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Notice of Race

AUDI TP52 20th ANNIVERSARY INVITATIONAL

raced in combination with the

AUDI 52 SUPER SERIES PORTO CERVO

YCCS, June 16 – 21, 2020

(2020 Porto Cervo NoR)





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The AUDI TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational is organized in combination with the AUDI 52 Super Series Porto Cervo event by Super Series Eventos Desportivos LDA under the authority of the Italian Sailing Federation in collaboration with the YCCS and the TP52 class, collectively the Organizing Authority (OA). This NoR is an excerpt from the 2020 52 Super Series NoR/SI which governs all six 2020 52 Super Series events.

Audi is partner of the YCCS and the title sponsor of the event. 52 Super Series partners at the time of publishing this document are: Rolex SA as main partner and official timekeeper, Alticor Inc. XS as official Energy Drinks and Sports Nutrition Products supplier; Peters & May as official logistics supplier, Code-0 as official clothing supplier and 11th Hour Racing as sustainability partner. Additional partners will be documented in the SI.

For 2020 the 52 Super Series has scheduled 6 events, 2 in Cape Town SA and 4 in the Med. To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the TP52 Class the 2nd event in the Med will be combined with the AUDI TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational for TP52 / IRC52 boats from TP52 origin racing on IRC handicap.

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1. VENUE AND CHARTS

- Event headquarters: Yacht Club Costa Smeralda - 07021 Porto Cervo (SS) - Sardinia – Italy
t. +39 0789 902200 / e. secretariat@yccs.it | ws. www.yccs.it
- The racing area will be in North Eastern Sardinian waters. The following charts are recommended: nos. 42 - 43 - 323 - 324 - 325 - 910, Italian charts of the Istituto Idrografico della Marina.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The event will be governed by:
 - a) The rules as defined in The 2017 – 2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
 - 1. Add to RRS 41 OUTSIDE HELP: (e) Help to recover from the water and return any person on board, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery. [DP]
 - b) The 2020 – 2021 Offshore Special Regulations (OSR):
 - 1. OSR Cat. 4 [DP]
 - 2. According with OSR 3.28.3.b) a minimum of 25 litres of fuel is required while racing. NOTE: This may be checked after finishing the last race of the day. [DP]



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3. Boats shall be equipped with a VHF radio transceiver of at least 25 watts of power.
Mandatory channels: 9, 16, 69, 71, 72.
- c) No National Authorities prescriptions will apply except that every competitor shall be in compliance with their National Authority Rules and that the FIV Prescriptions 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11 will apply. FIV prescriptions are posted at: (www.sailing.org/tools/documents/20172020ITAPrescriptions-%5b22391%5d.pdf). [DP]
- d) IRC Rule 2020, Parts A, B and C apply. Please note:
- (A) For the purposes of IRC rules 21.1.5 (d) and (e) this regatta is on consecutive days, yet the sails carried on board need not remain the same for the duration of the event, but sails need to remain the same for each day. The day begins when the boat leaves the dock for the first time each day and ends when the boat docks back in after the final race of that day. Please read NoR 11;
- (B) IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced with: The maximum number of crew on board shall be the Crew Number printed on her certificate. There is no weight limit. Please read NoR 12.
- 2.2 The official language of the AUDI TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational is English.
- 2.3 The OA reserves the right to modify this NoR. Any modification will be sent by e-mail to the boats registered to participate in the event. Such notification shall be deemed to be in compliance with RRS 89.2(a).
- 2.4 In the event of a discrepancy between this NoR and the SI the SI take precedence (changes RRS 63.7).
- 3. ELIGIBILITY AND COMPETITORS**
- 3.1 The event is open to invited TP52/IRC52 boats with a valid Endorsed 2020 IRC certificate.
- 3.2 All competitors shall comply with WS Regulation 19 – Eligibility Code. Italian crew shall be FIV member and have a valid medical certificate.
- 3.3 The Registration Nationality of each team shall be decided by the owner of the boat and communicated during the entry period (4.1).
- 4. ENTRY AND REGISTRATION**
- 4.1 The entry period for the overall trophy will be between September 30th 2019 till March 1st 2020. Late entries may be accepted till 10th May 2020.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may make their entry by submitting a filled out Entry Form, together with the required complementary information, to: operations@52superseries.com
The Entry Form can be applied for at: robsweiland@gmail.com, or be found at: www.transpac52.org/home/ONB.html





