



## 2023 DRAGON ITALIAN GRAND PRIX

Fraglia Vela Malcesine, 21st – 24th June 2023

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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NP	The notation '[NP]' (No Protest) in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
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#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024.
- 1.2. The Rules and Regulations of the International Dragon Association and the rules for Grade 1 European Grand Prix Cup will apply.
- 1.3. The prescriptions of the National Authority will not apply.
- 1.4. In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail (this changes RRS 63.7).
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the SIs will take precedence.

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://fragliavela.sailti.com/en/default/races/race-toa/text/2023-dragon-italian-grand-prix-en> and <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/5623/event?name=2023-dragon-italian-grand-prix>
- 2.2. Checking the official notice board web site at all times is the sole responsibility of the competitors, no requests for redress will be accepted for noncompliance.

#### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than 2 hours before the scheduled starting time of the first race of the day, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official signal pole near the race office.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS "Race Signals".
- 4.3. Flag AP over H displayed ashore with two sound signals means "No boat shall go afloat until this signal is lowered". The first warning signal will be made 'not less than 60 minutes' after AP over H flags are lowered with one sound signal. This changes RRS Race signals.



**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1. Event Schedule is:

DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
20/06/2023	09.00-12.00 14.00-18.00	Registrations and crew weighing
21/06/2023	09.00-10.30  11.00 13.00 After races	Registrations and crew weighing  Skippers meeting First possible Warning Signal Pasta party
22/06/2023	TBA After races	Races Aperitif
23/06/2023	TBA After races	Races Pasta party
24/06/2023	TBA After races	Races Prize giving

5.2. The event shall take place over 4 racing days and 8 races are scheduled. There should be no more than 2 races per day. A third race can be sailed only when in delay with the program or when the forecast suggest that no race can be sailed in the next day. No more than one race can be raced in advance of the program.

5.3. All boats shall be afloat by 10:30 hrs on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2023

5.4. On Saturday, 24 June 2023, no warning signal will be made after 15:30 hrs.

**6. CLASS FLAG**

6.1. The Warning Signal will be the Dragon Class flag or Panel n.1

**7. RACING AREA**

7.1. The intended race-course are will be in front of the Club. See Attachment 2 – Race course.

**8. THE COURSE**

- 8.1. The sailed course will be a windward-leeward course. (See Attachment1).
- 8.2. The race committee may shorten the course, but not before the end of the leg to Mark 1 for the second time. This changes Rule 32.
- 8.3. At the leeward gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If one of the two gate marks is missing then the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

**9. MARKS**

- 9.1. Marks 1 and 1A will be Yellow buoys
- 9.2. Marks 2S and 2P will be Red buoys.

**10. THE START**

10.1. Races will be started according to RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before



the starting signal.

- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on two race committee boats.
- 10.3. To alert the boats that a race will begin soon, the orange flag at the starting line will be displayed with one sound signal, at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 10.4. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and RRS A5.
- 10.5. The race committee start vessel, when necessary, may keep her position by using her engine. This will not be ground for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

## 11. CHANGE THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. A change of the next leg of the course will be made as in RRS 33.
- 11.2. To change the next leg of the course the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 11.3. When it is not possible to change the position of the original marks, the course may be reset using one or more new marks. When new marks are already in use, the course may be reset using original marks.
- 11.4. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1.
- 11.5. In case of a course change on a windward leg, the new mark will be Red.
- 11.6. Offset mark 1a will not be a course mark in case of a change of course on a windward leg. If the RC decides to change the position of the leeward marks (gate), the new mark will be only one red mark, and this shall be left to port.

## 12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the port-end finishing mark or a staff displaying a blue flag on a rib.  
This instruction does not apply when rule 32.2 does. The finishing line will be shorter than the starting line.
- 12.2. Boats failing to finish within **20** minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did not Finish. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5

## 13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. As a change to Rule 44.1, the two turns penalty is replaced by one turn penalty.
- 13.2. A breach of rules other than RRS 28 and RRS 31 and those in Part 2 shall, after a hearing, be given a penalty ranging from 10% of the number of boats registered to disqualification at discretion of the international jury.
- 13.3. If the international jury afloat witnesses an incident for which a boat is protesting another one, he will whistle which means "The jury is a witness". It is then up to the competitors to take the appropriate action. Action or no action by the international jury shall not be grounds for redress. [This changes RRS 62.1(a)]
- 13.4. Appendix P will apply.  
Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.



**14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

14.1 The times are as follows:

Target time	Time limit to round mark 1	Time limit to finish for the 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>90 minutes</b>	<b>45 minutes</b>	<b>120 minutes</b>

14.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the “time limit to round Mark 1” the race will be abandoned

14.3 Boats not finishing within 20 minutes after the first boat to complete the course and finish will be scored as DNF without a hearing. (This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5).

**15. REQUESTS FOR A HEARING**

15.1. A boat intending to protest, in addition to complying with RRS 61.1, shall inform the Race Committee immediately after the finishing of the related race. If the protestor does not finish the race, she shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible or the Race Office immediately after arriving ashore. This changes RRS 61.

15.2. Protests, requests for redress or reopening shall be sent ONLINE at:

<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/5623/event?name=2023-dragon-italian-grand-prix> within **60** minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day. This protest time limit will be posted at:

<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/5623/event?name=2023-dragon-italian-grand-prix>.

