

Umpired Fleet Racing
Sailing Instruction
O'PEN SKIFF EUROCHALLENGE 2024
Italian National Circuit

April 5th – 7th, 2024
TO BE HELD AT



Arco, Lago di Garda, Italy

Regatta organised on behalf of the Italian Sailing Federation
at

Circolo Vela Arco ASD

in co-operation with

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[NP] Denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[SP] Denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee (RC) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and RRS Appendix A5.

1. RULES

- 1.1. See Notice of Race (abbreviation RRS means: Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 / Rule)
- 1.2. New RRS 18 see Annex C.
- 1.3. In case of conflict between Notice of Race (NoR) and Sailing Instructions (SI), the SI and the subsequent notice will take precedence in compliance with RRS 63.7.

2. PROGRAM OF THE EVENT

See Notice of Race

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to the competitors will be posted **online** on the Official Digital Notice Board <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/7907/event>

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than 90 minutes before the scheduled warning signal of the race it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of the first race of the day will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Official Flag Poles located close to the Boat- Park (field).
- 5.2. **[NP][DP]** When the DELTA flag is displayed ashore competitors can go afloat. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after this flag is displayed. **If the Delta flag is NOT displayed competitors SHALL NOT go afloat** (changes RRS Race Signals).

6. SCHEDULE OF RACE

- 6.1. Number of races per day will be decided by Class Representative. The scheduled time of the Warning signal for the first race of the day will be displayed at 12:10.
- 6.2. There will be a maximum of 9 races in the championship, for each division.
- 6.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed (changes RRS Race Signals).

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The racing area is defined in SI's Annex A as an area extending 50 meter outside any point where a boat might sail during normal racing and includes the area bounded by course marks at all times when any boat of any fleet is still racing.

8. COURSES AND FREESTYLE MANEUVERS

- 8.1. The diagram in SI's Annex B shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left and the freestyle maneuvers zone.
- 8.2. **A Rib may display after mark 1 a Yellow Flag or a Green Flag**
- 8.2.1. Freestyle maneuvers are:
- 360°:** including a tack and a jibe (or a jibe and a tack) in the same direction when a **yellow flag** is displayed after the Rib in direction to Mark 2
- Standing leg:** sail the boat between the rib and mark 2 in a standing position, when a **green flag** is displayed.
- If no flag is displayed there will be no Free Style.**
- If a boat does not comply with a Freestyle maneuver, Jury may penalize the boat as defined in SI Appendix UF #3.5(b)**
- 8.3. **REMEMBER THE CLASS RULE C.1.1 RULES.**
- (a) If the average wind speed is clearly more than 12 knots across the course the race committee may signal in accordance with RRS Appendix P5 that pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted except on a windward leg. This changes rules RRS 42.2(a), RRS 42.2(b), RRS 42.2(c).*
- 8.4. The course may be shortened to finish at any mark provided that 3 or more legs will have been sailed (changes RRS 32).
- 8.5. If one inner or outer gates's mark will be missing, the remaining mark shall be left on port.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. The marks will be:

COURSE MARKS (1,2)	RED
GATE 3a/3b 4b/4b	ORANGE
STARTING MARKS	CONTRO-STARTER BOAT
RIB (Free Style)	GREEN FLAG (Stand up leg) or YELLOW FLAG(360°)
FINISH MARK (F)	RED
WAITING AREA	YELLOW BUOYS

- 9.2. **[SP] [NP]** There will be a waiting area around 50 meters leeward the starting line. This area will be bounded by a virtual line passing between spherical red little buoys laid by Race Committee. Support Personnel shall wait in this area see also next SI 19.2.

9.3. Failure to comply with SI 9.2 will result in a 1 point penalty without a hearing for each competitor assigned to the Support Personnel responsible. Moreover any further infringement of mentioned rule may lead to action under RRS 60.(d).

10. FORBIDDEN AREAS & OBSTRUCTION

10.1. There are no restricted areas or obstructions in the racing areas.

11 THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and either:

- (a) the course side of the port-end inflatable starting mark, or
- (b) a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the port end.

11.2 **[DP]** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races and remain in the area described in SI 9.2.

11.3 A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored did not start without a hearing. **This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.**

11.4 Starting under Black Flag Rule Penalty: in case of General Recall sail numbers of the boats BFD will be displayed for at least 3 minutes. A long sound signal will be made when the numbers are displayed. This changes RRS 30.4.

