



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

O'PEN BIC EUROCHALLENGE

5th to 7th October 2018

TO BE HELD AT

Arco – Garda Lake

<http://eurochallenge2018.openbicclass.org>

Organized by:

Circolo Vela Arco

in co-operation with the

Bic Sport & O'pen Bic Class Association



GO SAILING!

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The OBCA Class Rules apply.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. **This changes RRS 63.7.**
- 1.4. The **O'pen Bic Addendum Q**, approved by World Sailing under RRS 86.2 and allowing umpiring on the water for all races, will apply.
- 1.5. App. P will apply as per O'pen Bic Class Rules. RRS P2.1 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one. RRS P5 will apply as stated in the class rules.
- 1.6. RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.7. *For all the rules governing this event_*
 - 1.7.1. *[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury and may be less than disqualification*
 - 1.7.2. *[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.*
 - 1.7.3. *[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing. Both 'athlete' and 'competitor' mean a person competing or intending to compete in the event.*
- 1.8. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to the competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located under the tent.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than 90 minutes before the scheduled warning signal of the race it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of the first race of the day will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Official Flag Poles located close to the boat's park
- 4.2. When a signal is displayed over a Division/Group flag it applies to that Division/Group only.
- 4.3. [NP][DP]When the Division/Group flag is displayed ashore competitors can go afloat. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after this flag is displayed. **If the Division/Group flag is NOT displayed competitors SHALL NOT go afloat**

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The daily race schedule and the scheduled time of the Warning signal for the first race will be posted on the Official Notice board.
- 5.2. There will be 4 races per day, and a maximum of 12 races in the championship, for each division.
- 5.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.4. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 16:00 hrs.

6. RACING FORMAT group racing

- 6.1. The qualifying series (First round) shall be 6 races.
- 6.2. Groups in the first round shall be reassigned at the end of each day if all groups in a Division have completed an equal number of races. They shall be intermixed

according to their current (overall) standing in the Division. This will not apply at any Division with less than 90 entries.

- 6.3. For the first day competitors shall be assigned to groups Red or Blue according to a seeding list defined as the competitors list in National letter and sail number order.
- 6.4. At the end of the First round an overall standing shall be established. If racing in the Final round is not possible this standing shall count as the official result.
- 6.5. The Final round shall be raced in Gold and Silver Groups. The Gold group shall consist of the top half of the competitors in the overall standing at the end of the first round, plus one in case of an odd number of entries. In case of ties at the breakpoint those competitors so tied shall sail in the Gold group
- 6.6. A competitors group standing shall be the sum of his/her scores excluding their worst score(s). Silver group competitors shall be ranked in the division standing after those in the Gold group.
- 6.7. When 4 races have been completed the worst score shall be excluded; if 9 races or more are completed the worst score from the first round and the worst score from the final round shall be excluded.

6 CLASS FLAGS & GROUP RIBBONS

Division/Group flags & ribbons shall be:

Division	Group	Flag	Ribbon
Under 13		White with O' logo	Green
Under 17	Red-Gold Blue-Silver	Red Blue	Red Blue

7 RACING AREAS

7.1 The racing area is defined in SI's Appendix A.

8 COURSES AND FREESTYLE MAEUNEVERS

8.1 The diagram in SI's Appendix B shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 Freestyle maneuvers are:

- **360°**: including a tack and a jibe (or a jibe and a tack) in the same direction when a yellow flag is displayed on the race committee starting vessel before or together with the warning signal
- **Capsizing**: capsize the boat until the head of the sail touches the water, when a white flag is displayed on the race committee starting vessel before or with the warning signal
- **Standing leg**: sail the boat between two buoys in a standing position, when a green flag is displayed on the race committee starting vessel before or together with the warning signal.

8.3 If a boat of the RC or the Jury in the vicinity of a course mark display a green flag this means: "every boat shall do an additional free style maneuver which will be represented by the handling of the boat in a standing position from this mark until next mark" (**Additional Freestyle maneuver**)

8.4 If the average wind speed is clearly over 12 knots across the course the race committee may signal in accordance with RRS Appendix P5 that pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted **except on a windward leg**. This changes rules RRS 42.2(a), RRS 42.2(b), RRS 42.2(c). RC will use flag "Oscar" as per Appendix P to grant free sheet pumping and roll and ooching. Flag "Romeo" will be used to signal that free pumping/roll/ooching is no more permitted. **Sculling is always prohibited**

9 MARKS

9.1 The marks will be:

Course Marks	Cylindrical red inflatable marks
Starting marks	Race committee starting vessel and a RIB

Finishing marks	Race committee vessel and a buoy displaying an orange flag
Changing marks	Cylindrical yellow marks

10 FORBIDDEN AREAS & OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 There are no restricted areas or obstructions in the racing areas.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started according to RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.

