



Audi  
Sailing Series®



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA



# Audi Melges 32 European Championship 2012

## Audi Sailing Series ACT 3

### Porto Cervo, June, 28<sup>th</sup> – July, 1<sup>st</sup> 2012

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules*, as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012 and the FIV prescriptions for Sports Activities Sailing in Italy 2012.
- 1.2 In case of conflict between the Italian Version and English Version, the English version shall prevail.
- 1.3 a) Rules 44.1 and Class Rules are changed so that the penalty for a boat when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 will be one turn including one tack and one gybe.  
b) Unless the course is shortened, penalties in the “zone” of the windward mark or in the offset leg can be delayed to the beginning of the downwind leg.  
c) According to the NOR, SI 16.1.3 changes RRS 61 and 63.
- 1.4 Unless the IC flag "U" (I.C.) has been displayed on the Race Committee as per SI 14.2 (d), recorded video and images from any boat, press, media and / or support boat, or data / video of positioning electronic devices cannot be used as evidence during hearings and may not be a reason for redress request. This changes the RRS 63.3 - 63.6 - 60.1 (b).
- 1.5 The Italian Sailing Federation has authorized on the water umpiring.
- 1.6 The following IM32CR of Part III will apply: H.1, H.2, H.3, H.4.3, H.5, H.7, H.8.
- 1.7 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.

### 2 COMMITTEE OF RACE AND JURY

The Race Committee and Jury are composed by:

#### RACE COMMITTEE

Race Officer: Fabio Barrasso

Members: Edoardo Recchi, Giovanni Porcu, Corrado Fara, Fabrizio Pirina

#### JURY

Chairman: David Lees

Members: Lorenz Walch, Hans Kurt Andersen, Willii Gohl, Marco Giampà, Bruno Ampola

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the AUDI Sponsor Village.

Any changes to SI will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 60 minutes before the warning signal of the first race of the day, except any change of the race schedule that will be posted by 8.00 p.m. on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be given using IC Flags as per ISAF RRS and National Prescriptions for visual signals ashore and will be displayed on the flag-pole located at the AUDI Sponsor Village.
- 4.2 When IC flag AP is displayed ashore, race is postponed. The warning signal will not be made less than 45 minutes after lowering the AP flag ashore (change RRS “AP” race signal).
- 4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the RRS Part 4 preamble.

## 5 REGATTA SCHEDULE

5.1

### Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

14.30-18.00 Registration, Crew weigh-in, Boats & Sails measurement checks

### Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

09.00-18.00 Registration, Crew weigh-in, Boats & Sails measurement checks

### Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

09.00-18.00 Registration, Crew weigh-in, Boats & Sails measurement checks

12.30

Competitors Briefing & Press Conference

15.00-17.00

Practice Race(s)

18.00

Dead line for Registrations

### Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

11.30

First Warning Signal

### Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

TBC

Races

### Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

TBC

Races

### Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>

TBC

Races

After races

Award ceremony

5.2 A maximum of 3 (three) races may be sailed each day.

5.3 The First Warning Signal will be displayed on Thursday at 11.30 a.m.

5.4 On the last day of regatta no warning signal will be displayed after 2.30 p.m.

## 6 CLASS FLAG

The Melges 32 Class flags will be the class (warning) signal.

## 7 RACING AREA

The races will be held on the water in front of Porto Cervo.

## 8 COURSES

The diagrams in Attachment A shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

## 9 MARKS

9.1 Windward and Offset Marks will be inflatable cylindrical red buoys with white band and Audi logo.

9.2 Gate Marks will be inflatable cylindrical red buoys with white band and Audi logo.

9.3 The change of course mark as per SI 12.1 will be inflatable cylindrical yellow buoy with white band and Audi logo.

9.4 The starting mark if applicable as per SI 11.2 and the finishing mark will be inflatable cylindrical red buoy with white band and Audi logo.

## 10 FORBIDDEN SAILING AREA

In case of Sailing forbidden area these will be notified on the Official Notice Board.

When these areas are notified, these will be considered "obstruction" as per definition & related application of RRS 19 & 20.

## 11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC starting vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC pin-end vessel.

In case of absence of the pin-end vessel the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC starting vessel and the course side of the mark at the port-end of the line as per SI 9.4.

For the purpose of acquiring the attention of racing boats before the warning signal, an orange flag will be display not less than five minutes before the warning signal together with sound signals.

11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored as DNS. This changes rules A4.

11.4 In addition to RRS 29.1 - 29.2 individual and general recalls may be communicated by radio VHF 72. In such case, bow numbers, sail numbers or boat names may be called out for their identification. Delay in the radio communication of these calls, or the order in which they are made, or any omission or failure

in the emission or reception of these, shall not be grounds for a request for redress. (This modifies RRS 62.1.a).

This rule does not reduce, modify or exonerate each boat's responsibility to start in accordance with the RRS.

