



2018 MELGES 20 WORLD LEAGUE Event 2

**Club Nautico Scarlino
Marina di Scarlino
25 – 27 May 2018**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 FIV Prescriptions will apply. All the Italian competitors shall be FIV members and have a valid medical certificate. The English version of FIV prescription is found on the World Sailing web site at the following URL: [http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/20172020ITAPrescriptions-\[22391\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/20172020ITAPrescriptions-[22391].pdf)
- 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 will not be grounds for request for redress. This changes the RRS 60.1(b) - 63.6.
- 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 of 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 **10.00** 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 45 minutes" (change RRS Race Signals).

(b) When together with the signal as per SI 4.2(a) the letter "H" is displayed the competitors are forbidden to leave the dock until the signal is lowered (change the RRS Race Signals).

4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes RRS Preamble of Part 4.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Event Schedule:

Thursday	09.00-18.00	Registration and Measurements
Friday	09.00-10.00	Registration and Measurements
	10.00	Deadline for Registrations
	10.30	Skipper Briefing
	13.30	First Warning Signal
Saturday	TBC	Races
Sunday	TBC	Races
	After Races	Prize giving @ Regatta Village

5.2 Number of races:

A maximum of **8 races** are planned. A maximum of 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 displayed after **15:00**.

6 CLASS FLAG

Class Flag will be the "WORLD LEAGUE" Flag.

7 RACING AREAS

Races will be held in the **water in front of the town hosting the event**.

8 THE COURSES (Appendix A)

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 (This changes RRS Race Signals).

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 (This changes RRS Race Signals).

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. **Course number displayed will be a Numeral Pennant (1 or 2 or 3) -see Races Signals-**

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 for the purpose of SI 8.5:

W – WO; WI – W, W – WI, WO – WI.

This changes RRS 32.**9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks W / WI will be cylindrical inflatable ORANGE buoy.
- 9.2 Marks WO will be cylindrical inflatable WHITE buoy.
- 9.3 Marks GS / GP will be cylindrical inflatable WHITE buoy.
- 9.4 The starting Mark will be RC boats on both end of the line OR a cylindrical inflatable RED buoy.
A finishing mark will be cylindrical inflatable RED buoy.
- 9.5 All the marks, except the gate and the finishing mark, shall be left to port.
- 9.6 New marks **W**, as described in SI 12.1 will be cylindrical inflatable WHITE buoy.
New marks **WO**, as described in SI 12.1 will be cylindrical inflatable ORANGE buoy.
New mark WI will be a Mark Boat displaying Mike flag without sound signal OR an WHITE buoy.
- 9.7 A race committee boat signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 12.2.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Sailing forbidden area will be notified on the Official Notice Board.

When these areas are notified, they will be considered "obstruction" as per definition & related application of RRS 19 & 20.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started according to RRS 26 with the warning signal displayed 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 or a starting mark as described in SI 9.4.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DID NOT START without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 11.4 The Race Committee may communicate by radio **VHF 69** 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 60.1(b).
This rule does not reduce, modify or exonerate each boat's responsibility to start in accordance with the RRS.
- 11.5 <spare>
- 11.6 Boats to be scored BFD or UFD will be hailed as described in SI 11.4. If hailed, such boats shall remove themselves from the racecourse at the first reasonable opportunity.

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. That change is in effect from the last windward mark to the gate or the finish. 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; this mark is not considered a gate and RRS 18.4 will apply.

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.

12.3 Except at the gate, a race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2 and RRS 18.4 will apply to that race committee boat and the nearby mark.

12.4 When a race committee boat is signaling a change of a leg of the course at the gate and there is only one mark, that race committee boat and the leeward mark are not a gate and RRS 18.4 will apply.
This changes RRS 28.2 and 33.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between staffs displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel and a finishing mark as described in SI 9.4

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 IM20CR I.3.1 (a) is deleted and substituted with:

RRS 44.1 is changed to read:

44.1 Taking a Penalty

(a) A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing or rule 31, or Class Rule C2.1(b) (Helmsperson), C9.4 (Retracting Bowsprit) or C2.4 (Crew Positioning).

(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 penalty

After getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible, a boat takes a One-Turn Penalty by promptly making the required turn in the same direction, 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 IM20CR C1.1(c) is deleted and substituted with:

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

If the RC decide that there are conditions to introduce “free pumping”, RC will display Oscar flag no later than the Warning Signal indicating that the jury will not penalize for RRS 42.2(a). Starting for this moment is allowed main and spinnaker free pumping when the spinnaker is properly set. This changes rule RRS 42.2(a)

If the wind speed exceeds the specified limit after the starting signal the RC may display Oscar flag with repetitive sounds at a mark to signal to a boat that the jury will not penalize for RRS 42.2(a) when the spinnaker is properly set and after she has passed the mark.

