

# NOTICE OF RACE

## OFFSHORE RACE

**VALID FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE ITALIAN OFFSHORE ORC CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE  
VALID AS A QUALIFYING EVENT FOR THE NATIONAL OFFSHORE MULTIHULL CIRCUIT**

In this Notice of Race (and in the subsequent Sailing Instructions) the following abbreviations are used:

FIV	Federazione Italiana Vela (Italian Sailing Federation)
ICS	International Code of Signals
OC	Organizing Committee
NoR	Notice of Race
WS	World Sailing
SI	Sailing Instructions
RC	Race Committee
RRS	Racing Rules of Sailing WS 2025-2028
PC	Protest Committee
ONB	Official Notice Board (online)
TC	Technical Committee
RS	Race Secretariat

[DP] Rules for which penalties are at the discretion of the PC.

[NP] Rules that shall not be the subject of a protest between boats (this changes RRS 60.1).

[SP] Rules for which standard penalties for an infringement may be imposed by the RC without a hearing (this changes RRS 60.5(b) and A5).

## 1. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (OC)

1.1 The Federazione Italiana Vela delegates Circolo della Vela Brindisi a.s.d., in concert with UVAI, to organize the Brindisi – Corfù International Regatta 2026, in cooperation with Marina Gouvia Sailing Club.

1.2 The OC reserves the right to amend this NoR up to 30 April 2026. In that case, amendments shall be communicated to competitors whose entries have already been accepted and shall be published on the OC website [www.brindisi-corfu.com](http://www.brindisi-corfu.com) or on any websites dedicated to the event.

## 2. RULES

2.1 The following rules in force shall apply:

- a) WS RRS including the FIV Prescriptions;
- b) WS OSR (Offshore Special Regulations) Category 3, with compulsory self-inflating life-raft, VHF Ch. 16;
- c) FIV 2026 Offshore Racing Regulations;
- d) IMS – ORC Regulations;
- e) Multihull Regulations: MULTI2000;
- f) This NoR, the SI and any subsequent Official Notices. In case of conflict between the NoR and the SI, the SI and subsequent Official Notices shall prevail (changing RRS 63.5(c));
- g) The experimental rule DR-21-01 ver. 2025/2028 shall be in force; consequently the definition of START is amended as follows:

Start. A boat starts when her hull is entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line, and after complying with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side, during the last minute before her starting signal. She shall receive a penalty calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c). i.

2.2 Decisions of the RC relating to this experimental rule shall not be the subject of a request for redress (changing RRS 61.1(a)).

2.3 The official language of the race is Italian. Pursuant to Regulation 70.4 WS, the competent National Authority is the Federazione Italiana Vela.

2.4 From 20:30 to 05:30 the "International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea" (COLREG) shall replace Part 2 of the RRS. All times stated in this Notice of Race, in the Sailing Instructions and in any communications from the Committees and Juries shall be understood as local time.

### 3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

3.1 The SI will be available online from 6 June 2026 at 16:00 on the Organizing Club website: <https://www.brindisi-corfu.com> and at: <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/13833#>

### 4. COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 The Official Notice Board online (ONB) is available at: <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/13833#>

4.2 [DP] All boats shall have on board a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on channels: 16 – 72 and 74.

4.3 The RC will make courtesy transmissions to competitors during the start, through the VHF channel indicated in the Sailing Instructions. Failure, partial or incomplete transmission or receipt of such broadcasts, in the order in which they are made, shall not be the subject of a request for redress (changing RRS 61.1(a)).

4.4 [DP] During the race, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

4.5 [DP] Pursuant to the World Sailing Offshore Special Prescriptions, it is mandatory to carry AIS on board. The MMSI code must be indicated at the time of entry. The AIS device and the VHF radio must be and remain switched on and operative from 08:00 on 7 June until arrival at Marina Gouvia.

### 5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

5.1 Multihulls holding a valid MULTI2000 certificate and offshore boats holding a valid ORC International or Club rating certificate, both complying with the regulations in force for offshore navigation ("unlimited from the coast") in their country of registration, are eligible to enter.