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- 4.3 Minimum required for AUDI TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational entries:
- The Entry Procedure duly completed by the boat.
 - Confirmation of Entry Fee payments.
 - A copy of the 3rd party liability insurance which shall be valid until the end of the AUDI TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational for a guaranteed minimum of 5.000.000 Euros (see note below). The OA is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of insurance certificates.
 - A valid 2020 Endorsed IRC Certificate. PLEASE NOTE: If a boat elects to reconfigure, changing any measurement value requiring recertification, the new certificate shall be received by the OA not later than 18.00 on 10 June 2020, unless a different deadline is authorized by the OA. Any change on rating certificates after 18.00 on 10 June 2020 may only be as a result of inspections and controls.
 - Crew Declaration / Disclaimer form, with a copy of passport or ID for all the crew members and, where applicable, the appropriate license from the National Authority.
 - The WS Group 1 certificate for owners entering for the Owner Driver Trophy.

Please note: we realize most boats might not have a 5 mio Euro 3rd party liability insurance. It is a standard requirement for 52 Super Series boats. If this causes problems please inform the OA upon entry of the current value of your insurance and the OA will evaluate and come back to you.

- 4.4 Event registration: Each owner / owner's representative must register and sign in at the race office during the event registration period (14.2).
- 4.5 The registration of a boat will not be accepted if the documents as required in 4.3 are not lodged in the race office during the event registration period (changes RRS 78.2).
- 4.6 SI: The SI will be available once the Event Registration Form has been signed and will be published online at the close of registration.

5. ENTRY FEE

- 5.1 The Entry Fee for the AUDI TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational is **EURO 3.000,-** ex VAT. The entry fee includes mooring fees for one TP52 or IRC52 from 10.00 am on 13th June to 12.00 am on 22nd June. Parking for one van is included if fitting the parking spaces available around the clubhouse. Containers shall be stored at competitors cost either at Marina di Porto Cervo boatyard or on designated parking. One tender/support boat of a LOA not larger than 45ft can be accommodated from 10.00 am on 13th June to 12.00 am on 22nd June at competitor's cost and will be charged directly by the marina office. Utilities like garbage collection, use of water and shore power in the marina, will be charged directly to competitors by the marina office.





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Teams are kindly asked to pay the entry fee to:

Super Series Eventos Desportivos LDA
Rua da Carreira 117
Funchal
VAT nº 510409016
Bank: Novo Banco
IBAN: ES05-0131-8843-73-2717007872
BIC-SWIFT: BESMESMM

Please mention: TP52 Invitational + Boat Name

The TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational Entry Fee covers services like:

- Class measurer on site.
- Contribution towards having an international race officer and international jury.
- Media team on site and free copy of custom event highlights video and free access to download high resolution photos for personal use or team promotion provided compliance with 52 Super Series sponsor rights.
- Team presentation on 52 Super Series website.
- A copy of the 52 Super Series yearbook.
- Daily after race drinks/pasta and event parties.
- Trophies.

PLEASE NOTE: The entry fee, whenever paid, is non refundable.

6. PROGRAMME AND SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The aim is to sail a maximum of two WL races or one coastal race per race day. The RC may decide till two hours before the warning signal for the first race of the day whether to race WLs or a coastal race. Except for the first and the last day of an event the number of WL races per day may be increased to three if announced before the warning signal of the first race of the day. On the final day of an event it is always an option to have two WL races, even if that brings the number of WL races sailed one over the maximum number of races as defined in NoR 6.2.



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- 6.2 Intentional Schedule **AUDI TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational**, Porto Cervo, Italy
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| 13 June, Saturday: | First berthing day included in entry fee |
| 15 June, Monday: | Registration 10.00 – 12.00
Equipment inspections from 12.00hrs till final day |
| 16 June, Tuesday: | Registration 10.00 – 12.00
13.00 Official practice race (<i>combined start 52SS and Invitational</i>)
17.00 Skipper's briefing |
| 17 June, Wednesday: | WL Races (<i>separate starts 52SS and Invitational</i>) |
| 18 June, Thursday: | WL Races (<i>separate starts 52SS and Invitational</i>) |
| 19 June, Friday: | Coastal Race (<i>combined start 52SS and Invitational for a special, IRC scored, trophy for this race</i>) |
| 20 June, Saturday: | WL Races (<i>separate starts 52SS and Invitational</i>) |
| 21 June, Sunday: | WL Races (<i>separate starts 52SS and Invitational</i>) and prize giving ceremony. |

