



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA

International 5.5 Metre Class World Championship 2023

24 – 29 September 2023

Organizing Authority:

Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS), Porto Cervo, Italy

In conjunction with the International 5.5m Class Association.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The rules governing the International 5.5 Metre World Championship available [HERE](#) will apply.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix T Arbitration will apply.
- 1.4 No national prescriptions apply.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6 As part of its environmental initiative, YCCS will not issue paper copies.
- 1.7 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 (changes RRS 63.7).

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09.00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS AND VENUE

- 3.1 The online Official Notice Board (ONB) is located [HERE](#)
- 3.2 The race office will be located in the Piazza Azzurra.
- 3.3 The following QR code is a direct link to the Event Web Page:



- 3.4 Communication with competitors will be via the online ONB. Additionally, messages can be sent via WhatsApp and/or e-mails, and the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF 72. Failure to send these messages or to make broadcasts will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1
- 3.5 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels VHF 9, 16, 72 & 74. The radio shall be on and working from the moment a boat leaves the moor until she finishes the last race of the day.
- 3.6 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from regatta officials.
- 4.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flag pole, located in Piazza Azzurra.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. Boats shall not leave their mooring places until flag AP is lowered. This changes Race Signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 Registration:

Sunday 24 September	10.00 – 18.00	Race Office – Piazza Azzurra
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Equipment inspection and event measurement:

Saturday 23 September	09.00 – 18.00	YCCS Sport Centre
Sunday 24 September	09.00 – 18.00	YCCS Sport Centre

Skippers Briefing:

Sunday 24 September	18.30	YCCS Terrazza Azzurra
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Days of racing:

Date	Scheduled times of warning signal	Scheduled number of races
Monday 25 September	12:00	2 races
Tuesday 26 September	12:00	2 races
Wednesday 27 September	12:00	2 races
Thursday 28 September	12.00	2 races
Friday 29 September	12.00	2 races

- 6.2 No warning signal will be given after 15.00 on Friday 29 September unless it follows a signal of general recall or postponement of a race whose first warning signal had been made before 15.00.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The class flag will be the 5.5 Class flag.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 Races will be sailed in the waters in front of Porto Cervo.
- 8.2 Addendum B shows the approximate location of racing area.
- 8.3 The race course will be located approximately 3 nm from the entrance of the harbor.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagram in Addendum C shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left or rounded.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee starting vessel may display the approximate compass bearing to the first mark.
- 9.3 An offset mark will be placed near mark 1 and shall be left or rounded to port.
- 9.4 If there is no gate, mark 2 shall be left to port.
- 9.5 The course will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Mark 1 will be a red robotic mark with YCCS logo.
- 10.2 Marks 2S and 2P will be red robotic marks with YCCS logo.
- 10.3 The starting marks will be a yellow robotic mark or a service vessel at the port end of the starting line and the race committee starting vessel or a yellow robotic mark at the starboard end.
- 10.4 The offset mark will be a red robotic mark with YCCS logo.
- 10.5 The finishing mark will be a yellow robotic mark at the starboard end of the finishing line and a race committee vessel at the port end.
- 10.6 New mark, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be a yellow robotic or inflatable mark.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting vessel at the starboard-end and either, the course side of the yellow starting mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a service vessel at the port-end. The starting vessel and the service vessel may hold their position with the use of their engines. Failing to hold their position or using the engine to hold it will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 11.3 If the race committee starting vessel cannot anchor safely due to weather conditions or other navigational or operational conditions, the orange flag will be replaced by the course side of a yellow starting mark.
- 11.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF radio channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 11.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a yellow robotic or an inflatable mark to a new position or move the finishing line in case the last leg has to be changed, and signal according to RRS 33.
- 12.2 When mark 1 is replaced, the offset mark is not a course mark anymore and will not be replaced.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel at the port end and the course side of the pin end finishing mark. (See Addendum C).

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2 Penalties for a breach of a rule other than a RRS Part 2 rule or rule 31 will be at the discretion of the international jury and may be less than a disqualification.
- 14.3 When a member of the international jury observes a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, they will display a red Flag with a sound signal to indicate that a boat has broken a rule and is expected to take a penalty. While the primary responsibility to protest the incident stays with the boats, the jury may be called as witness if the incident is protested and may protest when they consider the incident has involved reckless sailing or there has been a breach of sportsmanship.

