

Declaration of belonging to the “Great Cruise” category

The undersigned _____

Owner of the vessel _____ Sail N: _____

With reference to the Notice of Race, hereby declares that the above-mentioned yacht complies with the requirements set out in the Federazione Italiana Vela Offshore Sailing Regulations 2026 for inclusion in the Grand Cruiser category.

Offshore Sailing Regulations 2026 – Part II

GRAND CRUISE (basic activity)

Yachts belonging to this category shall hold an ORC rating certificate marked “*Cruiser/Racer*” or “*Performance*” if built prior to 01/01/1992, or an IRC certificate, provided that no modifications have been made to the hull and/or appendages after launching.

Yachts holding a FIV Rating by ORC certificate are not eligible for this category.

Yachts must also be equipped with complete cruising interior furnishings.

The following are not permitted:

- a) Embarking qualified athletes;
- b) The use of carbon fiber or similar materials (including PBO or other composites) for hull, appendages, mast (including standing rigging), boom, spinnaker pole, bowsprit, or sails.

An exception is permitted for carbon booms of the “Park Avenue” type, i.e., booms fitted with side flanges designed to collect the mainsail when lowered;

- c) Carrying out, or having carried out, any modification to the appendages.

Required Equipment

To qualify for the Grand Cruiser category, the yacht must carry no fewer than six cruising-related features, including the following four mandatory items:

1. Headsail furling system with sail on the forestay, or headsail with hanks (traditional type, metallic or mixed); in any case not more than one headsail for upwind sailing;
2. Low-technology sails, such as Dacron or other polyester fibers, nylon or other polyamide fibers, cotton, or similar low-modulus yarns, woven warp and weft fabrics without laminated structures;
3. Anchor windlass permanently installed on deck or in a dedicated bow locker, with anchor and chain of adequate weight, the chain having a length of at least three times the yacht’s LH/LOA, stored in the same locker;
4. No more than one downwind sail not set on a stay (symmetric or asymmetric spinnaker, or HSF).

Additional Equipment

The Owner must indicate two additional features at the time of registration for the race from the following list:

- a) Fixed-blade propeller;
- b) Launch date prior to the year 2000;
- c) In-mast mainsail furling system;
- d) Full non-synthetic teak deck;
- e) Backstay in spiral steel wire, single or double; only a simple manual turnbuckle adjuster is permitted;
- f) Permanently installed air-conditioning system (e.g., Webasto type, not portable);
- g) Permanently installed watermaker/desalinator (not portable).

The term “white sails” refers to a yacht sailing exclusively with mainsail and jib(s) (Cutter configuration), therefore holding an ORC certificate marked “No Spinnaker”.

The undersigned declares, for the purpose of inclusion in the Grand Cruiser category, that in addition to the four (4) mandatory items, the yacht is also equipped with the following qualifying features:

1. _____
2. _____

Place and Date _____ Signature _____