



Global Team Race Regatta

Naples, 17-19 October 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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'[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including Appendix D except as changed by SI Addendum A.
- 1.2. The rules for the handling of boats are described in SI Addendum D.
- 1.3. [NP] RRS 40.1 shall apply while afloat or on a pontoon. *Note: All teams to provide their own PFDs meeting the requirements of the FIV or their respective MNA.*
- 1.4. The right of appeal will be denied in accordance with RRS 70.5(a).
- 1.5. Changes to the RRS:
 - a. RRS 17 is deleted. World Sailing has authorized this change in accordance with RRS 86.2.
 - b. RRS 31 is deleted and replaced with: While *racing*, neither the crew nor any part of a boat's hull shall touch a starting *mark* before *starting*, a *mark* that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing *mark* after *finishing*. In addition, while *racing*, a boat shall not touch a race committee vessel that is also a *mark*."
 - c. Additional changes to the RRS will appear in their relevant sections within these sailing instructions.

2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Changes to the sailing instructions (SI) made ashore will be posted no later than 30 minutes before the first warning signal on the day they will take effect, except that any changes made to Addendum B – Race Schedule and Team Assignments, will be effective immediately and will be communicated verbally by the race committee (RC) or umpires.
- 2.2. In accordance with RRS 90.2 (c), any change to the SI made afloat will be signalled by the display of flag 3rd substitute with one sound signal. The RC or umpires may communicate these changes either verbally or in writing.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located online at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/7782/event?name=global-team-race-regatta>
- 3.2. There will be a whatsapp group available via this link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/BNBR28VUsVMBolrWFc6dUa>
The group is read-only, and you will therefore only be able to receive messages. The messages sent on this group ARE NOT OFFICIAL and will be sent when and if possible; the absence of one or more messages on the group or the sending of incorrect communications shall not be grounds for a request for redress (this changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a)).
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors by radio. The channel will be announced at the competitors' briefing on race days.





3.4. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the official flagpole on RYCCS's terrace. When signal AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This changes RRS Race Signal AP.

4. [NP] BOAT IDENTIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENTS

4.1. Boats will be identified by the sail number.

4.2. Teams will be assigned to boats as per Addendum B

4.3 [NP] The RC will decide which boats are to be used for each stage and when they decide a boat should not be used, the skipper assigned that boat will be given the temporary use of another boat.

5. THE COURSE

5.1. A course diagram is provided in Addendum E.

5.2. Courses will not be shortened.

5.3. The RC may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding mark by changing the position of the next mark or the finishing line, but no mark shall be moved when any boat is on the leg that it terminates. Subsequent legs may be changed to maintain the course configuration. There will be no visual or audible signals for a course change. This changes RRS 33 and Race Signal S.

6. MARKS

6.1. The start line committee vessel will be a motorboat displaying an orange flag. The start line outer distance mark will be a spar buoy with an orange flag.

The finish line committee vessel will be a motorboat displaying a blue flag.

The finish line outer distance mark will be a mark with a blue flag.

All other marks will be robotic marks and described in the briefing.

7. STARTING PROCEDURE

7.1 Races will be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the start of each sound signal; the failure or delay of a visual signal including flags as specified in below, shall be disregarded. This amends RRS 26.

Signal	Minutes before starting signal	Sound	Visual Signals
Warning	3	One	Team Colours up
Preparatory	2	One	Flag P up
One-minute	1	One	Team Colours Down
Starting	0	One	Flag P down

7.2 When a boat is subject to RRS 29.1 a flag, corresponding to her team identification colour, will be displayed but not for more than 2 minutes after the starting signal; this amends RRS 29.1. The RC may hail the hull/sail numbers of premature starters.

7.3 A boat that fails to start within two minutes of her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. However, if the boat was scored OCS, she shall be scored in accordance with RRS D3.1(b).

7.4 A series of short sound signals will be made to advise competitors that a warning signal is imminent. Code Flag AP will only be used for significant delays (those likely to be longer than 15 minutes).

8. FORMAT

See Addendum F.





9. SAIL CONFIGURATION LIMITATIONS

At or before the warning signal of a race, the following visual signal may be used to indicate which sails are to be used for that race and any subsequent races until lowered. If no visual signal is displayed, it shall mean the use of all sails is permitted. If ICF “W” is displayed a main sail reef is required.

10. THE START/ FINISH

The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and the course side of the nearby starting mark, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

11. ABANDONMENT

If the RC abandons a race, it will be signalled orally by the RC and/or umpires. This changes RRS 32.1 and Race Signals. Abandoned races may be re-sailed and if so, a new warning signal may be made as soon as practical.

