

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

FRAGLIA VELA RIVA 28TH – 31ST March 2024



SP	Denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1;
DP	The penalty for an infringement to this rule can be at the discretion of the Protest Committee less than the disqualification.
NP	Rules that may not be ground of protests between boats (this changes RRS60.1(a))

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the Italian National Authority will not apply.
- 1.3 Changes to Racing Rules.

- a) A boat requesting redress because of being or UFD or BFD, or DSQ will be scored DNE if the request is denied (this changes RRS 30 and 62). [NP]
- b) A boat that starts in the wrong fleet will be scored DNE without a hearing (altering RRS 63.1). [NP]
- c) A boat obstructing or interfering with boats racing in a different fleet will get 30 points of penalty without a hearing (altering RRS 63.1). [NP]
- d) A boat obstructing the lurching area and/or not fulfilling the instructions for parking the boats will get 30 points of penalty in the closest race, without a hearing (altering RRS 63.1). In case of further infringements, the Jury may act under RRS 69. [NP]
- e) A boat displaying sail number and/or national letters other than the registered ones for the event will be scored as DNC without a warning. That boat is not entitled to a hearing or request for redress (altering RRS 62.1a, 63.1 and G4). [NP]
- f) RRS 40.1 applies. Rule 40 and the preamble to Part 4 are changed as follows:
 - (i) RRS 40.2(a) is deleted.
 - (ii) RRS 40.2(b) is deleted and replaced by: "Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) according to class rule 4.2 (a), properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing."
 - (iii) Add to the preamble of Part 4, after 'racing': ", except rule 40 as amended by SI 1.3f)." [NP]
- g) Other changes to RRS are stated in SI 13.
- h) A boat on leg 3, from Mark 2 to Mark 3S/P, shall leave the finishing line, intended as an obstruction for the purpose of RRS, to port and shall not cross that line. In case of infringement, the boat will be scored DSQ without a hearing (this changes RRS 63.1). [NP]

1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

Attention: North Garda Lake Regulations require sailing boats to keep clear of ferryboats at all times.

2 IDENTIFICATION

- 2.1 Boats shall display event sponsors' advertising stickers on both sides of the hull, as supplied by the organising authority. Stickers shall be displayed daily from 10:00 am of 28th March until two hours after the finish of the last race. [NP] [DP]
- 2.2 While racing, each boat shall display a coloured ribbon corresponding to the fleet to which she has been assigned. Ribbons shall be fixed on the top of the sprit. [NP] [DP]
- 2.3 Competitors shall collect the ribbons at the Race Office at registration and they will be responsible to keep them until completion of the event. The race office will replace lost ribbons under payment of 10€. [NP] [DP]

3 SPARE

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board (Racing Rule of Sailing: <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/8310/event?name=42-lake-garda-meeting-optimist>). The results will be posted online. The OA suggests the use of the Web site version avoiding the proper APP because not stable and often failing.

Any failure on this sailing instruction will not be grounds for redress (this changes RRS 62.1a).

5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not later than 60 minutes before the warning signal of the race it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 hrs. on the day before it will take effect.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flag pole located above the Club terrace. When a signal is displayed over an area flag or a class/fleet flag, it applies to that class/fleet only.
- 6.2 [DP] [NP] Flag D with one sound means: "the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag is displayed or not before the scheduled time, whichever is later". Boats are requested not to leave the berthing places until the signal is made.

7 FORMAT OF RACING

- 7.1 The event is split into fleets and the regatta format will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.

Number of fleets	5
Colors in Qualifying series	Yellow, Blue, Red, Green, White
Colors in Final series	Gold (yellow), Silver (blue), Bronze (red), Emerald (green), Pearl (White)

Unless otherwise signalled from the RC start vessel, fleets will start in the order stated above.

The above does not apply to Cadetti that will race as a single fleet with color identifying Pink.

