



CIRCOLO VELA ARCO
LAKE GARDA - ITALY • 22 -29 AUGUST 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority:

The Italian Sailing Federation (FIV) delegates the affiliated club **Circolo Vela Arco ASD**, Via Lungo Sarca,20 – 38062 Arco (TN), in collaboration with Fireball International and Fireball Italia National Class Association.



[NP] Denotes that breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1

[SP] Denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race committee or the Technical committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

1 Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 All the rules and Notices mentioned in the NoR or on the Official Notice Board will apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between rules in the NoR, the SIs or any of the other documents that govern the event under item (g) of the definition Rule, the rule in the SIs or any other document that govern the event will take the precedence. This changes RRS 63.5 (c)
- 1.4 [NP] Subject to the approval of the Race Committee, a boat chartered or loaned for the event(s) may declare at the time of entry or registration a sail number which may be different from the registered number of the hull, provided that the number declared shall not be the sail number of any other boat competing in the regatta. This changes RRS Appendix G3
- 1.5 [DP] Class rule 23 applies, in any one series a boat shall have not more than one mast, boom, centreboard and rudder and two suits of sails. These items shall be declared to the Technical Committee before the start of the series. In the event of serious damage the Technical Committee may authorize the use of a replacement

2 Changes to Sailing Instructions (SI's)

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions made ashore will be posted before 11.00 hours 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 The official notice board will be online at the following address:
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/10476/event>
- 3.2 The regatta office is located at the south entrance of the new Clubhouse
- 3.3 [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.
- 3.4 The Race Committee will use VHF channel 72 to communicate with official and support vessels in any emergency (see RRS 37)

4 Code of Conduct

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall place advertising of the Organising Authority in accordance with any instructions.

5 Signals made ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagpole placed at the south-west corner of the boat park of the Club.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.
- 5.3 [DP][NP] Flag D with one sound means "Boat shall not leave the shore until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before 60 minutes after flag D is displayed.



6 Schedule of Races

6.1 Racing, registration and measurement will take place as follows:

Sunday 17 August - Thursday 21 August 2025	Club facilities available for competitors and private on-the-water practice.
Thursday 21 August 2025	Arrival day, Registrations and equipment inspections : 14:00/18:00
Friday 22 August 2025	Charter boat distribution : 09:00/12:00 Registrations and equipment inspections: 14:00/18:00
Saturday 23 August 2025	Registrations and equipment inspections: 9:00 /12:00 - 14:17:00 Informal short practice races Opening Ceremony 18.30
Sunday 24 August 2025	Equipment inspections: 08.30/11:00 Skipper Meeting: 10:00 Races: first warning signal at 13:00 Pasta party after races Trophy-giving for day's races after pasta party
Monday 25 August 2025	Races: TBD Pasta party at the end of the races Trophy-giving for day's races after pasta party Fireball International AGM: 19:00
Tuesday 26 August 2025	Races: TBD Trophy-giving for day's races after races Official Crew Dinner: 20:00 + Grappa Tasting
Wednesday 27 August 2025	Reserve day
Thursday 28 August 2025	Races: TBD Pasta party at the end of the races Trophy-giving for day's races after pasta party
Friday 29 August 2025	Races: TBD last possible warning signal: 15:00 Prize Giving: as soon as possible



6.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that racing does not get more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 2.1.

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

6.4 For the World Championship, on the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 15:00 hours

7 Class Flags

7.1 The class flag is the red International Fireball class ensign on a blue background.

8 Racing Area

8.1 NoR Addendum B shows the location of the racing areas.

9 Courses

9.1 The diagrams in SI Addendum A show the courses, 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 No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first mark.

10 Marks

10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 will be ORANGE robotic marks.

10.2 The finish pin mark will be a ORANGE buoy with a blue flag.

10.3 New marks, as provided in SI 12.1 will be ORANGE robotic buoy with green bands.

10.4 Mark 4 if present, will be an ORANGE robotic mark.

11 The Start

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.



- 11.2** The starting line will be between the staffs displaying orange flag on RC signal boat and Boat CP and between the staffs displaying orange flag on RC signal boat and Boat CS. RC signal boat may not be in a straight line between Boat CP and Boat CS. For the purpose of RRS 30, the port and starboard ends of the starting line are respectively Boat CP and Boat CS displaying the orange flag staff.
- 11.3** A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

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 (see 10.3)(or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13 The finish

- 13.1** The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel at the port end, and the course side of the starboard-end finishing mark.
- This instruction does not apply when rule 32.2 apply.

14 Penalty system

- 14.1** RRS Appendix P, Special procedures for rule 42, applies.
- 14.2** RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

15 Time Limits and Target Times

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

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes	90 minutes	20 minutes



- 15.2** If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race shall 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 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 changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 15.4** The Target Time for each race is 50 minutes.
- 15.5** Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

16 Hearing Requests

- 16.1** An international jury has been appointed for the World Championship in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.3(a).
- 16.2** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing for the day, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.3** Hearing request forms are available online at the following address:
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/10476/event>
- 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 in the clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.
- 16.5** A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

17 Scoring

- 17.1** The scoring system the Low Point System according to RRS Appendix A.



18 Safety Regulations [DP] [NP]

18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Promptly after returning to shore, the boat shall complete a retirement declaration form online at the following address:

<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/10476/event>

18.2 Competitors not racing for any of the racing days shall inform the regatta office as soon as possible.

19 Replacement of Crew or Equipment

19.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior permission of the race committee.

19.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to Technical Committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race. The request shall be completed by filling the form at :

<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/10476/event>

20 Equipment and Measurement checks

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

21 Official Vessels

21.1 Official vessels will be identified as follow:

Race Committee boats RC, CP and CS with flag "RC"

Jury with flag "J"

Safety Boats and OA boats with flag "RC"

Technical Committee with flag "M"

Media/Press with flag "P"

Support Person boat with YELLOW FLAG with "S"



22 [DP] Support Teams

- 22.1** See NoR 12
- 22.2** Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first preparatory signal for the start of any race until all boats have completed the race by finishing or retiring or the race committee has signaled a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.
- 22.3** Support person vessels shall be identified with identification as provided by the Organizing Authority.

23 Trash Disposal

- 23.1** Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

24 Risk Statement

- 24.1** RRS 3, Decision to Race, states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone'. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.

25 Insurance

- 25.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1.5 Million Euro per incident or the equivalent.

Addendum A – Courses

Course: Start-1-2-3-1-4-F (Finish)

After the start Race Committee will replace boat cp with mark 4.
All course marks (1,2,3 and 4) shall be left to port

