



# ***“Brindisi - Corfu International Regatta” 2017***

## **32<sup>st</sup> edition**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Organising Committee :** Circolo della Vela Brindisi  
Gouvia Marina Sailing Club Corfu

**2. Schedule:**

June 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup>		Inspection and measurements ; Delivery of the "Live-tracking" devices
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	19.00	Welcome ceremony : “Roman Columns” - Waterfront
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	09.00	Briefing : “Roman Columns”- Waterfront
	12.00	"Warning signal" for starting of ORC class “Group A”, "Multihulls"
	12.10	"Warning signal" for starting of ORC classes “Groups B & C ”
June 09 <sup>th</sup>	20.00	Prize-giving ceremony: at the Gouvia Marina
	21.00	“Crew Party”: at the Gouvia Marina Cricket field

**3. Rules:**

- 3.1 The World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2017/2020
- 3.2 ORC Rules & Regulations
- 3.3 Italian Sailing Federation's (FIV) regulations for offshore races
- 3.4 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Race category 3, life raft approved for the number of crew on board and a VHF radio with channels 16 & 72 (compulsory).
- 3.5 Notice of Race (NoR)
- 3.6 These Sailing Instructions (S.I.), which shall prevail in case of difference in any point with the Notice of Race. In amendment of RRS.63.7
- 3.7 Organizing Committee, Race Committee and International Jury communications.
- 3.8 Between 20.00 hrs. and 06.00 hrs. part B of the " Steering and Sailing Rules of International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS)" will apply replacing the relevant parts of Part 2 of the World Sailing RRS.(This amends point 2 of the NoR)
- 3.9 In case of differences between the Italian and English text of the S.I. the English text shall prevail. (This amends point 2, paragraph 10 of the NoR)

**4. Notices to competitors:**

Notices to Competitors and changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official "Notice Board" (NB) of the “Race Office” in Brindisi until two hours before the starting time of the race, and at the Gouvia Marina office in Corfu after the finishing. It is the responsibility of the competitors to acquaint themselves with these changes.

- 5. Race Committee:** President: Nicola De Vito  
1<sup>st</sup> Member: Elisa D'Ippolito  
Nikos Andriotis

Fernando Gaballo  
Vasso Kolsouzian  
Nikolaos Koutsodontis  
Vito Moretti  
Dimitris Tsatsopoulos  
Spyridoula Tsirimiagou

**6. International Jury:** President: Giuseppe D'Amico (ITA IJ)  
Paul Schillizzi (GRE IJ)  
Pinar Coskuner (TUR IJ)  
Marcello Pais (ITA J)  
Caterina Tsantilis (GRE J)

**7. Measurement Committee:** President: Bartolomeo Maugeri  
Nicola Zizzi

**8. Signals ashore and at sea:**

In accordance with the RRS, the "AP" hoisted ashore means: "Don't leave the quay". Signals at sea will be given 60 minutes after the lowering of the signal ashore. This changes Race Signals.

**9. Course:**

- 9.1 The course to be sailed from Brindisi to Kassiope, will be 109 Nm with course buoy near Otranto port.
- 9.2 An yellow coloured buoy to be left to port side (chart "D") will be positioned close to Otranto port. Coordinates: 40°09.197N - 018°30.293E. At night the buoy could be signalled with a white flashing light.
- 9.3 After starting, there shall be no course limitation, even through the military "Restricted area" at abt. 12 NM to the SE of Brindisi.
- 9.4 Starting and finishing lines have to be crossed navigating from West to East (see attached charts "A" - "B" - "E").

**10. Course changes**

- 10.1 Any change of the course shall be posted on the official "Notice Board" (NB) of the "Race Office" in Brindisi until three hours before the starting time of the race,
- 10.2 Should the course of the race be modified for any reason (with consequent change of the length of the race), in addition to the "Notice" the "number two pennant" will be displayed at the Race Committee point.

**11. Time limits:**

The time limit will be 35 hours after the departure time of each group. Boats failing to finish within this limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS. 35

**12. Committee point :**

The Race Committee point, aligned with the two starting buoys, will be located on the Punta Riso dam (Diga di Punta Riso) – to port of the starting line and will display an orange flag (charts "A" & "B").

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**14. Starting line:**

- 14.1 The starting line will be the line between two orange buoys placed in the areas shown on the attached map "A".
- 14.2 After the crossing of the starting line (between buoys 1 & 2) it is mandatory to leave to starboard the buoy Nr. 3, signalling shallow water. The buoy Nr.3 will be considered as an "Obstacle" as reported in the RRS..

