



MELGES²⁴

**EUROPEAN
SAILING
SERIES**

2016 MELGES 24 ITALIAN SERIES ACT 3 EUROPEAN SAILING SERIES ACT 4 ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP FRAGLIA VELA RIVA JULY 15 - 17

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 No National Authorities prescriptions will apply except prescriptions of the FIV (Italian Sailing Federation), regarding FIV membership and medical certificate which will apply only to Italian competitors.
- 1.3 Recorded video and images from any boat support, press, media and / or support boat, or data / video of positioning electronic devices cannot be used as evidence during the hearings and may not be a reason for redress request. This changes the RRS 63.3 - 63.6 - 60.1 (b).
- 1.4 In case of conflict between the Italian Version and English Version, the English version shall prevail.
- 1.5 **CODE OF CONDUCT - professional foul.**

Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official, organizing committee member, Class official and other competitors, including the participation as party or witnesses in protest hearing or investigations. It is mandatory to participate to the social events and to any official meeting. The penalty for a breach to this SI can be a scoring penalty but also a disqualification or other disciplinary actions.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located **near the Race Office at the Regatta Village.**

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09.00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signal made ashore will be displayed at the flag-pole located **near the Race Office at the Regatta Village.**
- 4.2 (a) When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

(b) When together with the signal as per 4.2a) the letter "H" is displayed the competitors are forbidden to leave the dock until the signal is lowered.
- 4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing:

Thursday, July 14th

09.00-12.30 and 14.30-18.00 Registration, Weight & Measurements

Friday, July 15th

09.00 – 10.00 Registration, Weight & Measurements

10.00 Deadline of registration

10.00 Skipper Briefing

13.00 First Warning Signal

After races Pasta Party

Saturday, July 16st

Races

After races Pasta Party

Sunday, July 17nd

Races

After Races Prize giving and Pasta Party

5.2 Number of races:

A maximum of **8 races** is planned. 3 races are planned on each sailing day.

5.3 The scheduled time of warning signal for the first race of Day 1 is **13:00**.

5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made

5.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 14.30.

6 CLASS FLAG

Class Flag will be the hosting Yacht Club Flag.

7 RACING AREAS

Races will be held in the **water in front of the town hosting the event**.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 Course 1

Start – W – WO – Gate – W – WO – Finish (Downwind).

8.2 Course 2

Start – WI – W – WI – Gate – WI – W – WI – Finish (Downwind).

The Race Committee will lay Mark W approximately 50 meters to windward of Mark WI. Boats shall pass in order Marks WI, W and then WI to port before proceeding to the Gate. In the event of a change of course under RRS 33, Mark WI will be a Mark Boat displaying Mike flag without sound signal.

8.3 Course 3

Start – WI – W – WO - WI – Gate – WI – W – WO - WI – Finish (Downwind).

The Race Committee will lay Mark W approximately 50 meters to windward of Mark WI. Boats shall pass in order Marks WI, W, WO and then WI to port before proceeding to the Gate. In the event of a change of course under RRS 33, Mark WI will be a Mark Boat displaying Mike flag without sound signal.

8.4 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course number and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

8.5 Courses can be shortened provided that-a shortened race has a minimum of 3 legs.

The legs described as follows are not legs on the purpose of SI 8.5:

W – WO; WI – W, W – WI, WO – WI.

This changes rule 32.

9 MARKS

- 9.1** Marks W / WI / WO will be cylindrical inflatable ORANGE buoy. GS / GP will be cylindrical inflatable YELLOW buoy.
- 9.2** <spare>
- 9.3** <spare>
- 9.4** The starting and finishing Mark will be RC boats on both end of the line.
- 9.5** All the marks, except the gate, shall be left to port.
- 9.6** New marks W, WI as described in SI 12.1 will be cylindrical inflatable GREEN buoy. Mark WO will be reallocated, or substituted by a rubber boat with a MIKE flag.
- 9.7** A race committee boat signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

In case of Sailing forbidden area these will be notified on the Official Notice Board.