11.5 Races will be started as follows:

MINUTES BEFORE STARTING SIGNAL	VISUAL SIGNAL	SOUND SIGNAL	MEANS
Any time before the warning signal not less than 5 minutes	Orange Flag	One	Attention
5 minutes	Class Flag displayed	One	Warning Signal
4 minutes	U or Black Flag displayed	One	Preparatory Signal
1 minutes	U or Black Flag displayed removed	One	Last Minute Signal
0 minutes	Class Flag Removed	One	Starting Signal

11.6 Class Flag are:

- Flag Red with Open Skiff Logo for U12
- Flag Yellow with Open Skiff Logo for U15, U16, U17

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the RC finishing vessel and the finishing buoy or a staff displaying a Blue flag on a vessel.

13 [NP] TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

13.1 The target time for the first boat is 35/40 minutes

13.2 The time limit in each race to the first mark for the first boat is 15 minutes.

13.3 The time limit for the first boat to finish a race is 60 minutes.

13.4 If the time limits in SI 13.1 and 13.2 are exceeded the race shall be abandoned. Missing of these times limit by Race Committee will not be ground for request of redress (change RRS 60.1(b)).

- 13.5 Boats failing to finish within **10** minutes after the first boat starts, sails the course and finishes in their respective division or group shall be scored DNF except those who are scored DSQ, UFD, BFD, OCS, RET, RDG or DNE. (change RRS 35, A4 and A5)

14. PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

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- 14.1 **[NP][DP]** Boats retiring from a race shall complete a Retirement Declaration Form at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/retirements/7907/event> before the end of the protest time limit.
- 14.2 For each Division/Group the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat of her Division/Group has finished the last race of the day, or the Race Committee signals "AP/N over A", whichever is later.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as a witness. Hearings will be held in the Jury Office close the Race Office.
- 14.4 Notices of protest by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Jury will be posted on the Official Digital Notice Board to inform boats according to RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.5 On the last scheduled day of all series, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- Within protest limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
This changes RRS 66.
- 14.6 On the last day of the qualifying or final series a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 14.7 Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 14.8 Breaches of class rules and RRS 78 may be less than disqualification.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Scoring will be according to RRS Appendix A as amended for discards.
- 15.2 Minimum of six races are required to be completed by each fleet to constitute a qualifying series. **If less than SIX races are completed** the qualifying series will be extended to complete them.
- 15.2 (a) If at the end of the qualifying series some boats have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent races will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of at race scores entering the Second Round (this will not be ground for request of redress (change RRS 60.1(b)).
- 15.2. (b) For the qualifying series, rule A5.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.
- 15.3 Three races are required to validate the event for each division.

- 15.4 To request correction of an alleged error in the posted races or series results, a boat may complete a Scoring Enquiry Form available on https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/scoring_inquiries/7907/event .

16 [NP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 Competitors leaving the race before finishing shall inform the Race Committee (RC boats or Rescue boats) as soon as possible. If this is not possible the competitor shall inform the Race Office. The Competitor shall also complete a retirement declaration (see SI 14.1).
- 16.2 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 16.3 Competitors who require assistance from rescue boats should wave one arm with hand open. If no assistance is required, the arm should be waved with fist closed.
- 16.4 A boat not leaving the shore shall inform Race Office or Race Committee at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/retirements/7907/event> .
- 16.5 If considered necessary, competitor may be ordered by a race organization to abandon the boat and board a rescue vessel. If so a warning red and white tape will be fixed on the boat to signals that sailor was rescued.
- 16.6 When the RC displays the V flag (RRS 37) with a long sound, all official and support boats shall monitor the VHF channel corresponding to their racing area and carry out any search and rescue instructions.
- 16.7 When Flags AP over H or N over H are displayed from a Race Committee vessel, all boats shall immediately return ashore and will wait there for further signals. (changes race signals AP over H and N over H).
- 16.8 Racing Area VHF Frequency 72
- 16.9 The race office telephone number is: +39(0)464.505086 - Circolo Vela Arco

17 [DP] REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Technical Committee. Request for substitution shall be made on the official online notice board at change of equipment at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 [DP] EQUIPMENT CHECKS

- 18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class Rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the Technical Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:

