounds for requests for redress by competitors. (Amends RRS 60.1 (b) and 62.1 (a)).

18.4 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephone.

18.5 Communications among the two boats of the same team are permitted.

19 IDENTIFICATION OF COMMITTEE BOATS, ETC.

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

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

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

19.4 Vessels used by Press, Photographers, Film Crews, VIP's, etc. are not under the jurisdiction of the Race Committee. However, Press Boats that register with the Organizing Authority will be asked to display a white flag with 'P'.

19.5 All support vessels shall keep well clear of the starting area and, after the preparatory signal. They are not to approach within 100 meters of any competing boat. Infringement of this Rule by a boat's support vessel may result in the imposition of a scoring penalty against that boat.

20 HAULING OUT AND REPAIRS

20.1 Boats may not be hauled out after the 10th of June until the finish of the final race without prior written permission of the Jury.

20.2 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. Sail repairs or replacements must be filed with the International Jury on the Sail Repair/Replacement Form.

21 MEASUREMENT

Refer to Paragraph 6 of the Notice of Race.

22 PRIZES

Refer to Paragraph 18 of the Notice of Race

23 DISCLAIMER

23.1 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.

23.2 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 Events Sponsors, the Organising Authority, the TP52 Class, the European Soto40 Class and all persons involved in the organisation under whatever qualification and to accept full responsibility for the behaviour and dress of the boat's crew, representatives and guests.

23.3 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".

23.4 In any case, competitors agree that the Event Organizers, the TP52 Class, the European Soto40 Class, the sponsors and their agents, have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel or property. As part of the registration process, each individual participating crewmember will be required to sign a declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability.

24 INSURANCE

It is the responsibility of the owner to have a current and valid Third Party Liability insurance for the yacht covering eventual damage to persons or property in accordance with the ISAF Rules. Italian Sailing Federation prescribes a minimum cover of 1.000.000 Euro. Declaration of adequate insurances coverage shall be provide on final registration.

25 SOCIAL PROGRAM, 52 MEETING

The preliminary Social programme is as follows:

- June 12: Welcome Cocktail Party, 19.30 hrs (after skipper briefing);
- June 14: Owners, Afterguard, Sponsors and Press dinner;
- June 15: 52 Meeting, 18.00 hrs. Teams Barbecue, 20:00 hrs;
- June 17: Prize giving, 18.00hrs.

26 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please check the event web site www.yccs.com or contact the Race Office at: Yacht Club Costa Smeralda - 07021 Porto Cervo (OT), Italy

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APPENDIX ALPHA

SECTION ONE - Windward - Leeward Courses

1. Selection of the Course

The course will be signalled to competitors by the Race Committee boat by displaying before or at the Warning Signal the number of the course on a board.

2. Description of Windward - Leeward Courses

2.1 The Race Committee Signal Boat will signal the course number, the approximate magnetic bearing and distance in nautical miles from the Race Committee Signal Boat to Mark 1

Course 2: Start - 1 - 1a – Finish (Downwind)

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)

2.2 (a) Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port. Mark 1a is an offset mark and will be positioned to port of Mark 1.

(b) If only one Gate mark is set, yachts shall round the single mark to port.

(c) Except when there is a change of course, the Gate will be positioned approximately to windward of the Race Committee Signal Boat.

(d) The Gate may be laid after the starting signal.

2.3 Except when there is a change of course:

(a) the finish for course 2, 4 and 6 will be to leeward of the Gate;

(b) the Finish for course 3 and 5 will be to windward of Mark 1.