



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA

YCCS MEMBERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Porto Cervo, 31st July 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the WS Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS).
- 1.2 Competitors must be at least 12 years old on the first race of the event; crew members between 12 and 18 years old shall deliver at registration a disclaimer signed by a parent or guardian (the Parent Guardian Declaration form will be available at the Race Office).
- 1.3 Environmental responsibility. It is recalled the Basic Principle which states: "Participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing", it is recommended that care be taken to protect the environment at all times during and after the event. Especially attention is drawn to RRS 47 -TRASH DISPOSAL- which states: "Competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule applies at all times while afloat. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be less than disqualification".
- 1.4 English shall be the official language used at the regatta.
- 1.5 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 shall prevail but bounded by the provision of RRS 63.5(c).

2. Racing Area

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

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.

4. Entries

Refer to NoR paragraph 2.

5. Teams

Refer to NoR paragraph 6.

6. Registration Formalities

Participants shall comply with the following formalities:

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

7. Briefing

The official Briefing will be held in the YCCS Terrazza Azzurra at 09.30 on Friday 31st July.

8. 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). However, if Mark 1a (windward spreader mark) if set, a boat shall take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1a (changes RRS 44.2).

9. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions, Notices to Competitors and Communications

- 9.1 Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online [ONB](#) on the YCCS website no later than 09.00 on the day it takes effect and sent by email to the boat representatives.
- 9.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online [ONB](#) on the YCCS website and sent by email to the boat representatives.
- 9.3 Changes to the SI-and/or communication to competitors may be made at sea and will take place exclusively via VHF channel 72.

10. Signals made ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the YCCS terrace overlooking the regatta village in Piazza Azzurra. The display or removal of signals will be broadcast on the race committee channel (VHF 72). When the AP flag is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the Race Signal "AP". This changes RRS Race Signal "AP".

11. Programme

11.1

- Wednesday, 29th July 10.00-17.00 Registration at the YCCS Race Office
Boat available for free practice sections
*** Contact the YCCS Sailing Center & Marina to schedule your training Section (see NoR paragraph 13 for the contacts).**
 - Thursday, 30th July 10.00 Briefing at the YCCS Terrazza Azzurra
11.30 Practice sailing with the supervision of a professional coach.
to follow Debriefing at the YCCS Terrazza Azzurra and after race refreshments
 - Friday, 31st July 09.30 Regatta Briefing at the YCCS Terrazza Azzurra
12.00 Race (s)
to follow After race refreshments at the YCCS Terrazza Azzurra and Prize Giving.
 - Saturday, 1st August During the Annual General Assembly
Winner of the Championship prize giving
- * Before the free practice race, competitors must complete the entry form.**

The Organizing Authority reserves the right to modify the above program (according to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances).

11.2 Friends and/or guests of the participants may attend the scheduled social events.

11.3 No warning signal will be made after 16.00.

11.4 The maximum number of races to be sailed shall be 3. The event will be valid if at least 1 race is completed.
All races will have coefficient 1.

12. Start Procedure & Signals

12.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

12.2 A boat which starts later than 5 minutes after her starting signal, shall be scored DNS by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

12.3 In accordance with RRS 26, the YCCS Burgee will be displayed as the warning signal.

12.4 The sequence of the starting signals will be as follows (X means the regatta starting time):

Time	Flag	Signals	
X - 5	"YCCS Burgee" displayed	Warning Signal	 ↑
X - 4	"PAPA" displayed	Preparatory Signal	 ↑
X - 1	Lowering of "PAPA"	Last minute	 ↓
X	Lowering of "YCCS Burgee"	Start	 ↓

All signals will be possibly accompanied by a sound signal.

12.5 After the preparatory signal, the skipper/helmsman cannot leave the helm for all the duration of that regatta except for emergencies.

13. 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 a staff displaying an orange flag on the red robotic starting 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 staff displaying the orange flags on the Race Committee vessel and the staff

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 redress and the Protest Committee may refuse to hold a hearing (this change RRS 61.1(a) and 63.2(a)).

14. Finishing Line

The finishing line will be a straight line between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the red robotic finishing 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 redress and the Protest Committee may refuse to hold a hearing (this change RRS 61.1(a) and 63.2(a)).

15. Description of the Course

W-L Course as described in Appendix ALFA.

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 Limits and target Times

Time limits and target time are as follows:

<i>Race Target Time</i>	<i>Race Time Limit</i>	<i>Time Limit for Mark 1</i>
45´	70´	25´

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress and the Protest Committee may refuse to hold a hearing. This change RRS 61.1(a) and 63.2(a)).

Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat finishes the race will be scored DNF by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

19. Marks

All course marks will be red marks except as provided in next paragraph 20.

20. Change of Course after the start

In case of a course change, the new mark will be a yellow mark.

21. Shortening of the Course

When the course is shortened at a mark, the finishing line shall be between course side of the mark at which the course is shortened, which mark shall rank as the finishing mark, and a staff displaying the "S" (Race Signal Sierra) flag on the vessel signalling the shorten (that rank as finishing mark).

22. Committee & Service Vessels

22.1 The race committee vessel will be identified by an orange flag.

22.2 Service vessel 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 Race Office within the protest time limit (PTL).

PTL is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

23.2 Schedule of hearings will be emailed to competitors. All persons involved in the hearings shall remain in the vicinity of the jury room at YCCS Clubhouse.

23.3 The race committee/protest committee intending to protest a boat under Rule 60.1 shall inform her after the race by email to the boat representative within the PTL (see previous paragraph 23.1).

23.4 It is the boat's representative's sole responsibility to check the online ONB at the end of the protest time limit to see if she is cited in a protest. Competitors are reminded of RRS 63.1(b).

24. Handling of the Boats

Except in an emergency or to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by the race committee otherwise, it is strictly prohibited any alterations, additions or omissions to the equipment supplied by the OA.

25. **Scoring**

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

26. **Communications**

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

27. **Disclaimer**

Refer to Entry Form.

28. **Trophies**

Refer to NoR paragraph 7.

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 gate marks 2S/2P and finishing marks downwind).

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

Course Configuration (NOT in scale):