- **Race Committee** boats will be marked with a **white Flag with black “RC”**
- **Assistance boats** will be marked with a **red flag with white “S”**
- **Coach boats** will be marked with a **yellow flag with black “S”**
- **Jury boats** will be marked with a **yellow with black “J”**

[DP][NP] SUPPORT BOATS

- 19.1 All team support boats shall display the national flag of their country or the national 3 letter code and a sticker with registration number on the support boat.
- 19.2 Coach and support boats shall remain outside areas (**50 mt from any laylines and starting/finishing marks**) where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment except to assist a crew in distress or at request of the Race Committee.
- 19.3 Support boats shall comply with any reasonable request from a race official.
- 19.4 A personal flotation device shall be worn by all support boat personal at all time while afloat.
- 19.5 **No more than 2 persons will be allowed onboard of any support boats.**
- 19.6 All coach boats shall carry a tow rope (minimum 15 metres long and 8 mm thick).
- 19.7 An alleged breach of any of the regulations in SI 19 may be referred to the Race Committee and Jury. The Race Committee may instruct the organizing authority to withdraw accreditation and access rights to the regatta venue and the course areas from the offending party without the option of replacement during the regatta.

20 [DP] TRASH DISPOSAL

- 20.1 As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans, coastal waters and lake. Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