5.2 The ORC classes are 4 according to the following CDL values:

- Class 0: from 16.40 to 13.551
- Class A: from 13.55 to 11.271
- Class B: from 11.27 to 9.631
- Class C: less than 9.631

5.3 Owners/representatives shall enter their boat via the online registration form at:

<https://www.brindisi-corfu.com/iscriviti/>

5.4 In addition, registration on the FIV CONINET portal is required at:

[:https://federvela.coninet.it/#/manifestazioni/66595/iscrizioni](https://federvela.coninet.it/#/manifestazioni/66595/iscrizioni)

5.5 The following documents shall be sent to: [raceoffice@brindisi-corfu.com](mailto:raceoffice@brindisi-corfu.com)

- Proof of payment of the entry fee;
- A valid rating certificate;
- Copy of the insurance policy with an expiry date after the end of the event, with a minimum mandatory third-party liability cover of EUR 1,500,000.00, valid during regattas (this condition must appear in the policy);
- Qualification to skipper a sailing vessel with a auxiliary engine for unlimited offshore navigation, held by the owner or skipper;
- Advertising licence, if applicable;
- For ORC X 2 Crew category entrants: WS Offshore Personal Training Course certificate for at least one crew member;
- Form "A" – Entry Application;
- Form "B" – Declaration of membership of the ORC Grand Cruise category, if also entering that category;
- Form "C" – Crew List with valid FIV membership number, handicap and weight of each crew member, as per the FIV Offshore Regulations in force;
- Form "D" – Declaration of Conformity;
- Form "E" – Acknowledgement of Risk, in accordance with RRS 3, signed by all crew members;
- Form "F" – Declaration of Responsibility regarding mandatory safety equipment in accordance with the current WS OSR Category 3 (ORC and Multihulls);
- Form "G" – Parental/Guardian Consent for Minors, for all participants aged 12 to 17 inclusive.

**All forms are available on the event website.**

5.6 Boats that have not completed their entry with all required documents by 3 June 2026 shall not be admitted to the event. Entry applications received after this deadline may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organizing Committee.

## 6. ENTRY FEE

6.1 The entry fee is EUR 400.00 (non-refundable). For entries received by 30 April 2026 (date of bank transfer) the entry fee is EUR 350.00 (non-refundable).

6.2 The entry fee shall be paid to Circolo della Vela Brindisi:

Banca Popolare Pugliese – Branch of Brindisi – Corso Garibaldi, 116.

IBAN: IT72G0526215900CC0201099058

Payment reference: "Entry Brindisi-Corfù 2026" – boat name \_\_\_\_\_ – sail number \_\_\_\_\_

(send a copy to: raceoffice@brindisi-corfù.com).

## 7. CREW ELIGIBILITY AND MEMBERSHIP

7.1 Italian competitors must hold a valid FIV membership for 2026 with the corresponding valid medical certificate.

7.2 Competitors of other nationalities must comply with the regulations of their respective MNA.

7.3 Participants must have reached the age of 12 by 23:59 on 6 June 2026.

7.4 Participants under 18 years of age must present Form "G" – Parental/Guardian Consent for Minors – at registration.

## 8. ADVERTISING [DP][NP]

8.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and provided by the OC.

8.2 All Italian boats must attach to their entry form the advertising licence issued by the FIV, if applicable.

8.3 Foreign boats must comply with the advertising regulations of their national authorities, if applicable.

8.4 Boats intending to display advertising during the race – whether racing yachts, support vessels, or on shore within the race area – must indicate the nature of such advertising on the entry form. The OC may refuse or withdraw an entry if the advertising does not comply with the World Sailing Advertising Code.

## 9. VENUE & PROGRAMME

9.1 The start of the race is scheduled for 12:00 on 7 June 2026.

9.2 The preliminary programme is as follows:

5 – 6 June Measurement and inspections

6 June – 19:00 Race presentation – Steps of the Roman Columns, Sea front (Lungomare)

7 June – 09:00 Crew briefing

7 June – 12:00 Race start

9 June – 19:00 Award ceremony – Marina di Gouvia

9.3 The course of the 104-mile offshore race from Brindisi to Corfù will be detailed in the SI.

9.4 The Warning Signal will be given at 11:50 on 7 June 2026. Any amendment shall be posted on the ONB online by 18:00 the day before, by means of an official RC notice.