Maximum number of races: 9

Please note:

- If the AUDI TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational entries in majority would prefer to race more than one coastal the NoR/SI will be amended to that purpose. This would mean Invitational boats and 52 Super Series boats will not share the complete race course that day.
- It is the intention to start the WL races in 5 or 10 minute sequence between boats entered for the Invitational and for the 52 Super Series to avoid results effecting the 52 Super Series overall scoring unfairly.

7. ADVERTISING AND IDENTIFICATION

- 7.1 WS Regulation 20, rules 20.3.1.2 and 20.4 from the Advertising Code apply. Additionally, for Italian boats, the "Normativa 2020 per l'esposizione della pubblicità nelle manifestazioni veliche in Italia" will apply.
- 7.2 As per WS Regulation 20.4 all boats will be required to display:
- Event bow numbers
 - Event stickers on both sides of the bow.
 - Helmsman (owner drivers may ask to ignore this request) and tactician surnames plus country flag on both sides of the boom.
 - Event stickers on both sides of the mast.
 - Event or sponsor stickers on both sides of the boom.



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- Event stickers on bowsprit.
 - Event flag permanently hoisted on the centre aft stanchion (event's choice).
 - TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational flag to be hoisted when the boats are in dock during the events, possibly in combination with the event and/or event sponsor flag.
- 7.3 Boats intending to display advertising during the events/series shall state in the entry form the nature of such advertising. All advertising shall be approved by the OA.
- 7.4 Boats are responsible to inform advertisers and sponsors that no activities advertising any brand will be permitted ashore within the marina area, event village or yacht club without written consent of the OA obtained before the start of the events. Boat/team initiatives regarding team hospitality, promotion, marketing and PR on the race course or within the marina area, event village or yacht club shall be communicated well before taking place with the OA for its approval.
- 7.5 Furthermore the boats may be requested to install satellite monitor equipment (trackers). Trackers shall be positioned on one of the aft most stanchions/pulpits above local sheer and shall not have their functioning reduced in any way or form, like by being covered. The OA may also require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of on board video cameras for the official television production, or require access to material shot by the team's onboard cameras, based on pre-selection by the team for quality and suitability for the intended promotional usage.
- 7.6 The presence of one or more crew members of designated boats may be required to participate in press conferences. The OA agrees to communicate this requirement with adequate notice to the boat's owners/representatives.
- 7.7 The jury upon receiving a report from the race committee of a boat's failure to comply with rules 7.2 , 7.3, 7.4, 7.5 and 7.6 may impose without a hearing a penalty on the event score up to a maximum of 4 places (changes RRS 63.1).

8. ACCOMMODATION, MOORINGS, PARKING, STORAGE

8.1 Accommodation & local facilities:

If not communicated separately please contact Eva Pizá: operations@52superseries.com

8.2 Moorings:

To reserve moorings prior and after the dates indicated in 5.1, and for tenders, please submit your mooring requirement to: pcm@igymarinas.com and cc_secretariat@yccs.it. For additional information about marina services and the price list visit the Marina Porto Cervo web site: www.marinadiportocervo.it.



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Local regulations require that all boats MUST inform the harbour master's Office by radio on VHF Channel 9 when they first arrive in Porto Cervo and each time they leave or enter the harbour. When moored, it is MANDATORY for all participants to visit the Harbourmaster's Office to finalize their registration procedures.

9. HAUL - OUT, DIVING RESTRICTIONS

- 9.1 Boats may not be hauled out after 13th of June until the finish of the final race without prior written permission of the International Jury.
- 9.2 Diving and swimming inside Porto Cervo harbour is only permitted to harbour master authorized divers. From 13th of June 2020 /18.00h till 21th of June 2020 /18.00h underwaterbodies of competing boats and support craft shall only be cleaned by harbour master authorized divers supplied by Stemar contracted via the marina office. [DP]
Reason: To avoid team divers risking injury or worse by diving in open sea outside Porto Cervo harbour, as well as trying to avoid expensive and complicated alternatives not within reach for all teams.

