

# ORA CUP ORA 2025

## ARCO - LAKE GARDA August, 08<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 2025

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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(CADETTI 2015/2016 & JUNIORES 2010-2014)

<b>SP</b>	<b>Denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1;</b>
<b>NP</b>	<b>Rules that may not be ground of protests between boats (this changes RRS 60.1)</b>

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 See NoR Rule 1.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the Italian National Authority will apply.
- 1.3 Furthermore, Changes to Racing Rules:
  - a) A boat that starts in the wrong fleet will be scored DNE without a hearing. This changes RRS 60.5(b)(3). [NP]
  - b) A boat obstructing or interfering with boats racing in a different fleet will get 30 points of penalty without a hearing. This changes RRS 60.5(b)(3). [NP]
  - c) A boat that does not comply with NoR Rule 15 and the OA instructions for hauling and launching, will get 30 points of penalty in the closest race, without a hearing. This changes RRS 60.5(b)(3). In case of further infringements, the Jury may act under RRS 69. [NP]
  - d) A boat displaying sail number and/or national letters other than the registered ones for the event, without having received authorization, will be scored as DNC without hearing (RRS 60.5(b)(3)). That boat is not entitled to request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and G4. [NP]
  - e) A boat on leg 3, from Mark 2 to Mark 3S/P, shall leave the line between the RC vessel and the finishing mark or the RC vessel will act as finishing mark, intended as an obstruction for the purpose of RRS, to port and shall not cross that line. In case of infringement, the boat will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1. [NP]
- 1.4 North Garda Lake Regulations require sailing boats to keep clear of ferryboats at all times.

### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not later than 60 minutes before the warning signal of the race it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8:00 pm on the day before it will take effect.

### 3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB located at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/11578/event>
- 3.2 The results will be posted online.

- 3.3 The OA suggests the use of the Web site version avoiding the proper APP because not stable and often failing.
- 3.4 Any failure on sailing instruction 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 3.5 The Race Office is located at the Club, telephone +39-0464-505086, email address info@circolovelaarco.com.
- 3.6 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the at the Club flagpole, placed at the south-west corner of the boat park.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes'. This changes Race Signal AP.
- 4.3 [DP] [NP] Flag D with one sound means: "the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag is displayed or not before the scheduled time, whichever is later". Boats are requested not to leave the berthing places until the signal is made. This changes the Race Signals.

## 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 (a) Racing is scheduled as follows:

Date	Juniors	Time of the first warning signal of the day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	Qualifying Series	13.00 for Juniors and Cadetti
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Qualifying Series	Races
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Final Series	Races

- (b) If at the end of racing on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August all fleets have completed a minimum of 4 races, the qualification series will be finished and boats will race the final series on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August. However, if one or more fleets have not completed a minimum of 4 races, the final series will be cancelled and boats will continue to sail according to the qualification series format until the end of the event. No final series for Cadetti.

- 5.2 On the scheduled days of racing subsequent Friday, 8th August the time of the warning signal for the 1st race will be posted on the ONB before 8.00 pm of the day before it will take effect.
- 5.3 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 4.00 pm.
- 5.4 No more than 3 races can be sailed on each scheduled day of racing. A maximum of 9 races is scheduled.
- 5.5 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed. This is an addition to Race Signals.
- 5.6 When more than one race or sequence or races, for two or more fleets, will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

## 6 FORMAT OF RACING

- 6.1 The event is split into fleets and the regatta format will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.

Number of fleets Juniors	4
Colors in Qualifying series	Yellow, Blue, Red, Green
Colors in Final series	Gold (yellow), Silver (blue), Bronze (red), Emerald (green)

Unless otherwise signalled from the RC start vessel, fleets will start in the order stated above. The above does not apply to Cadetti that will race as a single fleet with color identifying Pink.

### 6.2 Qualifying-Series

- (a) Fleets will be as much as possible equal in number and quality.
- (b) The first list will be published by 11:00 am on 8 August.
- (c) Boat assignment will be based on the last ranking when it is practicable.
- (d) When either an updated ranking is not available or the Committee in charge (composed of a PC member, a RC member and a representative of the OA) finds that the ranking is not 'fair', the assignment will be made by other means, including a random seeding.

Assignment scheme:

Rank	Juniores
First	Yellow
Second	Blue
Third	Red
Fourth	Green
Fifth	Green
Sixth	Red
Seventh	Blue
Eight	Yellow
Ninth	Yellow
Tenth	Blue

and so on.