The same protest time applies to all protests by the race committee, technical committee, and international jury, and to requests for redress. Protest time limit can be extended at discretion of the international jury if deemed necessary.

15.3. The schedule of hearings will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

A delay in the hearing schedule shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15.4. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress or reopening based on an international jury decision shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than **30** minutes after the party requesting reopening or redress was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 62.2.

15.5. Hearings may be conducted before the end of Protest Time Limit if all the parties agree.

15.6. There will be an International Jury for which the decisions will be final as provided by RRS 70.5.

**16. SCORING**

16.1. 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

16.2. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat’s score will be the total of her scores.

When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat’s score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16.3. There will be an Overall ranking and a Corinthian ranking for the Corinthian Trophy.



**17. SAFETY**

- 17.1. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes rule RRS 40.
- 17.2. [NP][DP] In the best interests of safety, a competitor who retires shall inform, by any possible system, either the RC boat on the water or the Race Office as soon as they return ashore. The Jury may take disciplinary action when this obligation is not respected.

**18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW or EQUIPMENT**

- 18.1. [NP][DP] Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 18.2. [NP][DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the technical committee. Request for substitution shall be made to the committee at first reasonable opportunity.

**19. MEASUREMENT CONTROLS and WEIGHT LIMITS**

- 19.1. Competitors shall keep their boats in compliance with the current IDA class rules and sailing instructions. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

**20. OFFICIAL VESSELS**

20.1. Official vessels will be identified as follows

Race Committee	With flag "RC"
Jury	With flag "J"
Technical Committee	With flag "M"
Media/ Press	With flag "Press"

20.2. Failure of an official boat to be in position or to display appropriate signal will not be ground for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

**21. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 21.1. [DP] Team and support boats shall, at all times when afloat, be clearly identified by the white flag with red S, provided by the OA.
- 21.2. [DP] Team and support boats shall not be in the racing area during the period between the first warning signal of the first fleet in a race and the finish of the last boat in the last fleet in that race except when a postponement is signaled, in which case they may be in the racing area until the first signal after the end of the postponement. The racing area is defined in SAILING INSTRUCTIONS APPENDIX
- 21.3. [DP] [NP] If a team or support boat does not comply with instruction 21.1 and/or 21.2 a penalty may be applied to some or all supported boats.
- 21.4. [DP] Instruction 21.3 will not apply to rescue operations.

**22. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

22.1. [DP] [NP] All boats shall be afloat before **10:30 hrs on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to the terms of prior written permission of the international jury.



## 23. PLASTIC POOLS AND DIVING EQUIPMENT

- 23.1. [DP] [NP] Underwater breathing apparatus, including snorkels, plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used below the waterline after **10:30 hrs on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** till end of regatta except prior written permission of the international jury.

## 24. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 24.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions whilst racing except those available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and smart phones.
- 24.2. The Race Committee will use VHF radio to communicate with the Fleet, including the starting area, countdown to the start, OCS/UFD sail numbers, general recalls, black flag (BFD) and postponements, information on wind and current at mark one.
- 24.3. [DP] [NP] Failure to make these broadcasts or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 24.4. VHF 72 will be used to communicate with competitors unless stated otherwise.

## 25. BERTHING

- 25.1. [DP] All boats shall be parked in their designated places in the marina.

## 26. LIABILITY and INSURANCE

- 26.1. Competitors participate in the races under their sole personal responsibility (RRS 4 - Decision to race). Fraglia Vela Malcesine, Race Committee, officials, volunteers and the Organizers shall not be responsible and will not accept any liability for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused prior, during or after racing
- 26.2. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions she will find herself. By going to water the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 26.3. All owners/persons in charge who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold third-party liability insurance as required by the Notice of Race.

## 27. PRIZES

- 27.1. Prizes will be awarded as per NOR point 19.

## 28. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 28.1. Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

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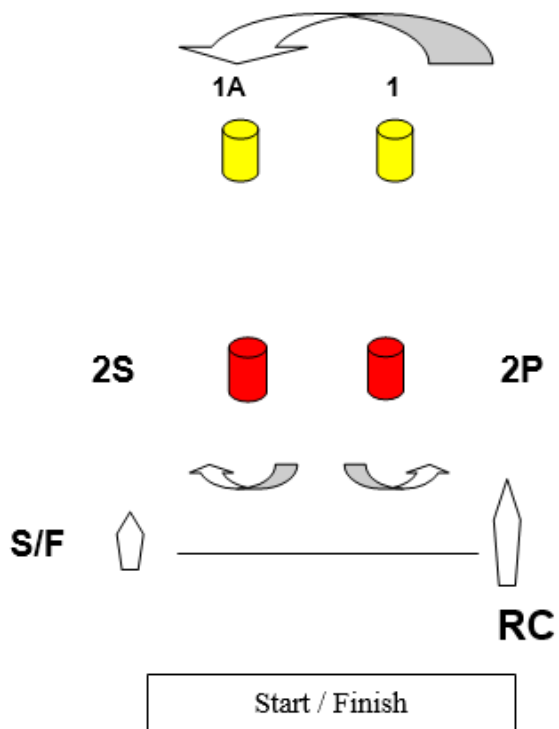
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## ATTACHMENT 1 – RACE COURSE

Start - 1- 1A- 2S/2P - 1 – 1A- Finish







## ATTACHMENT 2 – COURSE AREA



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