7.2 Qualifying-Series

- (a) Boats will be assigned to fleets of equal size and ability as nearly as possible. Initial assignments will be made by a seeding committee appointed by the Race Committee. The first list will be posted within the 11:00 of 28th March.
- (b) Boats will be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing. If all fleets have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned on the basis of their ranks in the series. If all fleets have not completed the same number of races, the series scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by all fleets.

Reassignment will be made as follows:

Rank	Juniors
First	Yellow
Second	Blue
Third	Red
Fourth	Green
Fifth	White
Sixth	White
Seventh	Green
Eight	Red
Ninth	Blue
Tenth	Yellow
Eleventh	Yellow
Twelfth	Blue

and so on.

If two or more boats have the same rank, they will be entered in the right column in random order.

- (c) Assignments will be based on the ranking available at 19:00 hrs. that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.
- (d) If all fleets have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the fleet(s) with fewer races will continue racing the following day until all fleets have completed the same number of races. All boats will thereafter race in the new fleets.

7.3 Final-Series

- (a) Boats will be assigned to final-series fleets on the basis of their ranks in the qualifying series. There will be the same number of fleets in the final series as there were in the qualifying series. The final-series fleets will have equal size as nearly as possible, but none larger than the Gold fleet. Boats with the best qualifying-series ranks will race all final-series races in the Gold fleet, boats with the next-best qualifying-series ranks will race in the Silver fleet, and so on.
- (b) Any recalculation of qualifying-series ranking after boats have been assigned to final-series fleets will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet. Only the boat(s) that are awarded redress may change fleet, and only before final series racing begins.

8 SCHEDULE OF RACES

For the Meeting Country Cup (March 27th) see below separate SI

8.1 (a) Racing is scheduled as follows:

Date	Juniors	Time of the first warning signal of the day
Thursday 28th March	Qualifying Series	13.00 for Juniors and Cadetti
Friday 29th March	Qualifying Series	Races
Saturday 30th March	Qualifying Series	Races
Sunday 31st March	Final Series	Races

- (b) If at the end of racing on Saturday 30th March all fleets have completed a minimum of 4 races, the qualification series will be finished and boats will race the final series on Sunday 31st March. However, if one or more fleets have not completed a minimum of 4 races, the final series will be cancelled and boats will continue to sail according to the qualification series format until the end of the event. No final series for Cadetti.

8.2 The number of scheduled races is as follows:

		Max. number of races	Max. number of races per day
Cadetti		8	3
Juniors	Qualifying Series	7	3
	Final Series	3	3

8.3 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

8.4 When more than one race (or sequence or races, for two or more fleets) will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

8.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 16.00.

9 CLASS FLAGS

The class flags will be the flags in the colour identifying a fleet.

10 RACING AREAS

10.1 Attachment A shows the location of racing area.

11 THE COURSE

11.1 The diagram in Attachment B shows the course, including the order in which marks have to be passed, and the side on which each mark has to be left.

11.2 The course will be set to get a race duration of about 40/45 minutes A different duration will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12 MARKS

12.1 Starting marks will be:

- a) RC boats on both ends or
- b) RC boat on starboard end and orange cylindrical mark on port end or
- c) RC boat in the middle and PINS on both side.

12.2 The waiting area marks line (see SI 13.3) will be defined by 2 inflated marks: orange.

12.3 Course marks will be robotic marks:

- Mark 1 RED
- Mark 2 YELLOW
- Gate 3p +3s RED
- Marks waiting area ORANGE

12.4 If the gate (Mark 3p and Mark 3s) is not present, a single Mark 3 shall be rounded to Port.

13 THE START

Races will be started according to the procedure explained in the following sailing instruction.