If the wind speed becomes less than specified limit after Oscar flag was displayed, the RC may display flag Romeo with repetitive sounds at a mark to signal to a boat that this sailing instruction no longer applies after she has passed the mark.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 Time limits and target time are as follows :

<i>Class</i>	<i>Target Time</i>	<i>Time limit</i>	<i>Time Limit for Mark 1</i>
Melges 20	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 RRS 60.1(B).

- 15.2** The boats not finishing within 15' from the finish of the first boat, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This change RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

PREAMBLE:

Jury's ribs will be on the course area to follow the races.

To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, jury members may display a RED flag and blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a Rule (RRS).

- 16.1** The arbitration hearings and the formal hearings will be held under SI 16.8
- 16.2** (a) <spare>
(b) <spare>
(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. However protest committee may use any way to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
Hearings will be held in the protest room, located nearby the Regatta Village
- 16.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5** (a) Breaches of S.I. 18, 19, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
(b) Penalties as per SI 16.5(a) will be percentage based on the total number of boats in the fleet. Percentage will be between 10% and 30% and will be governed by RRS 44.3(c)
(c) The Protest Committee may impose penalties as described in SI 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 changes 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.
- 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 RRS 62.2.
- 16.8** **Arbitration system.** Appendix T will apply.
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 gaining an advantage by breaking a rule, the penalty will be 30%). **This changes RRS T1(b).** The arbitrator is allowed to consider arbitration system improper for the case and refer the matter to a formal hearing.
During the arbitration hearing witnesses are not allowed except for the Judges that have signaled a red flag as per SI 16. **This changes RRS T2.**
The Protest Committee is allowed to accept such 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) Positioning and Bowsprit

When, while racing, the jury observe any infringement of class rules C9.4 (Retracting Bowsprit) and C2.4 (Crew Positioning), they may signal a warning by displaying a BLUE flag and pointing conspicuously to the boat concerned. Only one warning will be made for an incident.

(b) Helmsperson

When, while racing, the jury observe any crew member other than the 'Principal or Relief Helmsperson' steering the boat, they may signal a warning by displaying a BLUE flag and pointing conspicuously to the boat concerned. Only one warning will be made for an incident

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

However, if the jury observe a crew member aiding steering, and they are not yet certain as to whether this is an infringement, or for first infringement of SI 16.9 (a) they may signal a warning by displaying a BLUE flag and pointing conspicuously to the boat concerned. Only one warning will be made for an incident.

A blue flag with one long sound means 'A boat is under observation for Class Rule C2.1(b) (Helmsperson), C9.4 (Retracting Bowsprit) or C2.4 (Crew Positioning).

A red flag with one long sound will be used to encourage boats to take penalties afloat as per SI 14.1 while breaching Class Rule C2.1(b) (Helmsperson), C9.4 (Retracting Bowsprit) or C2.4 (Crew Positioning) for the second time.

16.10 RRS 67 is deleted and substituted with:

(a) Any issue of liability or claim for damages and/or injuries arising from an incident while a boat is bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.

(b) A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability or that she has broken a rule.

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 a 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 Appendix 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 "P"
Jury	Orange and yellow flag

23 SUPPORT BOATS

23.1 Refer to IM20CR I.4

23.2 Support boat will be identified by displaying a flag as provided by the OA.

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

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

Prizes 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

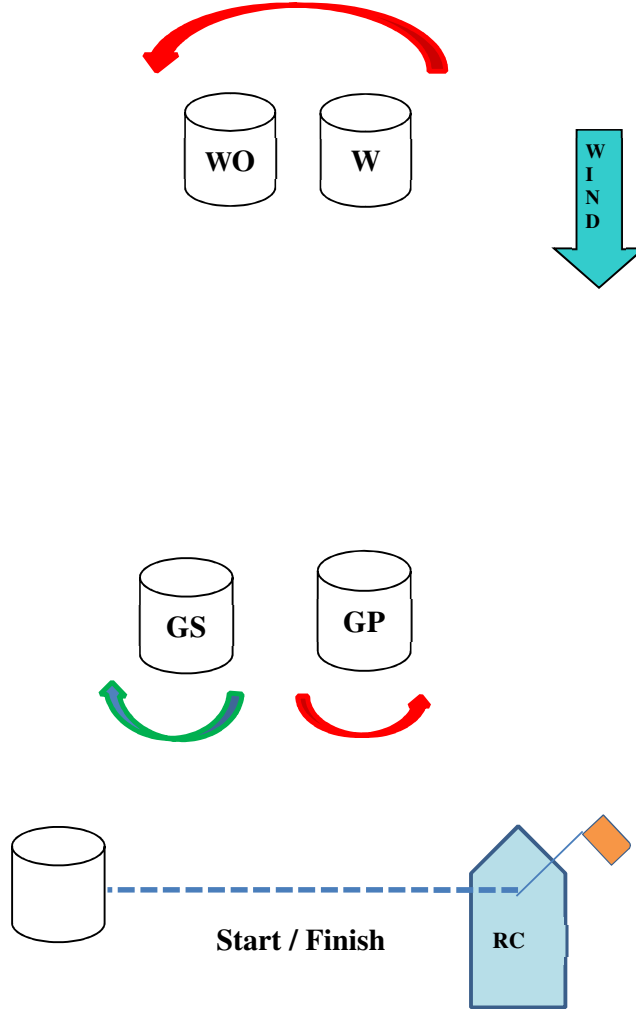
- (a) The OA may require media personnel, equipment and electronic devices to be carried on board at any time.
- (b) The position of these personnel and equipment will be determined by the RC and may be advised verbally.
- (c) The OA shall have the right to use any image, sound recorded and navigation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