11.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.4 A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. **This changes RRS A4 and A5.**

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the boat and the finishing buoy.

13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

13.1 The target time for the first finisher is 30 minutes.

13.2 The time limit for the first boat in each race to reach the first mark is 15 minutes.

13.3 The time limit for the first boat to finish a race is 45 minutes.

13.4 If the time limits in SI's #13.2 and #13.3 are exceeded the race shall be abandoned.

13.5 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes of the first finisher in their respective division or group shall be scored DNF except those who are scored DSQ, UFD, BFD, OCS, RET, RDG or DNE. **This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.**

14 PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

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14.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protest and request for redress or reopening shall be delivered at the Race Office within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 No protest will be accepted unless the protesting boat notifies the finish boat on the water immediately after finishing. The only exception is for boats that retire from the race. **This changes RRS 63.1.**

14.3 [NP][DP]Boats retiring from a race shall complete a Retirement Declaration Form at the Race Office before the end of the protest time limit.

14.4 For each Division/Group the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat of her Division/Group has finished the last race of the day, or the Race Committee signals "AP/N over A", whichever is later.

14.5 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 a witness. Hearings will be held in the protest room located close to the secretary office.

14.6 Notices of protest by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Jury will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform boards under RRS 61.1(b).

14.7 On the last day of the qualifying or final series a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

- Within protest limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
- No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

14.8 On the last day of the qualifying or final series 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.**

14.9 Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

15 SPARE

16 SCORING

- 16.1** Scoring will be according to RRS Appendix A as amended for discards.
- 16.2** Four Races are required to be completed by each fleet to constitute a qualifying series. If four races are not completed by 6th October, the qualifying series will be extended to complete them.
- 16.3** (a) If at the end of the qualifying series some boats have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent races will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of race scores.
- 16.4** (b) For the qualifying series, rule A4.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.
- 16.5** When 3 or less races have been completed there will be no discard. When 4 to 8 races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. With 9 or more races have been completed there will be 2 discards. The worst score from the first round and the worst score from the final round shall be excluded.
- 16.6** Three races are required to validate the event for each division.
- 16.7** To request correction of an alleged error in the posted races or series results, a boat shall complete a Scoring Enquiry Form available at the Race Office. The Scoring Enquiry Form shall be delivered not later than 19:00 of the day involved except if the results list is published after 18:30 in that case the form shall be delivered not later than 9:00 of the day after.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP][DP]

- 17.1** Competitors leaving the race before finishing shall inform the Race Committee (RC boats or Rescue boats) as soon as possible. If this is not possible the competitor shall inform the Race Office.
- 17.2** The ferryboat has the precedence on the racing boats .

18 [DP] REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 18.1** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Technical Inspector. Request for substitution shall be made in writing at the first reasonable opportunity. Forms for replacement are available at the Race Office.

19 [DP] EQUIPMENT CHECKS

- 19.1** 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 the Technical Inspector to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 EVENT ADVERTISING

- 20.1** Advertising: The organizing authority may require competing boats to carry event sponsor advertising on the hull as provided by W.S. Regulation 20.4.

21 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 21.1** Official boats will be marked as follows:
- **Race Committee** boats will be marked with a orange flag
 - **Rescue boats** will be marked with a red flag with a white S
 - **Jury boats** will be marked with a yellow flag with a black J
 - **Media boats** will be marked with a white flag with a black P
 - **Class Representative boat** will be marked with a white flag with O'pen Bic Logo

22 [DP][NP] SUPPORT BOATS

- 22.1** Motorboats are generally prohibited to sail on the northern part of Lake Garda. However, during this event, a special permit to use such boats may be given (producing the required documents) by the Circolo Vela Arco if team leaders and coaches agree to the following rules:
- maximum 2 people are allowed on the motorboat;
 - to follow all instructions given by the Race Committee underwriting the proper form by the Secretary Office of the Circolo Vela Arco.

