



THE OCEAN RACE EUROPE 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

FOR IMOCA 60 AND VO65 CLASS BOATS

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1. THE RULES

- 1.1** Applicable Rules and documents are contained in NOR 2
- 1.2** Unless expressly stated in a rule: when there is a conflict between Rules, uncertainty over precedence or which Rule applies the IJ will decide the applicable Rule. Titles in the NOR or Sis shall not form part of the rule
- 1.3** RRS 32.1 add: The RC may shorten or change the course for a Leg while Boats are racing by communicating to the Boats by whatever means available. Boats shall acknowledge receipt of each change.
- 1.4** RRS 32.2 add: RRS 32.2 final sentence is deleted and replaced with: After one or more boats have finished, the course may be shortened for boats still racing.
- 1.5** RRS 41 add: (e) the RC, race control, another Boat or the Boatyard (BY) when given permission by race control.
- 1.6** RRS 47 add a new second sentence: However discarding small amounts of what are generally accepted as biodegradable items such as food scraps and elastic or wool bands when setting a sail is permitted.
- 1.7** For the VO65 Class RRS 51 is changed in that:
- (a) Non-sealed equipment, internal stackable equipment, when not being used for its intended purpose shall be stored below decks, sails when not in use may be stored below decks, these items may be moved to any position inside the hull between bulkheads B and H. These items shall not be retained by anything other than supplied stacking nets fitted in the correct places and fixed structural parts of the Boat including longitudinals, bulkheads and daggerboard cases.
 - (b) Sails and non-sealed deck equipment when above deck; may be stowed anywhere within an area formed by the Lifelines, Stanchions and Pulpits, except on the aerial frame, life rafts or in the area between the life rafts and the aft pedestal.
 - (c) No action shall be taken to alter stability by retaining or moving water or other fluids either above or below decks other than in the forward and aft ballast tanks or as permitted in the VO65 Class Rules.
 - (d) For heavy items or when a member of the OA, an equipment inspector or other official decides that items are onboard for the purpose of ballast the items will be sealed in a position between bulkheads B and H as close to the longitudinal centre of gravity and the centreline of the boat as possible.
- 1.8** RRS 52 does not apply to the operation of the canting keel.
- 1.9** RRS 55.3 is deleted and replaced with:
- An outrigger shall only be used to assist in the sheeting of a sail on the leeward side of the Boat using a designated outrigger attachment point. Outriggers on VO65 Boats shall not be deployed in Pro-Am races or prior to the starting signal for a Leg or Coastal race.

1.10

(a) Appendix T arbitration will apply, except the Post-Race Penalty of 30% referred to in T1 is changed two penalty points

(b) The text of RRS 64.2 first paragraph is deleted and replaced with:

“When the IJ decides that a boat that is a party to a protest hearing has broken a rule the IJ may impose penalties other than disqualification and may make any other scoring arrangements it decides is equitable. A penalty shall be imposed whether or not the applicable rule was mentioned in the protest. If a boat has broken a rule when not racing the IJ shall determine whether to apply any penalty to the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident or make some other arrangement. However,”

(c) If the IJ sit as a panel of the full jury in compliance with N1.4 (b), a party to the hearing dissatisfied with the decision can request a full jury hearing if they request it within 60 minutes of receiving the decision. The IJ shall extend the time if there is a good reason to do so.

1.11 RRS 78.1 is deleted and replaced with: The Participant and any other person in charge shall ensure that the boat is maintained to comply with her class rules and that her class certificate, remains valid.

1.12 RRS 86.2: World Sailing have granted permission to the OA to delete; RRS 88.1 and 88.2 and replaced with; the prescriptions of national authorities will not apply. Also amendments to the World Sailing Regulations, in accordance with RRS 86.2 the letter will be posted on the Noticeboard.

1.13 RRS Appendix A 2 is deleted.

1.14 RRS Appendix A 4 is deleted

1.15 RRS Appendix A 7 is deleted and replaced with:

(a) If boats are tied at the finishing line, the points for the place for which the boats have tied and for the place(s) immediately below shall be added together and divided equally.

