



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA

INVITATIONAL SMERALDA 888

Porto Cervo, 27 - 29 June 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1 Refer to the Notice of Race (NoR) at paragraph 4.
- 1.2 The races will be governed by the WS Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS), including the Notice of Race and the rules of the Smeralda 888 Class Association, except as modified by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions when issued.
- 1.3 **WHISTLE AND FLAG SYSTEM:** to encourage boats to take penalties afloat, a Jury member may blow a whistle and display a red flag when he sees what he believes to be a breach of a rule.

2. Racing Area

Refer to the NoR at paragraph 9.

3. Venue

- 3.1 Regatta Headquarters will be located at the YCCS.
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag staff located at the YCCS terrace.

Direct link to the event website:



4. Crew Members

Refer to NoR at paragraph 6.1.

5. Registration Formalities

- 5.1 The Skippers' pack will be delivered during registrations at the YCCS Race Office.
- 5.2 Participants not complying with the following formalities are not eligible for the event.
 - Entry Form duly completed and signed.
 - Payment of entry fee.

6. Briefing

The official Briefing will be held at the YCCS at 11.30 on Friday 27th June.

7. Penalties

A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing (changes the first sentence of RRS 44.1).

8. Official Notice Board, Amendments to the Sailing Instructions, Notices to Competitors, Communications

- 8.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be online and is located: [HERE](#)
- 8.2 Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the [ONB](#) not later than 10.00 on the day it takes effect, and sent as a form of courtesy also via WhatsApp (join the group at the following link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EcYoWA34N0D9WdliStt42R>)
- 8.3 Notices to competitors will be posted on the [ONB](#) and sent as a form of courtesy also via WhatsApp.
- 8.4 On-the-water communications will take place exclusively via VHF channel 72.

9. Signals made ashore

Code flag AP (Answering Pennant) means that the race is postponed. The warning signal will not be displayed prior to 1 hour after AP is lowered. This changes RRS Race Signals "AP".

10. Programme

- 10.1 - Thursday, 26th June Arrival of participants, Registrations from 10.00 to 18.00
free practice - *Contact the YCCS Centro Sportivo to schedule your training section*
- Friday, 27th June 11.30 Briefing at the YCCS
to follow Welcome Brunch
14.30 Race (s)
- Saturday, 28th June 11.30 Race (s)
19.30 Dinner at the YCCS
- Sunday, 29th June 11.00 Race (s)
to follow Prize Giving at the YCCS
- 10.2 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to modify the above programme according to weather conditions and/or other reasons (this action will not be grounds for a request for redress - changes RRS 61.1(a)).
- 10.3 No warning signal will be made after 14.30 on Sunday, 29th June.
- 10.4 The maximum number of races to be sailed shall be 8. The series will be valid if at least 3 races are completed. All races will have coefficient 1. The maximum number of races per each day is 3.

11. Start Procedure

- 11.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 11.2 A boat which starts later than 5 minutes after her starting signal, shall be scored DNS without hearing (changes RRS 35, A4 e A5.1)
- 11.3 In accordance with RRS 26, the Smeralda 888 Class Flag will be displayed as the warning signal.

12. Starting Line

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 course side of the starting mark (red robotic 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 staffs displaying the orange flags on the Race Committee vessel and the service vessel. The race committee vessel and/or service vessel on the starting line may hold their position with the use of engines. This action will not be grounds for a request for redress (changes RRS 61.1(a)).

13. Finishing Line

The finishing line will be a straight line between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark (red robotic mark). The finishing mark may be replaced by a service vessel displaying an orange flag (if so the finishing line will be between the staff displaying the blue flag on the race committee vessel and the staff displaying an orange flag on the service vessel). The race committee vessel and/or service vessel on the finishing line may hold their position with the use of engines. This action will not be grounds for a request for redress (change RRS 61.1(a)).

14. Description of the Course

W-L Course as described in Appendix ALFA.

15. Time Limit to sail a race

The time limit is of 70 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat finish the race will be scored DNF.

16. Marks

All course marks will be red robotic marks.

17. Change of Course after the start

- 17.1 Rule 33 applies. In case of a change of course, the new mark will be a yellow robotic mark. If a change of course is signalled for a downwind leg, the downwind mark will remain the original mark (red robotic mark).
- 17.2 When mark 1 is replaced, the offset mark (1a) is not a course mark anymore and will not be replaced. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark (red robotic mark).

18. Shortening of the Course

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 displaying RRS flag "S" on the race

committee/service vessel. The service vessel may hold its position with the use of engines. This action will not be grounds for a request for redress (change RRS 61.1(a)).

19. Committee/Jury Vessels and Service Vessels

- 19.1 Race committee vessel will be identified by a large burgee of the YCCS.
- 19.2 Jury vessel will be identified by a flag with a black letter "J" on a white background.
- 19.3 Service vessels will be identified by a flag with a red letter "S" on a white background.

20. Protests

- 20.1 Protests shall be lodged [HERE](#) within the protest time limit (PTL). PTL is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 20.2 Schedule of hearings will be posted [HERE](#) not later than 30 minutes after the PTL is expired. All persons involved in the hearings shall remain in the vicinity of the protest room at YCCS.
- 20.3 It is the boat's representative's sole responsibility to check the online [ONB](#) at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Competitors are reminded of RRS 63.1(b).