- (e) By 8:00 pm on scheduled race day, boats will be assigned to new fleets according to the same scheme as above, without regard to decisions resulting from protests, requests for redress or reopening notified after that time. In case of only one race on the first scheduled day of racing, boats will be assigned to new fleets randomly.
- (f) If all boats have sailed the same number of races, the assignment will be based on the provisional ranking of the day. However, if number of races is not the same, the assignment will be based on the last race sailed by all boats.
- (g) If at the end of a scheduled day of racing one fleet had sailed fewer races than another fleet in the Qualifying Series, the next day the race of the fleet late in the schedule will be sailed first; that race shall not be counted among the races scheduled that day. After that race has been sailed, the ribbons will be changed on the water and the scheduled races will be sailed with the new fleets.
- (h) If, at the end of the Qualifying Series, some boats had sailed more races than others, the scores of the last races in chronological order will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of scores.

## 6.3 Final-Series

- (a) Boats will be assigned to fleets according to their ranking in the Qualifying Series. Boats with the best qualifying-series ranks will race all final-series races in the Gold fleet, boats with the next-best qualifying-series ranks will race in the Silver fleet, and so on. No fleet shall be larger than the Gold fleet.
- (b) After boats have been assigned to the Final Series, any recalculation of the Qualifying Series shall have no effect on assignment to the Final Series except for a request for redress promoting a boat to a higher fleet. Only boats that have been granted for redress may change fleet and only before the warning signal of the first race in the Final Series.
- (c) During the Final Series, each fleet may sail a different number of races, and this will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

## 7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The class flags will be the flags in the colour identifying a fleet (see SI 6.1).

## 8 RACING AREAS

- 8.1 The racing area is the north part of Garda Lake.

## 9 THE COURSE

- 9.1 The diagram in SI Attachment A shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 Course may be shortened not before the third leg. This changes RRS 32.

## 10 MARKS

- 10.1 Starting marks will be: RC boat in the middle (Boat C), Boat R on right side and Boat L on left side.
- 10.2 The waiting area marks line (see SI 11.3) will be defined by 2 orange buoys with staff displaying white flag.
- 10.3 Course marks will be robotic marks:
- Mark 1 RED
  - Mark 2 RED
  - Gate 3p +3s RED
- 10.4 Should a mark of the leeward gate (3P-3S) be missing, the single mark shall be left to port. This changes RRS 34.

## 11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started according to the procedure explained in the following sailing instruction.

-5 min	Warning signal	Class Flag displayed
-4 min	Preparatory signal	U or Black displayed
-3 min	UFD or BFD signal	U or Black removed
0	Starting signal	Class flag removed

- 11.2 The starting line will be between the staffs displaying orange flag on Boat C and Boat L and between the staffs displaying orange flag on Boats C and Boat R. Boat C may not be in a straight line between Boat L and Boat R. For the purpose of RRS 30 or SI 11.7, the port and starboard ends of the starting line are respectively Boat L and Boat R displaying the orange flag staff.
- 11.3 Waiting area definition: the waiting area windward boundary will be a line crossing 2 orange buoys with staff displaying white flag and his extensions.
- 11.4 The preparatory signal will be removed 3 minutes before the start. This changes the RRS 26.
- 11.5 Once the starting sequence for the first fleet has started, all boats from other fleets shall remain in the Waiting Area. [NP]
- 11.6 Boats that have finished shall return directly to the waiting area or ashore, keeping well clear of all boats racing and of all boats whose warning signal has been made. [NP]
- 11.7 If flag U or Black Flag has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of the boat's hull shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last three minutes before her starting signal. This changes RRS 30.3 and RRS 30.4.
- 11.8 A Race Committee Boat displaying "General recall" flag may pass to windward of the fleet in the event of an abandonment, postponement or general recall which means: "The Race Committee has signalled an abandonment, postponement or general recall. Boats have to return to the starting area immediately".
- 11.9 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 60.5 (b) (3), A4 e A5.

## 12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between the staffs displaying blue flags on the finishing RC vessel, on starboard end, and on the nearby RC vessel, on the port end.

## 13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 No change of course is provided in this event. This changes RRS 33.

