



RS AERO EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the SIs means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

The notation '[SP]' in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of the *rule* may a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing.

1 RULES

- 1.1. RRS Race Signals AP, RRS 28.1, 32.1, 33, 35, **60.1**, **60.3(b)**, **61.4(b)(1)**, **61.2(a)**, A4, A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in these SIs.
- 1.2. In accordance with Class Rules C.10.4 and Class Rules Annex 2 the national letters and flag of the helm shall be used, except as provided in 15.1. National sail sticker flags will be available at the event registration.
- 1.3. In case of conflict between NOR and SI, the SI and the subsequent notice will take precedence; this modify **RRS 63.5(c)(2)**
- 1.4. Appendix T Arbitration will be applied.

2 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.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Online Notice Board (ONB) which can be found at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/10712/event>

No printed matter will be available

- 3.2 **[DP]** From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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.
- 3.3 The competitors WhatsApp group for open and **UNOFFICIAL** general event communications may be joined via this link; <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HC1ZHRIguj8LXreR3pc9Wo>. Errors or missed communications on this group will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS **61.1(a)**.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[NP] [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flagpole **near the boat ramp for trailers.**
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes Race Signals AP.
- 5.3. [NP] [DP] When Flag D is displayed ashore, the Warning Signal will be displayed no less than 45 minutes after the Flag D is displayed or not before the scheduled time, whichever is later. **Boats shall not leave the shore until this signal is displayed.** (supplement -RRS- Race Signals).

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Schedule of races as per Notice of Race (NoR) paragraph 8.

7. CLASS FLAGS

RS Aero 5	Black '5' on a Light Blue background
RS Aero 6	Black '6' on a Purple background
RS Aero 7	Black '7' on a Yellow background
RS Aero 9	Black '9' on a Pink background

8. RACING AREA

Annex 2.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Annex 1 show the courses, including the course signals, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed.
- 9.2 The course signals will be indicated on the side of the start line committee vessel no later than the warning signal.
- 9.3 The approximate compass bearing to the first mark may be displayed on the start line committee vessel no later than the warning signal.
- 9.4 If one of the two gate marks is missing and has not been replaced as described in RRS 34, then the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 All course marks will be self-positioning buoys. Marks:

RED: 1,2

ORANGE: 3p/3s , 4p/4s

GREEN: 5

- 10.2 *Starting marks* will be a race committee vessel displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and a vessel at the port end displaying an orange flag or **ORANGE BUOY.**
- 10.3 *Finishing marks* will be a race committee vessel displaying a blue flag and a vessel displaying a blue flag or **GREEN BUOY.**

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

Does not apply.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end RC vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end RC vessel, or Starting Mark (See 10.2)

- 12.2 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 A4 and A5.1.
- 12.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.

12.4 [DP] [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee may lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 13.2 Minor mark moves (**up to approximately 5 degrees and/or 10% in length**) may be made without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.
- 13.3 The Race Committee may also shorten the course after at least three or more legs have been completed. . This changes RRS 32.1.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a mast on the RC vessel displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and the *finishing mark* (See point 10.3) at the port-end.
- 14.1 [DP] [NP] After finishing and clearing the finishing line, boats shall keep clear of the finishing area and of all boats not yet finished.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

See NoR 12.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1. The target time for each race is 40 minutes for the lead boat in each class. Failure to meet the target time shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS **61.1(a)**.
- 16.2. The mark 1 time limit for each race is 30 minutes. If no boat has passed the first mark within the mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned. This shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS **61.1(a)**.
- 16.3. The race time limit for each race is 75 minutes. If no boat has finished within the race time limit, the race will be abandoned. This shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS **61.1(a)**.
- 16.4 Boats failing to finish within a 15 minute finishing window after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 For **each class** the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. This changes RRS 60.3 (b) and 61.2
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available at the following link <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/10712/event> or QR code.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit for each class to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room at the club house, between the secretary office and the meeting tent
- 17.4 Lists of boats penalised under Appendix P for breaking RRS 42, have been given a standard penalty by the Technical Committee or Race Committee, or have been given a penalty by the Protest Committee

will be posted.

18 SCORING

See NoR 14.

19 [DP] [NP] [SP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee on the water, where practicable, and shall confirm the retirement on the ONB at the link https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/retirements/new?event_id=10712 within the protest time limit.

15.2 Boats not leaving the harbor for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the Race Office and fill in the form on https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/retirements?event_id=10712.

15.3 Driver of Support Boat shall wear Kill Cords at all times when the engine is running.

15.4 Before going out to afloat, each competitor who intends to race must sign with his name next to his sail number. On returning to shore, he must sign to confirm that he has returned within 60 minutes of the end of the last race day or after a signal from the Race Committee indicating that there will be no further racing during the day. The list of competitors for signatures will be provided by the Organizing Committee and will be placed near the boat ramp for trailers.