## 12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 In case of change of course or length of one leg, the Race Committee will lay a new mark and remove the original marks or move the finishing line as soon as practicable. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position.
- 12.2 If the Race Committee decides to change the position of the leeward mark (gate), the original gate marks will be repositioned.
- 12.3 When a change of course for a windward leg is signalled, the offset mark will be repositioned and it will be a mark of the course. The new offset mark will be inflatable cylindrical yellow buoy with white band and Audi logo as per SI 9.3.

## 13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel and the finishing mark as defined at SI 9.4. The finishing mark can be substitute by a RC boat: in this case the finishing line will be between the orange flags showed on these boats.

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The penalty system applied is the following:
  - a) As per RRS 44, modified by SI 1.3
  - b) A boat that has taken a penalty shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit. Otherwise, the penalty will be considered as not taken.
- 14.2 Umpiring:
  - a) One or more umpires may be positioned on the course area on boats displaying a white flag with "J" writing on it.
  - b) Actions or lack of actions, positioning on the course or any possible interference by umpires shall not be, in any case, grounds for redress unless instituted by the International Jury. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
  - c) When rule 20 applies the following arm signals by the helmsman in addition to the hails will help both the umpires and the called boats:
    - i) for "room to tack", repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
    - ii) for "you tack" repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and weaving the arm to windward.
  - d) If the RC display the IC flag U no later than the warning signal means that there are no umpires on the Race Course, and the SI from 14.3 to 14.9 are not applied. In this case the traditional Protest system as per SI 16 will be applied.
- 14.3 a) A boat may protest another boat, informing her at the first reasonable opportunity, under a rule of RRS Part 2, except rule 14, or under rule 31 or 42 by hailing "Protest" and conspicuously displaying a **yellow flag** at the first reasonable opportunity after an incident in which she was involved in or she saw. She shall remove the flag as soon as possible after the protested boat has taken her penalty or when an umpire has taken a decision.
  - b) If there is no answer from the umpires or a yellow flag is displayed from the umpires, the protestor may display within a reasonable time a red flag which shall be kept displayed until she has informed the RC of her intention to protest after finishing or retiring. In case of protest, penalties will be applied according to SI 14.5 (c).
- 14.4 For any other rule not listed in SI 14.3, she shall hail "Protest" displaying a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity after she becomes aware of the infringement and shall keep the flag displayed until she has informed the RC after finishing or retiring.

Rule 64.1(c) is changed so that the provision for exonerating a boat may be applied by the umpires without a hearing, and it takes precedence over any conflicting rule of this penalty system.
- 14.5 If after a protest no boat takes a penalty, the umpire on the water will signal his decision as follows:
  - (a) A green flag or a green and white flag with one long sound means "No penalty". Protest is dismissed.
  - (b) A red flag with one long sound means "The identified boat is penalized one turn" in accordance with RRS 44.1 as modified by SI 1.3.
  - (c) A yellow flag with one long sound means "No decision can be taken" the protesting boat can follow the procedure as per SI 14.3 (b) and 16.

Any penalty imposed after a hearing will be scoring penalties calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c), unless the conditions for applying RRS 44.3 or RRS 2 apply. The number of places for scoring penalties will be the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest to 30% of the number of boats entered.

- (d) A black flag with one long sound means “The identified boat is disqualified” and scored DSQ. After a hearing ashore, the Jury may decide to change the scoring of a black flagged boat to DNE. The boat shall promptly leave the course area.
- 14.6 The Umpire will hail or signal to identify each boat to be penalized. Penalty information may be signalled by radio on the RC channel.
- 14.7 Umpire initiated penalties:
- a) Umpires may act against a boat, without a protest by another boat, when she breaks RRS 31, 42, or IM32CR C2.4 or C9.5 (a), or when she failed to retire when rule 44.1 (b) required her to do so.
  - b) When a boat fails to take the penalty if required by an umpire or if an umpire considers that after the Penalty the boat has gained a significant advantage, or the boat has made a breach of sportsmanship or the breach was inside the “zone” or involved RRS 20 the Umpire can penalize the boat with further Penalty turns or DSQ the boat (Black Flag).
  - c) A boat not respecting RRS 14 when there is damage or injury can be DSQ with or without discard, or penalized through a standard procedure.
- 14.8 Complementary Rules:  
A boat that protested another boat that accepted and took a penalty while racing shall not be entitled to lodge any protest concerning the same incident with exception of RRS14 or when rule 44.1 required the protested boat to retire (this changes RRS 60.1 (a) ).
- 14.9 No request for redress, re-opening a hearing or any appeal will be accepted for any action or non action of the umpires on the water, or for any infringement of part 2 of the RRS that haven’t been dealt with in a regular hearing.

