



**CIRCOLO VELA ARCO**



# International 18 Footer League

## European Championship 2025



June, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

On behalf of the Italian Sailing Federation (FIV) the OA is  
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## NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

*It is recalled the Basic Principle which states: "Participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing", it is recommended that care be taken to always protect the environment during and after the event. Especially attention is drawn to RRS 47 -TRASH DISPOSAL- which states: "Competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule always applies while afloat. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be less than disqualification".*

### COMMUNICATIONS

*The event official notice board and all the notices are online and posted at*  
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/11812/event>





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## 1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority for the Regatta is the Circolo Vela Arco a.s.d.

Via Lungo Sarca, 20 - 38062 ARCO TN, in conjunction with the International 18foot Skiff Association.

The event will be held on the waterfront of Circolo Vela Arco.

## 2. RULES

2.1 The Regatta will be governed by:

- The World Sailing 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS),
- the rules of the International 18foot Skiff Association,
- the Notice of Race / Sailing Instructions.

Where there is any conflict in wording the English text of the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2.2 **The entry fee is € 550,00** if registration will be made through the web site :

<https://www.circolovelaarco.com/cva/regate/2025/international-18-footer-league-european-championship> together with the payment before **20 June 2025**.

2.3 Penalty for infringement of a Rule of Part 2 will be **one turn penalty** to include one tack and a gybe. If the penalty is incurred whilst sailing downwind with the spinnaker flying the penalty shall be taken before rounding the leeward mark, or if approaching the finishing line to finish, before crossing the finish (altering RRS 44).

2.4 Competitor may be required from the organizing authority to display advertising stickers on both sides of the hull during the whole event.

2.5 Touching a mark (other than a starting or finish line mark) with any part of the boat or crew shall not constitute an infringement of the Rules and does not require 1 turn; Manhandling a mark which results in an advantage is not allowed nor is displacing it and a boat so doing shall promptly retire. If a boat touches a start or finish mark they shall complete a 1 turn penalty (altering RRS 31.2).

2.6 Each crew member must wear a personal safety knife attached to the trapeze harness;  
A knife must be attached on the rudder gantry for safety reasons!

2.7 Boats shall have a distinguishing mark on each mainsail. Such mark shall be approved by the Organising Authority and this distinguishing mark shall not be changed without prior approval of the Organising Authority.

## 3. ENTRIES

Eligible boats of the 18foot Skiff Association shall be entered by completing the registration form on the website of <https://www.circolovelaarco.com/cva/regate/2025/international-18-footer-league-european-championship> until **June 20<sup>th</sup>**.

## 4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the on-line Official Notice Board  
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/11812/event>

4.2 All notices, including changes in the Sailing Instructions, requests and decisions of the Jury will be posted on the online Notice Board: <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/11812/event>  
It is competitor's obligation to consult the Notice Board before and after every Race.



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## 5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00hrs of the previous day

## 6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpole at the boat park.
- 6.2 Code flag "AP" hoisted with two sound signals means: "The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after "AP" is lowered" with one sound signal.
- 6.3 Code flag "L" hoisted with one sound signal means: "A change to the Sailing Instructions has been posted".

## 7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 The warning signal for the first race of the day will be made at 1pm.

Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup> June	9-12/2-5 pm	Check Registrations
Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	11am	Short Briefing
	1pm	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Warning Signal &amp; Races</b>
		Pasta party after the races
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> June		Races & Pasta Party after races
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> June		Races
	6.30 pm	Buffet Dinner
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> June		Races & Pasta Party after races
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> June		Races & Prize giving

- 7.2 No warning signal will be made after 4pm on the last day of racing. The time of the warning signal for the races of the following days will be given by a notice on the official notice board before 8 pm the day before it will take effect. 2-3 races per day are planned. The maximum number of races per day is 4.

## 8. CLASS FLAG

Class flag: Orange flag with 18FT logo

## 9. RACING AREAS

The racing areas will be in province Trentino of the North Lake Garda.

## 10. THE COURSES

- 10.1 The courses will be windward / leeward. The diagram in Annex A shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be rounded and the side to which they are to be left. The gate has only to be passed down wind.



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10.2 The approximate compass bearing of windward mark will not be displayed on the Race Committee signal boat at starting line.

10.3 The course will not be shortened before passing the third mark.

## 11. MARKS

11.1 The windward mark and the leeward mark will be electric geo-localized buoys of the color **ORANGE**. The mark at the start and at the finish is **RED**.