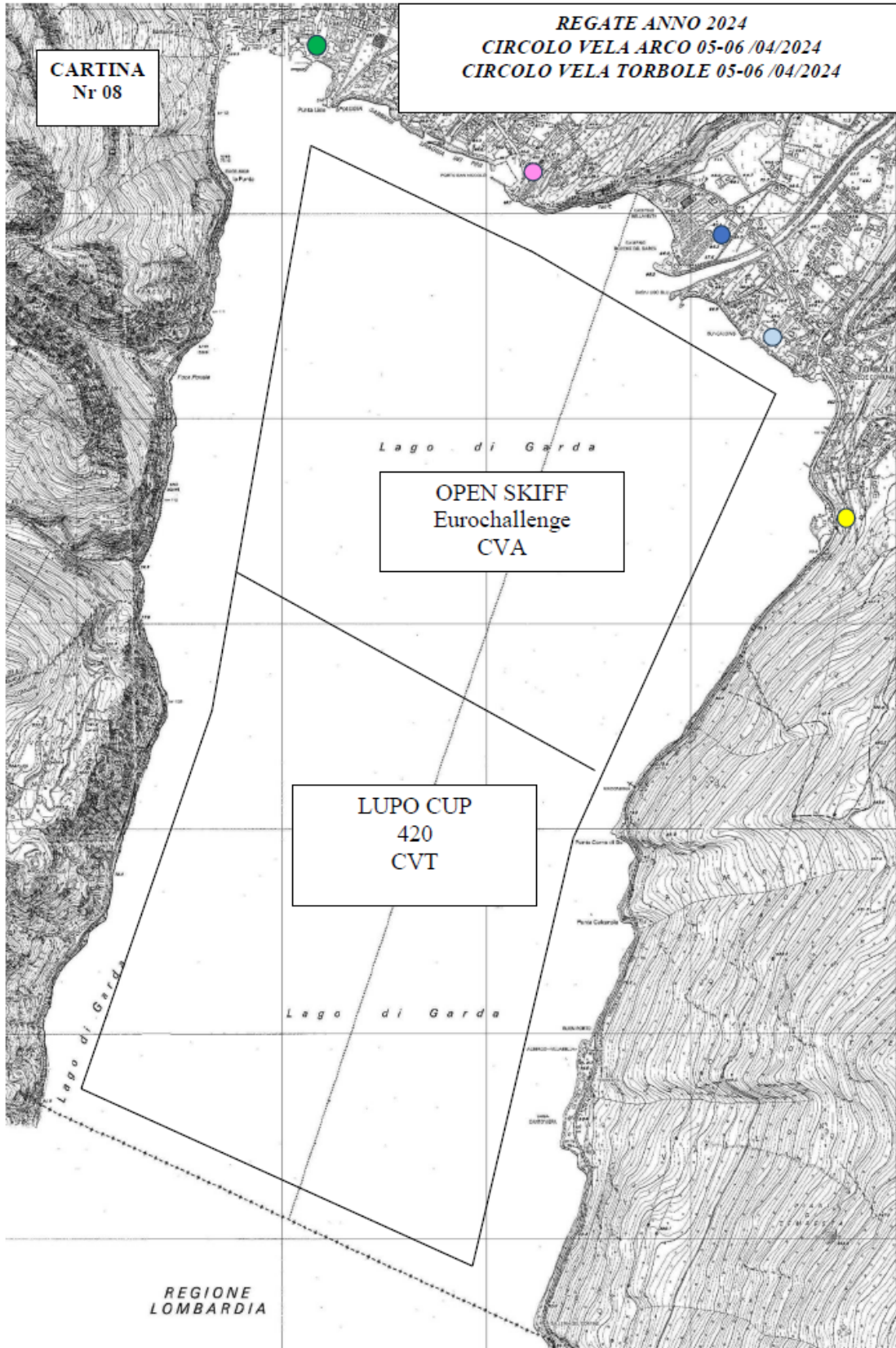
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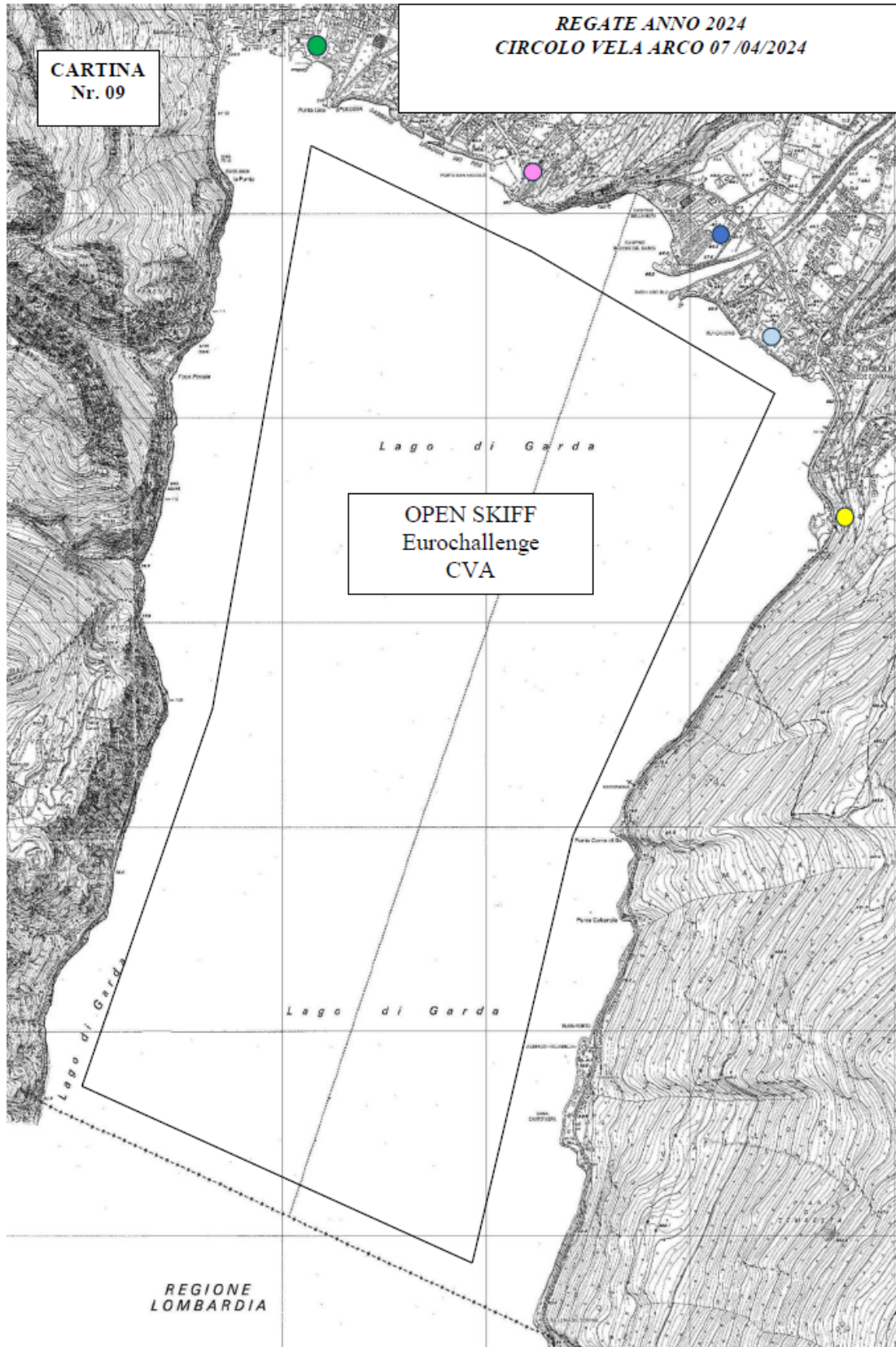
- 21.1 Prizes will be given according to the Notice of Race.