The marina office can be contacted via: pcm@igymarinas.com. In case of individual changes of appointments or diving services required on short notice Stemar (Pier Paolo) can also be contacted directly via +39 3471579207.

10. INSPECTIONS AND MEASUREMENT

- 10.1 Boat and sails inspections / measurements will take place from 09.00 on the 15th June, the inspection schedule will be communicated on the ONB no later than 18.00 on the 14th June. A boat shall provide a minimum of 2 people to help with measurement checks. [DP]
- 10.2 Daily safety and measurement controls might be carried out by the official 52 Super Series measurer or by an event measurer under supervision of the official measurer.

11. SAILS AND SAIL LIMITS.

- 11.1 No limit on (number of) sails except full compliance with the IRC Rule (NoR 2.1.e).

12. CREW.

- 12.1 A boat shall race with the entire crew declared on the crew declaration for the entire regatta. Any changes to the crew shall have proper reason and shall be submitted in good faith to the TP52 class manager for his approval. Only substitutions approved by the TP52 class manager will be accepted. The decision on this is entirely with the TP52 class and not open to protest, appeal, claim or request for redress. [DP]



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13. **INTERNATIONAL JURY, PROTESTS, PENALTIES AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS.**
- 13.1 An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. All decisions will be final as per RRS 70.5.
- 13.2 52 Super Series has umpired racing; WS Addendum Q is modified to the effect that the jury may take decisions after racing if the incident afloat was unseen. Please note: As 52 Super Series is umpired racing umpires will be on the AUDI TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational race course. Where this effects boats participating in the AUDI TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational their signals shall be seen as advisory. If the umpires observe a red flag they will use the following signals to help AUDI TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational boats take appropriate action:
- (a) A green and white flag with one sound means 'The judge(s) saw the incident and believe(s) that no rule was broken'.
 - (b) A red flag with one sound means "The judge(s) saw the incident and believe(s) that one boat has or more boats have broken a rule'. The judge(s) will hail or signal each boat identified.
 - (c) A yellow flag with one sound means 'The judge(s) did not observe the incident or is/are unable to make a decision'.
- The signals displayed by the jury boat to AUDI TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational boats are for information only. If a red flag is displayed, the identified boat is not obliged to take a penalty. If a yellow or green and white flag is displayed, any boat may still protest another boat.
- 13.3 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. Penalties taken shall be declared on the appropriate form and lodged with the race office within the protest time Limit [DP].
- 13.4 Penalties for breaches of a rule other than a rule of Parts 1 or 2 of the RRS may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides [DP].
- 13.5 The notation [DP] in a rule in this NoR and/or in the Sailing Instruction means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the International Jury be less than disqualification.
- 13.6 Redress Limitations:
- a) A boat may only request redress when racing at an event; redress shall not be given for a greater number of races than that boat completes in that particular event.
 - b) Redress shall not be requested or given on basis of tracker records or of video, photo, drone footage of the start or finish of a race. This changes RRS 60.1b, 60.2b ,60.3b & 62.



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- 13.7 A list of ratings of the boats will be posted on the ONB no later than 18.00 on the 14th June. The list will remain posted during the event. The Protest Time Limit for rating protests by boats, except relating to changes made during the regatta, will expire at 15.00 hrs on 16th June.
- 13.8 Measurement protest between boats affecting weight or freeboards on the last day of the event shall be addressed to the TP52 class manager for his discretion to permit the protest.

14. SCORING AND RESULTS

- 14.1 The Low Scoring System (RRS Appendix A4) will be applied. No discard scoring.
- 14.2 Coastal races: coastal races will be scored with a 1.0 factor.