15 TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
45 minutes	120 minutes	45 minutes

- 15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 The finishing window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the finishing window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the finishing window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 Hearing request forms are available [HERE](#).
- 16.2 Protests and requests for redress, shall be delivered to the race office by email within the protest time limit to the following email address: jurysecretary@yccs.it.
- 16.3 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 16.4 Schedule of hearings will be posted on the ONB within 30 minutes of the protest time limit.
- 16.5 The right of appeal from the International Jury decision is denied as provided in rule 70.5.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 10 races are scheduled.
- 17.2 4 races must be completed to constitute a World Championship.
- 17.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.4 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 All boats shall sail past the race committee starting vessel on starboard tack prior to start of the first race each day.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 REPLACEMENTS

19.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, the notice of race and sailing instructions.

20.2 When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to designated area for inspection.

21 OFFICIAL VESSELS

21.1 The race committee vessel will be identified by a YCCS burgee. The race committee vessel will normally be the signal/starting vessel.

21.2 Service vessels will be identified by a white flag with the letter 'S', technical committee vessels with the letter 'M' and jury vessels with the letter 'J'. The safety vessel will be identified by a White flag with red "+".

21.3 Vessels used by media, photographers, film crews or VIP's are not under the jurisdiction of the race committee, but may be identified displaying a white flag with the letter 'P' or the event flag.

22 SUPPORT TEAMS VESSELS

22.1 Support vessels shall register with the organizing authority before the start of the first race and shall display the flag supplied.

22.2 Support vessels shall not interfere with any boat racing and shall stay clear of areas where boats are starting from the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished. Requests or instructions given to support vessels by the race committee, technical committee or the jury shall be followed.

23 TRASH DISPOSAL

23.1 Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard official or support team vessels.

24 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

24.1 All boats shall be afloat before 20.00 hours on the day prior to the first scheduled race and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

25 DIVING

25.1 Independent swimming/diving inside the harbour is forbidden. Only the Harbour Master's divers are authorised to swim/dive inside the harbour and they can be booked on VHF Channel 9 or by email to: e.pileri@marinadiportocervo.com c/c info@marinadiportocervo.com. and when at their regatta berths and after permission by the Marina Office, may get their bottom cleaned by the Harbour Master's divers.

25.2 All competitors are required by the Harbour Safety Regulations to keep the marina docks in order and provide appropriate space for others moored on the same dock. Sails and dock boxes shall be kept in the immediate vicinity of the assigned mooring place.

The Harbourmaster and the Coast Guard will monitor the docks to ensure compliance.

- 25.3 It is reminded that infractions to the above-mentioned safety rules or inappropriate behaviours signalled by the Harbourmaster or the Coast Guard to the O.A. could bring to discretionary penalties by the Jury or the exclusion from the regatta. Possible breaches of these regulations and requirements are not grounds for protests by boats. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 25.4 When arriving or leaving the assigned mooring place, if assistance is needed, boats can contact the Marina ribs available on VHF 9 or the YCCS ribs available on VHF channel 74.

26 PRIZES

- 26.1 Prizes and gold, silver and bronze medals will be given to the three first boats.
- 26.2 Trophies will be awarded in accordance with the World Championship Rules.

27 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

28 INSURANCE

- 28.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third part 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.
- 28.2 The OA is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of the insurance certificate.
- 28.3 General conditions as stated in detail on the entry form

29 FURTHER INFORMATION AND CONTACTS


YCCS Race Office: t. +39 0789 902200 | e. secretariat@yccs.it | ws. www.yccs.com

It is part of our mission to raise awareness among regatta participants on the urgent environmental issues affecting the oceans.


Please be informed that the event is paperless and all the materials used during the after race refreshments and the crew party are plastic free and compostable. Please dispose of them correctly.

We are pleased to inform you that the regatta is organised following the principals of the Charta Smeralda, an ethical code established by the One Ocean Foundation - <https://www.1ocean.org>.

