



“Brindisi - Corfu International Regatta” 2022

36th edition

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Organising Authority (OA):** Upon delegation of the Italian Sailing Federation (FIV), the Organising Authority is the Circolo della Vela Brindisi, in collaboration with the Gouvia Marina Sailing Club of Corfu (GR).

The regatta is valid for the Italian Offshore Championship 2022.

2. Schedule:

June 10 th - 11 th		completion of registrations, inspection and measurements ; Delivery of the "Live-tracking" devices
June 11 th	19.00	Opening ceremony : “Roman Columns” - Waterfront
June 12 th	08.30	Crews briefing : “Roman Columns”- Waterfront
	10.50	"First Warning signal" for ORC A Group and Multihulls.
	11.00	"First Warning signal" for ORC Groups B - C - D.
June 14 th	19.00	Prize-giving ceremony: at the Gouvia Marina, Corfu

3. Rules:

World Sailing Regatta Rules - (RRS);

Rules and Regulations ORC in force;

Federal Regulations for Offshore Sailing.

World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Category 3 regattas with the obligation of a self-inflating raft approved for the number of people embarked in the regatta and VHF equipment with channels 16 and 72

Notice of Race (NoR);

Sailing instructions. In case of conflict between Notice and Sailing Instructions, the latter will always prevail (Mod. RRS 63.7);

Communications from the Organizing Committee (CO), Race Committee (CoR), Jury (J) and Technical Committee (CT);

From 20.30 to 05.30 the "International Standards for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea" (NIPAM_COLREG Standards) will replace the rules of part 2 of the RRS.

In the event of differences between the Italian and English version of the I.R. the English text will prevail.

4. Communications with competitors :

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

5. Race Committee, International Jury and Measurement Committee:

The composition of the Committees will be the subject of a specific bulletin posted on the official “Race Office Notice Board” (NB)

6. Signals ashore and at sea:

Compliant with RRS. The "Intelligence" displayed on the ground means: "Do not leave the dock". The signals at sea will be given 60 minutes after the signal is lowered to shore.

7. Course:

The sailing course to be sailed is from Brindisi to Kassiope. It shall be 104 NM.
Starting line (see attached charts "A") and finishing lines (see attached chart "B") must be crossed navigating from West to East.

8. Time limits:

As a partial change of the RRS. 35, the time limit will be 30 hours after the departure time of each group. Boats failing to finish within this limit will be scored DNF.

9. Committee point :

The Race Committee point, marked with an Orange flag, will be located on Boat Committee right of the starting line, aligned with the two starting line buoys (chart "A").

10. Starting line:

The starting line will be the line between two orange buoys (Nr 1 & Nr 2), placed in the areas shown on the attached map "A".

It is mandatory to leave the buoy Nr. 3 (signalling shallow waters) to starboard. As reported in the RRS, buoy Nr. 3 will be considered as an "Obstacle" and must be left starboard.

11. Class flags:

ORC Class Group "A", Multihulls: code flag "R"
ORC Class Group "B" - "C" - "D": code flag "V"

12. Starting signals:

Boats will be divided into two groups that will have separate departures. The first group will be Group A Orc and Multihull boats. The second group will be Groups B – C - D Orc.
The start will be given, 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 - D "

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 VHF channel 72 communications.
The missing or imperfect communication via radio does not constitute a reason for request of repair or protest.
This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

5 minutes after the Starting Signal, the Starting Line will be considered closed and boats that have not crossed the line will be considered DNS without hearing (ch. RRS A.4 e 63.1).

13. Individual recall:

RRS 30.1 will be applied. Should some yacht have an early start, the Race Committee will display flag "X" with onesound to indicate that some yachts have broken this rule. The flag will be displayed until all the yachts violating the rule, will be re-entered inside the pre-starting area. 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 5 minutes, will be scored "did not start" (DNS).

14. General recall:

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

15. **Finishing line:**

The finishing line will be represented by two yellow buoys anchored 0.1/0.5 NM. north to Kassiope port (see attached chart "B"). **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 number and its racing hull number, to allow to be correctly identified. 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, all yachts must be available at the "Gouvia Marina" moorings (with the complete crew) until 13.00 hours of June 14th.

16. **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 (RET) from the race.

17. **Hearing requests:**

Any protest must be lodged in compliance with RRS – Part 5 and delivered within the time limit and terms required for the "Declaration of Observance": Protest Notices of the Race Committee or of the International Jury, as partial modification to RRS 61, a skipper who intends to protest another boat, is obliged to inform the RC when crossing the finish line, otherwise the protest will be null and void. The communication can be done by VHF (channel 72) or by telephone or SMS, at the numbers indicated in the following point 25 of these SI. The Protester is obliged to verify that the RC has received the communication. Communications of the protests will be posted as soon as possible to inform competitors of the hearings in which they are parties or appointed as witnesses. The hearings will be discussed in the protest room, located at the Race Office located on the first floor of the building of the Gouvia Marina Offices. Announcements for protests by the RC or IJ or CT will be posted to inform the boats as per Rule 61.1 (b).

18. **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. Related information about the above mentioned equipment are not supposed to be used as proof during a hearing. This changes the RSS 63.

19. **Navigation at night:**

Between 20.00. hours and 06.00 hours, navigation lights shall be turned on. During the same time-frame, 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).

20. **Scoring:**

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

21. **Ranking:**

It will be used the APH value "time on distance". The length of the route will be officially noticed. Parities will be defined in favor of boats with the highest APH rating.

22. **Penalty system:**

A boat classified OCS, according to the RRS A5 will receive, without a hearing, a penalty non less than 30% of its arrival position, calculated as foreseen in RRS 44.3 (c) and this modifies RRS 28.1 and A4.2. The score of a boat depends on the number of boats registered, if separate departures and rankings are taken, for registered boats we mean those belonging to the same grouping of the boat. The penalty for violations of the non-part 2 of

the RRS rules can be, at the Jury discretion, less than disqualification. 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.

23. Official time:

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

24. Communications during the regatta:

The VHF channel for any urgent communications with the RC will be 72. However, the RC may not be in a condition to receive the VHF signal when the boats are far from the Italian, Albanian and/or Greek coasts. Therefore it is recommended to notify urgent communications to the RC by mobile phone, at the following numbers, via SMS too.

The improper use of VHF communications, could be a reason for penalizing the competitor.

Retiring vessels must do their utmost to advise the RC of their decision and of the port of destination, using the VHF 72 channel or by telephone or by SMS and they must be sure the RC has received the communication.

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25. Special notices:

To be allowed to start the race, skippers must show to the Race Office the original of the documents, which were attached to the entry form.

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.

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 crews capabilities, the weather and sea conditions, the meteorological forecasts and whatever has to be taken into consideration by a skilled sailor, both to go out at sea to participate in the race or to continue it. 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

26. Award ceremony:

The prize-giving ceremony will take place on Tuesday June 14th at 19.00 at the Gouvia Marina. Details will be provided by the Organising Committee.

27. Ecological rule:

Both, 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 and glass

The Organising Committee