The Race Committee

Appendix A

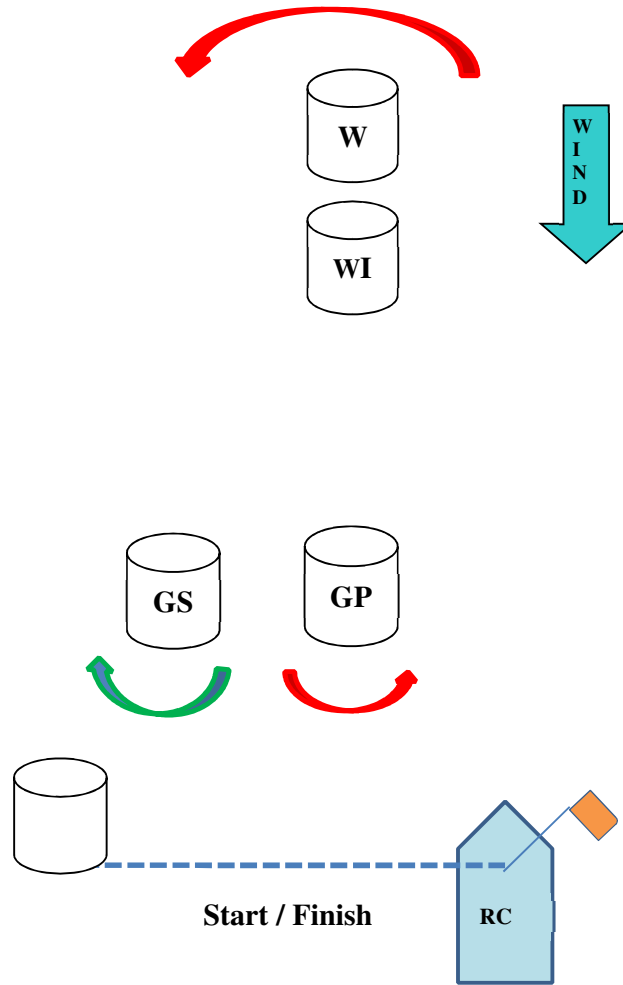
SCHEMATIC DRAWING OF THE COURSE. THE DISTANCES AND MARK POSITIONS ARE NOT IN SCALE.

COURSE 1



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

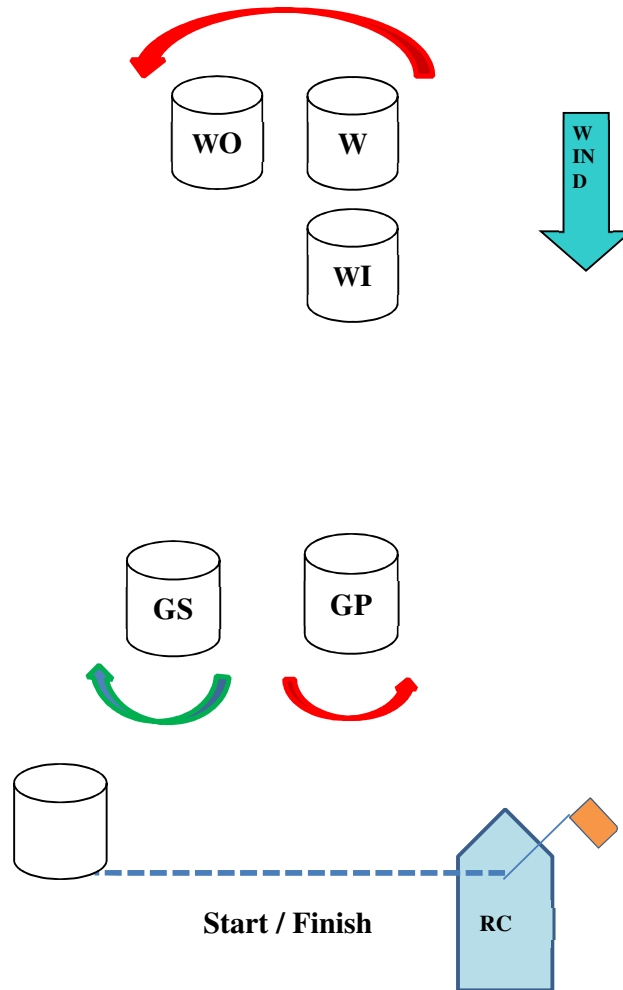
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Start – WI – W – WI – Gate – WI – W – WI – Finish (Downwind).

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 (This changes RRS Race Signals).

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 (This changes RRS Race Signals).