When these areas are notified, these will be considered “obstruction” as per definition & related application of RRS 19 & 20.

11 THE START

- 11.1** Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC starting vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC pin-end vessel or a spare buoy at the port end.
- 11.3** A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scores DID NOT START without a hearing. This changes rule A 4.
- 11.4** The Race Committee may communicate by radio **VHF 72** individual and general recalls. In such case, bow numbers, sail numbers or boat names may be called out for their identification. Delay in the radio communication of these calls, or the order in which they are made, or any omission or failure in the emission or reception of these, shall not be grounds for a request for redress. (This modifies RRS 62.1.a). This rule does not reduce, modify or exonerate each boat’s responsibility to start in accordance with the RRS.
- 11.5** “If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat’s hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed. This changes RRS 26, 63.1 and A5. RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall) does not apply. The scoring abbreviation under this rule is UFD. This changes A11 Scoring Abbreviation.
- 11.6** Boats to be scored BFD or UFD under SI 11.5 will be hailed as described in SI 11.4. If hailed, such boats are to remove themselves from the race course at the first reasonable opportunity. Failure to do so will result in a black flag umpire penalty per SI Q3.1(c), at which time the penalized boat(s) shall promptly leave the course area.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the gate and/or the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. Offset mark will be re-located.

If the Race Committee decides to change the position of the leeward mark (gate), the original gate marks will be relocated. If the Leeward mark is to be one only mark, this one shall be left to port.

When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

- 12.2** Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.
- 13 THE FINISH**
- 13.1** The finishing line will be between a staffs displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC pin-end vessel.
In case of absence of the pin-end vessel the finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel and the finishing mark.
- 14 PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed to read:**
44.1 Taking a Penalty
(a) A boat may take a Two-Turns Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing within the zone of a mark.
(b) A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing outside the zone of a mark or rule 31.
(c) However, if a boat caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.
RRS 44.2 is changed to read:
44.2 One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties
After getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible, a boat takes a One-Turn or Two-Turns Penalty by promptly making the required number of turns in the same direction, each turn including one tack and one gybe. However, unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties within the zone of the windward mark or penalties on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. When a boat takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing.
- 14.2** Umpiring procedure:
a) One or more Judges may be positioned on the course area on boats displaying letter “J”.
Actions or lack of actions, positioning on the course or any possible interference by Judges shall not be, in any case, grounds for requesting a hearing or redress.
b) A flag “U” displayed on the RC vessel before of at the warning signal means no umpire is on the water and SI from 14.3 to 14.9 will not apply.
- 14.3** A boat may protest another boat, informing her at the first reasonable opportunity, under a rule of Part 2, except rule 14, or under rule 31.1 or 42 by hailing ‘Protest’ and conspicuously displaying a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity after an incident in which she was involved in or she saw. She shall remove the flag as soon as possible after the protested boat has taken her penalty. In case no penalty will be taken she shall keep the flag displayed until she has informed the RC after finishing or retiring. The protest flag, to be considered valid, shall be set on the backstay above the block.
- 14.4** If after a protest no boat takes a penalty the Judge on the water will signal his decision as follows:
(a) A green flag or a green and white flag with one long sound means ‘No penalty.’
Protest is dismissed.
(b) A red flag with one long sound means ‘The identified boat is penalised one turn as per RRS 44.1 and 44.2 changed by SI 1.2”
(c) A red flag with two long sounds means ‘The identified boat is penalised two turns as per RRS 44.1 and 44.2 changed by SI 1.2”
(d)A yellow flag with one long sound means “No decision can be taken” the protesting boat can follow the procedure as per SI 14.3 and SI 16.

(e) A black flag with one long sound means 'The identified boat is disqualified. The boat shall promptly leave the course area.