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM – RETIREMENTS

- 14.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31 or 44.1 (but not under appendix P), or did not finish, or a boat retiring after finishing, shall complete an acknowledgement form **online** within the protest time limit. [NP][DP] <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/11578/event>
- 14.2 **RRS Appendix P will apply to all categories.**

## 15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIME

- 15.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), the Finishing Window and the Target Time are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window	Target Time
30 minutes	70 minutes	20 minutes	40/45 minutes

- 15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 60.5(b)(3), A4 e A5.
- 15.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

## 16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Hearing request forms are available at the ONB online <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/11578/event> using the item FILE A HEARING REQUEST in the menu.
- 16.2 Protest time limits: for each fleet the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that fleet has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the ONB.
- 16.3 Requests for a hearing (protest or redress) must be submitted through the [racingrulesofsailing.org](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/11578/event) at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/11578/event> within the time limit. Submissions of hearing requests into this system will be considered as delivered to the Protest Committee. Once delivered, a hearing will be automatically listed on the list of pending hearings. If this does not show, then the hearing request has not been received.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located aside the race office.
- 16.5 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted every day.
- 16.6 "Intention to Protest" is changed to: If the protester is a boat, she shall call "Protest!" at the first reasonable opportunity. In addition, at the finishing line, immediately after finishing or as soon as practicable after she retires, the protesting boat shall inform the RC of her intention to protest by giving the number of the boat(s) she intends to protest. To inform the RC of the protested boat(s), the protesting boat shall approach the starboard side of the arrival boat RC.
- 16.7 Breaches of instructions 1.3 **Errore. L'origine riferimento non è stata trovata.**a)b)c)d), 11.5, 11.6, 20, 21 and under RRS 42 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1. [NP]
- 16.8 Penalties for these breaches (except breaches of instructions 1.3 **Errore. L'origine riferimento non è stata trovata.**a)b)c)d), 11.5 and/or 11.6) may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed will be DPI.

## 17 SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2 RRS A5.2 is changed so that the scores in the qualifying series are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.
- 17.3 To request a correction of an alleged error in a posted race or series results, a competitor shall complete a Scoring Inquiry Form available on line. The chairman of the "Race Committee", or one of his delegates, is in charge to sort out the matter without a formal hearing.
- (a) Any request shall be lodged within 1 hour from the posted contested race score.
- (b) During the last day of the event the time limit is 1 hour after posting the final scoring.
- 17.4 Four races are required to be completed by each fleet to constitute a qualifying series (see SI 5.1(b)). This does not apply to Cadetti.
- 17.5 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.6 **Discards**  
A boat series score shall be the total of her race scores, except that some scores will be excluded as follows:
- (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed in the Qualification Series, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 4 or more races have been completed in the Qualification Series, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.



17.7 If the Final Series is sailed, no score from that series shall be excluded from a boat's series score.

## 18 SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP] [DP]

18.1 Any boat that retires shall inform the RC or OA (+39-0464-505.086) as soon as possible after retiring and fill in the form available at the ONB online <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/11578/event> using the item PENALTY REPORT in the menu. Should the system be out of order, send the report via email to the address [info@circolovelaarco.com](mailto:info@circolovelaarco.com)

18.2 If the RC displays Flag V and communicate on VHF channel 72, any boat shall reach promptly the closer official vessel, or Support Person Boats or the harbour.

## 19 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

19.1 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race, by filling in the form available at the ONB online at the item EQUIPMENT SUBSTITUTION in the menu. If not practicable to fill in the form at the moment of the request, the boat can be authorized orally by the RC and fill in the form at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 20 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [NP]

20.1 See NoR Rule 9.

## 21 OFFICIAL BOATS

21.1 Official boats will be identified as follows:

OFFICIAL BOAT	FLAG
Race Committee	White flag with "RC"
Jury	Yellow Flag with "J"
Assistance Boats	White Flag with S e number (1-10)
Technical Committee	White Flag with "M"
Medical Assistance	White flag with red cross
Media / Press	White Flag with "P"
Support boats	Yellow Flag with S
Patrol/Safety Vessel	White Flag with RC

21.2 Actions by official boats shall not be grounds for requesting redress by a boat. This changes RRS 61.1(a)

## 22 SUPPORT PERSON BOATS (SPB) [NP]

22.1 See NoR Rule 13.

22.2 While any boat is racing, the SPB:

a) shall stay in the Waiting Area (no less than 100 meters to leeward of the starting line and its extensions), from the time of the warning signal for a fleet to start until the starting signal of that fleet or the RC signals a postponement or a general recall

b) or alternatively, shall stay outside the Exclusion Zone as described in the Course Diagram of Attachment A

c) shall not produce wash by limiting their speed when motoring

d) shall not motor inside the racing area, except if there a good reason to do so.

22.3 SPB shall comply with reasonable requests from the Organizing Authority and Race Committee, are legally considered as assistance / rescue boats and must comply with any instructions given by those authorities or by the Police.