The required documents are:

- engine registration document of the rib (engine brand name – engine serial number);
 - current insurance of the engine;
- driver's identity document or navigation license, if the engine is 40.8 HP or more.

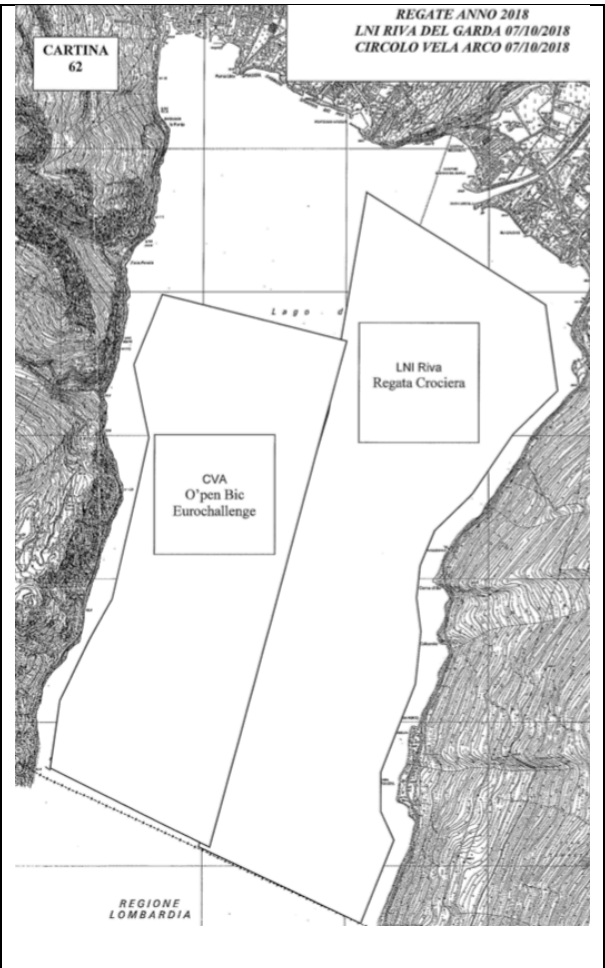
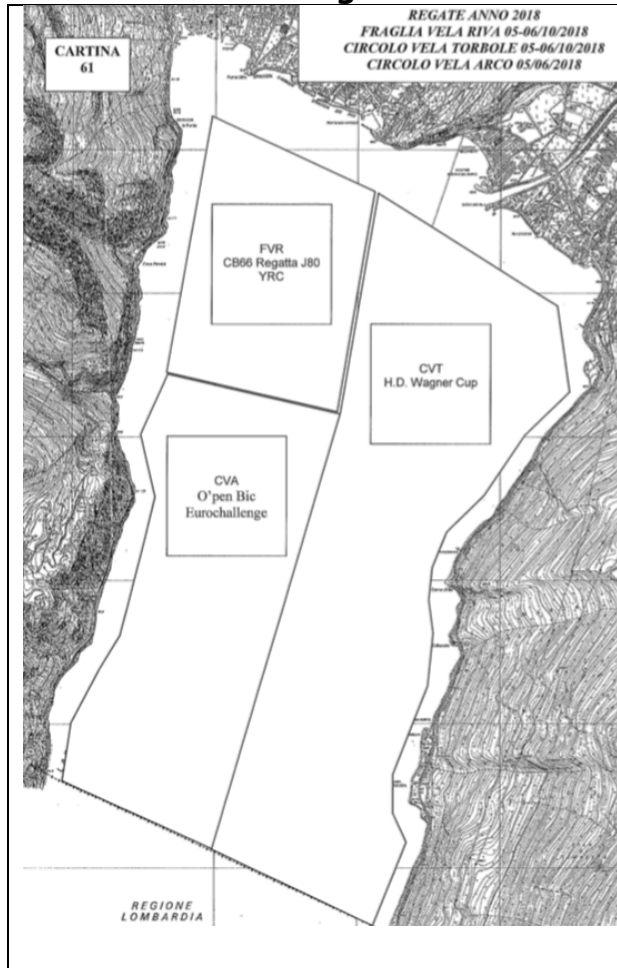
23 [DP] TRASH DISPOSAL

23.1 As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats. **This changes RRS 55.**

24 PRIZES

24.1 Prizes will be given according the Notice of Race.

APPENDIX -A Racing Area



APPENDIX -B Courses

