

1- THE RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the following:

- (a) the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and Appendix D shall not apply;
- (b) the Class Rules of the Farr 40 and Melges 32 Classes;
- (c) the ISAF Sailor Classification Code specified and to the extent specified by the respective Class Rules;
- (d) The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations specified and to the extent specified by the respective Class Rules;

1.2 Competitors shall comply with the ISAF Eligibility Code.

1.3 For the purposes of the Rules of the International Melges 32 Class Rules, this event is a Level A, class sanctioned event.

1.4 A member of the ISAF Sailor Classification Commission will be present during registration and will carry out spot checks.

1.5 No national authority prescriptions will apply except Part 6 of prescriptions of the FIV, which will apply only to Italian nationals. A copy of that prescription is in Appendix A.

1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2- ADVERTISING

2.1 Boats may display advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code. Boats shall display Event Advertising in compliance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code, and as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 Boats will be required to display the following throughout the period starting one hour after the completion of registration and ending one hour after the finish of the last race of the regatta:

Sponsor's pennant on the backstay

Sponsor's decal on each side of the bow

In addition boats will be required to display the event flag throughout the same period but only while moored.

2.3 The Organizing Authority will supply the pennant, decal and flag at registration.

2.4 The Organising Authority may also require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of on board video cameras for the official television production and/or a tracking system.

2.5 Boats intending to display advertising during the regatta shall state in the entry form the nature of such advertising.

2.6 Boats are responsible to inform advertisers and sponsors that no activities advertising any brand will be permitted ashore within the Porto Cervo Marina Area without the consent in writing of the Organizing Authority obtained before the start of the Regatta.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND NOMINATION OF TEAMS

3.1 Boats

- 3.1.1 The regatta is open to National Teams composed of one Farr 40 and one Melges 32. In addition the Organizing Authority with the approval of Offshore Racing Council may accept teams from geographical regions and areas, that is to say from groups of countries from a geographical area.
- 3.1.2 Each National Authority, being a member of ISAF, may enter one or two national teams. In addition any such National Authority may apply to the Organizing Authority to enter further teams representing geographical regions and areas and, if such applications are approved, may also enter those teams.
- 3.1.3 Each National Authority is responsible to ensure that the teams it has nominated represent their nation, region or area. There are no limitations or obligations in respect of the nationality or residence of the owner, skipper or crew.
- 3.1.4 Nominations shall be sent by the National Authority to the Organizing Authority and shall include the following:
 - (a) the name of each boat, with her sail number and a copy of her class certificate;
 - (b) the name of the owner or charterer and of her skipper, with their addresses and details of their phone, fax and email contacts.

3.2 Helm and Crew

- 3.2.1 The limitations and requirements contained in the Class Rules relating to the helmsman and the crew shall apply.
- 3.2.2 Where the Class Rules require that the ISAF Sailor Classification Code applies, all Group 1 sailors shall present valid classification certificates at registration. Those sailors not presenting valid classification certificates will be classified as Group 3 for the event.
- 3.2.3 A complete crew list for each yacht shall be delivered to the Organizing Authority on or before 1st June, 2010 and shall include the classification and ISAF ID number of each Group 1 sailor.
- 3.2.4 The crew lists, including the approved owner helmsman/helmsmen shall be approved before delivery to the Organising Authority by:
 - (a) so far as the Farr 40s are concerned by FARR 40 Association no later than 1st May 2010. Forms are available on the Class website at www.farr40.org or via email from bunny@staggys.com ;
 - (b) so far as the Melges 32s are concerned by the Melges 32 Class Association by 1st May 2010 at the following address classadmin@melges32.com ;
- 3.2.5 Crew lists may be amended subsequently up to 18.00 hours on 27th June 2010 by delivering a new list to the Organizing Authority showing the changes. After this time changes in crew may only be made with the written permission of the Race Committee after consultation with the non-competing Class Representative.
- 3.2.6 A representative of the ISAF Sailor Classification Commission will be present during registration and will carry out spot checks.