12. PROTEST AND REDRESS REQUESTS

- 12.1. The protest committee will be comprised of umpires appointed by the Chief Umpire or flight lead umpire as appropriate.
- 12.2. RRS 66.2 is deleted and replaced with: “A party to a hearing may not ask for a reopening.”
- 12.3. Any format change by the RC, in consultation with the Chief Umpire and in compliance with the SI, or any race committee decisions regarding abandonment under RRS 32, shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress.
- 12.4. Any boat that commits a breach of sportsmanship, including dissent as described in Team Race Call M8, may have their actions reported to the protest committee. If the protest committee decides that D2.3 was broken, they may penalise the relevant team by deducting up to three race wins from them and/or disqualify them from advancing to the next stage of the event. In addition, the protest committee may initiate proceedings under RRS 69.

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ADDENDUM A – Changes to RRS Appendix D – Team Racing

Protest and Requests for Redress

- A.1 RRS D1.1(d) shall apply. Arm signals are required.
- A.2 RRS D1.2(a): Add “A boat may not protest for a breach of RRS 47 (Trash Disposal).”
- A.3 D1.2(c) is deleted and replaced with: “A boat intending to request redress for an incident in the racing area, or protest for an alleged breach of a rule other than a rule of RRS Part 2, 31 or 42, shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable identify the protested boat.”
- A.4 Add new D1.2(h): “If the protest committee decided that a breach of a rule, other than a rule of RRS Part 2, has had no significant effect on the outcome of a race, it will make any arrangement it decides is equitable, which may be to request that the race committee abandon and re-sail the race or impose no penalty.”

Penalties

- A.5 RRS D1.3(a) first sentence is replaced with: “When a boat may have broken one or more rules of Part 2, or rule 31 or 42, in an incident while racing, but after the starting signal, she may take a take a penalty as follows:
 - a. When on a leg of the course to windward, she shall gybe;
 - b. When on a leg of the course other than as described in A.5(a), she shall tack;
 - c. If the incident occurs while *racing*, but prior to the starting signal, she shall gybe.

For the purposes of this rule, a boat completes a leg of the course when any part of her hull crosses the extension of the line from the previous mark through the mark she is rounding, or on the last leg when she finishes.

Protests by Boats

- A.6. RRS D2.2(a) Replace “red flag” with “Y flag”.
- A.7. RRS D2.2(c) is changed to read: “An umpire shall decide whether to penalize any boat that broke a rule, is not exonerated, and did not take an appropriate penalty.”
- A.8. RRS D2.2(d) is deleted.

Penalties Initiated by an Umpire

- A.9. RRS D2.3(d): Add “The umpires may decide that any hard contact (contact between hulls and/or rigs) is damage for the purposes of initiating a penalty. In addition, when there is damage, two race umpires together with another umpire may determine that a race-win penalty as prescribed in Addendum C is warranted for one or more boats without a protest hearing. The boat(s) that broke RRS 14 shall be informed as soon as practicable about the damage level and any penalty (or penalties) that will be imposed. Only at the time of being so informed may the boat request a hearing. If the boat requests a hearing, the umpires shall report the incident to the protest committee, which shall act under D3.1(e)(3) and may decide to impose a greater penalty. If no hearing is requested, the umpires shall impose the penalty (or penalties) by reporting it to the race committee. RRS D2.6 applies to this decision.”
- A.10. RRS D2.3 Add “(h) fails to comply with any ‘Prohibited Items or Actions’ in Addendum C.”.

Penalties Imposed by Umpires

- A.11. RRS D2.5 is changed to read: "A boat penalized by an umpire shall take a One-Turn Penalty, except that when an umpire hails a number of turns, the boat shall take that number of One-Turn penalties."

Scoring a Round-Robin Stage

- A.12. RRS D4.3 is deleted and replaced with:
- Teams in a round robin group shall be ranked in order of number of race wins, highest first. When a round robin is terminated before completion, teams shall be ranked on the percentage of races won, highest first.
 - If any of the teams have sailed less than three races in the round robin series, the entire round robin series will be disregarded and, if necessary, the event declared void.

Round-Robin Tie Break

- A.13. RRS D4.4 is deleted and replaced with:

Ties in a round robin stage shall be broken by using, in the following order:

- The greatest number of wins in the races in that round between the tied teams.
- Has beaten the team placed highest in the round-robin or, if necessary, second highest, and so on until the tie is broken;
- Remaining ties shall be decided in favour of the competitor who has the highest score in the round-robin series after eliminating the score for the first race for each tied competitor or, should this fail to break the tie, the second race for each tied competitor and so on until the tie is broken.