15.5 The penalty for failure to comply with this instruction will be 3 points added to the boat's series score for each infringement without a hearing. A list of boats that have infringed will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes after the protest time limit for each class. This changes rule A5.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 [DP] [NP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed.

20.2 [DP] [NP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity. Replacement equipment shall comply with the Class Rules.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, SIs and NoR.

21.2 [DP] [NP] A boat shall comply with any reasonable request made by the Technical Committee.

22 LOANED EQUIPMENT (THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE CHARTERED EQUIPMENT)

[DP] Loaned equipment may have sail numbers differing from the hull number, for the purpose only of supporting the loaning of equipment and reducing wastage. However, competitors shall request permission in writing to the Technical Committee (or event Measurer) to use a different sail number to the hull number. Permission will only be granted for specific circumstances and the Technical Committee (or event Measurer) decision shall be final.

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

OFFICIAL BOAT	FLAG
RACE COMMITTEE BOATS	WHITE FLAG WITH RC
JURY BOATS (JURY)	YELLOW FLAG WITH J
MEASURER BOAT	WHITE FLAG WITH M
PRESS BOATS	WHITE FLAG WITH P

24 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT TEAMS

See NoR 15, related Annex 1.

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

See NoR 20. Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

26 BERTHING

[DP] [NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places. The rules for the allocation of spaces and the handling of trolleys will be posted by the OA

27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

29 PRIZES

In addition to the provisions of point 16 of the NoR, the following prize are added:

MASTER:

13- FIRST MASTER FEMALE RS AERO 5

24 RISK STATEMENT

See NoR 19.

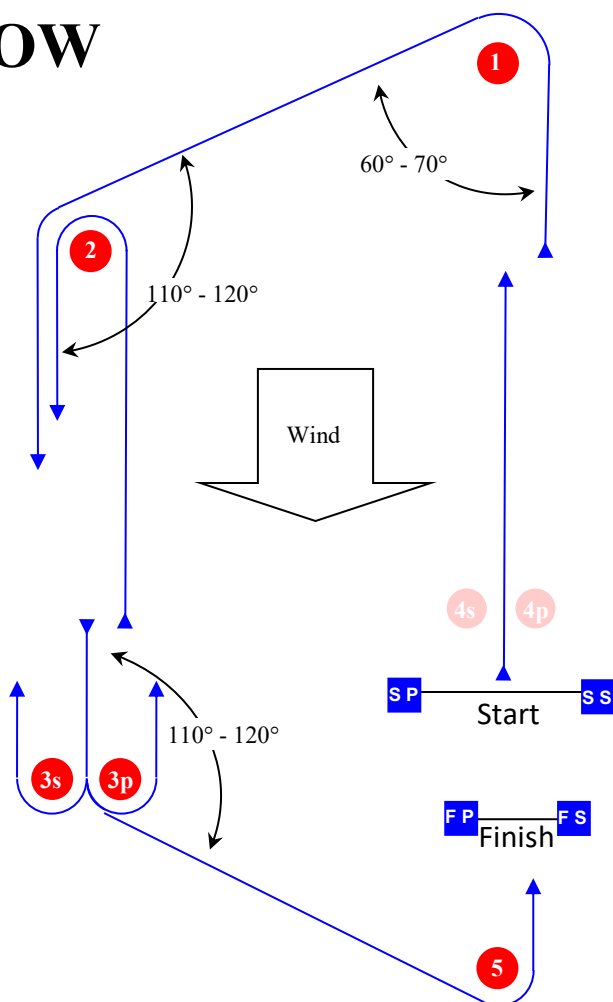
25 INSURANCE

See NoR 21.

ANNEX 1

Course Illustration – Trapezoid with beat to finish - separate finish

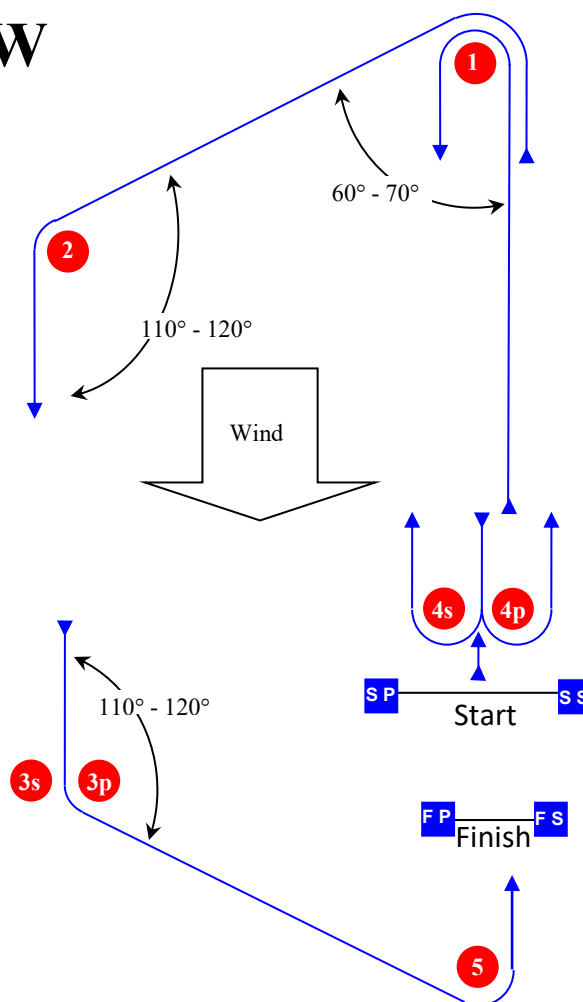
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Course: Outer Trapezoid with beat to finish