(b) When Boats are tied on points at the end of a Leg as the result of a hearing they shall share any race prizes.

1.16 RRS Appendix A 8.1 is deleted.

1.17 RRS Appendix A 9 is deleted.

1.18 Anti-Doping Procedures; When agreed with World Sailing the applicable rules and procedures will be posted on the Noticeboard. Crew Members and OBRs are reminded of their obligation to know the Anti-Doping Rules. The Person in Charge or the Reserve Person in Charge is also responsible for informing their Crew Members and OBRs of the Anti-Doping Rules and ensuring that all Crew Members and OBRs sign and submit Appendix 3 of the Anti Doping Rules (when agreed with ISAF)

1.19 Boats shall comply with MARPOL 73/78 Annex V, which prohibits the dumping plastic or synthetic materials at sea. Boats shall not dump fuel or oil overboard at any time.

1.20 For sealing arrangements please refer to SI Attachment 1 Amendment 1.

2. RESPONSIBILITY OF PERSON IN CHARGE OR RESERVE PERSON IN CHARGE

- (a) The safety of the Boat and all the persons on board is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge (PIC) or the Reserve Persons in Charge (RPIC) who must take suitable measures to ensure that the Boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit to face the extremely bad weather and severe conditions likely to be encountered in the Race. The PIC must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. The PIC must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the persons on board know where it is kept and how it is to be used.
- (b) The PIC is to ensure that current written emergency instructions are clearly displayed onboard and comprehensively understood by all persons onboard to cover the following: man overboard, fire, recovery from capsize, collision/flooding response, chain of command, response to piracy attack, helicopter transfer, boat transfer, abandonment of the vessel.

3. GENERAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- (a) All equipment shall function properly, be regularly checked, cleaned and serviced and when not in use, be stowed on board in conditions in which deterioration is minimised. It shall also be readily accessible and ready for immediate use and be of a type size and capacity suitable and adequate for the intended use and size of the Boat.
- (b) All heavy items including but not limited to internal ballast and fittings (such as batteries, stoves, gas bottles, tanks, engines, outboard motors, sewing

4. NOTICES TO PARTICIPANTS, LANGUAGE, TIMES.

4.1 There will be no physical noticeboard. The noticeboard shall be online at:

4.2

- (a) Noticeboard:
<https://app.smartsheet.com/sheets/Qqx4Q6fHqPFmGqFpQ9gMhHxxHwjgFHghVc4Jh6J1>
- (b) Public noticeboard:
<https://www.theoceanrace.com/en/noticeboard.html>
- (c) Teams Q&A:
<https://app.smartsheet.com/sheets/rFVcv8x9PJ5fvRc4Wj4pgXHFGcmX852Gv5hwWxm1>

4.3 Notices to Participants shall be posted on the Noticeboard under the heading of: Race Management Notices to confirm local starting areas, VHF channels and other general information.

4.4 Questions and their answers shall only be official when they are on the Teams Q & A.

4.5 The official language for all Race matters shall be English. In the event of conflict with any translation, the English version shall prevail. The meaning of any word not defined in any of the Rules shall be by referenced to the Oxford English Dictionary (2009) – CD Rom Version 4.0 (Oxford University Press 2009).

4.6 Unless otherwise stated, all times in the NOR and SIs are local.

5. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

- 5.1** Any change to the SI's prior to a Coastal race or Leg Start will be posted on the Noticeboard before 0800 local time on the day it will take effect, or while on a Leg transmitted to the Boats by Race Control.

6. DOCUMENTATION AND REPORTING

- 6.1** No later than 48 hours before the intended start time of a Pro-Am Race, Coastal Race or Leg each Participant shall supply the Organising Authority (OA) with:

- (a) The list of names and positions of the Crew Members, the Onboard Reporter (OBR) and the Guests who are to sail in that Coastal Race or Leg shall be entered or changed on the crew and guest lists for the applicable race Crew & Guest List Smartsheet
- (b) Any amendments or additions to the forms, declarations or certificates already held by the OA.
- (c) The RC can accept late submissions under 6.1(a) or 6.1(b) if there is a good reason to do so.