9.5 In the event of adverse sea and weather conditions, the OC may agree with the RC on an alternative course, which will be announced at the briefing on the day of the start.

## 10. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT INSPECTIONS

10.1 Every boat must hold a valid rating certificate issued before 16:00 on the day preceding the start.

10.2 The Technical Committee (TC) may inspect a boat before and after the race.

10.3 [DP] The owner/skipper shall complete and sign the Declaration of Responsibility form regarding the boat, declaring that all safety equipment is on board and that the yacht complies with the requirements set out in the rating certificate.

10.4 All boats must be available at the berths assigned by Circolo della Vela Brindisi for measurement checks, which will take place from 10:00 on 5 June until 16:00 on 6 June, and at the pontoons of Marina di Gouvia, with the full crew, until 13:00 on 9 June.

## 11. LIVE TRACKING SYSTEM

11.1 A GPS tracker will be installed on all participating boats by the OC, to enable real-time route monitoring via the Yellow Brick application, in accordance with the provisions of the "Personal Data Protection Code" DPR 196/2003, which permits the transfer of data to Circolo della Vela Brindisi a.s.d., to be used exclusively for transmitting information relating solely to the position of the boats during the race.

11.2 Each competitor is required to confirm, at the time of completing entry and in any case before leaving the berth, that the GPS tracker has been received and installed on board, and to keep it active for the entire duration of the race; failure to do so will result in exclusion from the results. For satellite connectivity reasons, the deadline for the installation of electronic devices on board is set at 16:00 on 6 June.

11.3 A security deposit of EUR 750.00 is required.

## 12. JURY

12.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 70.3.

## 13. SCORING

13.1 The scoring coefficient will be chosen by the RC, based on the Time on Distance method.

13.2 Differences of interpretation shall not be the subject of a request for redress.

13.3 This changes RRS 61.1(a).

## 14. RESULTS

14.1 The following corrected time results will be calculated using actual elapsed time, including in the case of staggered starts:

- ORC Overall;
- ORC Classes: 0 – A – B – C;
- Grand Cruise Category: ranking extrapolated from the "ORC Overall";
- ORC X 2 Category: with ORC "Double Handed" certificate;
- Multihull Class: the ranking will be calculated using the MULTI2000 ToT rating.

## 15. PRIZES

15.1 The following challenge trophies and prizes will be awarded to the top-placed competitors:

- TROPHY "MAGNA GRECIA" – first in corrected time "ORC Overall";
- TROPHY "GIOVANNI CASO" – first in corrected time Multihulls;
- TROPHY "PASS A DEUX" – first in elapsed time ORC-B;
- TROPHY "CIRCOLO DELLA VELA BRINDISI" – first in elapsed time ORC-0;
- TROPHY "SPIROS KALANTZIS" – first in corrected time among ORC A-B-C;
- TROPHY "LA LIBURNA" – first in corrected time ORC 0.

15.2 The winners of the challenge trophies undertake and guarantee to return them to Circolo della Vela Brindisi by 31 January 2027. All costs and risks of this operation shall be borne by the trophy winners.

## 16. SUPPORT PERSONS' BOATS [DP]

16.1 All support personnel MUST accredit themselves by 18:00 on 3 June 2026, declaring:

- the characteristics of their support vessel;
- their acceptance of the "rules for support persons" described in the Sailing Instructions.

16.2 Support persons must carry a marine VHF radio and be tuned to the frequency designated for support vessels; in case of emergency they must cooperate with rescue services and assist boats in difficulty. They will also receive an accreditation flag (white with a number) from the Race Secretariat, to be displayed prominently on their vessel.

