

2016 MELGES 32 SAILING SERIES ACT 4 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP RIVA DEL GARDA FRAGLIA VELA RIVA JULY 7-10

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:
Tuesday, July 5th

09.00 - 18.00 Registration, Weight & Measurements

Wednesday, July 6th

09.00 - 17.00 Registration, Weight & Measurements

17.00 Deadline for Registration & Weight

18.00 Skipper briefing

Thursday, July 7th

13.30 First Warning Signal

Friday, July 8th

Races

Saturday, July 9th

Races

Sunday, July 10th

Races

After Races Prize giving @ Regatta Village

5.2 Number of races:

A maximum of **10 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 **13:30**.

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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 / 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 and WO**, as described in SI 12.1 will be cylindrical inflatable **RED** buoy. **New mark WI** will be a Mark Boat displaying Mike flag without sound signal.
- 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.
- 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 OCS. This changes A11 Scoring Abbreviation.
- 11.6** Boats to be scored BFD or OCS 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.
- Any change to the position of the gate or the finish line will be signaled at mark **W** or **WO**. This does not change the obligation to leave mark **WI** to port.
- 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 only one mark, this mark 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 as defined at SI 9.2.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1** IM32CR H.4.1 (a) is ~~CHANGED to read:~~ **deleted and substitute with:**

RRS 44.1(a) and 44.2 are changed as so the penalty shall be a One turn penalty including one tack and one gybe.

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.~~

(a) 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.

(b) 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~~ **Penalty**

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~~ turn 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** IM32CR C1.1(c) is deleted and substitute with:

(c) RRS 42.3(c) is changed to allow the spinnaker sheet to be trimmed without restriction.

When the spinnaker is properly set, the umpires will not penalize for RRS 42.2(a).

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 limite for Mark 1</i>
Melges 32	60'	90'	25'

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 15' 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** ~~The arbitration hearings and the formal hearings will be held under Class Rule H.2.~~

An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

- 16.2** (a) In accordance with NoR 2.4, fleet races will be umpired under ISAF Addendum Q

(b) Umpiring: ISAF Addendum Q is modified to the effect that the Jury may take decision after racing if the incident afloat was unseen.

(c) Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

(d) 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 later.

- 16.3** 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 at the Regatta Village

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

- 16.5** (a) Breaches of S.I. 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26 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.

(b) Penalties as per point a) will be percentage based on the total number of boat of the fleet. Percentage will be between 10% and 30% and will be governed as per RRS 44.3

(c) The Protest Committee may impose penalties as described in 16.5(b), for breaches of Class Rules or other rules.

(d) If the Protest Committee decides that a breach of a *rule* has had no significant effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a penalty or make any other arrangement it decides is fair for all boats affected, which may be to impose no penalty.

This change RRS 64.1.

- 16.6** 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.

- 16.7** 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.

16.8 Spare

~~**Arbitration system.** 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 penalized party, by accepting the opinion of the arbitrator, will get 20% penalty (except that for any breach of part 2 inside the zone the penalty will be 30%). The arbitrator is allowed to consider arbitration system improper for the case and refer the matter to a formal hearing.~~

~~During the arbitration hearing witness are not allowed except for the Judges that have signaled a blue flag as per SI Q3.1(d).~~

~~The Protest Committee is allowed to accept such a penalties before the beginning of a formal hearing.~~

~~The arbitration system procedure can be held (shall be during the last day of races) on the Jury rib during the coming back and on the dock.~~

- 16.9** (a) When a boat breaks Class Rules C2.1(b), C2.1(c) (Helmsperson) and C9.5 (Retracting Bowsprit), may be penalized on the water by an umpire displaying a red flag with one sound signal. The umpire will identify such a boat by hailing or pointing to her. The penalized boat shall take a penalty in accordance to S.I. 14.1.

(b) Helmsperson

When, whilst a boat is racing, the umpires observe any crew member other than the 'Principal or Relief Helmsperson' steering the boat, they may penalize that boat in accordance with SI 16.9(a) and Addendum Q4.1(g).