22 [SP] [NP] ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISING

- 22.1 Event lycras will be provided by the organiser and shall be worn outside any other clothing or equipment at all times when afloat and during media interviews ashore.
- 22.2 Event lycras shall not be cut, trimmed, defaced, or altered in any way.
- 22.3 Penalties:
 - Failure to comply with SI 22.1 and 22.2 will result in a 1 point penalty without a hearing in each race the infringement took place.
 - Application of these penalties shall not result in a boat being scored worse than DSQ.
 - If no race is completed on the day of the infringement the penalty will be applied to the most recent completed race in the series or, if there were no races previously completed to the next completed race in the series.

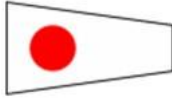
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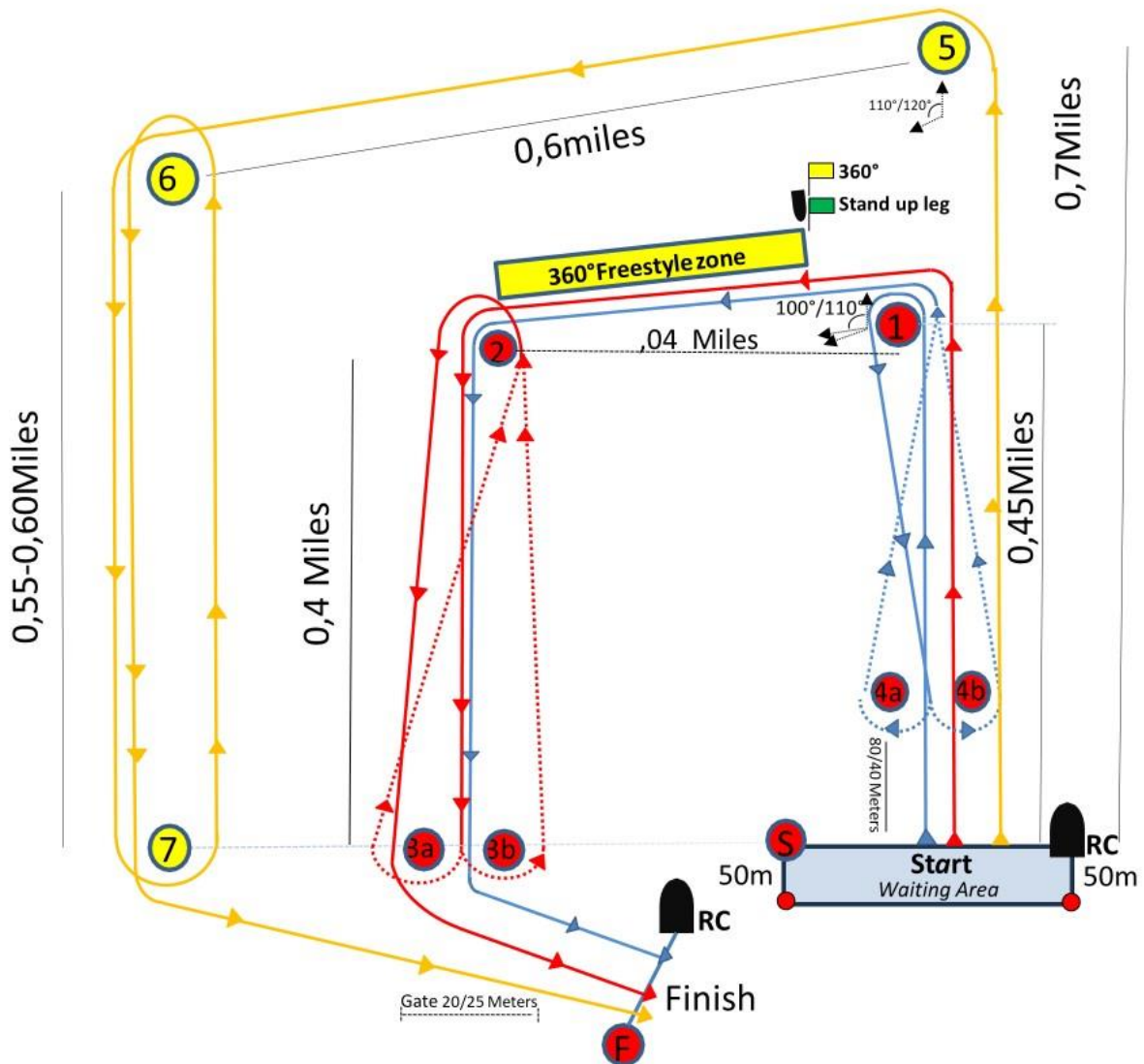


