



EUROPEAN MATCH RACE TOUR 2025

Naples Stop

Reale Yacht Club Canottieri Savoia

World Sailing Grade 3 Event

Reale Yacht Club Canottieri Savoia, Naples
22nd to 25th of May 2025



NOTICE of RACE

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The event to be held at :

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The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

- PC: Protest Committee or International Jury
- NoR: Notice of Race
- OA: Organising Authority
- RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing
- SI: Sailing Instruction
- RC: Race Committee
- TD: Technical Delegate
- ONB: Official Notice Board

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, including RRS Appendix C.
- 1.2 The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions, will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3 The notation **[NP]** in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4 Delete RRS 40.2 and replace with: "Rule 40.1 applies to all boats when afloat".
- 1.5 RRS C8.6 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.6 Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply shall be posted on the official notice board.
- 1.7 In the event of a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.
- 1.8 In the event of a conflict between documents, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.9 The event has applied for **World Sailing Grade 3**. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available before the event and will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board which is located at:
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/10451/event>
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole in front of the Club, and possibly repeated on the ONB.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 There will be a maximum of 8 teams invited, of which two (2) entries are reserved for the OA and one entry may be given by the EMRT management or the OA with a wild card. Skippers who intend to participate in the whole tour will be invited first.

All other entries will be based on the World Sailing Match Racing ranking list available in January 2025.

Skippers wishing to receive an invite may register their request with the OA by filling the form

<https://tinyurl.com/26nl6rn2>

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- 4.2 Only skippers invited by the OA, and who confirm acceptance of the invitation, as detailed in the letter of invitation, will be eligible to enter this event.
- 4.3 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.4.
- 4.4 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/sailor-categorisations/>.
Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.
- 4.5 Italian competitor shall be holders of the valid 2025 FIV membership card. Foreign competitors must comply with all rules provided by their National Authority
- 4.6 The skipper shall complete registration, pay any entry fee, before 01 May 2025 unless extended by the OA.
To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.7 A non-refundable entry fee of **600€** shall accompany the acceptance of invitation for this to be valid. **Once the invitation has been confirmed by the Organising Authority. The entry fee shall be paid by bank transfer (specifying: EMRT - Final/ team XXX) to: Reale Yacht Club Canottieri Savoia A.S.D. Intesa Sanpaolo SpA IBAN: IT 56 D 0306909 606100000104212 BIC/SWIFT: BCITITMM**
The entry fee will include the following:
- Training slots with the boats
 - Drinks Reception
 - Launch Pack
 - Dinner of the event
 - Gadget for the crew
 - Any other item that will be included in the entry fee, will be described in the invitation letter.
- 4.8 Refunds will be issued as follows:
- If entry is withdrawn by the competitor before the 01st of April 2025, a full refund (less a 15€ admin fee) will be issued.
 - If entry is withdrawn by the competitor after Apr 01, 2025 but before the entry deadline, a 50% refund (less a 15€ admin fee) will be issued.
 - If entry is withdrawn by the competitor after the entry deadline, no refund will be issued.
 - If entry is withdrawn by the Organising Authority, or if the event is cancelled, a full refund will be issued.
- 4.9 When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2.2(d)).

5 DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 5.1 An initial damage deposit of 1000€ shall be paid at registration. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- (a) In the event that a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may be required that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- (b) Each team is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC and shall be responsible to restore the boats in their initial conditions by paying any damages occurred to the boats.
- 5.2 Any remaining deposit at the conclusion of racing will be refunded immediately after the event.
- 5.3 An indicative damage list cost will be delivered to the teams in the Sailing Instructions.

6 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 6.1 The number of crew (including the skipper but excluding persons placed on board by the OA) shall be from 3 to 5. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 6.2 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.
- 6.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 6.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.
- 6.5 The skipper shall ensure that all crew complete crew weighing, all between 12:00 and 18:00 on **May 22, 2025** unless extended by the OA. The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, **shall not exceed 350 kg**, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.
- 6.6 Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. When crew weight was checked prior to racing, at any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10 kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalized, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.
- 6.7 The OA may place a person on each boat as either a guest, cameraman, or umpire observer.

7 EVENT FORMAT

- 7.1 The OA intends to provide the following type boats for racing in each event: **RS21** type of boats. Each boat will have the following sails: mainsail, genoa, jib, and gennaker.
- 7.2 Boats will be allocated as decided by the race committee. The intention of the RC will be to allocate boats by draw, either daily or for each round. The RC may also require boats to be exchanged in a knock-out stage.
- 7.3 The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC. Competitors may be requested to exchange sails during a series to satisfy sponsorship commitments.
- 7.4 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 7.5 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC with the intention of the RC to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight.
- 7.6 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.
- 7.7 The intended racing area will be in Naples Bay.
- 7.8 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on a draw.
After the First Stage the following will apply:
- (1) Skippers will be paired based on ranking in the First Stage with the highest ranked skipper paired with the lowest and the other skippers paired accordingly unless the stage specifies a different arrangement.
- (2) In reference to RRS C4.1, the highest ranked skipper from the first stage shall choose their end for the first match and boats shall alternate every odd match.
- (3) Crews will exchange boats after odd matches of the series, unless otherwise agreed by both skippers.
- (4) Further matches in the series will not be sailed once the first skipper scores the points required for that stage.
- 7.9 The event will consist of the following stages:
- (1) **First Stage** - Round Robin(s)
(a) All skippers will sail one or more round robin(s).
(b) The four highest scoring skippers shall qualify for the semi-finals.
- (2) **Second Stage** - Fifth to Eighth Place
(a) King of the Castle.
- (3) **Third Stage** - Knock-Out Semi-Finals

(a) The skipper finishing first in the First Stage shall select his opponent when requested by the RC to do so. The remaining two skippers shall race each other.

(b) The first skipper of each series to score at least 2 points shall proceed to the Final Stage, the losing skippers shall proceed to the Third and Fourth Place Stage.

(4) Fourth Stage - Knock-Out Third and Fourth Place

(a) The losing semi-finalists shall race to determine third and fourth place.

(b) The first skipper to score at least 2 points shall be awarded third place, the losing skipper awarded fourth place.

(5) Fifth Stage - Knock-Out Final

(a) The first skipper to score at least 2 points shall be awarded first place, the losing skipper awarded second place.

7.10 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.

8 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

8.1 Schedule:

Date	Time	Schedule
Thursday 22 th	Registration & Crew Training slots Competitors' Briefing Drinks Reception	09:00 – 18:00 09:00 – 18:00 19:00 20:00
Friday 23 th	Races Regatta dinner	11:00
Saturday 24 th	Races	11:00
Sunday 25 th	Races Price giving	11:00 ASAP after racing

The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be around 16:30h.

8.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

(a) Initial briefing for skippers.

(b) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

9 ADVERTISING

9.1 **[NP]** Boats may display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. See World Sailing Advertising Code.

10 [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

10.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall behave so to not bring the event into disrepute.

10.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

11 [NP] SUPPORT PERSON

No support person vessels will be permitted.

12 [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES, AND SOUND

12.1 If required by the OA:

- (a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
- (b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
- (c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.

12.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

13 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover, if any, is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
- (h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of the weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience, and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

14 PRIZES

- 14.1 First, Second and Third ranked teams will receive prizes.
- 14.2 The first two (2) ranked skippers will qualify for the EMRT 2025 Final. In case of a skipper already qualified through a previous event or declining the qualification, the next ranked skipper will qualify.
- 14.3 Other prizes can be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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