



Argentario Sailing Week 2023



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the WS Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS) and in the Notice of Race.
- 1.2 World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01 (Amendment #1) as per SI 11.4
- 1.3 The NoR, the SI and their amendments
- 1.4 The CIM rules and their amendments
- 1.5 Appendix T will apply
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages, then the English text will take precedence.

2. Advertising (DP, NP)

Advertising is not allowed during races and at docks and while sailing to join or leave the racing area, unless supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least two (2) hours before the starting signals for the day it will take effect.
- 3.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19.00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Notices to Competitors

- 4.1 The Race Secretariat (email asw@ycss.it) is located in the Race Village
- 4.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Race Village (all competitors are requested to read the notice board even if no L flag is displayed from the flagpole) and possibly on-line at <https://www.ycss.it/regata/ycss/argentario-sailing-week/>.
- 4.3 Competitors must equip themselves so to access on-line communications. This will not be grounds for redress (this changes RRS 62.1 (a))
- 4.4 For all Classes: VHF channel 72
- 4.5 While racing, 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

5. Signals made ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole in the Race Village.
- 5.2 The AP flag ashore stands for "the race is postponed; the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the AP flag is lowered". This changes the AP flag meaning.
- 5.3 [DP] When the AP over H is displayed ashore, boats must not leave the harbour. This changes the RRS Race Signals.

6. Schedule

As per Notice of Race

- 6.1 On Thursday June 15th the warning signal will be displayed at 11.00.
- 6.2 On Sunday June 18th no warning signal will be displayed after 15.00.

7. Class Flags

Flag	Class
White CIM	Vintage Gaff
Yellow CIM	Vintage Marconi
Green CIM	Classic
Purple CIM	Big Boats



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Pink CIM	Classic IOR
Blue CIM	Spirit of Tradition
Red CIM	Swan S&S

8. Racing Areas

- 8.1 The racing area is located in the water spot defined by Porto S. Stefano, the Giannella beach, Formiche di Grosseto rocks and Talamone.

9. Courses

- 9.1 In the Annex A are showed the marks positions, the courses and their correspondent pennants, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark shall be rounded as per RRS 28.1. Coastal races will be of type C (CIM rules). Course marks are rounding marks.
- 9.2 Not later than the warning signal the Race Committee will signal the designated course showing the correspondent pennant (Annex A).
- 9.3 Flag W (WISKEY) displayed by the Race Committee boat means that a windward mark (W1) is in position: if a green flag is displayed then mark W1 shall be left on starboard; if a red flag is displayed then mark W1 shall be left on port. A windward mark W2 could be in position so to have different windward lengths for different classes: if mark W2 is in position the flag D (DELTA) will be displayed by the Race Committee boat with green flag (mark W2 shall be left on starboard) or red flag (mark W2 shall be left on port). No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee boat will display the approximate compass bearing to mark W1 (same for W2).

10. Marks

- 10.1 Marks L (Lima), O (Oscar), T (Tango), I (India), Y (Yankee), Z (Zulu) will be cylindrical yellow.
- 10.2 The starting line mark, the windward mark W1 (if present) and the finish line mark will be pyramidal orange. The windward mark W2 (if present) will be pyramidal yellow.

11. The Start

- 11.1 The starting area will be located within the circle of radius approx. 1.5 nm centred upon 42° 28.043' N, 11 08.717' E.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard-end and the port-end orange pyramidal mark.
- 11.3 The start could be given even if course marks are not yet in position.
- 11.4 The rules 30.2. 30.3 or 30.4 will not be used. When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition Start as amended by DR 2021-01 (see Notice to Competitors #1), she shall not return to the pre-start side of the line, and she will receive a starting scoring penalty of 50% of the score for DNF rounded to the nearest whole number (RRS 44.3(c)). This changes RRS 63.1 and A5. Boats will be notified by VHF, if possible. Failure of a yacht to hear her notification and the timing and order of such hails will not be grounds for redress. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast shall not be ground for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).
- 11.5 The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast the race course and the race times by broadcast over the designated VHF channel. Failure of a yacht to hear any Race Committee broadcast will not be grounds for redress. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast shall not be ground for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).
- 11.6 [DP, NP] The starting area will extend perpendicularly 200 meters to windward and 200 meters to leeward from the starting line. Yachts whose preparatory signal has not been made must stand clear of the starting area and of all yachts whose preparatory signal has been made.



