



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA

INVITATIONAL SMERALDA 888

Porto Cervo, 26-28 June 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

1.1 Refer to the Notice of Race (NoR) at paragraph 4.

1.2 UMPIRE OBSERVATION

1.2.1 Umpires may observe the racing and provide advisory umpire signals. If an umpire observes an incident where a boat protests, one of the following signals may be made:

(a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'The umpire/s saw the incident and believe that no rule was broken'.

(b) A red flag with one long sound means 'The umpires saw the incident and believe that one or more boat has broken a rule'. The umpire/s will hail or signal each boat identified to have broken a rule.

(c) A BLUE flag with one long sound means 'The umpire/s do not have the facts to make a decision'.

1.2.2. The signals displayed by the umpires are for information only. If a red flag is displayed, any identified boat is not obliged to take the applicable penalty, however if she does not, the Umpire, as part of the protest committee, may protest that boat. If a green and white flag or the BLUE flag is displayed, a boat may still protest, or a boat may choose to take the applicable penalty.

1.2.3 If a green and white flag is displayed for an incident, the protest committee will only protest a boat for an incident involving her that may have resulted in injury or serious damage, or if the protest committee learns during the hearing of a valid protest that the boat, although not a party to the hearing, was involved in the incident and may have broken a rule. This changes RRS 60.1 and 60.4(b).

1.3 Umpires may blow a whistle and display a red flag when he sees what he believes to be a breach of rule 31 or 42 or gains an advantage despite taking a penalty or commits a breach of sportsmanship. The umpire/s will hail or signal each boat identified to have broken such rule/s. Any identified boat is not obliged to take the applicable penalty, however if she does not, the Umpire, as part of the protest committee, may protest that boat.

1.4 RRS Appendix T (arbitration) will apply.

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 12.00 on Friday 26th 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> or through the following QR code:



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 (changes RRS Race Signals "AP").

10. Programme

10.1

- Thursday, 25 th June		Arrival of participants, Registrations from 10.00 to 18.00 free practice - Contact the YCCS Sailing Centre & Marina to schedule your training session.
- Friday, 26 th June	12.00 to follow 14.30	Briefing at the YCCS Welcome Brunch Race (s)
- Saturday, 27 th June	12.00 19.30	Race (s) Dinner at the YCCS
- Sunday, 28 th June	11.00 to follow	Race (s) 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, 28th 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 A4 e A5)

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 staffs displaying the orange flags on 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 a blue flag (if so the finishing line will be between the staff displaying the blue flag on the race committee vessel and the staff displaying a blue 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 (changes 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 for the first boat 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. These marks will go back to original position if they are dragged or otherwise moved off station. Routine movement of robotic marks will not be grounds for request of redress nor redress (changes RRS 61.1(a) and 61.4(b)(1)). This includes automatic minor readjustments (i.e. caused by short temporary loss of GPS signal or because of current) and marks returning to station after having been pushed or dragged away by a competitor.

RRS 31 continues to apply.

Furthermore, the Protest Committee may refuse to hold a hearing when a boat request redress based on this rule (changes RRS 63.2(a)).

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, mark 1 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 (changes 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 Hearing requests 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. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

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.

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).