## 12. THE START

12.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26

12.2 The starting line will be between a mast displaying an **ORANGE** flag on the Race Committee signal boat and a **PINK** electric inflatable buoy. If conditions require the Race Committee boat can keep station on the starting line with their engines on.

## 13. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

Shortening of course: When a committee boat is showing code flag "S" followed by acoustic signals (horn) the course is shortened and finishing is between the next mark and a committee boat displaying code flag "S".

## 14. THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be between a mast displaying a **BLUE** flag on the Race Committee boat, when on station, and a **PINK** electric geo-localized inflatable buoy.

14.2 If conditions require the Race Committee boat can keep station on the finishing line with their engines on.

14.3 Code flag "G" when hoisted on the Race Committee boat at the finishing line means: "Another race will be sailed, as soon the present one ends".

## 15. TIME LIMIT

15.1 Boats shall start **within ten** minutes of the starting signal. Boats not starting within ten minutes of the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.1.

15.2 On days where one race is scheduled, the race time limit is three hours. On days where two races are scheduled, the race time limit is one hour.

15.3 The finishing window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. The finishing window:

(a) for a race where only one race is scheduled is the greater of the race time limit, or one hour after the finishing time of the first boat; and



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(b) for a race where more than one race is scheduled is 10 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat.

Boats failing to finish within the finishing window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This SI 7.3 changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

## 16. PROTESTS

- 16.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Regatta Office and lodged there within protest time.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is **60 minutes** after the last boat finishes the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and by the protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.3 The Jury/protest committee will hear protests, if possible, in the order of receipt and as soon as possible, after protest time limit.
- 16.4 Protest notices will be posted on the online **Official Notice Board within 15 minutes** after the end of protest time, notifying the parties and the named witnesses of the approximate order, time and place of the hearings.
- 16.5 Request to reopen a hearing on the last day, shall be lodged within 15 minutes after the protest decision have been posted or the end of protest time, whichever is the later (altering RRS 66).

## 17. SCORING

The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A will apply. At least 3 races shall be completed to constitute valid series. If 4 or more races are completed, there will be one discard. If 9 or more races are completed, there will be 2 discards. The number of races scheduled is max 15 races.

## 18. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at least to each crew-member of the boats placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the final score and 1st Prize European Champion for the best European Team.

## 19. CHANGES OF CREW

Any change of crew must be previously permitted, by written, by The Race Committee.

## 20. LIABILITY

The safety of the boat and its entire management shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the yacht, who must ensure that yacht and crews are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither the establishment of the sailing, nor any inspection



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of the boat in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner competitor for his crew, his boat and the management thereof.

Neither the Organizing Authority, its officers, employees or agents nor the Race Committee shall be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, howsoever caused to the owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his yacht for the regatta.

In the event that assistance is rendered to any competitor no liability is accepted by the Organizing Authority, the Race Committee or the person rendering assistance.

**Each owner/skipper must have a third party risk insurance policy. (min 1,500,00.- Euro)**

## 21. SAFETY

Each boat must have a safety knife on the rudder gantry for safety!

Each crew member must wear a safety knife!

## 22. SUPPORT BOATS

Motorboats are generally prohibited to sail on the northern part of Lake Garda. However, during this event, a special permit to use such boats may be given (producing the required documents) by the Circolo Vela Arco if team leaders and coaches agree to the following rules:

- maximum 2 people are allowed on the motorboat;
- to follow all instructions given by the Race Committee underwriting the proper form by the Secretary Office of the Circolo Vela Arco.

The required documents are:

- engine registration document of the rib (engine brand name – engine serial number);
- current insurance of the engine;
- driver's identity document or navigation license, if the engine is 40.8 HP or more;

Pick up at the office the navigation permit and the flag to keep on the motorboats (refundable deposit of € 20.00)

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### Flags and start warning

5 min	18class flag one shot
4 min	flag "P" (flag "I", flag "Z" or "U": boat over line disq, black flag: disq if over line or extension no restart if general recall) one horn
1 min	horn
start	horn

after the race "code flag "G" means one more race

**code flag "L" means follow this boat – one horn**

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Annex A

## RACE Course 18 footers

WIND



orange



Start

GATE



... Finish

Rc boat

2a



2b



2

COURSE 2 Start - 1a - 1b - GATE - 2a/2b - 1a - 1b - Finish



3

COURSE 3 Start - 1a - 1b - GATE - 2a/2b - 1a - 1b - GATE - 2a/2b - 1a - 1b - Finish