4 ENTRY

- 4.1** Entries shall be made on the Official Entry Form (Annex 1) and shall be received by the Organizing Authority by 30th April together with:
1. A copy of the Class Certificate for each boat
 2. An entry fee of Euro 1,000 per boat, which is not refundable, making the total entry fee Euro 2,000. Payment shall be made in accordance with clause 4.3.
- 4.2** In the absolute discretion of the Organizing Authority, late entries may be accepted after 30th April subject to the payment of an additional fee of 500 Euros
- 4.3** Payments may be made either by Credit Card or by Bank Transfer. For credit card payments only Visa or Mastercard payments are acceptable. Please supply the following details:
- Card Number
 - Expiry Date
 - Security Number
 - Name of Credit Card Holder

If paying by bank transfer, payments should be made to

Yacht Club Costa Smeralda

Banca di Credito Sardo - Filiale di Arzachena

IBAN: IT92 D030 5984 9011 0000 0000 071 BIC - SWIFT: BCITIT3C

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 The Programme

- Monday, 28 th June	09.00 – 18.00	Measurements - Registrations
	18.00	Skippers' Briefing YCCS Clubhouse
	19.30	Welcome Cocktail YCCS Clubhouse
- Tuesday, 29 th June	12.00 Race(s)	After race Refreshment Piazza Azzurra
- Wednesday, 30 th June	12.00 Race(s)	After race Refreshment Piazza Azzurra
- Thursday, 1 st July	12.00 Race(s)	After race Refreshment Piazza Azzurra
- Friday, 2 nd July	12.00 Race(s)	
	20.30	Owners and Crews Dinner
		YCCS Clubhouse by invitation
- Saturday, 3 rd July	12.00 Race(s)	
	18.00	Prize giving Piazza Azzurra

5.2 10 races are scheduled.

5.3 The Organising Authority and/or the Race Committee with the approval of the International Jury reserve the right to modify the program due to weather or other causes.

6. REGISTRATION

6.1 Registration at the Race Office shall be completed by 1800 hrs on the 28th June unless in exceptional circumstances the race committee gives consent to a team for an extension. At registration teams shall produce the following:

- a. Class Certificates for each boat.

- b. Valid Classification Certificates for each sailor in the crew.
- c. For the Farr 40
 - i. the sail and crew declaration form;
 - ii. the Owners Declaration of Compliance form.

- d. For the Melges 32
 - i. Owners Declaration of Compliance form;
 - ii. Sail Declaration.

- e. Insurance Declaration Form

7. MEASUREMENT

7.1 Boats may be inspected and/or check-measured at any reasonable time before or during the regatta.

7.2 Boats shall only be measured by measurers previously approved by the Race Committee.

7.3 Sail dimensions shall be either by direct measurement or by sail declaration from the sail maker as the Race Committee in its absolute discretion shall decide.

7.4 Hull and rig dimensions shall be either by direct measurement or by declaration from the designer or the builder as the Race Committee in its absolute discretion shall decide.

7.5 All sails to be used during the Championship shall be stamped by the event's measurer.

7.5.1 For the Farr 40 Class buttoned sails are not necessary. Farr 40 Class may measure and declare an inventory without sail buttons but all other sail rules apply.

7.5.2 For Melges 32 buttoned sails are not necessary. Melges 32 class may measure and declare an inventory without sail buttons but all other sails rules apply.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

9. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in North Eastern Sardinian waters. The following charts are recommended: nos. 42 – 43 - 323 – 324 – 325 – 910, Italian charts of the Istituto Idrografico della Marina. Charts can be ordered directly at the Istituto Idrografico della Marina - Passo dell'Osservatorio 4, 16134 Genoa, Italy Tel: +39 010 2463528 Fax: +39 010 261400

10. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward with spreader marks and gates insofar as the Race Committee decides they are desirable.

11. SCORING

11.1 The Low Point Scoring System shall apply except that a boat's worst score shall not be excluded.

11.2 Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 At registration details of Support Boats shall be supplied to the Race Committee. All such boats shall be identified when in the racing area by displaying the national or regional flag of the team she is supporting which shall be provided by the Support Boat.