**15. Class flags:**

- 15.1 ORC Class Group "A", Multihulls: code flag "R"
- 15.2 ORC Class Group "B" & "C": code flag "V"

**16. Starting signals:**

The start will be given, in two separate groups, as per RRS 26 modified as follows:

**for ORC Class Group "A", Multihulls**

"Warning"	Code flag "R" displayed	10 minutes
"Preparatory"	Code flag "I" displayed	5 minutes
"One minute"	Code flag "I" removed	1 minute
"Starting"	Code flag "R" removed	

**for ORC Classes Groups "B & C "**

the "warning" signal will be hoisted at the lowering of the "R" Code flag

"Warning"	Code flag "V" displayed	10 minutes
"Preparatory"	Code flag "I" displayed	5 minutes
"One minute"	Code flag "I" removed	1 minute
"Starting"	Code flag "V" removed	

Whenever possible , visual signals will be accompanied by a sound signal and communicated via radio on VHF channel 72. The missing or imperfect communication via radio does not constitute a reason for request of repair or protest. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

15 minutes after the Starting Signal, the Starting Line will be considered closed and boats that have not cross the line will be considered DNS (Did Not Start).

**17. Individual recall:**

RRS 30.1 will apply. The Race Committee will display flag "X" with one sound to indicate that some yachts have broken this rule. The flag shall be displayed until all these yachts have sailed from the course side across an extension to the prestart side and have started regularly. In any case the "X" flag will be lowered not more than 15 minutes after the starting signal (Amends RRS. 29.1). Any yacht failing to start within 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "did not start" (DNS) without hearing.

**18. General recall:**

General recall signal will be given in accordance with RRS 29.2.

**19. Finishing line:**

The finishing line of the **Brindisi-Corfu Regatta** will be between two yellow buoys anchored 0.1/0.5NM. north to Kassiope port (see attached chart "E").

**At night** white flashing lights will be placed on top of the buoys. Should only one flashing light be visible, the light must be left to port (sailing from west to east). Each yacht crossing the finishing line must illuminate its sail or hull numbers for identification. If asked by the jury, the name of the yacht and race number shall be communicated via VHF channel 72. **All yachts crossing the finishing line shall remain at the Committee's and measurers disposal for eventual inspections of any kind.** Should the sea conditions not allow an inspection near the finishing line, new instructions shall be given via VHF channel 72 by the Committee. Further, and according to point 8 of the NoR, all yachts must be available at the "Gouvia Marina" moorings ( with the complete crew) until 13.00 hours of June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**20. Declaration of observance:**

Within 6 hours from finishing the race, each skipper has to deliver the signed "Declaration of Observance" (attached to the S.I.) to the Committee or deposit it in the box, specially prepared for this purpose, which will be available at Gouvia Marina Office. In case of night-arrival, the declaration may be delivered within 10.00 hours of the following day.

**Any yacht failing to comply with this requirement shall be considered retired from the race.**

**21. Protests:**

Any protest must be lodged in compliance with RRS (rules 60 - 61 and following) and delivered within the time limit required for the "Declaration of Observance". In any case the protest time limit expires at 10.00 a.m. of June 10<sup>th</sup>. Protest Notices of the Race Committee or of the International Jury, according to RRS 61.1 (b), will be posted within this time limit. Within half an hour after the time limit expiry, a Notice will be posted to advise competitors of the protests. A request for redress based on a decision of the International Jury or of the Race Committee shall be lodged not more than 30 minutes after the decision has been communicated to the parties. This amends RRS 62.2

Measurement protests have to be lodged not further than two hours before the starting times together with a cautionary deposit of 500.- Euros. Any further measurement protest may be made only for facts which took place during the race. The "Live-tracking" tracing will not be valid for boat to boat protests (this amends RRS. 60.1), Can be used by the Race Committee as proof to protest a boat according to RRS 61.2

## **22. Equipment:**

Each yacht must be provided with the mandatory equipment as specified in the prevailing **"Offshore Special regulations for Race category 3 Mono-hulls with Life Raft"**. This does not affect the obligation of equipment on board required by the current legislation. Consequently, in case of accidents or violations certified by the authorities due to non-observance of the current law, the responsibility will be exclusively of the yacht owner and the skipper.

