













1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Audi Invitational Team Racing Challenge is organized by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS). The event will take place in Porto Cervo from 21st to 23rd June 2018.

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2 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- 2.2 FIV Prescriptions 1, 3, 7, 8, 12 and 13 do not apply. FIV Prescriptions 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11will apply (a dedicated Attachment will be found in the Sailing Instructions). For Italian crews only: all Italians crews shall be FIV members and have a valid medical certificate.
- 2.3 The rules for handling the boats will be distributed with the Sailing Instructions and will apply, also to any practice sailing.

3 BOATS & SAILS

- 3.1 The event will be sailed on the J70 type boats provided by the O.A.
- The OA may change the type of boats if needed.
- 3.2 Standing rigging shall not be adjusted, except when/if authorized by the Organizing Authority. The engine must be used to exit/enter the harbor (a dedicated Attachment will be found in the Sailing Instructions). Sailing inside the harbor is strictly forbidden.
- 3.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail & Jib.
- 3.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, before racing as decided by the OA.

4 TEAM

- 4.1 Each competing team shall consist of skippers and crew for two boats with three crew per boat (including the skipper). Participants must be members, spouses or dependents of members of the club that they represent and no professionals sailors are allowed on board.
- 4.2 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the Race Committee may authorise an original team member to substitute. When a registered team member other than the skipper is unable to continue in the event the Race Committee may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.
- 4.3 It is mandatory that all crew members bring their own life jackets.

5 CREW WEIGHT

There will be no weight limit.

6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, WS regulation 20.4 applies.
- 6.2 Each boat may be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 6.3 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

7 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Entry is by invitation and 9 entries will be accepted on chronological base. The Entry Form (Attachment B) and entry fees must be received by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS) Race Office no later than February 1, 2018, to confirm the entry in the event. The event website is www.yccs.com.

8 FEES

A non-refundable entry fee of 2500€ shall be paid as stated in the entry form by the 1st of February and include a training section (2 hours per team to be booked in advance), boats for the regatta and all social functions (refer to NoR paragraph 12 - "Schedule of Event").

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at the YCCS Race Office upon final registration and published on the event web site www.yccs.com prior to the start of the event.



10 VENUE

Racing will take place on the waters of Porto Cervo, refer to Attachment A, and shore activities will take place at the YCCS Clubhouse.

11 FORMAT

The planned format is multiple round robins amongst either all competing teams or groups of teams. If time permits, a knock-out series may be run as determined by the Organizing Authority. The format and number of races will be described in the Sailing Instructions and at the Participants' Meeting and may be adjusted by the Organizing Authority due to weather and time considerations

12 SCHEDULE OF EVENT

Wednesday, June 20	1100-1700 1900 2000	* Training Sessions and Registrations Official Briefing Welcome party
Thursday, June 21	1000 1130 after race	Daily Briefing Races Refreshment at the Regatta Village
Friday, June 22	1000 1130 after race 20.00	Daily Briefing Races Refreshment at the Regatta Village Regatta Dinner
Saturday, June 23	1000 1130 after race 16.30 22.00	Daily Briefing Races Refreshment at the Regatta Village Prize Giving Audi Night Concert in San Pantaleo

^{*} Please contact the YCCS Centro Sportivo/YCCS Race Office to schedule your training sessions: (@. centrosportivo@yccs.it / secretariat@yccs.it)

No warning signal for a race will be made after 1600 on Saturday, 23rd June. The Race Committee will endeavor to race the semifinals and finals on Saturday.

Alteration of program: The OA and/or race committee reserve the right to modify the program according to weather conditions or other unforeseen reasons.

13 COURSE

Courses will be as diagramed in the Sailing Instructions.

14 SCORING

Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix D, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

15 UMPIRING

The races will be umpired in accordance with RRS Appendix D, as modified by the Sailing Instructions. Teams may be asked to provide a competitor(s) to assist the umpires when off rotation.

16 PROTESTS

Notice of Race

When practicable, protests will be heard on the water, as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

17 WAIVER AND DAMAGE DEPOSIT

All skippers will be required to provide a euro 1.000 damage deposit prior to the start of racing by providing credit card information. Skippers should be aware that while the O.A. will attempt to identify all damage at the post-regatta inspection, often this is not possible due to the nature of the damage. The skipper is responsible for all damage, even if it is discovered only after the post- regatta report is completed and signed. In the event that there is material damage not covered by insurance and no one acknowledges



responsibility (e.g., crews are rotated among the boats and no one reports the damage), the cost of repairs will be charged to all the designated skippers on a prorated basis.

18 DISCLAMER

Competitors agree to be bound by World Sailing RRS 2017/2020, 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 World Sailing 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.

19 PHOTOGRAPHS AND TV RIGHTS

Competitors hereby grant the O.A., the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and the text, photography 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, competitors' names and biographical material may also be used or reproduced in any way known.

If required by the OA:

- (a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
- (b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
- (c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.

Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

20 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

The following trophies and awards will be presented on Saturday, 23rd June 2018: Trophies for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd scored boats;

Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please apply to YCCS Race Office:

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The regatta also adheres to the ethical code of conduct established in the Charta Smeralda.

About the Audi Invitational Team Racing

The Yacht Club Costa Smeralda will be organizing the third edition of the Invitational Team Racing Challenge from June 21st to 23rd, 2018 where the YCCS J/70s will be raced by teams from the most prestigious yacht clubs in the world. Each Club will bring a team of two crews made up of three sailors who will compete in three days of windward-leeward races. With this Team Racing formula, each race will see four J/70s at the starting line - two crews for each yacht club - and the last boat to cross the line determines the losing team. This international event will have a semi final and a grand final.

Winners

2014 CIRCOLO CANOTTIERI ANIENE

2016 NEWPORT HARBOUR YACHT CLUB



APPENDICES:

Attachment A: Course Areas;

Attachment B: Entry Form.

Attachment A: Course areas