-5 min	Warning signal	Color Flag displayed
-4 min	Preparatory signal	U or Black displayed
-3 min	UFD or BFD signal	U or Black removed
0	Starting signal	Color flag removed

13.1 When the RC Signal Boat display "Pennant 3" flag, the starting line will consist of 1 RC boats and 2 starting marks. The Race Committee Signal Boat shall be the one in the middle of the line, called Boat C. On the pin ends, there will be two other Marks, called "Mark R" (right side) and "Mark L" (left side).

The starting line will be between the staff displaying orange flag on Boat C and Mark L and between the staff displaying orange flag on Boats C and Mark R. Boat C may not be in a straight line between Mark L and Mark R. For the purpose of RRS 30 or SI 13.8, the ends of the starting line are Mark L and Mark R.

Mark L and Mark R will be ribs and will display an orange flag

13.2 When the RC Boat display "Pennant 2" flag, the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag and Mark L (Left Side). Mark L will be rib and it will display orange flag

- 13.3 Waiting area definition: the waiting area windward boundary will be designated by 2 inflated marks: ORANGE.
- 13.4 The preparatory signal will be lowered 3 minutes before the start. This change the RRS 26
- 13.5 Once the starting sequence for the first fleet has started, all boats from other fleets shall remain in the Waiting Area.
Boats may approach the starting line only when a OA RIB is passing along the Waiting Area limit-line (ORANGE marks). This RIB will display "DELTA" flag, the color of the departing fleet and will emit repeated sound signals.[NP]
- 13.6 Boats that have finished shall return directly to the waiting area or ashore, keeping well clear of all boats racing and of all boats whose warning signal has been made. [NP]
- 13.7 Boats infringing SI 13.5 or SI 13.6 will be scored DSQ without a hearing by a race official who shows a black flag to a boat and hail her sail number. This boat must immediately abandon the racing area and will be scored DSQ without hearing.". If the boat does not abandon the racing area, she will be scored as DNE without a hearing and may be subject to disciplinary actions by Jury (this changes RRS 60.1 and 63.1).
- 13.8 If flag U or Black Flag has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no prt of the boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last three minutes (this changes rule 30.3 RRS and 30.4 RRS)
- 13.9 A Race Committee Boat displaying "G" flag may pass to windward of the fleet in the event of an abandonment, postponement or general recall which means: "The Race Committee has signalled an abandonment, postponement or general recall. Boats have to return to the starting area immediately".

14 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and either

- (a) the course side of the nearby inflatable finishing mark, or
- (b) a staff displaying a blue flag on the nearby race committee vessel.

15 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

No change of course is provided in this event (this changes rule 33 RRS).

16 PENALTY SYSTEM – RETIREMENTS

- 16.1 16.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31 or 44.1 (but not under appendix P), or did not finish, or a boat retiring after finishing, shall complete an acknowledgment form **online** within the protest time limit. [NP] [DP]

<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/8310/event?name=42-lake-garda-meeting-optimist>

- 16.2 **RRS Appendix P will apply to all categories.**

17 TIME LIMITS

- 17.1 No time limit is provided for the first boat.
- 17.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1 Protest forms are available online. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 18.2 Protest time limits:

Default protest time limit	60 minutes after the last boat of the fleet has finished the last race of the day.	
Request for reopening a hearing on the last day of the qualifying series or on the last day of racing (this changes RRS 66)	if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day	Within the default protest time limit
	if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the same day	No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision
Request for redress from a jury decision on the last day of the qualifying series or on the last day of racing. (this changes RRS 66)	No later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted	

- 18.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Jury Room located in the north side of the Club house.
- 18.4 A list of boats that, under SI 16.1, have acknowledged breaking RRS 42 or have been penalized by the Jury will be posted every day.
- 18.5 Breaches of instructions 1.3a)b)c)d)e)f), 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 13.5, 13.6, 20.1, 20.2, 22, 23, 26 and under RRS 42 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). [NP] [DP]
- 18.6 Penalties for these breaches (except breaches of instructions 1.3a)b)c)d)e)f), 13.5 and/or 13.6) may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed will be DPI.
- 18.7 Appendix T of RRS will apply. A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS31 may take a Post Race Penalty any time after racing and until the beginning of a hearing or she may be part of an Arbitration Meeting will be held before a hearing. In case an Arbitration would be considered both parties will get in contact with the Jury as soon as possible.

