

**ACO 12th MUSTO Skiff World  
Championship 2023  
15 – 21 July 2023**



**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**



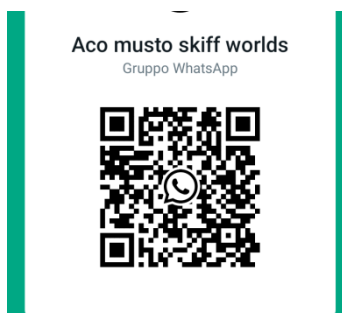
The ACO 12th MUSTO Skiff World Championship 2023 (the Championships) organized by **Circolo Vela Torbole**, in co-operation with the International Musto Skiff Class Association (IMSCA) (together, the Organizing Authority).

## 1. RULES

- 1.1 As per Nor and add:
- 1.2 RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.3 RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence:  
"However, if a windward offset Mark is set, a boat may delay taking a penalty for an incident in the zone around the windward Mark or on the leg between the windward Mark and the windward offset Mark until she has rounded the windward offset Mark."
- 1.4 For infringements of rules other than in Parts 1 and 2 of the RRS, the protest committee may give a penalty less than disqualification.

## 2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS, CHANGES & SCHEDULE

- 2.1 AS per NoR 3.
- 2.2 Notices to Crews & Changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The official notice board is Whatsapp Group  
Link <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EFLtMDaLyqV09fdNrhmGDS>



- 2.3 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least two hours before the scheduled starting time of the first race on the day, except that any change to the Schedule of races will be posted by 1930hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.4 A Crews Briefing will be held at CVT's restaurant on Saturday 15th July at 09.00hrs for those racing in the Pre-Worlds event, and on Sunday 16th July at 09.00hrs. Subsequent briefings may be held and will be advised on the Official Notice Board.
- 2.5 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpole at the water front.
- 2.6 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signal AP.
- 2.7 [DP] [NP] Flag AP over H displayed ashore means 'Boats shall not leave the dinghy park - Wait for further instructions'. This amends Race Signals.
- 2.8 The schedule of inspections and races is shown in the NoR.
- 2.9 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.

## 3. RACING AREA

- 3.1 The Racing Area will be about 1 NM south of the club. Course 1 and 2 are shown in Nor annex A.



#### 4. THE START & CLASS FLAG

- 4.1 The class flag will be the MUSTO Skiff class logo on a white background.
- 4.2 The starting line is between staffs displaying orange flags on the RC vessel and the port and starting mark.
- 4.3 deleted
- 4.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

#### 5. COURSES & MARKS

- 5.1 See NoR 9 and 10 and Annex A. The Course options are shown in NoR 7 Schedule.
- 5.2 For course 1, the gate marks 2s/2p are not required to be round when going from marks 1 to the finish.
- 5.3

Marks 1, 1a	Marks 2s/2p	Port End Starting Mark
Pink cylinder	Green cylinder	Boat displaying an orange flag

- 5.4 The starting marks will be a Race Committee vessel displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and a Race Committee vessel.
- 5.5 The finishing marks will be a Race Committee vessel with a staff displaying a blue flag at the port end and a Race Committee vessel.
- 5.6 If a gate mark is missing and has not been substituted in accordance with RRS 34, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

#### 6. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 6.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will (a) move the original mark, or (b) move the finishing line, or (c) move the leeward gate. This changes RRS 33.

#### 7 THE FINISH

- 7.1 The finishing line is between two staffs displaying a blue flag on the RC Vessel, and on the pin end vessel.

#### 8 TIME LIMITS

Target Time	Mark 1 Time Limit	Time Limit	Finishing Window	Protest Time Limit
45	20	60	20	90

- 8.1 See NoR 7.
- 8.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails and finishes the course set by the Race Committee (shortened or not), but which are still deemed to be racing by the Race Committee, may be scored DNF or, at the discretion of the Race Committee (to be exercised where reasonably possible), may be scored and allocated a place based on their observed position on the course as determined by the Race Committee. When directed by a Race committee or delegated vessel, or where flag W is displayed, such boats will return to the starting area or other location [DP/NP]. Neither the allocation of a finish place nor the failure to allocate a finish place will be grounds for redress or protest (including under RRS 62.1a); the Race Committee's decision is final. This changes RRS 28.1, 28.2, 32.1, 32.2, 35, 62, and A5.



## **9. SHORTEN COURSE**

- 9.1 The course may be shortened by the RC at any mark provided that 3 or more legs have been sailed.

## **10 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 10.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office or on the web site event:  
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/5833>  
Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 10.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This time will be posted daily on the Official Notice Board.
- 10.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform Crews of hearings in which they are parties. Hearings will be held in the protest room or as otherwise indicated in the Notice.
- 10.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered either:
- (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.
- This changes RRS 62.2 and 66.
- 10.6 Notices of Protests and redress hearings posted on the ONB shall be considered sufficient notice to all parties and witnesses. It is the responsibility of Parties to consult the ONB at or before notice expiry time before leaving the venue for the day. This changes RRS 63.2.
- 10.7 Decisions of the International Jury will be final.

## **11. ARBITRATION**

- 11.1. RRS T2 is changed so that:
- (a) when a protest is lodged, a boat may at the same time request Arbitration, or the protest committee or race committee may offer it.
  - (b) If the parties and a member of the protest or race committee agree that Arbitration is suitable, an arbitrator (who may be that member of the protest committee) will call an Arbitration Hearing. When it is the arbitrator's opinion that a boat that is a party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule for which the Post Race Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty and, if accepted, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing RRS 63.1.
- 11.2. When there is no agreement to use Arbitration or when, after Arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn or the Exoneration Penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a normal protest hearing at which the arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee.