When two separate ties must be resolved but the resolution of each depends upon resolving the other, the higher place ties shall be resolved before the lower place tie, unless this is not possible. If a tie is partially broken by one of these, the remaining tie shall be broken by starting again at the beginning of this rule.

Breakdowns when boats are supplied by the organizing authority

- A.14. RRS D5.2 replace the word "red" with "flag L".
- A.15. RRS D5.3 and D5.4 replace the words "race committee" with "protest committee" in both rules.

ADDENDUM B - Penalties for damage resulting from contact between boats racing

The umpires may impose a penalty for breaking RRS 14 without a protest hearing, unless a boat involved in the incident boat requests a hearing, in which case the umpires shall report the incident to the protest committee. If it has good reasons to do so, the protest committee may impose a greater penalty than what the umpires determined was appropriate. This Addendum explains how damage will be assessed and prescribes the appropriate penalty level. There are several things we are trying to achieve with damage penalties:

- Minimize damage to keep costs down and avoid delays while boats are repaired.
- Ensure that penalties fit the breach and are consistent.

Damage Levels

Level	Effect	Race Penalties Round Robin*	Knock Out Series
Level A Minor Damage	Boat may race without repair although minor surface work may be required after the event. <i>For example: No taping is required.</i>	No Penalty	No Penalty
Level B Damage	The damage does not affect the normal operation of the boat in that race but may need some (temporary) work before racing again. <i>For example: taping is required before the boat can continue to sail.</i>	½ race win	1 race win
Level C Major Damage	The boat cannot continue to race that day.	1 race win	2 race wins

Penalties

Race-win penalties may be imposed by umpires after a race to boats that break RRS 14. Any penalties are deducted from one boat's or both boats' team's total race wins for the round-robin or knock-out stage in which the damage occurred.

Damage Costs

Any deductions from damage deposits are a matter for the Organizing Authority and are not related to and do not affect any race win penalties imposed by the Umpires or Protest Committee.

[NP][DP] ADDENDUM C – HANDLING OF BOATS

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations in the boats will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62. 1(a).
- 1.2. Other restrictions or instructions may be given to the boats verbally by the RC or via an umpire. Flag 3rd substitute is not required.

2.1 PROHIBITED ITEMS AND ACTIONS - Except in an emergency or in order to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by an umpire otherwise, the following are prohibited:

- a. The use of electronic instruments other than watches;
- b. Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging, excluding the backstay;
- c. The use of the shrouds (including any inner shrouds) or the boom, or the mainsheet hoop to facilitate tacking or gybing.
- d. Sitting with legs outboard of the boat;
- e. Except for momentary sail handling and/or repair needs, crew shall remain aft of the mast while on deck.
- f. Sailing in an area designated as an exclusion zone;
- g. The use of a any halyard for the purpose of hiking or projecting weight outboard.
- h. Using tape to mark halyards.

2.2. Actions subject to protest by the RC or the PC

- a. The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted;
- b. Sailing the boat in a manner that it is reasonable to predict would cause significant damage;
- c. Any additions, omissions or alterations to the equipment supplied. In particular, the cutting or shortening of any sheets, control lines or other running rigging;
- d. The replacement of any equipment without the permission of the RC;
- e. Boarding or taking a boat without permission from its berth or mooring without having paid the required damage deposit or having permission from the RC, or while AP is displayed ashore;
- f. Marking directly on the hull or deck with permanent ink;
- g. Changing the number of mainsheet or jib sheet purchases.
- h. Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales.

3. PERMITTED ITEMS AND ACTIONS - The following are permitted:

- 3.1. Taking on board the following equipment:
 - a. basic hand tools
 - b. electrical tape but not duct tape
 - c. line (elastic or otherwise of 4 mm diameter or less)
 - d. tell-tale material
 - e. UHF radio, watches and timers
 - f. shackles and clevis pins/split rings/cotter pins
 - g. spare flags
- 3.2. Using the items in 3.1 to:
 - a. prevent fouling of lines, sails and sheets
 - b. attach tell tales
 - c. prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard



d. make minor repairs and permitted adjustments

3.3. Using lazy sheets and control lines for the purpose of hiking normally. This changes RRS 49.1.

4. MANDATORY ITEMS AND ACTIONS - The following are mandatory:

4.1. Any request to alter, in any way, the equipment on a boat shall be in writing and worded to permit a yes/no answer.

4.2. At the end of each sailing day:

- a. rolling, bagging and placement of the sails as directed
- b. leaving the boat in the same state of cleanliness as when first boarded that day, including removing all trash.
- c. Releasing backstay tension
- d. complying with the directions posted on the boats or given by the OA.