Aiding steering the boat in a situation where it is reasonable to expect a collision or injury might occur will not be penalized if a boat does not come out in a better position than it would have done otherwise.

However if the umpires observe a crew member aiding steering, and they are not yet certain as to

whether this is an infringement, they will signal a warning by displaying a yellow flag and pointing conspicuously to the boat concerned. Only one warning will be made for an incident.

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 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 Refer to IM32CR H.5
- 23.2 Support boat will be identified by displaying a flag as provided by the OA (number corresponding to the team bow number)

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

According to IM32CR H.5 Trash shall remain onboard until the end of the last race of the day but to throw the trash on the water will be considered a breach even between races.

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.

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.

28 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

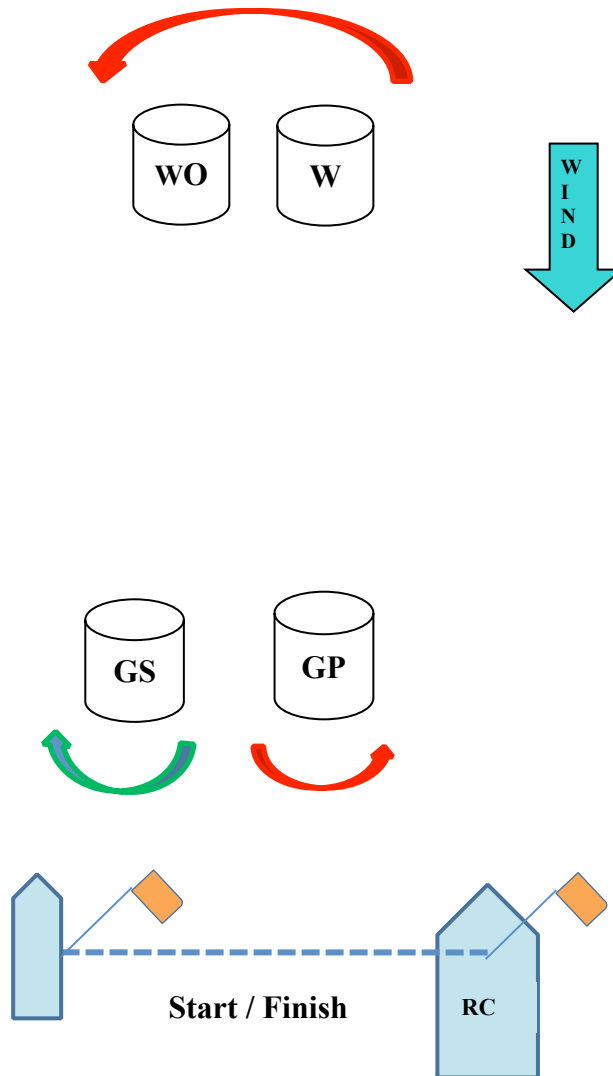
- (a) The OA may require media personnel, equipments and electronic devices to be carried on board at any time.
- (b) The position of these personnel and equipment will be determined by the RC and may be advised verbally.
- (c) The OA shall have the right to use any image, sound recorded and navigation data.