- 6.2** No later than 1800hrs on the day before a Leg start the PIC shall supply the OA with:

- (a) A declaration that the Boat has had a thorough inspection, necessary repairs have been carried out and that the Boat is adequately prepared to compete or to continue in the Race without any additional modifications.
- (b) Any amendments or additions to the forms, declarations or certificates already held by the OA

- 6.3** When while Racing a Boat that acknowledges having infringed a Rule shall promptly inform race control of the nature of the infringement and the details.

Non-compliance with SI 6 may result in a report to the IJ.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1** There will be no signals made ashore.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS

- 8.1** The dates and times of all Races and events will be set out in Race Management Notices to Competitors.

9. THE START

- 9.1** The starting line will be between a staff displaying a green flag (with the word "START") on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.

- 9.2** Races will be started by using RRS 26.

- 9.3** In addition to RRS 29.1, individual recall notification may be broadcast by VHF. Failure to receive this additional information will not be grounds for redress, this

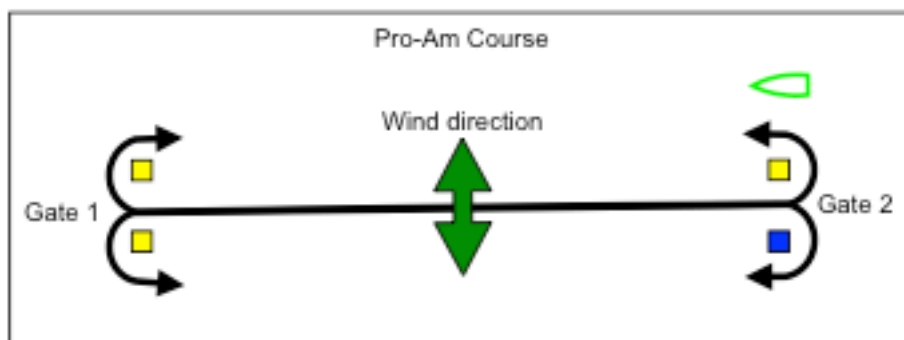
changes RRS 62.1 (a).

- 9.4** With the prior written approval of the OA: A Boat may start after the RC vessel, limit marks, and any turning marks have been removed. The Boat shall start in the immediate vicinity of the starting line as detailed in the Leg SIs addendum, round or pass all the marks (or their virtual position) in the order and direction contained in the Leg SIs. In the event the RC has used variable marks the Boat shall round or pass the positions as supplied by the RC.
- 9.5** When a Boat has completed the port section of the Leg and has rounded or passed the leaving mark as described in the Leg SIs addendum the boat shall send a screen shot of their course since starting and the time they estimate starting

10. COURSES

10.1 For a Pro-Am Race:

- (a) Generally a reaching course through gate marks lasting approximately 20 minutes--This format maybe changed on the water by VHF-



10.2 The number of laps will be signalled by pennants:

- (a) Pennant 1 is one lap
(b) Pennant 2 is two laps
(c) Pennant 3 is three laps
(d) Pennant 4 is four laps

10.3 The range and bearing of variable mark positions will be displayed on the Start boat and announced on VHF before the warning signal.

10.4 For a Leg:

- (a) For each Leg an addendum will be issued to describe the course.

11. MARKS

11.1 Marks will be a combination of inflatable buoys, GPS positions, Virtual Marks, navigational marks or buoys and landmarks. These will be identified in the Leg addendums.

11.2 In addition to RRS 34 when the race committee has failed to lay a mark, remove a mark, or failed to replace or substitute a mark. Boats shall use the approximate position of the mark as given in the Leg addendum as the position of the missing

mark.

12. CHANGE OF COURSE

12.1 RRS 33 (a)(2) and (b) are deleted

12.2 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark (or the finish line) to a new position.