Mark Rounding Order
Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish

IW

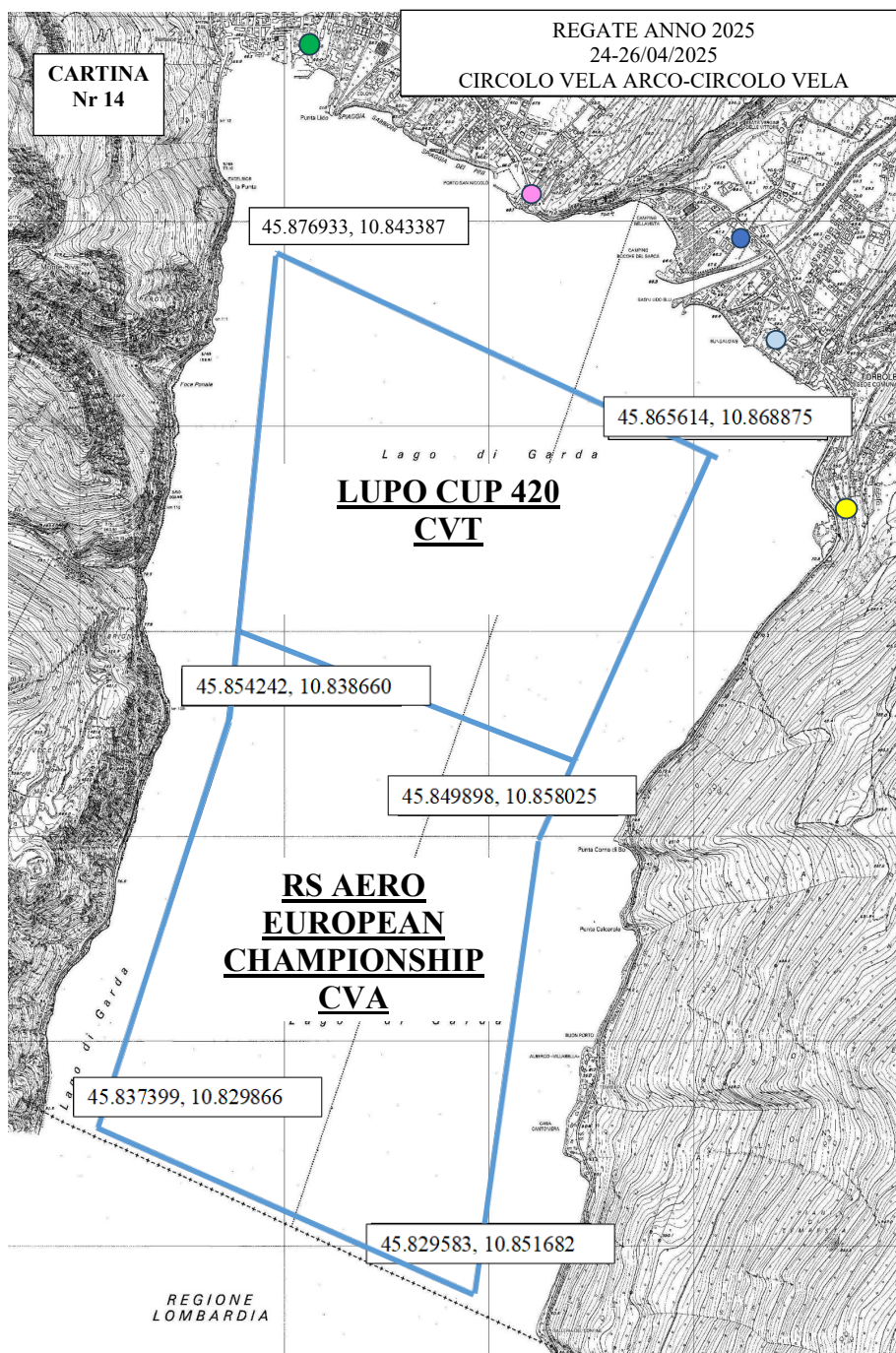


Course: Inner Trapezoid with beat to finish

Mark Rounding Order
Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish

ANNEX 2 - RACING AREA

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