

RS800 European Championship
Circolo vela Torbole
29 May-2 June 2023



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Circolo vela Torbole in conjunction with the RS Class Association.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 31, 33, 34, 35, 44.1, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in the notice of race or in these sailing instructions.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at:
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/5759>

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flagpole close to the club's harbor.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes race signals AP.
- 5.3 [DP] Flag D with one sound means boats shall not leave the shore until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 See NoR 9 for schedule.

6.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

7 CLASS FLAGS

RS800 White flag with black RS800, or numeral pennant 8.

8 RACING AREA

See NoR 12.

9 COURSE

9.1 The course to be sailed will be Windward Leeward. The diagram at Addendum A show the course, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

9.2 The courses to be sailed will be indicated by boards on the side of the committee signal vessel.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 2S and 2P will be GREEN.

The start mark will be pin-end vessel with an orange flag and the finish mark will be pin-end vessel with a blue flag.

10.2 Hitting a mark other than the start or finish marks will not be penalised. This changes RRS 31.

10.3 When a gate mark is used, if one or other of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark shall be left to port. This changes RRS 34.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

Does not apply

12 THE START

12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee pin-end vessel.

12.2 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

13.2 Minor course changes may not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.

14 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing pin-end vessel displaying a blue flag.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

See NoR 14.

16 LIMIT TIME

16.1 The time limit for each race is 75 minutes.

- 16.2 Boats failing to finish within a 20 minute finishing window after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2
- 16.3 In addition to RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 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 the later. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 17.2 Hearing Request are available at the link <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/5759>
- 17.3 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.
- 17.4 Hearings will be held in the protest room at the 1st floor at the club's house

18 SCORING

- 18.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When from four to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
(c) When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 [DP] A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee or safety boat before leaving the course and shall lodge the relevant form available on the official notice board.
- 19.2 Competitors requesting assistance from rescue boats must whistle to call attention and shake an arm with an open hand. If assistance is not required, the arm should be shaken with the fingers closed in a fist. If necessary, the competitor can be forced to leave the boat and get on the rescue vessel. In this case a white and red ribbon will be applied to the boat so that it is known that the crew has been rescued. The RC reserves the right to assist competitors who in its opinion need assistance, regardless of whether this has been requested by the competitor. This cannot be grounds for a request for redress and changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 19.3 When the RC displays flag "V" with repetitive sounds, all official and support boats shall

monitor the RC **VHF 72** channel for search and rescue instructions.

19.4 The meeting point in case of an emergency is the Circolo Vela Torbole, where assistance will be given. If for any reason boats should return ashore in an different area they shall immediately inform the Race Office at this Phone Number:+39.0464.506240

19.5 (DP) (NP) If on an official vessel are displayed “AP over H” or “N over H”, all boats shall return ashore and wait for instructions and the displaying of “D” before getting offshore.

19.6 deleted.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 [DP] [NP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/5759>

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

[NP] A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

22 SUPPLIED BOATS

16.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

16.2 When the engine of a support vessel is running, all support persons on that vessel, shall wear a personal flotation device and the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

23 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT TEAMS

As per NoR 16.

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

25 BERTHING

[DP] [NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

26 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

27 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

28 PRIZES

As per NoR 24.

29 RISK STATEMENT

As per NoR 22.

30 INSURANCE

As per NoR 23.

ADDENDUM A – Course

Windward – Leeward

L2: 1, 2P/2S, 1, 2P, Finish

L3: 1, 2P/2S, 1, 2P/2S, 1, 2P, Finish

L4: 1, 2P/2S, 1, 2P/2S, 1, 2P/2S, 1, 2P, Finish

Marks 2P and 2S are a gate.

Marks 1 and 2P to be rounded to Port.