5. Damage during racing

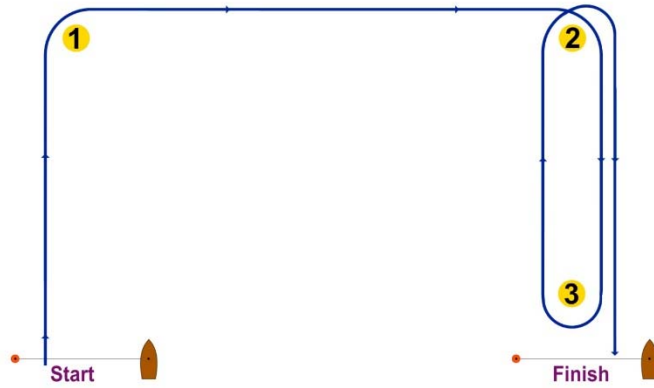
- 5.1. If damage occurs while racing the boat shall display Flag "L" asap after finishing until the damage was assessed by the RC or Umpires.
- 5.2. Competitors are responsible for inspecting their boats before racing
- 5.3. Competitors shall report any defects, damage or breakdown to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity and fill out a damage report form.
- 5.4. When there is a risk of further damage if a boat continues racing after damage or breakdown, she shall retire immediately

ADDENDUM E Course Diagrams

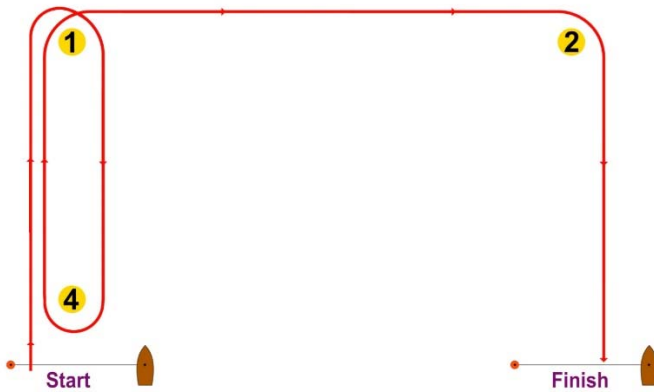


COURSE DIAGRAM

COURSE DESCRIPTION



RACE 1: Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 2 - Finish



RACE 2: Start - 1 - 4 - 1 - 2 - Finish

1	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 2 – Finish
2	Start – 1 – 4 – 1 – 2 – Finish

Marks 1,2,3,4 shall be left to starboard

Course 1: ICF number 1

Course 2: ICF number 2



Addendum F - Format



The OA intends to hold the following stages.

The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages. Changes to the format or schedule or format shall not be ground for Redress, this changes RRS 62

Stage 1 – Seeding Leagues

Teams shall be divided into two equal leagues (League Alpha and League Bravo). Each league will sail a single round robin.

Stage 2 – Qualification Leagues

The teams ranked 1st to 3rd from Leagues Alpha and Bravo progress to League Charlie. Teams ranked 4th to 6th from Leagues Alpha and Bravo move into League Delta. Each league will sail a single round robin.

Stage 3 -Repechage

Repechage 1: A first to 2 points match between 5th place in Charlie and 2nd place in Delta.

Repechage 2: A first to 2 points match between 6th place in Charlie and 1st place in Delta.

Stage 4 -Gold and Silver Leagues:

Gold League: a single round robin between 1st to 4th place in Charlie and the winners of the two repechage matches.

Silver League: a single round robin between 3rd to 6th place in Delta and the losers of the two repechage matches.

Stage 5- Repechage

A first to 2 points match between Gold 4 and Silver 1.

Stage 6- Semi Finals

First to two points matches

Semi Final 1: 1st place in Gold vs their choice of 2nd/3rd place in Gold or winner Stage 3 repechage.

Semi Final 2: the remaining two teams from 2nd/3rd Gold & winner Stage 3 repechage.

Stage 7- Final and Petit Final

Final: Winner SF 1 vs Winner SF 2 – first to three points.

Petit Final: Loser SF 1 vs Loser SF 2 – first to two points.

ADDENDUM G: Race Schedule

This will be available at the daily morning briefing and posted on RRS and via the WhatsApp Group.