ANNEX B

COURSE



Course n° 1
U15/U16/U17 S-1-2-3a/3b-2-3a/3b-F
U12 S-1-4a/4b-1-2-3a/3b-F
Rs Aero S-5-6-7-6-7-F



REMARK: If one inner or outer gates's mark will be missing, the remaining mark shall be left on port (see SI 8.5).

ANNEX C

2022 Test Rule 18

DEFINITION MARK-ROOM

Room for a boat to sail her proper course to round or pass the mark, and room to pass a finishing mark after finishing.

Preamble to Section C

Section C rules do not apply at a starting mark surrounded by navigable water or at its anchor line.

18 MARK-ROOM

18.1 When Rule 18 Applies

- (a) Rule 18 applies between boats when they are required to leave a mark on the same side and at least one of them is in the zone. However, it does not apply
 - (1) between boats on opposite tacks on a beat to windward or when the proper course at the mark for one but not both of them is to tack,
 - (2) between a boat approaching a mark and one leaving it, or
 - (3) if the mark is a continuing obstruction, in which case rule 19 applies.
- (b) Rule 18 no longer applies between boats when the boat entitled to mark-room has left the mark astern and is on a course to begin sailing the next leg, or is no longer racing.

18.2 Giving Mark-Room

- (a) When the first of two boats reaches the zone,
 - (1) if the boats are overlapped, the outside boat at that moment shall give the inside boat mark-room.
 - (2) if the boats are not overlapped, the boat that has not reached the zone at that moment shall give the other boat mark-room.
- (b) When a boat is required to give mark-room by rule 18.2(a), she shall continue to do so even if later an overlap is broken or a new overlap begins.
- (c) If there is reasonable doubt that a boat obtained or broke an overlap before the first of two boats reached the zone, it shall be presumed that she did not.
- (d) Rule 18.2(a) no longer applies if the boat entitled to mark-room passes head to wind or leaves the zone.
- (e) When rule 18.2(a) does not apply and the boats are overlapped, the outside boat shall give the inside boat mark-room.

18.3 Tacking in the Zone

If a boat has passed head to wind in the zone and another boat was fetching the mark at that time,

- (a) rule 18.2 does not apply between them, and
- (b) at a mark to be left to port, if the other boat has been on starboard tack since entering the zone, the boat that tacked shall
 - (1) not cause the other boat to sail above close-hauled to avoid contact, and
 - (2) give mark-room if the other boat becomes overlapped inside her.

18.4 Gybing in the Zone

When an inside overlapped boat must gybe at a mark to sail her proper course, she shall not sail farther from the mark than needed to sail her proper course if this affects the choice of course of an outside boat.

APPENDIX UF

UMPIRED FLEET RACING

Open Skiff Edition

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Umpired fleet races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix. Races shall be umpired. The rule changes in UF1 have been approved by World Sailing under Regulation 28.1.5(b) on the condition that only the provided options are used. This appendix applies only when it is referred to in the Notice of Race and made available for all competitors.

UF1 CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS, THE RULES OF PART 1 AND 2, AND RULE 70

UF1.1 Add to the definition *Proper Course*: ‘A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.’

UF1.2 Add new rule 7 to Part 1:

7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.’

UF1.3 Rule 14 is replaced with:

14 AVOIDING CONTACT

14.1 If reasonably possible a boat shall

- (a) avoid contact with another boat,
- (b) not cause contact between boats, and
- (c) not cause contact between a boat and an object that should be avoided.

However, a right-of-way boat, or one sailing within the *room* or *mark-room* to which she is entitled, need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other boat is not *keeping clear* or *giving room* or *mark-room*.