15. SUPPORT BOATS AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT

- 15.1 A maximum of ONE support boat per team is allowed; these boats shall be registered on the Entry Form and clearly identified by an official flag supplied by the event organizer. Support boats shall not interfere with any boat racing. Requests or instructions given to support boats by the RC, event measurer or jury members shall be followed. Support boats shall remain behind the prolongations of the starting line between the preparatory and the starting signals of each race and stay clear of the safety zone (to be defined in the SI) during racing.
- 15.2 Trash Policy: Team support boats shall pick up debris from the water like parts of broken sails, halyards, etc that comes from the 52 they support. Competing boats shall make a reasonable effort to recover broken sails, halyards, etc and not just let them go for pick up by their support boat. Boats that do not have a support boat will be covered on this aspect by organization boats, like the measurer boat.
- 15.3 Teams or their representatives shall not fly drones over the AUDI 52 Super Series / TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational shore base or over the race area during training or racing days without complying with local legislation and in any case unless prior written approval by the OA has been obtained. The approval granted at sole discretion of the OA may impose similar limitation as applicable to support boats (15.1). At any time the risk and responsibility for flying any drone is with the person flying the drone and images made inside the race area shall be shared with the OA, the Jury and competitors at reasonable request.
- 15.4 The jury upon receiving a report from the race committee or event measurer or by their personal observation of a boat whose support boat failure to comply with rules 15.1, 15.2 or 15.3 may impose without a hearing a penalty on the event score up to a maximum of 2 points per infringement (changes RRS 63.1).



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16. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

16.1 Special trophies:

- a) The Practice Race 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for the best scoring three AUDI TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational boats. Prize giving during the Welcome Cocktail.
- b) The AUDI TP52 20th Anniversary Coastal Race 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for the best scoring three boats of the combined AUDI TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational and 52 Super Series fleet on IRC corrected time. Prize giving during the After Race Drinks that day.
- c) The AUDI TP52 20th Anniversary Coastal Race 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for the best scoring three owner driver boats of the AUDI TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational fleet on IRC corrected time. Prize giving during the After Race Drinks that day.

Event trophies :

- a) The AUDI TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes.
- b) The AUDI TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational owner driver trophy.

Please note:

The AUDI TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational owner driver trophy is for the first boat in the results steered by her owner. To qualify for owner driver trophies, the following requirements shall be fulfilled:

- The owner shall provide his/her WS Group 1 certificate at registration time.
- He/She shall be either the owner of the boat or the majority shareholder of the company owning the boat.
- The owner shall be steering his/her boat at all times when racing, except for short breaks for proper reason (like a sanitary stop or for changing clothing) or emergency situations involving the safety of boat or crew (such an incident shall be reported to the race committee, who may protest). During coastal races, owners must steer their boat at least for the first 30 minutes of the race and the last two miles of the race, as well as a minimum of 40 minutes of every hour of the race and after 3 hours a minimum of 30 minutes of every hour. The owner shall be at the helm during all mark roundings of all types of races.
- If the mark is an island the owner shall helm the part of the island that a string would cover if pulled from the previous mark to the next mark around the island. If the race is principally around an island then the standard coastal race rules apply.-NOTE: So no category restriction on helmsmen releasing the owner from helming.

- 16.2 Prize giving ceremonies will be announced in more detail on the ONB. The presence of at least six members of each TP52 or IRC52 team will be required at these ceremonies.



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17. RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1 Competitors and support teams participate in the event entirely at their own risk. They are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - d) By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event, the boat's skipper has the license to do so and the crew is fit to participate. Each boat is responsible to possess all the complementary insurance he/she esteems necessary besides the one required in the Notice of Race;
 - e) The provision of a race management team, event support boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - f) The provision of event support boats cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - g) They will familiarize themselves with any venue/event specific risks, adhere to rules and information produced for the venue/event and attend any venue/event safety briefings.
- 17.2 The Organizing Authority (OA) will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the AUDI TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational / 52 Super Series event.

18. IMAGE RIGHTS

- 18.1 The image rights of 52 Super Series events, including the AUDI TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational, are the exclusive property of Super Series Eventos Deportivos LDA and the TP52 class and its members have the right to use the images for personal use.
- 18.2 Teams and Participants grant the Super Series Eventos Deportivos LDA and its sponsors, the TP52 class, and the event organizer the unrestricted right and permission to use the names and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the boat they are sailing during the AUDI TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational 52 Super Series to be published or broadcasted 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





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information; in these respect teams and participants names and biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known.

- 18.3 Participants undertake not to do or allow any act of reproduction, public communication or distribution of images concerning the 52 Super Series or the AUDI TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational without previous authorization from the Super Series Eventos Deportivos LDA, or TP52 class, or the OA.