Addendum A



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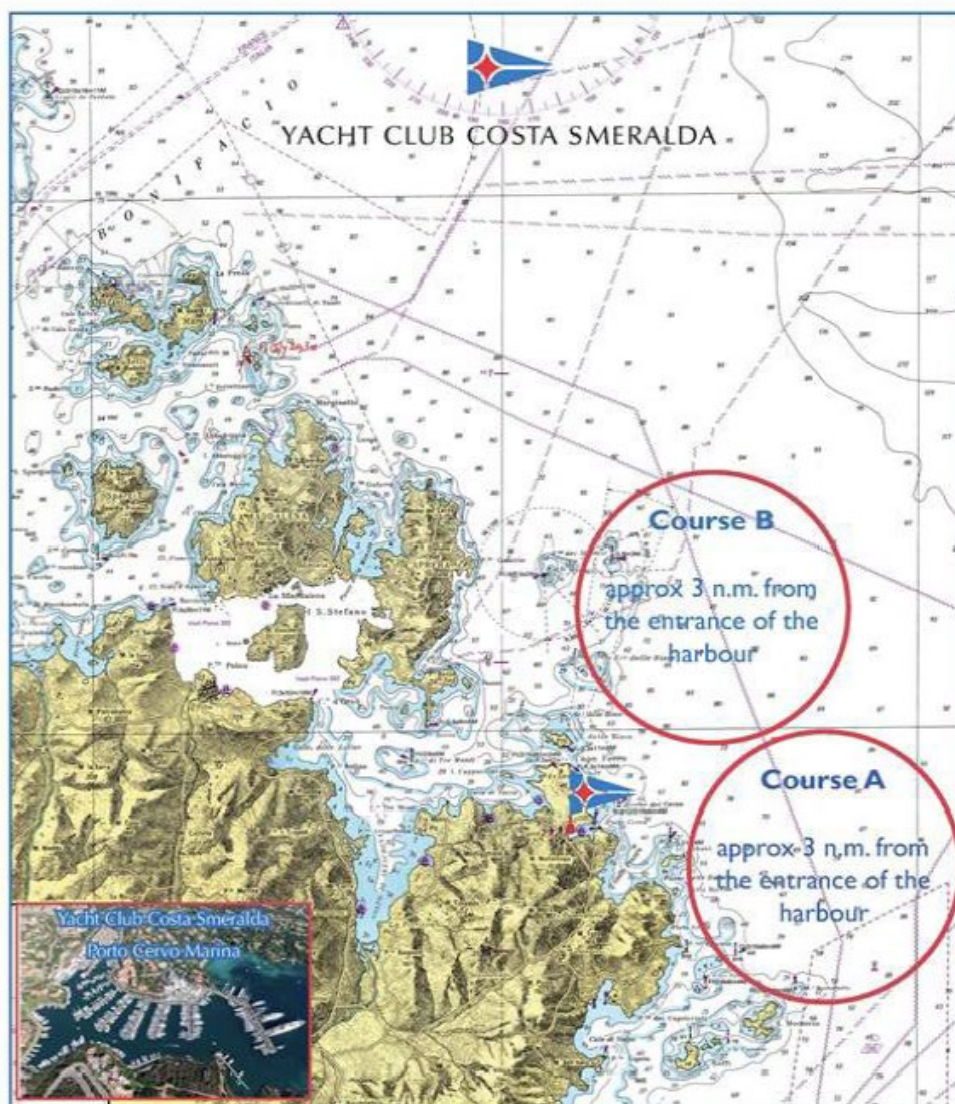


<p>1 YCCS Clubhouse / Piazza Azzurra</p> <p>2 YCCS Centro Sportivo</p> <p>3 YCCS Floating Pontoon</p> <p>4 YCCS Sailing School</p>	<p>5 Shipyard</p> <p>6 Marina Master Office</p> <p>7 East Port / Porto Vecchio</p> <p>8 Coast Guard</p>	<p>9 Shuttle Service from/to Marina Nuova - East Port</p> <p>10 Useful Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WC / Shower; - Tabacconist; - Newsagent; - Supermarket.
<p>11 Useful Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Post Office; - Petrol Station. 		