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- 11.7 During the starting procedures an orange mark may be trailed astern of the Race Committee boat: such extension shall be considered an integral part of the Race Committee boat.
- 11.8 A yacht that has not started within 10 minutes from her starting signal will be classified DNS (this changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2).
- 11.9 Starting procedures:

Signals		Classes
WARNING	CLASS FLAG DISPLAYED WITH 1 SOUND	-5 minutes for all classes except -10 minutes for Big Boats
PREPARATORY	P (PAPA) FLAG DISPLAYED WITH 1 SOUND	-4 minutes
LAST MINUTE	P (PAPA) FLAG LOWERED WITH 1 LONG SOUND	-1 minute
START	CLASS FLAG LOWERED WITH 1 SOUND	0 minutes

- 11.10 Starting sequence (a different sequence will not be ground for redress)

- #1 Vintage Gaff
- #2 Classic + Classic IOR
- #3 Vintage Marconi
- #4 Spirit of Tradition + Swan S&S
- #5 Big Boats

12. Course reduction

- 12.1 Flags C and S displayed by an official vessel with repetitive sounds at one mark means "the race is shortened; after sailing the mark as indicated by these Sailing Instructions, the yacht shall complete the course through the finishing line, missing all remaining course marks". This changes rule 32.2 RRS and flags C and S meaning.
- 12.2 Flag S displayed by an official vessel with two sounds at one mark means "the race is shortened and is finished at this mark". The new line will be between the S flagpole and the mark.

13. The finish

- 13.1 The Race Committee boat will display a blue flag when positioned on the finishing line.
- 13.2 The finish mark will be positioned will be located in a circle centred in 42°26.753' N 11°07.502' E and radius approx. 150 mt. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee boat on the port-end and an orange pyramidal mark showing on the starboard-end of the line.
- 13.3 Once the finish sequence is completed, the Race Committee will lower the blue flag.

14. Penalty system

- 14.1 A yacht that has broken a rule in Part 2 or RRS 31 may agree to take a scoring penalty of 20% of places (RRS 44.3(c)) by displaying a yellow flag at the first reasonable opportunity and keeping it displayed until finishing the race. Upon her return ashore, the yacht must also compile a written declaration of the relevant infraction to the Race Secretariat.

15. Time limits

- 15.1 The daytime limit is 18.00 on Thursday June 15th, Friday June 16th, Saturday June 17th and 17.00 on Sunday June 18th. The time is fixed and all yachts not arrived within that time will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.



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16. Protest and requests for redress

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Secretariat. Completed protests shall be delivered to the Race Secretariat within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 Measurement protests by competitors are allowed until 10.00 am on Thursday June 15th. Any measurement protest shall be accompanied by a deposit of 3.000 €. All the expenses generated by a measurement protest shall be paid by the part who has infringed the rules unless the Jury decides differently. If no rules have been infringed, then the expenses shall be paid by the protesting part. This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.3.
- 16.3 A yacht intending to protest shall follow RRS 61 and shall notify the Race Committee boat or finishing line boat, also by VHF, of her intention and the identity of the protested yacht(s) as soon as possible after finishing. Failure to comply could result in protest rejection. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 63.5.
- 16.4 For each Class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last yacht has finished the last race of the day in her Class. The same time limit applies to requests for redress. This modifies RRS 61.3 and 62.2. The protest time limit will be posted with the OCS yachts list.
- 16.5 Protest hearings, times and Jury decisions will be posted on the Notice Board within 30 minutes from the protest time limit. The Jury can decide to proceed with a hearing even if one of the parts involved in the protest is not present RRS 63.3(b). The hearings will take place in the protests room in the Race Village.
- 16.6 On Sunday June 18th any redress or reopening request shall be delivered to the Jury no later than 15 minutes after the Jury decisions have been published. Any protest not involving awarded yachts will be discussed after the closing ceremony or on a different day. This changes RRS 61.3 and 66.
- 16.7 Breaches of instructions 17.2, 19, 21, 22 and 25 shall not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 31. Penalties for these breaches or for RRS-Part 2 and RRS 31 breaches may be less than disqualification if the Jury so decides. This changes RRS 60.1 (a)
- 16.8 Class splitting method shall not be ground for request of redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