22.4 Safety equipment of support boats must comply with the applicable governmental rules.

22.5 VHF radio channel 72 will be frequency for communication between Race Committee and BPS.

## 23 TRASH DISPOSAL

23.1 Boats shall not throw trash in the water. Trash may be placed onboard support and official boats. Note new RRS 47. [NP] [DP]

## 24 PRIZES

24.1 See NoR Rule 18.

## 25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

25.1 See NoR Rule 16.

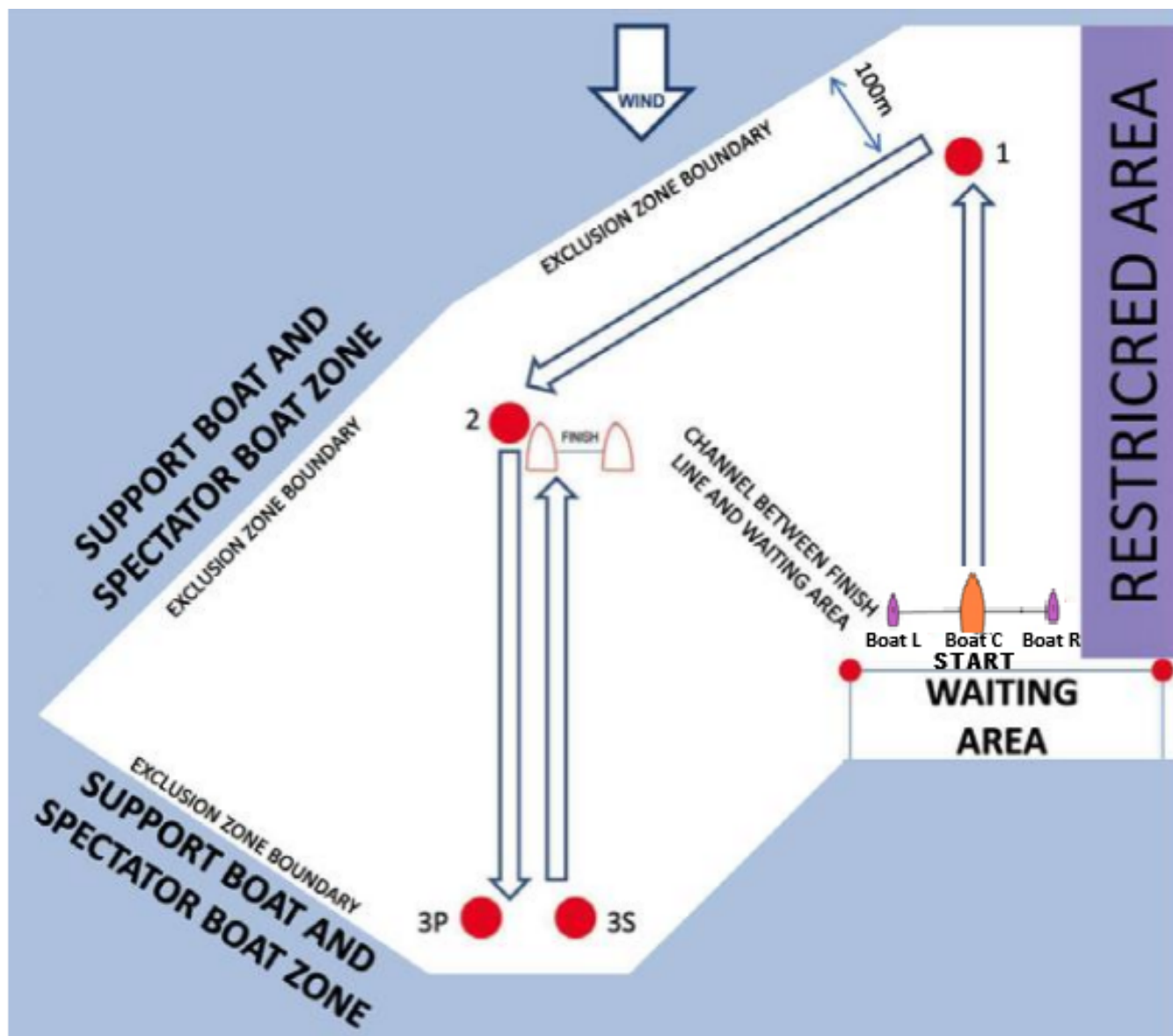
## 26 BERTHING

26.1 See NoR Rule 15.1 and 15.2.

## 27 INSURANCE

27.1 See NoR Rule 17.

## ATTACHMENT A - COURSE



COURSE: START - 1 (PORT) - 2 (PORT) - 3 S/3 P (GATE) – FINISH