General information







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## A) THE CLUB

Circolo Vela Arco is situated between Riva Del Garda and Torbole, which is in the Northern part of Lake Garda in Northern Italy. The town of Arco is particularly attractive and has a wide range of shops, bars and interesting restaurants. For non-sailing friends there's a lot to do on holiday including mountain biking, windsurfing, hill climbing, canyoning, beach activities (pebbly), canoeing etc. The majority of which are all available within a short drive to the town centre. One of the features of this end of the lake (in Trentino) is that no motorboats are allowed (other than ferries or rescue boats) which helps to keep the noise levels down and the dreaded jet-skiers out of the picture.

So if you have friends or relatives interested in "sharing" your holiday – bring them along.

## B) TRAVEL & TRANSFERS

Airports to head for are Verona Catullo Airport (80 km) - Bergamo Airport Orio (130 km) - Milano Linate Airport (150 km) - Milano Malpensa Airport (160 km) – Venice Marco Polo Airport (190 km) – Treviso Airport (200 km) - Innsbruck Airport in Austria (220 km), all of which can be reached by a number of cheap airlines e.g. Ryanair or EasyJet.

The nearest Airport to Arco is "Verona Catullo".

On arrival at the airport of Verona the next issue is transport to / from Arco or Riva del Garda. Options include:

- Bus Verona – Garda - Riva del Garda. For more info see:

<https://www.atv.verona.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/EN/IDPagina/77>

- Railway Verona - Rovereto

From Rovereto to Riva del Garda or Arco there is no railway service but buses connect the two towns nearly every hour (for more info see: <https://www.trentinotrasporti.it/en/#find-a-bus-stop>)

If driving from the Airport Verona then follow the A4 direction east to the A22 North - Brennero, and exit at the Rovereto Sud exit (toll fee).

### Taxi services:

- Taxi Alto Garda - Riva del Garda - Tel 0039 (0)464 557044

- Eugenio FAVA – Arco - Tel 0039 333 1493219

- Shuttle transfer & taxi FLORIN - Tel 0039 327 5312555 or 0039 347 0797895

## C) ACCOMMODATION

You can find a booking request form on the organizing club web site <https://www.circolovelaaarco.it/prenota-hotel> Your request will be sent to all the near hotels, campings, B&B and other accommodation services and they will answer you directly with their offer.

We suggest you to book your accommodation with very large advance, as the championship will be held in the touristic high season.

You can also check the tourism office website:

[https://www.visittrentino.info/en/trentino/resorts-towns/riva-del-garda\\_md\\_271](https://www.visittrentino.info/en/trentino/resorts-towns/riva-del-garda_md_271)

## D) VENUE

Thanks to the lake Arco benefits summer weather conditions from a Mediterranean climate. In August temperature can reach 30°/33° degrees during the day.

Wind / Racing: Northern Lake Garda is well known for being a "sailing" Mecca, largely due to the thermally generated "Ora" wind that kicks in from the south usually around 12-1pm and builds regularly up to a F4 and occasionally up to a F6-F7. This places an emphasis on strong boat handling as well as speed in these conditions. Conventional theory is that "there's more breeze nearer the cliffs" but that only holds true some of the time and also depends on the racing area you use. Occasionally you get thunderstorms rolling around the mountains and the clouds and drop in temperature can prevent the "Ora" from kicking in and if the light northerly or "Peler" is in place racing does sometimes take place in the 'wrong direction', which emphasises a range of different skill sets.

## E) NAUTICA SUPPLIERS

- Negri nautica Store - Via Matteotti 90 - Torbole - tel +39 0464 710774 - [www.negrinautica.com](http://www.negrinautica.com)

- Oradini Sport – Via Gardesana, 23 – Arco – tel +39 0464 505080 – [www.oradinisport.com](http://www.oradinisport.com)

- Best Wind – Via Padova, 5 – Riva del Garda – tel +39 0464 755070 – [www.bestwind.it](http://www.bestwind.it)

- Seatex - Via Strada Granda 25/25a – Torbole sul Garda tel +39 0464 506050

Website: [www.seatexsails.com](http://www.seatexsails.com)

- Raf Wind – Via Strada Piccola – Torbole sul Garda - tel +39 340 7757978

- Torbole Sails – Via San Nazzaro, 2 – Riva del Garda – tel +39 346 2888625 [www.torbolesails.com](http://www.torbolesails.com)