16.3 Accredited support persons are subject to the technical and disciplinary directives of the OC, the RC and the PC.

## 17. COMPETITORS' DRONES [DP]

17.1 Crew members and support personnel may not fly drones over the shore areas of the event or the racing area on the days leading up to and during the start of the race without complying with local regulations and without prior written approval from the OC.

17.2 Approval, granted solely at the discretion of the OC, may impose restrictions on where and when drones may be flown.

17.3 At all times the risk and liability for flying a drone rests with the person operating it, and any footage taken within the race area must be shared with the Organizing Authority, the Race Committee or the Protest Committee upon reasonable request.

## **18. MOORINGS AND SERVICES**

18.1 For registered competitors, free berths will be available at the owner's or skipper's sole responsibility and risk, subject to the full completion of entry formalities:

- along the city quays from 31 May until the start of the race;
- at Marina di Gouvia – Corfù from 8 to 10 June.

18.2 Berth allocation will be managed, on a first-arrival basis, by the Organizing Committee in Brindisi and by the Marina di Gouvia Management in Corfù.

## **19. HAUL-OUT AND DIVING RESTRICTIONS [DP]**

19.1 During the event, boats shall not be hauled out.

19.2 In accordance with Italian maritime law, diving in the waters adjacent to the berthing area is strictly prohibited.

## **20. DATA PROTECTION**

20.1 In accordance with data protection legislation (Art. 13 EU Regulation 2016/679 – Official Gazette No. 190 of 14 August 2004), the data controller is the President of the Organizing Committee.

## **21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

21.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Accordingly, participants acknowledge that sailing is an activity governed by Art. 2050 of the Italian Civil Code, and that all participants must hold a valid federation membership including accident coverage, covering death and permanent disability.

21.2 Foreign competitors must comply with any requirements of their own MNA and must hold personal accident cover including death and permanent disability, as required by the FIV Regulations in force.

## **22. SAFETY RULES [DP][NP]**

22.1 Pursuant to the applicable regulations, the Race does not have water assistance save in the case of emergency, for which the Maritime Authority (Harbour Master's Office) is responsible. For this reason, all boats must have on board a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on channels 16 (distress channel), 72 and 74, as well as an operational AIS transponder for the entire duration of the race.

22.2 As a consequence of a breach of conduct or sportsmanship, the PC may impose disciplinary action even for conduct occurring ashore. The owner or their representative is responsible for the conduct of the crew.

## **23. ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY [DP][NP]**

23.1 Recalling the Basic Principle which states: "Competitors are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing", the utmost care is recommended for environmental protection at all times associated with the practice of sailing, before, during and after the event. Particular attention is drawn to RRS 47 – Waste Disposal – which states: "Competitors and support persons shall not intentionally discharge waste into the water. This rule applies when afloat. The penalty for an infringement of this rule may be less than disqualification."

## **24. INSURANCE**

24.1 Every participating boat must hold a valid third-party liability insurance policy with a minimum cover of EUR 1,500,000.00 per incident, extended to cover participation in races. For foreign boats, a declaration from the Insurance Company, in Italian or English, confirming full validity of cover abroad, is also required.

24.2 Adequate supplementary personal accident insurance cover for all crew members is strongly recommended.

24.3 The OC is not responsible for verifying the condition or validity of insurance certificates.

## **25. MEDIA RIGHTS**

25.1 Owners and competitors authorize and grant full rights and permission to the OC and to the Sponsors to make free use of image rights associated with them, thereby granting the broadest release for the use of names, biographical information and images in any type of publication or footage, including advertising material, to be disseminated via press, television and the Internet. They authorize the publication and/or broadcast via any media of any photograph or video footage of persons or boats taken during the event, including but not limited to television commercials, and anything that may be used for editorial or advertising purposes or for printed

information relating to the Brindisi-Corfu Race. Acceptance of the foregoing by each participant at the event shall form an integral part of the entry.

## **26. ASSOCIATED EVENTS & AGREEMENTS**

26.1 Associated events and any special agreements will be communicated to participants via the race website [www.brindisi-corfu.com](http://www.brindisi-corfu.com).

## **THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

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