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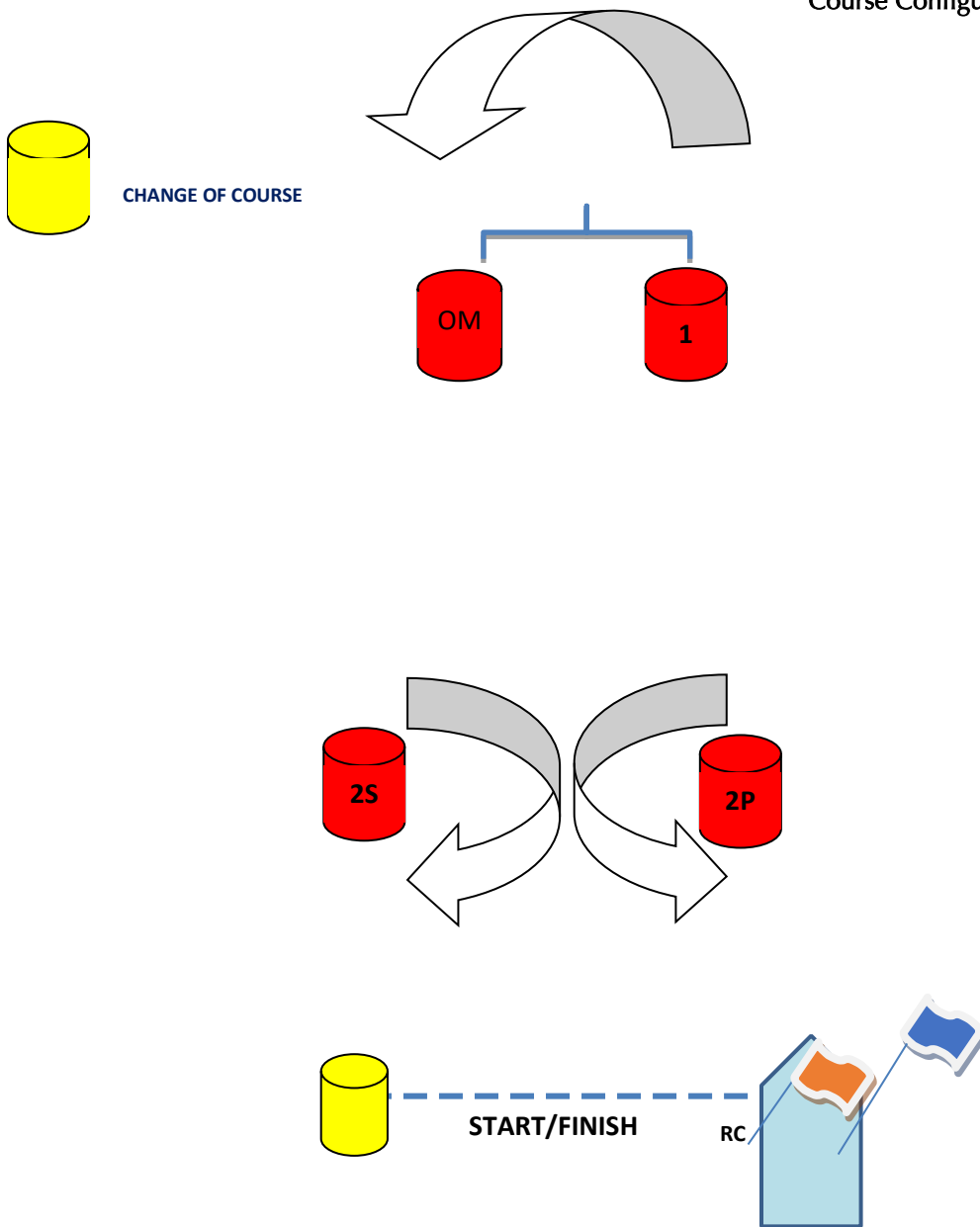
Addendum B - Not for navigation use, not to scale.

RACE AREA



Addendum C – Course

Course Configuration (NOT in scale):



Course:
Start – 1/offset mark – 2S or 2P – 1/offset mark – 2S or 2P – Finish Marks 1 and offset will be rounded to port.