19 SCORING

- 19.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 19.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1.
- 19.3 RRS A4.2 is changed so that the scores in the qualifying series are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.
- 19.4 To request a correction of an alleged error in a posted race or series results, a competitor shall complete a Scoring Inquiry Form available on line. The chairman of the "Race Committee", or one of his delegates, is in charge to sort out the matter without a formal hearing.
- (a) Any request shall be lodged within 1 hour from the posted contested race score.
- (b) During the last day of the event the time limit is one hour after posting the final scoring.
- 19.5 The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under instruction 18.5 will be DP.
- 19.6 To constitute a regatta the following number of races is required:

	Cadetti	Juniore
Number of races	3	4

- 19.7 Four races are required to be completed by each fleet to constitute a qualifying series (see SI 8.1(b)). This does not apply to Cadetti.
- 19.8 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 race scores. It does not apply to cadetti.

19.9 **Discards**

A boat series score shall be the total of her race scores, except that some scores will be excluded as follows:

Races completed	Number of discards	
	Cadetti	Juniore
1-3	0	0
4-10	1	1

- 19.10 Each final-series fleet (Gold, Silver, etc) will be scored separately and different final-series fleets need not have completed the same number of final races.
- 19.11 Unless penalised under RRS 2 or 69, for final ranking, boats assigned to the Gold fleet will be ranked higher in the regatta than the boats assigned to the Silver fleet, and so on.

20 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 20.1 **If a RC boat displays V Flag and communicate on VHF 69** the boats must reach immediately the closer official boat or coach boat or the harbour. [NP] [DP]
- 20.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify any race committee or official boat as soon as possible. If she leaves the course area and cannot reach any official boat she shall notify the race office as soon as practicable after she returns to the harbour. [NP] [DP]

21 OFFICIAL BOATS

21.1 Official boats will be marked as follows:

- Starting vessels:** the Club Burgee and white flag with letter RC
- Finishing vessels:** blue flags.
- Support boats:** flag with "S" inside
- Jury and Officials:** yellow flag with a blue "J"
- OA rescue boats:** red flag with a white "S" inside and white flag with red "S" inside.

21.2 Actions by official boats shall not be grounds for requesting redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b)

22 SUPPORT BOATS [NP]

- 22.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay to leeward of the **waiting line** and its extensions and outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment (see attachment: limit area for support boats).
- 22.2 The above personnel shall not cross through racing area or its waiting area while in use.
- 22.3 By local regulation no motor boat can get closer than 300 meters of the west shore cliffs (See attachment A). Support boats wishing to reach the southern legs in racing area B must do it by sailing close to the east shore.
- 22.4 **Support boats must display clearly and at all times when afloat a white flag with a red letter "S" and a numbered sticker as provided by the Organising Authority.**

Support boats are at all times submitted to the Organizing Authority and Race Committee authority, are legally considered as assistance / rescue boats and must comply with any instructions given by those authorities or by the Police.

- 22.5 Safety equipment of support boats must comply with the applicable governmental rules.
- 22.6 No more than two persons onboard each boat are allowed. Boats infringing this rule may be fined by the Police.
- 22.7 SI 22 will be enforced by the Police Authority.
- 22.8 VHF 69 will be frequency for communication between Race Committee and coaches

23 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1 Boats shall not throw trash in the water. Trash may be placed onboard support and official boats. Note new RRS 47. [NP] [DP]

24 PRIZES

24.1 RESULT PRIZES

- Overall (Juniore) to the top 30
- Female (Juniore) to the top 5
- Overall (Cadetti) to the top 10
- Female (Cadetti) to the top 3

24.2 Other prizes will be awarded. The list of those prizes will be posted on the Official Board.

24.3 Special prizes will be drawn at the prize giving ceremony to competitors personally attending the ceremony at the time of drawing.

