

INFORMATION NOTES ABOUT THE REGATTA

AUDI INVITATIONAL 2006 EVENT:

Offshore regatta for Italian and foreign craft belonging to classes Farr 40 and Swan 45.

Thursday 15 June: Opening ceremony at YCPR (Porto Rotondo Yacht Club)

Friday 16 June: Briefing. Races at 12 noon.

Saturday 17 June: Races

Sunday 18 June: Races, Prize Giving

CALENDAR OF SOCIAL EVENTS

The calendar of social events will be announced in a special notice.

COURSES

The courses will be described in the Regatta Instructions.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Porto Rotondo Yacht Club and b.plan srl.

REGULATIONS

The regatta will be governed by the rules laid down in the ISAF Regatta Regulations in force, with supplements by the Italian Sailing Federation. The rules for class Farr 40 and Swan 45 will apply.

EXCEPTIONS

As a partial exception to the class Swan 45 regulations, the role of helmsman may be filled by ISAF group 1 and 2 athletes as well as by the owner-helmsman.

BOATS ADMITTED

The event is only open to boats invited by the Organising Committee. The boats admitted must hold a class Farr 40 and Swan 45 certificate. The Organising Committee will divide the boats into two groups, Farr 40 and Swan 45. Each team will consist of a Farr 40 and a Swan 45.

ELIGIBILITY

In accordance with the ISAF regulations in force.

PARTICIPATION

The owners invited must submit a Farr 40 or Swan 45 certificate for their boat, an indication of the weight of their crew, the name of the owner and of the other boat making up their team, as well as the colours of the Yacht Club their team represents; this must all be done before 12 June, sending this documentation to:

Porto Rotondo Yacht Club
Molo di Levante
07020 Porto Rotondo - Sassari - Italy

Phone +39.0789.34145 - Fax +39.0789.381282
Mail: infovela@ycpr.it

The Event's Secretariat Office, located in the Square in front of the Club, will be operational as from 15 June 2006.

ADVERTISING

The event is regarded as category "C" according to the ISAF 2005/2008 Advertising Code. Both sides of the bows of the hull on every boat entered must display the advertising laid down by the Organising Committee, in accordance with Rule 20.3 (d) (i) of Appendix 1 to the ISAF Regatta Regulations in force, according to the procedures set out in the Regatta instructions.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification of the participating craft will take into consideration the category to which they belong in classes Farr 40 and Swan 45. Seven trials without elimination will probably be run.

REGATTA INSTRUCTIONS

These will be available to competitors as from 6 p.m. on 15 June 2006.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

In accordance with the FIV regulations in force for Italian competitors.

TONNAGE CHECKS

No preliminary tonnage checks are foreseen. However, at the discretion of the Jury or the Regatta Committee, checks may be made at the end of each trial and of the regatta.

CREW

The list of crew members of each boat entered must be given to the Secretariat of the Organising Club when the Regatta Instructions are being collected. The list must include the surname, name, weight, nationality and FIV card number of all crew members (for Italian crews). All persons of Italian nationality embarked must hold FIV membership cards endorsed at a medical examination. Any subsequent changes in the crew must be authorised by the Regatta Committee. Spot checks may be made on the overall weight of the crew. On the Saturday an Audi guest will be embarked on every craft and will be added to the crew members declared at the time of entering. If, for any reason, a guest leaves the boat that is hosting him or her, this does not constitute valid grounds for complaint or protest.

PRIZES

Prizes for the first three craft in the final classification of each class and for the first five teams classified, based on the combined score of the classifications in each class. The Audi Invitational Perpetual Challenge trophy will be awarded to the best team, according to the combined classification. In case of a tie, the highest number of first places taken by the team will be considered. If the tie continues the highest number of placings after first place will be considered.

MOORING SLIPPING AND LAUNCHING

Boats participating in the event will be moored free of charge at berths available in Porto della Marina in Porto Rotondo from 12 June to 19 June. Special rates will be applied in the days after and before the race. To reserve berths please contact the Organising Committee directly.

LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk and on their own personal responsibility for all purposes. Each boat and for it its owner or his or her representative, shall be solely responsible for the decision to set sail or to continue in the regatta. The organisers, the Event Director, the Regatta Committee and the Jury decline any responsibility for damages suffered by persons or things, either on land or at sea, as a result of their participation in the Regatta.

The owner or his or her representative is the sole person responsible for the safety of the craft and for compliance of the on-board equipment with the requirements of navigation and the safety of the persons on board and seafarers in general. A special declaration to that effect, with consequent exoneration from liability for the Organising Committee, the Event Director the Regatta Committee and the Jury, must be lodged with the Regatta Secretariat before the Regatta starts.

Passing any preliminary checks in no way constitutes a release from liability of the owner, who remains, jointly with his or her crew, the only person that must know the condition and effectiveness of the on-board safety equipment.

Specific attention is also drawn to the RR ISAF basic regulations in force.

RIGHT TO THE USE OF THE NAME AND THE IMAGES

By entering for the event each competitor, automatically and without any further communications, grants the Organising Body and the sponsors of the Event the perpetual right to use, at their discretion and without any payment, any image, photo or video taken or recorded or any other type of recording made during the period of the Event in which the competitor took part, as well as any material related to the aforementioned Event.

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

All the participants in the Event are required to take every possible and reasonable precaution to avoid direct or indirect harm to the environment. Any improper behaviour noted by the members of the Organising Committee and/or the Regatta Committee may be the subject of protest and be penalised at the discretion of the Jury.