17. Scoring

- 17.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A4.1 RRS will apply. One (1) score will be discarded after four (4) races have been completed.
- 17.2 Four (4) races are scheduled in total.
- 17.3 The Argentario Sailing Week 2023 will be valid with one (1) race completed.
- 17.4 Corrected times will be calculated by Time on Distance method.

18. Safety regulations (LP, DP)

- 18.1 There will be a sign out sheet for every racing day at the Race Secretariat. The sheet must be signed within 10 a.m. Failure to sign will result in DNC scoring.
- 18.2 A yacht that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee broadcasting on VHF channel 72, or if this is not possible with a different tool, as soon as possible. Breach of this instruction could be ground for boat disqualification or for a different penalization (as decided by the Jury) in a former or later race completed by such boat. This modifies RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 18.3 Each yacht shall carry on board the safety material required by her Class rules or her applicable National regulations.

19. Crew replacement (DP)

- 19.1 Substitution of crew members will not be allowed without prior written request to the Race Committee and followed by written approval by the Race Committee. Requests shall be made at least 120 minutes prior to the warning signal of the first race of the day. The substituted crew member is allowed to come back on the same yacht and shall not become part of a different crew.

20. Measurements and equipment checks

- 20.1 A boat or its equipment may be checked at any time to verify compliance with the class rules, the notice of race and the sailing instructions.
- 20.2 [DP] On the water, a member of the technical committee can ask a boat to immediately reach a safe area for control.



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21. Official boats

- 21.1 Official boats will be marked with the YCSS flag.
- 21.2 [DP] All official boats (committee, moorer, press, etc.) even when near to any marks shall be considered as a boat with limited manoeuvring capacity as per COLREGS 18b.

22. Trash disposal (DP, NP)

- 22.1 A competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water (RRS 47), however discharging elastic or wool bands when setting a sail shall neither be considered a breach of SI 22.1 nor of RRS 55.

23. Radio communications

- 23.1 Official VHF is channel 72. Each yacht shall listen on VHF channel 72 from the time of the preparatory signal for her Class to the end of her race or until retirement.

24. Prizes

- 24.1 For all classes

25. Use of engine

- 25.1 The use of the engine during a race is authorized in the interests of safety. In no case whatsoever the engine shall be used to achieve or maintain a yacht's position or for a greater speed.
- 25.2 The Jury will not penalize the use of the engine provided it conforms to the criteria of RRS 42.3 (h).

26. Man overboard

- 26.1 External assistance may be used to help recovering a man overboard. The yacht will not be penalized providing it does not continue on her course until the crew member is returned aboard. This changes RRS 41.

27. Disclaimer of liability

- 27.1 Competitors agree to be bound by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race. Competitors agree to take any and all responsibility for the nautical qualities of their boat, 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 Organizing Authority (OA, Yacht Club Santo Stefano) and all persons or Sponsors involved in the organization under whatever qualification and to accept full responsibility for the behaviour and dress of the boat's crew, representatives and guests. Competitors are reminded of RRS Fundamental Rule 3: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". In any case, competitors agree that the Yacht Club Santo Stefano, the Sponsors and their agents, everyone involved in the management of the racing, everyone involved in setting/pacing the race marks, the Race Officers, the Jury and their assistants have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel or property.

28. Media rights

- 28.1 Competitors grant the Organizing Authority and the event Sponsors the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the yacht they are sailing during the event to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information.

29. Competitors drones

- 29.1 Teams or their representatives shall not fly drones over the race village, the docks or over the race area during training or racing days without complying with local legislation and in any case unless prior written approval by the OA has been obtained. The approval, granted at sole discretion of the OA, may impose limitations to no flying zones and flying timelines. The risk and responsibility for flying any drone is with the person flying the drone at all times and images made inside the race area shall be shared with the Organizing Authority, Race Committee or the Jury at their request.