## **12 RACE COMPLETION & SCORING**

- 12.1 See NoR 11.
- 12.2 When the leading boat completes the course and finishes, the race committee signal boat at the finish line will immediately display flag F with a sound signal.
- 12.1.1 When flag F is displayed any boat that is a lap behind and has not rounded the gate for its last lap shall not sail towards mark 1 but shall instead sail to and inform that the race committee finish boat so that it may be awarded a finishing position based on its then position (at the discretion of the committee).
- 12.1.2 Flag F will be removed at the end of the finishing window time limit.

## **13 [DP][NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 13.1 Sign on and sign off: for safety reasons, each departure from and return to the dinghy park including when returning ashore indicated by a flag AP / H or N / H, will require a sign on or off. This is mandatory and must be done personally by the helm of the boat both before leaving to go on the water and immediately upon returning to shore. Signing on and Off may be replaced by the Tracker (see 16.2 below)



- 13.2 The sign on/off /tracker desk is located in or adjacent the Race Office.
- 13.3 Sign on will open each day 90 mins before the first scheduled warning signal of the day.
- 13.4 After AP / H or N / H flags have been displayed on the Race Committee boat and boats have come ashore, sign on will re-open from the time the AP flag ashore comes down.
- 13.5 Time limits for sign on and sign off:
  - Sign on will close when the first warning signal of the first race of the day is made.
  - Sign off will close at the expiry of the Protest Time limit or 90mins after display of the AP / H or N / H flags on the water.
- 13.6 The penalty for failing to sign on/off or collect and return the tracker is at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- 13.6 A Crew who retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

**14 [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 14.1 Substitution of Crews will not be allowed.
- 14.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the Technical Committee on the form available from the Race Office at the first reasonable opportunity.

**15 [DP][NP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 15.1 Crews shall register at the Race Office and complete all required equipment inspection formalities during periods stated in NoR.
- 15.2 See NoR 8. When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.
- 15.3 Chartered or loaned boats shall display the National letters and sail numbers of the helmsman unless dispensation is granted by the class measurer.
- 15.4 Under exceptional circumstances, the Technical Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS77 and RRS Appendix G. Such permission is only valid if sought in writing and granted prior to the use of the sail.

**16 [DP][NP] EVENT ADVERTISING**

- 16.1 Boats may be required to fit decals and to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. If supplied, such decals shall be fitted and maintained for the life of the regatta in accordance with Attachment A.
- 16.2 If/when provided by the OA, boats and Crews shall carry, display or wear the following as instructed:
  - 16.2.1 Event and Class sponsor advertising;
  - 16.2.2 Coloured bibs for Event and/or category leaders [NP];
  - 16.2.3 Cameras and sound equipment [NP]; and
  - 16.2.4 Tracking and timing system equipment [NP]:
    - (a) Crews shall collect their tracking module from the Race Office before racing each day, which should be mounted on the mast near the boom level, or placed in the sail pocket, and tied securely to prevent lose overboard.
    - (b) The tracker will act as the tally.
- 16.3 Any individual caught stealing sponsor promotional items, e.g. flags, banners, prizes, etc. shall be the subject of a report by the Race Committee to the Protest Committee requesting action under RRS 69.2(a).

**17. OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be marked as follows:

Race Committee	RC burgee (Red on white background)
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Safety boats	Rescue
Jury/Judges	Jury or J
Media	Press or M

## **18 [DP] SUPPORT BOATS**

- 18.1 Support boats for individual boats or teams will not be permitted. The Class and/or OA may arrange one or more boats to carry spare parts, emergency items and drinks for use by all crew.
- 18.2 RRS 64.5(b) is changed as follows:  
The protest committee may penalize a boat that is a party to a hearing under rule 60.3(d) or 69 for the breach of a rule by a support person by changing the boat's score in a single race, up to and including disqualification, especially when the protest committee decides that  
(1) the boat may have gained a competitive advantage as the result of the breach by the support person, or  
(2) the support person committed a further breach after having been warned by the protest committee, that a penalty may be imposed.

## **19 TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 19.1 [DP] Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

## **20 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 20.1 Except in an emergency involving immediate peril to the crew or serious damage to a boat, a boat that is racing shall not make any voice, data, radio or other electronic transmissions and shall not receive any voice, data, radio or other electronic transmissions that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 21.1 See NoR 17.

## **22 INSURANCE**

See NoR 19.

## **23 RIGHTS & COPYRIGHT**

See NoR 21.2

## **24 DATA PROTECTION**

- 24.1 See NoR 22

## **25 DRONES**

- 25.1 The Class Association and OA may arrange for one or more drones to film all or part of the event as well as racing. This may be on land and/or over water. A drone may fly within 10 meters of Crews, which each Crew consents to by registering for the event. Drones are inherently potentially dangerous, and Crews recognize this risk and should avoid any contact with them. Crews should not try to touch them.
- 25.2 Use of drones by anyone in the vicinity of the course without and in accordance with approval of the OA is prohibited.



## Attachment A

### SPONSOR STICKERS

### READ THIS BEFORE STICKING

### Sailing Instruction 16

Boats shall display advertising stickers on the bow, boom and mainsail during the event. These stickers will be supplied by the organising authority. It is the responsibility of the crew to ensure the stickers remain on the boat and obtain replacements as necessary.

Each sailor will be issued 4 ACO stickers and 2 Ovington Boats stickers. They are to be applied as shown below. If any stickers fall off during sailing, then the sailor is to request replacements and apply them prior the start of the first race of the next day. Before applying the stickers please make sure the surface is clean and dry.

#### Positioning Detail:

The top front corner of the bow stickers is to be within 300mm of the bow.

The rear top corner of the mainsail stickers is to be below and within 300mm of the aft end of the lower batten.

Note: the **BIGGER** stickers are for the mainsail.