14.5 The Judge shall hail or signal to identify each boat to be penalised.

Penalty information may be signalled by radio on the channel the RC decided for OCS warning as per SI.

14.6 Umpire actions and umpire initiated penalties.

(a) The Judge on the water may act against a boat, without a protest by another boat, when breaks RRS 31, 42, C11 of Melges24 Class Rules, RRS 14 when there is damage or injury or if she failed to retire when rule 44.1 required her to do so.

(b) When a boat fails to take the penalty if required by the Judge on the water as per SI 14.4, she can be protested through a standard procedure. If in case of hearing she shall be disqualified, the boat shall be scored DNE on that race.

(c) A boat that infringed RRS 14, in case of serious damage or injured people, may be disqualified with or without scoring exclusion, or penalised in any way after a hearing ashore.

14.7 A boat that accepted and made a correct penalty while racing shall not be entitled to lodge any protest concerning the same incident with exception of RRS14 infringements. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

A boat that protested an other boat that accepted and took a penalty while racing shall not be entitled to lodge any protest concerning the same incident with exception of RRS14 or when rule 44.1 required the protested boat to retire. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

14.8 There shall be no request for redress or reopening by a boat arising from a decision, action or non-action by the Judge on the water or for Part 2 rule infringements not discussed in a hearing. This change RRS 60.1(b), 60.2(b) 60.3(b) and 66.

14.9 For the purpose of the umpiring procedure the boat length is intended as the length of the the hull, without considering any extension.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 Time limits and target time are as follow :

<i>Class</i>	<i>Target Time</i>	<i>Time limit</i>	<i>Time limit for Mark 1</i>
Melges 24	50'	80'	20'

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This change rule 62.1(a).

15.2 The boats not finishing within 20' from the finish of the first boat, will be classified as "DNF Not Finished" without hearing. This change rule 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protest forms will be delivered at the race office within the protest time limit

16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. [The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress.

16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or [protest committee] [jury] will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16.5 Breaches of SI points 18 and 22 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

16.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous da or not later then

30 minutes after the requesting party was informed on the decision of that day. This changes rule 66.

- 16.7** The protest time limit for ISAF Sailor Classification matter will be the protest time limit of the first racing day.
- 16.8** Protest shall be discussed at the Jury room close to the Club.
- 16.9** A boat that desires to deliver a protest for an infringement on the water shall keep the flag displayed until she has informed the RC staff, that will confirm the message, after finishing or retiring. No communication may compromise the validity of the protest. Radio communication in that case will be permitted and accepted. This modifies RRS 61.1(a) and 63.5.
- 16.10** On the last day of racing the Protests will be discussed with the arbitration system. Arbitration system will apply as follows: Before the beginning of any hearing, the parties of a protest shall participate in an arbitration hearing with the judge in charge of this subject. The penalty will be 20 % of the entries added to the score (except that for any breach of part 2 inside the zone the penalty will be 30% of the entries added to the score). The arbitrator is allowed to consider the arbitration system improper for the case and refer the matter to a formal hearing. During the arbitration hearing witnesses are not allowed except for the Judges that have signalled a yellow flag as per SI 14.4. The procedure shall be held on the Jury rib during the coming back and on the dock.
- 16.11** On the last scheduled racing day a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This change rule 66.
- 16.12** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

17 SCORING

- 17.1** The scoring system will be the Low Point scoring system.
- 17.2** One (1) race is needed for the regatta to be scored as a single event.
- 17.3** (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.2** Boats not leaving the harbor for the races of the day (DNC) shall inform the race office as soon as possible.
- 18.3** Boats not starting or retiring from a race (DNS - DNF) shall inform the race office or the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.4** All boats shall return only to their allocated moorings.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21 EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority as per Annex 1 of Notice of Race.