The Race Committee

Appendix A

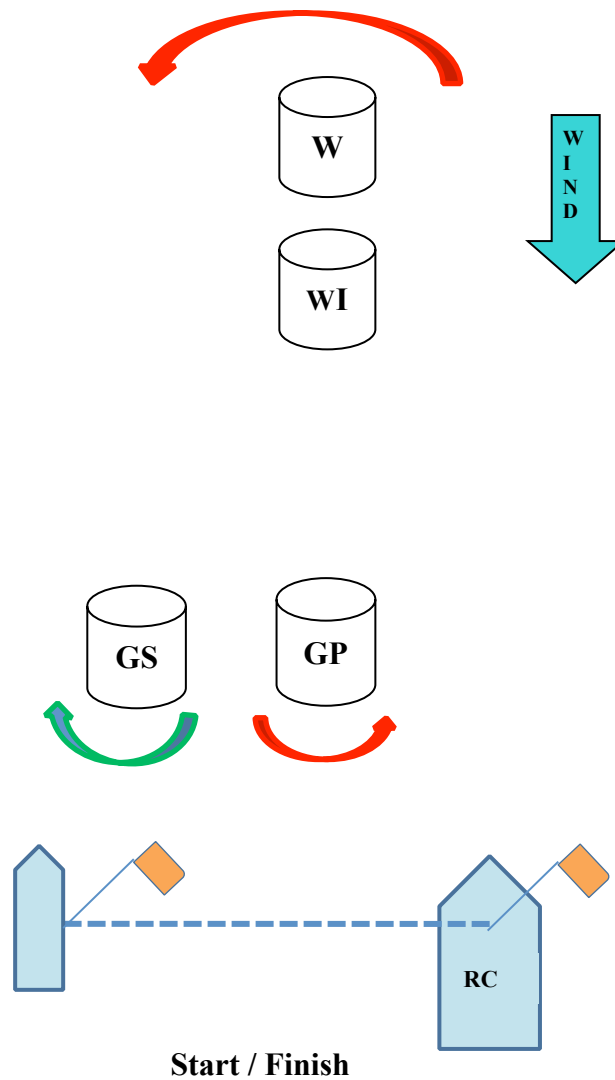
SCHEMATIC DRAWING OF THE COURSE. THE DISTANCES AND MARK POSITIONS ARE NOT IN SCALE.

COURSE 1



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

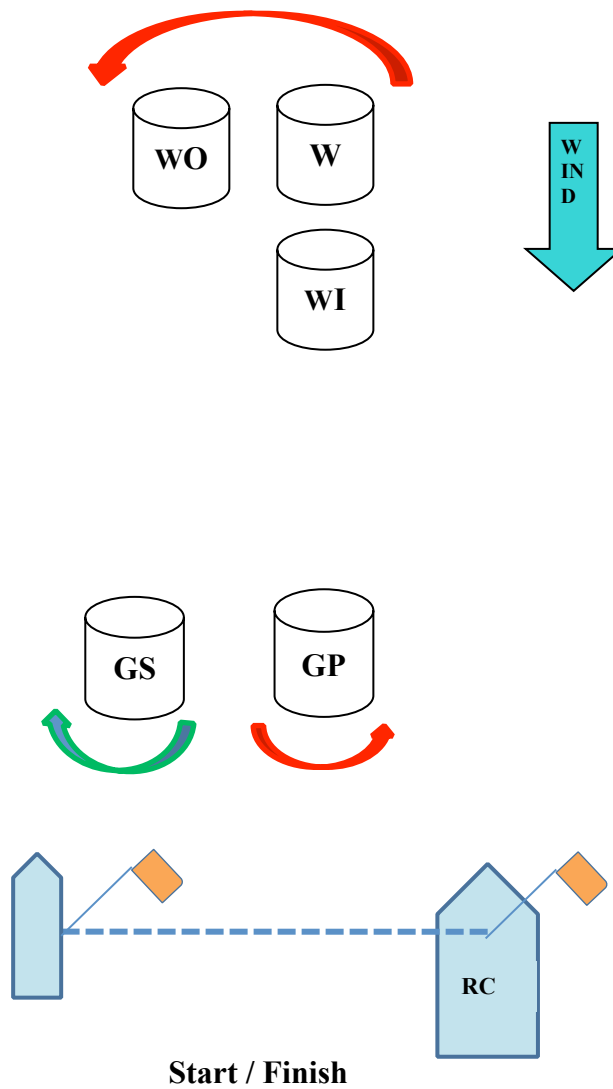
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The Race Committee will lay Mark W approximately 50 meters to windward of Mark WI. Boats shall pass in order Marks WI, W and then WI to port before proceeding to the Gate. In the event of a change of course under RRS 33, Mark WI will be a Mark Boat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

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.