## 15 TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes rules 35 and A4.1.

## 16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1.1 Protest forms are available at the race office.
- 16.1.2 Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.1.3 According to the NOR, with the purpose of facilitating sailors in attending the Prize Giving Ceremony, during the last racing day, no written protest or request for redress is required. The protest committee may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally. Protestor and protestee shall wait on the finishing line zone and jump on one of the Jury boats and the hearing shall be held between races or during the trip back.  
Any request for re-opening shall be delivered in writing within 30’ after arriving ashore and leaving the Jury boats.  
Any request for redress shall be delivered in writing within 15’ after the publishing of the results of the day.
- 16.1.4 As per IM32CR H.2, in case of protest, the representative from each yacht that attends the protest in the Jury room (or Jury boat in case of SI 16.1.3) shall be the owner/driver. Category 3 sailors are not allowed in the Jury room (or boat) or to be in contact with the representative in the Jury room or boat.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rule 62.2.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located at the Yacht Club.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5 Breaches of instructions 18, 22, 23 and 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches and for other breaches that the Jury considers “minor”, may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty used by this rule will be DPI.
- 16.6 A boat that intend to protest must inform verbally the Race Committee on the RC finishing vessel immediately after her finish or while retiring (also trough VHF channel 72), being sure to receive from them a positive signal of understanding, or the protest will not be accepted. This changes rule 61.1(a) and 63.5 RRS.

## 17 SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A4 will apply.
- 17.2 One (1) race is needed for the regatta to be scored as single event.
- 17.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.2 Boats not leaving the harbour for the races of the day (DNC) shall inform the race office as soon as possible.
- 18.3 Boats not starting or retiring from a race shall inform the race office or the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.4 All boats shall return only to their allocated moorings.

## 19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and SI. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee Measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Penalties for these breaches, may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty used by this rule will be DPI.

## 21 OFFICIAL BOATS

The official boats will be identified by displaying flags as follows:

Race Committee Boats	Orange flag or white flag with a "S"
Jury Boats	White flag with a "J"
Measurers Boats	White flag with a "M"
Media and Auxiliary Boats	White flag with "P"

## 22 SUPPORT BOATS

Support/Coach boats must register at the Race Office leaving complete contacts and will be provided an AUDI Flag with a Number. Moreover they must be identifiable to the participating boats they support. All the registered boats must support the Official during security operations, must support all the Participants when needed.

For positioning refer to IM32CR H.5.

## 23 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with a written approval and permission of the Race Committee and subject to any conditions imposed.

## 24 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

## 25 PRIZES

Prizes will be supplied as per NOR

## 26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All those taking part in the regatta do at their own risk and responsibility. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## 27 BOW NUMBERS

Bow numbers will be delivered at registrations; the competitors shall attach the identification bow-numbers in the proper positions as per available plan and any other flag or sticker as per NOR.

## 28 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

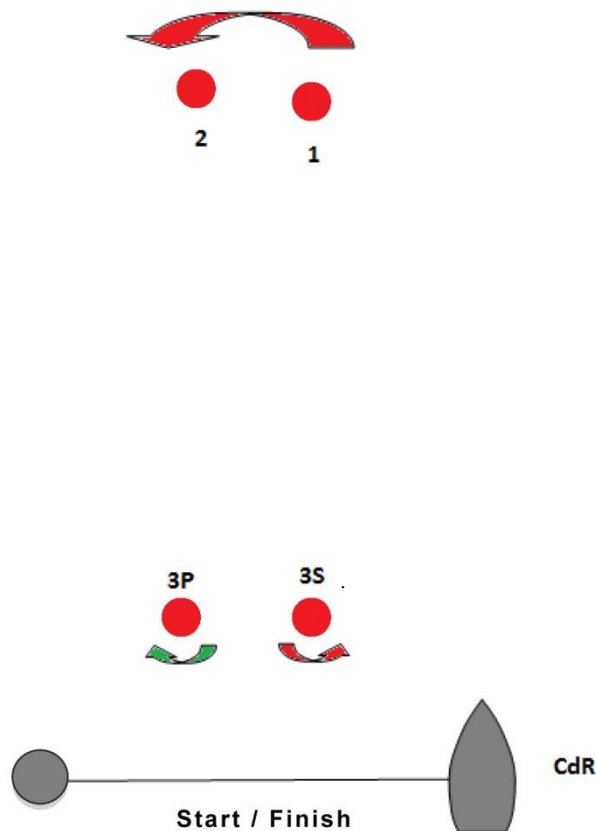
- (a) The OA may require media personnel, equipments and electronic devices to be carried on board at any time;
- (b) The position of these personnel and equipment will be determined by the RC and may be advised verbally;
- (c) The OA shall have the right to use any image, sound recorded and navigation datas.

## 29 ACCOMMODATION, MOORINGS

The entry fee covers the cost for all mooring expenses (including water and electricity) from 25<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2012.

The Race Committee

# ATTACHMENT A – RACING COURSE



**Course: Start – 1 – 2 - Gate 3P/3S – 1 – 2 – Finish**

If one gate mark is missing, boats will round the mark in place to port.

Note: This drawing is a schematic. The distances and mark positions are not to scale.