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

The official boats will be identified by displaying flags as follows:

Race Committee Boat	Yacht Club flag
Measurer Boat	White flag with a "M"
Media	White flag "PRESS"

23 SUPPORT BOATS

23.1 Coach boats shall display a yellow flag with a black "S". The flag will be supplied by the Club.

23.2 Appendix B1 (IMCA Event Regulation Requirements) and improvement at point # 8, in capitol letters, will apply

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

No materials will be abandoned on the water before the race, while racing or after the race (RRS 55).

25 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

26 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

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28 PRIZES

Prices will be given as per Notice of Race.

29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

30 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1.500.000 € per incident or the equivalent.

31 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

(a) The OA may require media personnel, equipments and electronic devices to be carried on board at any time.

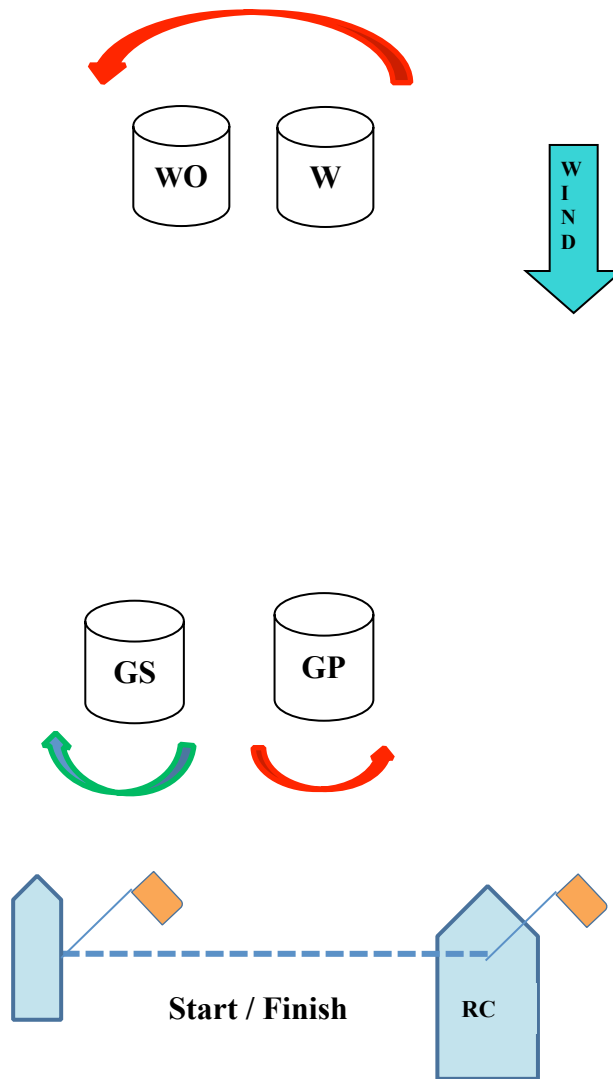
(b) The position of these personnel and equipment will be determined by the RC and may be advised verbally.

(c) The OA shall have the right to use any image, sound recorded and navigation data.