19. SOCIAL PROGRAM

19.1 The preliminary Social Programme is as follows:

- June 16, Tuesday: Welcome Cocktail Party, 19.30 (after skipper briefing);
- June 19, Friday: Owners Dinner, 20.00;
- June 20, Saturday: TP52 20th Anniversary Crew Party, 20.00;
- June 21, Sunday: Prize giving, 18.00 + Piazza Drinks.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please check the Event websites (www.yccs.it), (www.52superseries.com), (transpac52.org) or contact: YCCS Race Office: t. +39 0789 902200 | e. secretariat@yccs.it or the TP52 Class, Rob Weiland: robsweland@gmail.com

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52 SUPER SERIES and Sustainability.

52 SUPER SERIES is committed to implementing and encouraging environmentally responsible actions and initiatives from management to participants.

Our collective mission is to:

- Implement and encourage environmentally responsible actions and initiatives from management to participants.
- Follow, adopt and promote local recycling guidelines.
- Strive to reduce waste of all types, adopt a sustainable procurement code, choose environmentally friendly products, upcycle and repurpose where possible.
- Progressively reduce our environmental footprint via practical and meaningful steps.

Teams are encouraged and kindly asked to take and promote the following positive steps:

1. Reuse, reduce and recycle wherever possible.
2. Eliminate single-use plastics completely (like water bottles, packaging and bags).
3. Conserve water as much as possible.
4. Use the 52 SUPER SERIES water filtration system or purchase one of your own.
5. Use cleaning products that are biodegradable and sustainably formulated to reduce stress and impact on the marine environment.
6. Reduce the amount of fuel by maintaining and driving RIBS and support craft to maximum efficiency.
7. Have at least one oil spill kit on each of the ribs and support craft during each regatta.
8. Share transportation or use sustainable transport wherever possible e.g. a bicycle.
9. Communicate responsibly – use digital messaging and avoid printing.
10. Send team representatives to at least one beach clean-up per season.
11. Promote the message of sustainability through your channels.
12. Speak up if you see someone breaking these commitments.

The 52 SUPER SERIES staff will lead by example. If teams feel we can do better, your comments will be greatly appreciated. We ask all team members to not only implement the suggestions above but to also spend time discussing the issue, to develop plans to become more sustainable and to share ideas with other teams and the 52 SUPER SERIES Sustainability Team. It is only through discussion, awareness and teamwork that we can start to make a difference to the environment and influence the wider sailing industry.

Lars Böcking, 52 Super Series sustainability manager





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The beginning

The TP52 Class Association is created in California in 2001 by owners who wanted to have a fun, safe and reliable Grand Prix sailing yacht to race on real time. They were looking for a fully crewed flat out racer, capable of racing both in both buoy regattas and offshore races and elected not to use water ballast, canting keels, running back stays; preferring to keep it simple, safe and reliable. TP52's from early on did win most blue water regattas they entered in, including overall wins in the 2004 Bermuda Race, 2004 Chicago to Mackinac and the 2003 Transpac race to Hawaii. In buoy racing, early TP52 wins were in the 2005 Key West Race week, 2003 Miami SORC and the 2002-2004 St. Francis Big Boat Series against the best boats in the world of those days.

Growing

The TP52 Class steadily grew over its first 4 years. In 2004 Ken Read was instrumental in guiding East Coast based US owners into the class. The "Esmeralda" program Ken was associated with swept all the regattas she entered making her owner, Makoto Uematsu of Japan, a very happy man. In the summer of 2004, H.M. Juan Carlos, the King of Spain and his friend José Cusi, decided to build a TP52 propelling many new owners and sponsors into the class from 2005. As a direct result of the King's involvement within a few years twenty seven TP52s were racing, mainly in the MedCup, with owners from thirteen countries: (China (1), Japan(1), USA(12), Chile(1), Greece(1), Ireland(1), Great Britain(1), Spain(4), Netherlands(1), Monaco(1), Italy(1), Austria(1) and Norway(1).

Tom Pollack

Tom Pollack was the first class president of the TP52 Class and instrumental in bringing the first owners together and getting them to agree on how and where to race. When from 2005 the main TP52 racing moved to the Med and the growth of the class required more time and structure the members decided from 2007 to choose the class president from their midst and to appoint a full time class manager. In October 2007 Tom handed over the presidency to John Cook and was awarded the Honorary Membership title for his "no nonsense, result oriented" leadership.