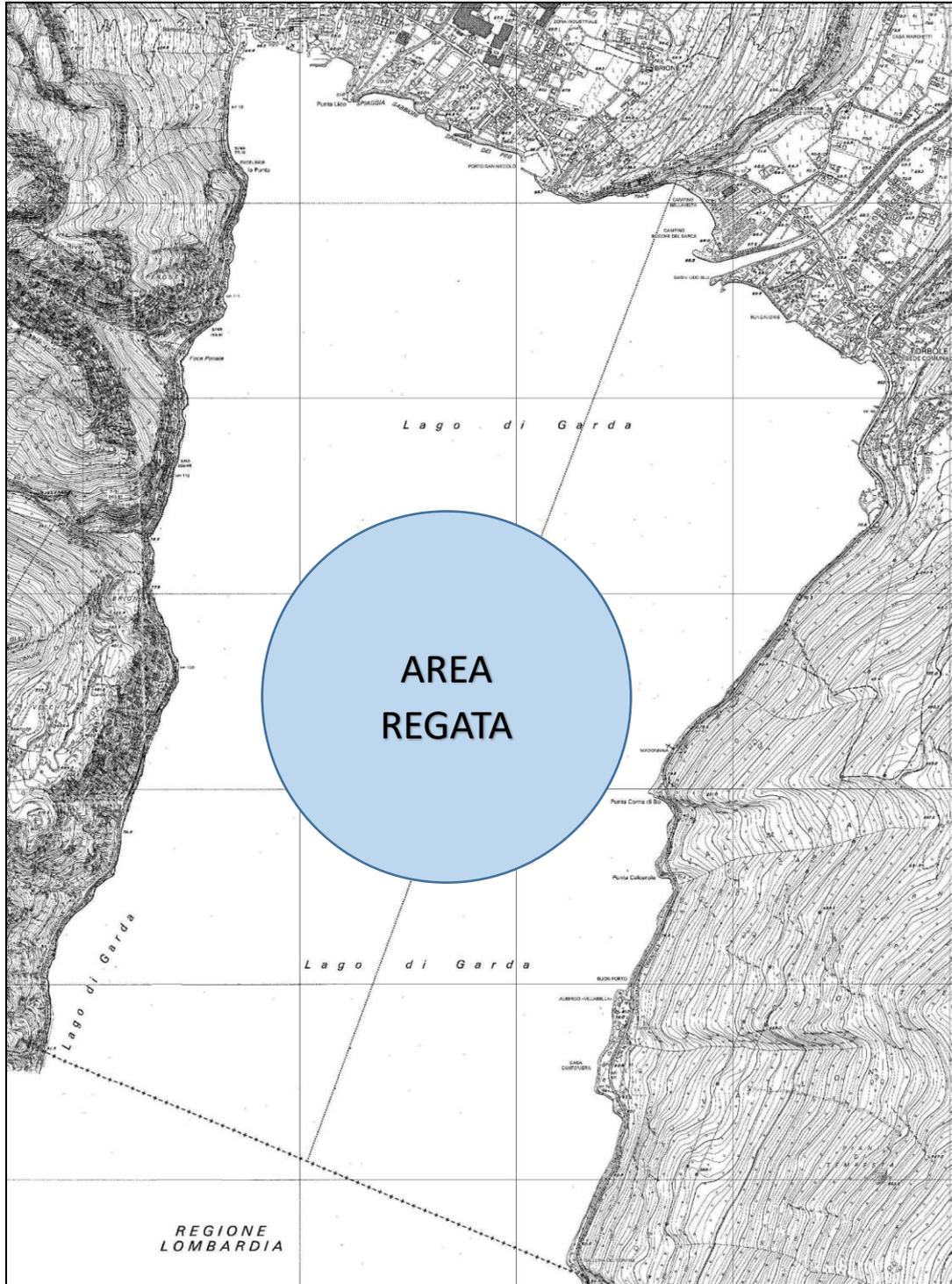
25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