Each yacht has to be equipped with the **"live-tracking"** device supplied by the Organisation (mandatory). The Organising Committee may use the tracking data for media purposes as well as for technical or safety reasons. The breaking or manumission of the "Live-tracking" device's seals or the not functioning of the device, for any reason, for more than 30 minutes can cause a penalisation up to disqualification from the race. The owner of the yacht is responsible of the device and shall return it to the Organising Committee at the end of the race.

## **23. Scoring:**

The scoring will be the "Low Point System" as per Appendix "A" of the RRS.

## **24. Ranking:**

The ranking of the different categories, in which the competing yachts will be divided, Offshore time on distance will be the following (for race length of 109 NM or according to point 10.2 S.I.):

**ORC Overall** (with correction in real time of time differences in case of separate departure)

**Group A** (ORC Class A with CDL higher than 11,300)

**Group B** (ORC Classes 1 - 2 with CDL from 11,299 to more than 9,650)

**Group C** (ORC 3 - 4 - 5 with CDL from 9,649 to 7,499 with minimum LH of 9,00 metres)

Furthermore, the following "Special Rankings" for Groups B & C will be made:

**"Holiday Sprint"**

**"Holiday"**

**"Brindisi-Corfu two handed"**

"Multihull" class, will be racing "time on distance" MOCRA 2017 rating

The **"Quotidiano Trophy"** will be awarded to the best ranking Club (sum of points scored in the overall ranking by the three best placed yachts for each Club).

All ties will be broken in favour of the yacht with the highest rating.

The race is valid for the "Italian Offshore 2017 Championship" (Italian yachts only, with exception of the Multihulls).

## **25. Navigation at night:**

Between 20.00. hours and 06.00 hours navigation lights shall be turned on and relevant parts of Part 2 of the ISAF Racing Rules will cease to apply and will be replaced by Part B of the "Steering and Sailing Rules of International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea" (IRPCAS), (This amends point 2 of the NoR).

## **26. Penalty system:**

For the infringement of World Sailing Racing Rules, apart from part 2, alternative penalties of 2%, 5%, 10% and 20% on the real time shall apply. Disqualification shall apply for heavier infringements. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Jury so decides.

These penalties will apply also to yachts not displaying the flags, pennants, decals of the event sponsors. (point 3 of the NoR).

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the "Two Turns Penalty" is replaced by the "One Turn Penalty".

## **27. Results:**

Provisional results will be given as soon as possible after the race. Final results will be posted on the official Notice Board of the Race Office in Corfu before the award ceremony.

## **28. International Jury:**

In compliance with Appendix N of the World Sailing RRS, an **"International Jury"** has been appointed by the Organizing Committee. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

**29. Official time:**

All the hours shown in the NoR, S.I. and other official communications are to be intended as local time.

**30. Special notices:**

- 30.1 To be allowed to start the race, skippers must present the original of the documents, which were attached in photocopies to the entry form.
- 30.2 Visual signals to govern. Times shall be taken from the visual signals, and a failure or a mistiming of a gun or other sound signal shall be disregarded.
- 30.3 Yachts having finished the race must not interfere with those which are still racing.
- 30.4 **All yachts retiring from the race are requested to do their utmost to inform the Committee of their decision and the port of new destination.**
- 30.5 The Organizing Committee and the Race Committee reserve their right to modify the present S.I. at any time and for reasons they shall retain necessary.
- 30.6 The official VHF channel for communicating with the Committee will be the n. 72.
- 30.7 No yacht shall fly a national flag while racing. However, in case of necessity (Albanian coasts or other), such flag may be flown temporarily without this being considered as a sign of retirement from the race.
- 30.8 **It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each yacht whether or not to start or to continue the racing. Only the yacht-owners or the responsible representative on board are competent to decide on the basis of the capacity of the crew, the intensity of the wind, the conditions of the sea, the meteorological forecasts and whatever has to be taken into consideration by a valid sailor whether to go out to sea and participate in the race or to continue. Furthermore, yacht-owners and skippers have to be aware that this, being an offshore race, no other assistance than the one given by the maritime Authorities can be assured to participants**

**31. Award ceremony:**

The prize-giving ceremony shall take place on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 20.00 on the Cricket field of the Gouvia Marina.

**32. Ecological rule:**

While moored and at sea it is forbidden to throw trash into the sea, especially if it is not biodegradable such as plastic, PVC, oil, cans. A boat that breaks this instruction may be subject to a report under rule 60.2 (c).

**The Organising Committee**