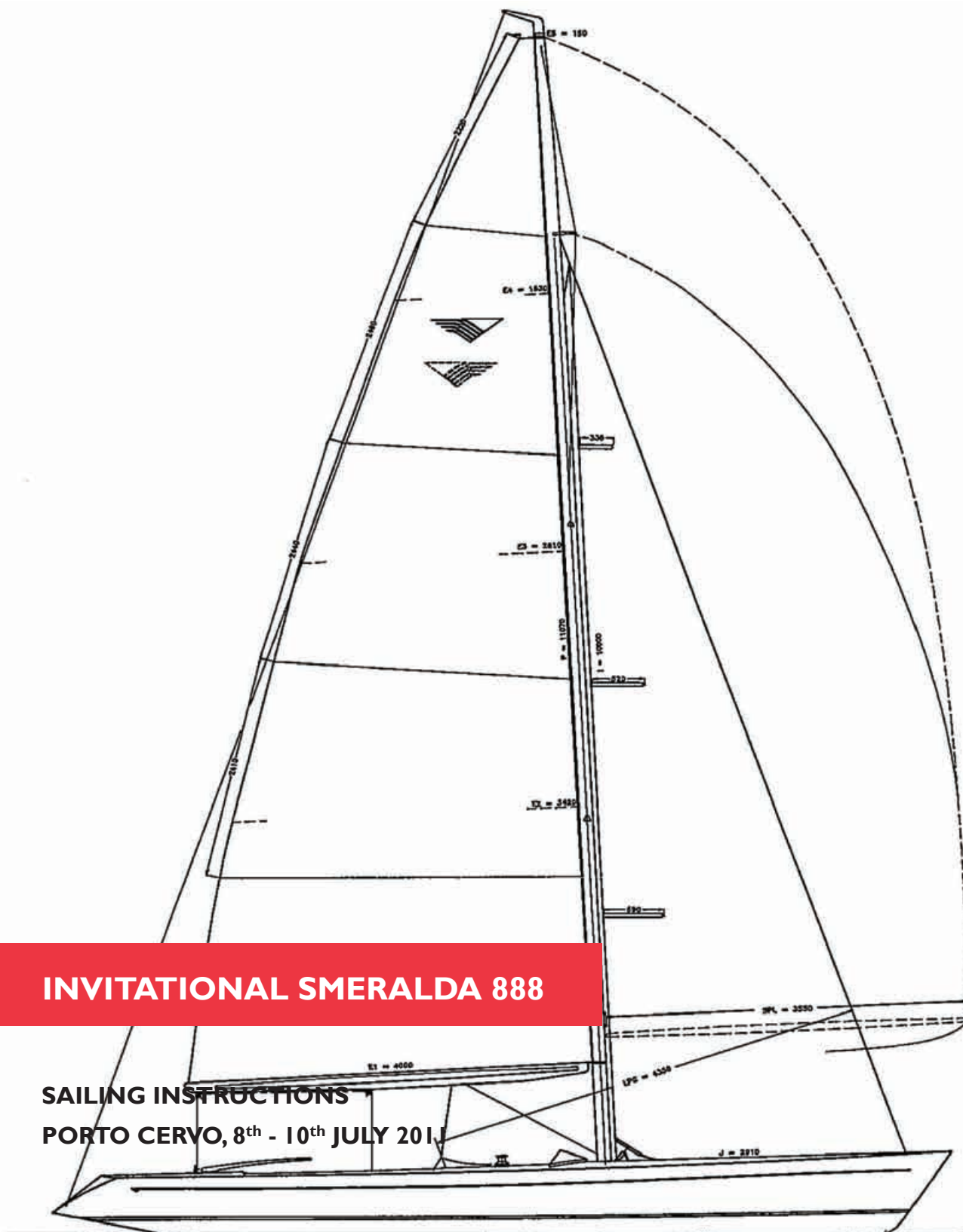




YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA



INVITATIONAL SMERALDA 888

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
PORTO CERVO, 8th - 10th JULY 2011

SMERALDA 888



1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions and the subsequent communications of the Race Committee (RC) shall prevail.

Italian competitors shall be in compliance with the Italian Sailing Federation Rules (FIV cards). No other FIV prescriptions will be applied.

English shall be the official language used at the regatta.

2. Racing Area

The racing area will be in the waters outside Porto Cervo Marina.

3. Venue

3.1 Regatta Headquarters will be located at the YCCS Sports Centre. The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be located at the YCCS Sports Centre and repeated if possible at the YCCS Club House.

3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flag staff located at the YCCS Sports Centre and repeated if possible at the YCCS terrace.

4. Entries and Eligibility

Only Clubs invited by the Organising Authority (OA) are eligible for the event.

5. Crew Members

5.1 The maximum number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 5 with a limit of maximum weight of 380 kilograms. Crew will be weighed as per Class Rules prior to the start of the regatta by a representative of the Class. The weigh-in will take place starting at 09.00 hours on Friday 8th July at the YCCS Sports Centre.

6. Registration Formalities

The following shall be delivered to the Regatta Headquarters by 11.00 hours on July 8th 2011:

- Entry Form duly completed
- Payment of entry fee
- Crew List Form
- Disclaimer signed

Boats not complying with the above formalities are not eligible for the event.

7. Briefing

The official Briefing will be held at the YCCS Clubhouse at 11.30 hours on July 8th 2011.