Appendix A

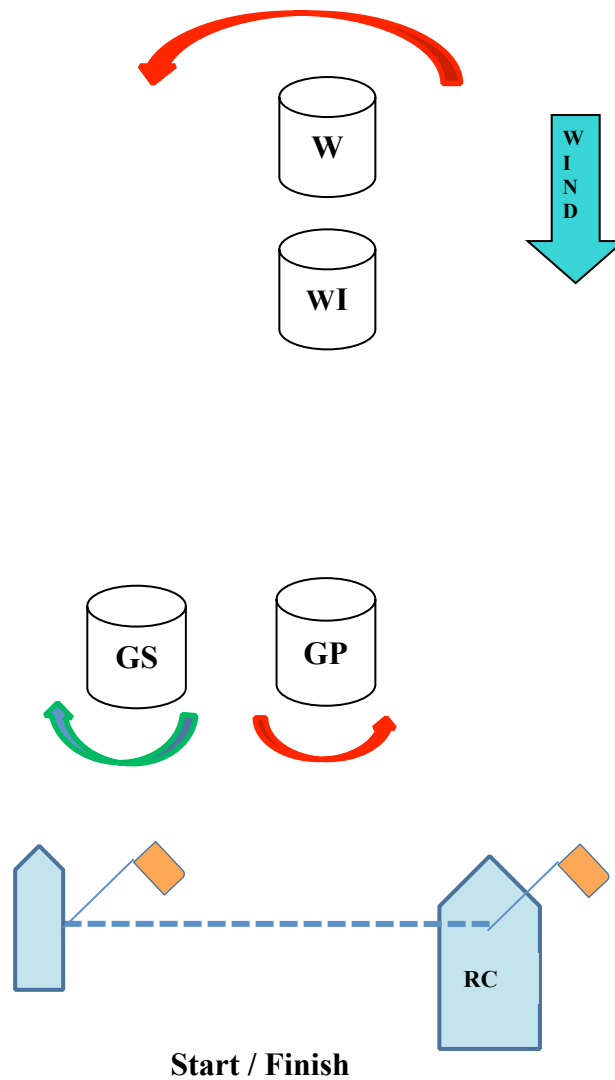
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COURSE 1



Start – W – WO – Gate – W – WO – Finish (Downwind).

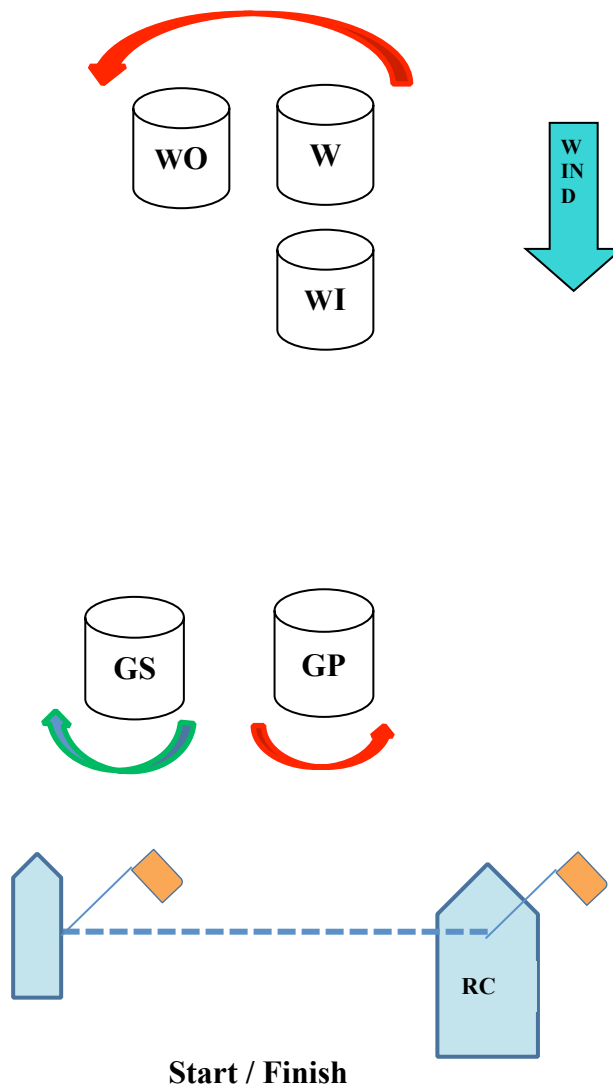
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COURSE 3



Start – WI – W – WO - WI – Gate – WI – W – WO - WI – Finish (Downwind).

The Race Committee will lay Mark W approximately 50 meters to windward of Mark WI. Boats shall pass in order WI, W, WO and then WI to port before proceeding to the Gate. In the event of a change of course under RRS 33, Mark WI will be a Mark Boat displaying Mike flag without sound signal.