UF1.4 When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:

- (a) for *room* to tack, repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
- (b) for ‘You tack’, repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

UF1.5 Rule 70 is deleted.

UF1.6 Test rules

- (a) The definition *Mark-Room* is changed to:

Mark-Room Room for a boat to sail her proper course to round or pass the mark on the required side.

However, *mark-room* for a boat does not include *room* to tack unless she is *overlapped* inside and to *windward* of the boat required to give *mark-room* and she would be *fetching* the *mark* after her tack.

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UF2 CHANGES TO OTHER RULES

UF2.1

Rule 28.2 is replaced with

28 SAILING THE COURSE

28.2. A boat may correct any errors in *sailing the course*, provided she has not rounded the next mark or crossed the finishing line to *finish*.

UF2.2 Spare

UF2.3 Spare

Rules P1, to P4 shall not apply.

UF3 ON WATER PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

UF3.1 In this appendix, 'a penalty' will mean the following:

A One-Turn Penalty taken in accordance with rule 44.2.

UF3.2 The first sentence of rule 44.1 is replaced with: 'A boat may take a penalty when, in an incident while *racing*, she may have broken one or more of the *rules* of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury), rule 31 or rule 42. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 in the same incident, she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31'

UF3.3 On Water Protests by Boats and Penalties

(a) While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or rule 42; however, a boat may only protest under a rule of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously raise a hand at the first reasonable opportunity for each..

The protest flag is not required for Open Skiff Class events.

(b) A boat that protests as provided in rule UF3.3(a) is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by voluntarily taking a penalty. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a penalty voluntarily.

UF3.4 Penalties and Protests Initiated by an Umpire

(a) When a boat:

- (1) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
- (2) breaks rule 42,
- (3) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (4) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
- (5) fails to comply with rule UF3.6 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,
- (6) fails to comply with rule UF2.1 (rule 28.2),

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose a penalty or more, each signalled in accordance with rule UF3.5(b), or

disqualify her under rule UF3.5(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under rule UF3.4(a)(5) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled,

- (b) An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a rule, other than rule UF3.6 or rule 28 or a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a), may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3. However, he will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

UF3.5 Umpire Signals

An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'
- (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'a penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat.
- (c) A black flag with one long sound means 'A boat is disqualified.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.

UF3.6 Imposed Penalties

- (a) A boat penalized under rule UF3.5(b) shall take a penalty.
- (b) A boat disqualified under rule UF3.5(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

UF4 RACE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

UF4.1 After boats have finished, the race committee will inform competitors about the results on the official noticeboard.

UF5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

UF5.1 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

UF5.2 SPARE

UF5.3 A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than rule UF3.6 or rule 28, or a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a),
- (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
- (c) request redress

shall inform the race committee immediately after finish

UF5.4 The time limit defined in rule UF5.3 also applies to protests under rule UF5.10 and UF5.11 when such protests are permitted. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

UF5.5 The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under rule UF5.3.

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- UF5.6 The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted.
- UF5.7 The first three sentences of rule 64.2 are replaced with: ‘When the protest committee decides that a boat that is a *party* to a protest hearing has broken a rule, it may impose penalties other than disqualification, and may make any other scoring arrangement it decides is equitable. If a boat has broken a *rule* when not *racing*, the protest committee shall decide whether to apply any penalty to the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident or make some other arrangement.’
- UF5.8 Other than action by a Protest Committee under rule 69.2:
- (a) SPARE
 - (b) The protest committee may inform the protestee and schedule the hearing in any way it considers appropriate.
 - (c) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
 - (d) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a penalty of points or fraction of points or make another arrangement it decides is equitable, which may be to impose no penalty.
 - (e) If the protest committee penalizes a boat in accordance with rule UF5.7 or if a standard penalty is applied, all other boats will be informed about the change of the penalized boat’s score.
- UF5.9 The race committee will not protest a boat.
- UF5.10 The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking rule UF3.6 or rule 28, a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a), or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.
- UF5.11 The technical committee will only protest a boat under rule 60.4 when it decides that a boat or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules, rule 50, or the rules in the equipment regulations of the event, if such exist. In such a case, the technical committee shall protest.
- UF5.12 Rule 66.2 is changed to ‘A party to the hearing under this appendix may not ask for a reopening.’