8. Alternative Penalties

8.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

9. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions and Notices to Competitors

9.1 All amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 10.00 hours on the day it takes effect. It is the responsibility of competitors to acquaint themselves with these notices.

9.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

10. Signals made ashore

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

11. Programme

11.1	- Thursday, 7 th July	Arrival of participants, Registrations	
	- Friday, 8 th July	9.00 – 11.00	Registrations
		11.30	Briefing at the YCCS Upper Terrace
		14.30	Race (s)
	- Saturday, 9 th July	12.00	Race (s)
		20.30	Dinner at the YCCS Clubhouse
	- Sunday, 10 th July	12.00	Race (s)
		Immediately after the races	Prize Giving at the YCCS Sports Centre.

Race means Windward –Leeward or coastal courses

The Race Committee reserves the right to modify the above programme according to weather conditions and/or other reasons.

11.2 No warning signal will be made after 15.00 hours on Sunday, 10th July.

11.3 The maximum number of races to be sailed shall be eight. 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 three.

12. Start Procedure

12.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

12.2 A boat which starts later than five minutes after her starting signal, shall be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

12.3 In accordance with RRS 26, the Smeralda 888 Class Flag will be displayed as the warning signal.

13. 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 the starting mark (red inflatable buoy) at the port end.

The starting mark 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. This action will not be ground for a request for redress (amends RRS 60.1.b and 62.1.a).

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

14. Finishing Line

The finishing line for Windward-Leeward Courses will be a straight line between the course side of a red inflatable buoy and an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat.

When finishing downwind the Race Committee Boat shall be left to port and the inflatable mark to starboard.

The finishing mark 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 Service boat on the finishing line may hold their position with the use of engines. This action will not be ground for a request for redress (amends RRS 60.1.b and 62.1.a).

15. Description of the Courses

W-L Course is described in Appendix Alpha. Coastal courses are described in Appendix Bravo.

16. Individual Recalls

Individual recalls will be made in accordance with RRS 29.1.

17. General Recall

General recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2.

18. Time Limit

The time limit for the Windward – Leeward course is of 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat will be scored point equal to the number of finishers plus 2 points. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

19. Marks

All marks will be red inflatable marks for W-L course.

20. Change of Course after the start

Rule 33 applies. In case of a course change the offset Mark shall not be positioned and the new Mark will be Yellow. If a change of course is signalled for a downwind leg the downwind marks will remain original marks (red inflatable buoy).

21. 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 bearing the “S” flag on the finishing boat.

22. Committee, Service Boats and Support Vessels

22.1 The Committee Boat will be identified by a large burgee of the YCCS.

22.2 Service boats will be identified by a flag with a red letter “S” on a white background.

23. Protests

23.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the YCCS Sports Centre and lodged there within the Protest Time Limit (PTL) posted on the ONB, and will be 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last day of the race.

23.2 Schedule of hearings will be posted on the ONB. All persons involved in the hearings shall remain in the vicinity of the Protest Room at YCCS Club House.

23.3 The Race Committee/Protest Committee intending to protest a boat under Rule 60.2 (a) or Rule 60.3 (a) because of an incident observed in the racing area shall inform her after the race by posting a notice on the ONB within the PTL as indicated in paragraph 23.1 of these instructions.

23.4 On the last day of the Series a request for reopening a hearing held on the previous day shall be lodged within the protest time limit. On the last day of Series for the purpose of RRS 66 and 62.2 the time limit will be no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision of the protest (RRS 65) or of the relevant incident (RRS 62.2). (Amends RRS 62.2 and 66).

23.5 It is the boat's representative's sole responsibility to check the protest notices at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Competitors are reminded of RRS 63.3 (b).

24. Jury Observation

Members of the Jury will normally observe the racing. If a Jury member witnesses what he or she believes to be an infringement, this may be signaled with one long sound signal from the Jury boat.

25. Scoring

The low point system scoring App A applies. Each yacht's score shall be the sum of all her races (no discards) This modifies RRS A2.

26. Communications

A boat retiring from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

27. Disclaimer

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, the Race Committee, the Jury 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.

In any case Competitors agree that the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda 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. 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.

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. 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".

28. Trophies

The YCCS will award prizes from the 1st to the 3rd classified boat for the series.

APPENDIX ALPHA

1. General Instructions

1.1 Starting Area

The starting area will be located within a radius of approx. 3 n.m. of the entrance of Porto Cervo.

2. **Change of Course after the start**

Rule 33 applies. In case of a course change the offset Mark shall not be positioned and the new Mark will be Yellow. If a change of course is signalled for a downwind leg the downwind marks will remain original marks (red inflatable buoy).

3. **Description of the Course**

Marks shall be rounded to port in the following order:

Course 1

Start - Mark 1 – Mark 1a - Starting Mark – Mark 1 - Mark 1a - Finish.

Course 2

Start - Mark 1 – Mark 1a - Starting Mark – Mark 1 - Mark 1a – Starting Mark – Mark 1 – Mark 1a - Finish.

Mark 1a will be an “Offset” mark placed approximately 90° to port of Mark 1.

No later than the Warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course and approximate magnetic bearing to the 1st mark from the mid point of the starting line on a white board.

The information will be arranged vertically. Example:

1		<i>Course</i>
300		<i>Approximate magnetic bearing to Mark 1</i>

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

The RC 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 RC. A longer or shorter racing time will not be grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.1 (b) and 62.1 (a)).

Course Configuration (not in scale).

COURSE

DIAGRAM NOT IN SCALE