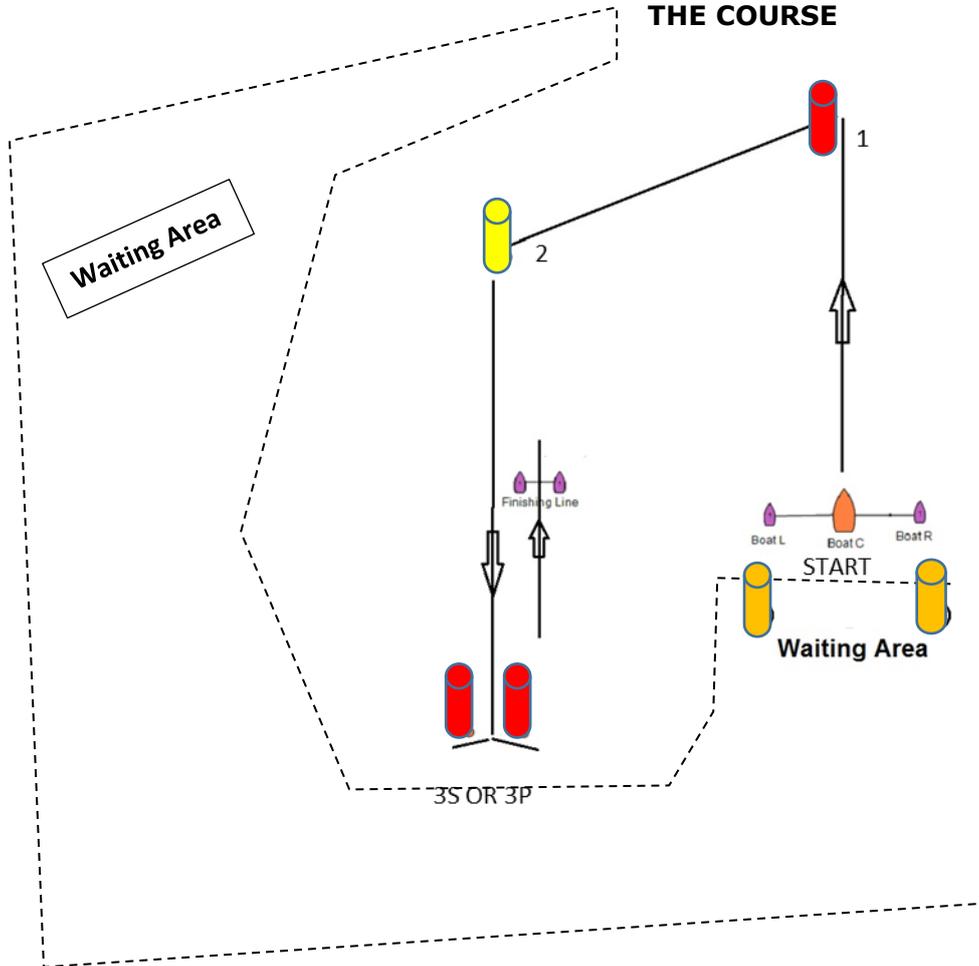
26 INSURANCE

- 26.1 All sailors shall have third party insurance cover of not less than € 1.500.000,00 and are required to produce evidence of such insurance during registration. [NP] [DP]

ATTACHMENT A
LOCATION OF COURSE AND RACING AREA



**ATTACHMENT B
THE COURSE**



Not in scale!
Boats on the run leg (Mark 2 to Gate Marks) must leave the Finishing Line on port

COURSE:
START - 1 (ON PORT) -
2 (ON PORT) - 3S OR 3P
- FINISH