13. MOORINGS

13.1 The entry fee includes mooring fees from 0900 hours on 28th June to 09.00 hours on 4th July at Porto Cervo Marina or Port East provided that the entry is completed by the closing date for entries.

13.2 Moorings may or may not be available for late entries.

13.3 The cost of electricity and water charges as well as mooring fees for late entries or additional periods must be paid directly to the Marina Office.

13.4 To reserve moorings before and after the dates indicated in par.13.1 and for tenders please apply directly to the Marina Office: Tel.+39/0789/905111 - Fax +39/0789/91153. Early booking is recommended.

13.5 Local regulations require that all boats MUST inform the Harbourmaster's Office by radio on Channel 9 when they first arrive in Porto Cervo and each time they leave or enter the Harbour.

14. COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC AIDS

14.1 All boats shall be equipped with a Marine VHF transceiver operating on VHF channel 72.

14.2 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.

14.3 Radio communications between boats in the same team are permitted.

14.4 All types of electronic equipment are permitted.

15. INTERNATIONAL JURY

15.1 Protests will be heard by an International Jury whose ruling shall be final.

15.2 The races will be umpired so far as possible with a provision to allow protests to be heard when and if incidents are not observed by the umpires.

16. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

The following trophies will be awarded:

- For the winning team The Sardinia Cup Challenge Trophy presented by H.H the Aga Khan and Audi Offshore Team World Championship Trophy.
- For the second and third teams Audi Prizes
- For the first boat in each Class.

- For a category to be announced later in agreement with the ORC The Pasquale Landolfi Challenge Trophy.

17 INSURANCE

It is the responsibility of each boat to have a current and valid Third Party Liability insurance for the yacht covering eventual damage to persons or property. A Declaration of adequate insurances cover shall be provided at registration.

18. DISCLAIMER

Competitors agree to be bound by the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009/2012, by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race. Competitors agree to take any and all responsibility for the nautical qualities of their boat, the rigging, the crew's ability and the safety equipment. Competitors also agree to take any and all responsibility for damages caused to third persons or their belongings, to themselves or to their belongings, ashore and at sea as a consequence of their participation in the regatta, relieving of any responsibility Audi, the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda and all persons involved in the organization under whatever qualification and to accept full responsibility for the behaviour and dress of the boat's crew, representatives and guests.

Competitors are to be acquainted with ISAF RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

In any case, competitors agree that the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, the sponsors and their agents, have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel or property.

As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability.

19. MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors grant Audi and the Organizing Authority, the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to Press and TV advertisements or Internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information; in this respect, competitors' names and any biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known.

As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights.

20. PRESS OFFICE

Media representatives wishing to cover the event are requested to contact:

YCCS Press Office - Yacht Club Costa Smeralda

07020 Porto Cervo (SS) – Italy - Tel. +39 0789 902200 - Fax +39 0789 91257

Email: pressoffice@yccs.it

21. SOCIAL EVENTS

21.1 The following social events are planned in conjunction with the regatta :

- Monday, 28 th June	18.00	Skippers' Briefing
	19.30	Welcome Cocktail
- Tuesday, 29 th June		After race Refreshment
- Wednesday, 30 th June		After race Refreshment
- Thursday, 1 st July		After race Refreshment
- Friday, 2 nd July	12.00 - 20.30	Owners and Crews Dinner
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21.2 Regatta wristband will be necessary to use the facilities within the regatta village and also for access to all regatta social events. This wristband is not transferable and each boat will be provided with wristbands for each member of her crew in accordance with the crew list supplied.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please check the event web site www.yccs.it or contact the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda 07020 Porto Cervo (SS) Sardinia – Italy (Tel: +39 0789 902200 Fax: +39 0789 91213)

APPENDIX A

FIV PRESCRIPTION

PART 6 -ENTRY AND QUALIFICATION Rule 75 – ENTERING A RACE

Prescription to Rule 75.2

The Italian Sailing Federation prescribes: current FIV regulations are to be followed when accepting entries; the competitors must hold a valid and current FIV Membership and the owners of boats of recognized classes, including offshore must also hold a valid and current FIV Membership, even if they are not sailing the race.