



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA



COPPA EUROPA SMERALDA 888

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & NOTICE OF RACE
PORTO CERVO, 27th - 29th JUNE 2014

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016.

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.

RRS 55 is changed adding the following sentence to the rule: 'However, discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail is permitted'.

Italian competitors shall be in compliance with the Italian Sailing Federation Rules (FIV cards).

English shall be the official language used at the regatta.

2. Racing Area

Refer to the NoR at paragraph 9.

3. Venue

3.1 Regatta Headquarters and the Official Notice Board (ONB) will be located at the YCCS Sports Centre.

3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flag staff located at the YCCS Sports Centre.

4. Entries and Eligibility

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

5. Crew Members

Refer to NoR at paragraph 6.1.

The number of crew shall be maximum 5 with no maximum weight limit.

6. Registration Formalities

The following shall be delivered to the YCCS Race Office by 11.30 hours on Friday 27th June.

- Entry Form duly completed and signed;
- Payment of entry fee.

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 Friday 27th June.

8. Alternative Penalties

RRS 44.1 is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required even for infringement of rules of part 2.

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 (ONB) 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

10.1 Code flag AP (Answering Pennant) means that 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 Refer to the NoR at paragraph 7.

11.2 No warning signal will be made after 15.00 hours on Sunday, 29th June.

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 grounds for a request for redress (amends RRS 62.1.a).

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

14. Finishing Line

The finishing line 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 grounds for a request for redress (amends RRS 62.1.a).

15. Description of the Courses

W-L Course is described in Appendix Alpha.

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 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.

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 race of the day.

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 Clubhouse.

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 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. 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. Scoring

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

25. Communications

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

26. Disclaimer

Refer to Entry Form (Annex 1 of the NoR).

27. Trophies

Refer to NoR at point 8.

APPENDIX ALPHA

Description of the Courses

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 62.1 (a)).

Course Configuration:

DIAGRAM NOT IN SCALE

wind direction





1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY (O.A.) & VENUE

The Coppa Europa Smeralda 888 is organized by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS).
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Yacht Club Costa Smeralda

07021 PORTO CERVO (OT), Sardinia – Italy

Coordinate: 41° 08.150' N - 009° 31.758' E

Tel. +39/0789/902200| Fax +39/0789/91213| E-Mail: secretariat@yccs.it | Web site: www.yccs.com

2. ENTRIES

2.1 The regatta is open to all the Smeralda 888 boats on invitation.

YCCS will assure free moorings and support for hauling and launching the boats.

2.2 Some Smeralda 888 and sails will be provided by the YCCS. For boats provided by the YCCS, the skippers are required to pay a damage deposit of Euros 600 prior to the start of the races. The deposit will be reimbursed at the end of the event.

3. ENTRY FORMS AND ENTRY FEE

Entry forms (Annex 1) shall be submitted to the **YCCS Race Office**,

Tel. +39/0789/902200 - Fax +39/0789/91213 - E-Mail: secretariat@yccs.it no later than 10th June, 2014 together with the non refundable entry fee of Euros 600 per boat.

The entry fee can be paid as per entry form.

4. RULES

The races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (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.

RRS 55 is changed adding the following sentence to the rule: 'However, discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail is permitted'.

5. RACES

Teams from each Club will race together in fleet races, scheduled for Friday 27th, Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th June. Three races per day may take place. A maximum of 8 races will be raced. Three races are required to validate the event.

6. BOATS AND CREWS

6.1 The number of crew shall be maximum 5 with a limit of maximum weight of 320 kilograms (not including the weight of the owner/skipper). Crew will be weighed as per Class Rules prior to the start of the regatta by the representative of the Class. The Crew List shall be received by YCCS no later than 10th of June. Italian competitors must hold a valid and current FIV Membership (FIV Prescription Rule 75, Prescription to Rule 75.2).

6.2 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the O.A. may authorize an original crew member to substitute.

When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the O.A. may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

6.3 The registered skipper shall helm the yacht at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

7. PROGRAMME

- Thursday, 26 th June	Arrival of participants, Registrations	
- Friday, 27 th June	09.30 / 11.30	Registrations at the YCCS Race Office
	11.30	Briefing at the YCCS Upper Terrace
	to follow	Welcome Cocktail at the YCCS Clubhouse
	14.30	Race (s)
- Saturday, 28 th June	12.00	Race (s)
	20.00	Reception at the YCCS Clubhouse
- Sunday, 29 th June	11.30	Race (s)
	To follow	Prize Giving at the YCCS Centro Sportivo

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

8. PRIZES

The YCCS will award prizes to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Classified boat for the series.



9. RACING AREA and COURSES

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

9.2 Courses will be Windward-Leeward

10. BORROWED BOATS

Every effort shall be made to avoid damage to hulls, rigging and sails. Any damage not covered by insurance will be the responsibility of the skipper. Deductibles may be the responsibility of the skipper of the boat determined to be at fault; either by accepting a penalty or by finding of the jury.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at the YCCS Race Office upon final registration and published on the YCCS website (www.yccs.com).

12. DISCLAIMER

Competitors agree to be bound by International Sailing RRS 2013/2016, by the SI and the NoR. Competitors agree to take any and all responsibility for the nautical qualities of their yacht, 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 O.A. and all persons involved in the organization under whatever qualification and to accept full responsibility for the behaviour and dress of the yacht's crew, representatives and guests. Competitors are to be acquainted with ISAF Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". In any case I agree that the YCCS, 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.

13. PHOTOGRAPHS AND TV RIGHTS

Competitors hereby grant the O.A., the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and the text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the yacht they are sailing during the event, to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to Press and TV advertisements or Internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information, in this respect, competitor's name and biographical material may also be used or reproduced in any way known.

14. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with adequate cover taking into account the value of the boats racing and the measure of damages likely to arise in the event of an accident.

About the Coppa Europa

The Smeralda 888 craft once again take to the waters off the Costa Smeralda for a regatta which forms part of the annual circuit for the class. The Coppa Europa is an eagerly awaited appointment which, although always enjoying a friendly and sociable atmosphere, remains highly competitive as the participating teams strive to get the better of their companions and claim victory in the name of their Club. Each invited team enrolled in the regatta is composed of a maximum of five people and windward-leeward fleet races are held place on each of the three days of the event.

Palmares:

2001 - VITTORIO CODECASA

2003 - YACHT CLUB MONACO

2005 - MICHAEL ILLBRUCK

2006 - GUIDO MIANI

2007 - GUIDO MIANI

2008 - VINCENZO ONORATO

2009 - FABIO MANGIFESTA

2010 - PHILIPPE PIZZICHINI

2011 - CHARLES DE BOURBON

2012 - MARCO SALVI