



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA

YCCS MEMBERS CHAMPIONSHIP  
Porto Cervo, 3 - 4 August 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Rules**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the WS Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024.
- 1.2 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).
- 1.3 **For Italian crews only:** all Italian crews shall be FIV members and have a valid medical certificate. Foreign competitors must comply with the rules of their national authority.
- 1.4 English shall be the official language used at the regatta.

2. **Racing Area & Courses**

- 2.1 The racing area will be in the waters outside the Marina of Porto Cervo.
- 2.2 Courses will be Windward-Leeward (see Appendix ALFA).

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 YCCS Piazza Azzurra at 10.00 on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August.

8. **Alternative Penalties**

RRS 44.1 is changed so that only 1 turn, including 1 tack and 1 gybe, is required even for infringement of rules of part 2.

9. **Amendments to the Sailing Instructions and Notices to Competitors**

- 9.1 Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online [ONB](#) on the [YCCS website](#) no later than 10.00 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 Any changes to the SI, NoR and/or communication to competitors made at sea will take place exclusively via VHF channel 72.

10. **Signals made ashore**

Code flag AP (Answering Pennant) means that the race is postponed. The warning signal will not be displayed prior to 1 hour after AP is lowered. This changes RRS Race Signals "AP".

11. **Programme**

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- Saturday, 3<sup>th</sup> August      10.00 - 17.00      Registration at the YCCS race office & Boat available for practice section\*

\* Please contact the YCCS Centro Sportivo to schedule your training section (@ [centrosportivo@yccs.it](mailto:centrosportivo@yccs.it) | t. +39.346.79.63.401)





- Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00	Teams Briefing at YCCS .
	11.00	Race (s)
		To follow Lunch & Prize giving at YCCS

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 at cost, on the conditions indicated in the entry form.
- 11.3 No warning signal will be made after 14.30.
- 11.4 The maximum number of races to be sailed shall be 3. The series 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. 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”	Warning Signal	 ↑
X - 4	“PAPA”	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 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 boat at the starboard end of the line and the starting mark (red robotic mark) 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 robotic mark and a blue flag on the race committee boat. The race committee boat shall be left to port and the red robotic mark to starboard. The finishing mark may be replaced by a service boat displaying an orange flag. In this instance, the finishing line will be between the staffs displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and an orange flag on the service 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 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 Limit**

The time limit is of 60 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat will be scored DNF.

**19. Marks**

All course marks will be red robotic marks.

**20. Change of Course after the start**

Rule 33 applies. In case of a course change, the new mark will be a yellow robotic mark.

**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 displaying the "S" flag on the finishing boat.

**22. Committee & Service Boats**

22.1 The race 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 Race Office within the protest time limit (PTL), 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 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 email to the boat representative within the protest time limit as indicated in paragraph 23.1 of these instructions.

23.4 It is the boat's representative's sole responsibility to check the online [ONB](#) 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. Handling of the Boats**

Except in an emergency or in order 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 possible on VHF channel 72.

**27. Disclaimer**

Refer to Entry Form.

**28. Trophies**

Refer to NoR paragraph 8.

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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.**

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

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## APPENDIX ALFA

### Description of the Course

#### 1. General Instructions

##### 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 - Mark 1 – Starting Mark – Mark 1 - Finish.

The race committee will try to set a course which will take approximately 30 minutes to be completed.

The length of the course shall be determined by the race committee. A longer or shorter racing time will not be grounds for redress. Amends RRS 62.1 (a).

#### Course Configuration (NOT in scale):