21. Scoring

The low point system scoring Appendix A applies. Each yacht's score shall be the sum of all her races (no discards).

22. Communications

A boat retiring from a race shall notify the race committee or the race office as soon as possible on VHF channel 72.

23. Disclaimer

Refer to Entry Form.

24. Trophies

Refer to NoR at paragraph 8.

It is part of our mission to raise awareness among regatta participants on the urgent environmental issues affecting the oceans.

As part of its environmental initiative, YCCS will not issue paper copies.

We are pleased to inform you that the regatta is organized following the principals of the Charta Smeralda, an ethical code established by the One Ocean Foundation - <https://www.1ocean.org>

APPENDIX ALFA
Description of the Course

1. General Instructions

1.1 Starting Area

The starting area will be located within a radius of approx. 2 n.m. of the entrance of Porto Cervo.

2. Description of the Course

Marks shall be rounded to port in the following order:

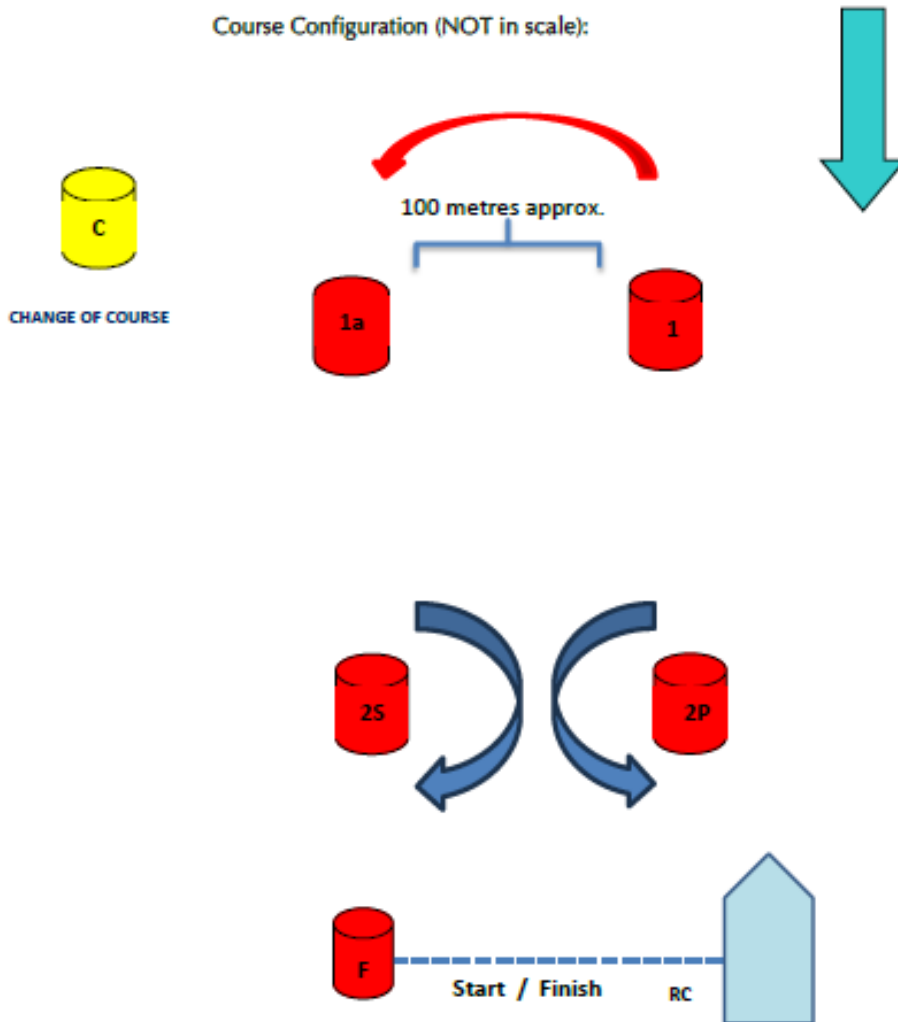
Start - 1 – 1a – 2S/2P - 1 – 1a - Finish.

Marks shall be rounded to Port (except for the finishing line downwind).

If one of the gate mark is missing the remaining mark shall be rounded to port and RRS 18.4 will apply.

The race committee will try to set a course which will take approximately 40 minutes to be completed.

The length of the course shall be determined by the race committee. A longer or shorter racing time will not be grounds for redress. Amends RRS 61.1(a).



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Links to Public Information

Regatta officials are using a web-based program to assist with the management of this regatta. It provides electronic forms for such actions as scoring inquiries, protests, equipment substitutions, etc. And it provides for electronic communication with competitors if competitors have provided an email and/or telephone number accepting SMS. Competitors will be notified electronically of protest time limits, confirmation of a protest filing, scheduled hearing times, etc. This electronic system allows competitors to move freely about the event and remain in contact with relevant officials. And all competitors have electronic access to the scoring inquiries, jury decisions, etc.*

Notice: This electronic notice board is the Official Notice Board (ONB) for this regatta.



Submit Request for Hearing



Submit Scoring Inquiry

NOTICE: When submitting a protest, request or report, the procedure (as set forth in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Sailing Instructions) remains unchanged.



Official Notice Board



Hearing Schedule



Hearing Decisions



Scoring Inquiries

The jury and parties reserve the right to limit public access to certain decisions.*

Event WhatsApp Group - join the group at the following link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EcYoWA34N0D9WdliStt42R>