13. EXCLUSION ZONES

13.1 For Pro-Am Race and for Coastal Race and Leg starts: Marshalling buoys and or stake boats may be situated around the racecourse to exclude spectator boats from the racing area. Boats shall not enter the spectator fleet.

13.2 In the Leg Addendums areas maybe described as Exclusion Zones, these zones will be formed by [virtual marks](#). Loxodromic lines between adjacent virtual marks shall form the zone.. A Boat shall not enter these zones.

14. THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a flag (with the words "FINISH") on the race committee vessel or on land and the designated finishing mark.

14.2 A Leg finish line may vary from SI 14.1 and will be described in the Leg addendum.

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1 For a Coastal Race 6 hours.

15.2 A Leg has no time limit.

16. PENALTY SYSTEM

16.1 Refer: SI 1.10 and RRS Addendum T.

16.2 RRS 44.1 (b) is amended in that the penalty for causing injury, serious damage or gaining significant advantage by a breach shall be determined by the IJ.

16.3 RRS 44.2 is amended by adding: When on a Leg a Boat may take a penalty in accordance with RRS 44.1 by taking a One-Turns Penalty or a Two Turns Penalty. A screen shot of the incident and the penalty turn(s) shall be sent to race control. The screen shot will be sent to the IJ.

16.4 During a Leg when a Boat acknowledges that it has broken a Rule on the water penalties may be applied. *These could be in the form of a forced decrease of boat speed, a points penalty or any other type of penalty that the IJ feels is appropriate.*

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 Breaches of General SI's 2, 3, 6, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and SI Attachment 1 Amendment 1, shall not be grounds for a protest by a Boat or a Participant. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).

17.2 Further to RRS 60.1 (a) a Boat that wishes to lodge a protest shall promptly inform the RC giving details of the incident and identify the protestee.

17.3 For a Leg: a protest or a request for redress by a Boat for an incident in the racing area shall be emailed to protests@theoceanrace.com within 8 hours of:

- (a) The protesting Boat finishing; or
- (b) The protesting Boat retiring from the Leg; or
- (c) The protesting Boat suspending Racing and does not intend to continue Racing in that Leg.

17.4 For a Leg: a protest by the RC or the IJ for an incident in the racing area shall be emailed to protests@theoceanrace.com or delivered to the local race office within 8 hours of:

- (a) The last Boat finishing; or
- (b) The last Boat retiring from the Leg; or
- (c) The last Boat that has suspended Racing and does not intend to continue Racing in that Leg.

17.5 Other RC or IJ protests shall be emailed to protests@theoceanrace.com or delivered to the local race office within 24 hours after receiving the relevant information. This changes RRS 61.3.

17.6 Decisions of the IJ will be final as provided in RRS 70.5

18. SCORING

18.1 Refer NOR 16.

19. OFFICIAL BOATS

19.1 Boats and team support boats shall keep clear of all boats displaying an Official Flag. The Official Flags are contained in SI Attachment 6.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT RESTRICTIONS

20.1 The Race Committee may inspect a Boat at any time before or after Racing.

21. SAILS

21.1 IMOCA 60 Boats shall only carry and use sails in accordance with NOR6.2. The sails to be used shall be declared no later by 1200 on 27th May 2021

21.2 VO65 Boats shall only carry and use sails in accordance with NOR6.3 The sails to be used shall be declared no later by 1200 on 27th May 2021.

22. CREW MEMBERS ONBOARD WHILE RACING

22.1 See NOR 8.

23. SUSPENDING RACING

23.1 On a Leg a Boat may suspend Racing under the following conditions:

- (a) When a Boat suspends Racing after the preparatory signal she:

- (i) Shall report to race control as soon as possible the circumstances and her position where she suspended Racing
- (ii) May use a propulsion engine, haul out or make fast until she resumes Racing. This alters RRS 45
- (iii) May, before resuming Racing, remove garbage, use any equipment or receive help to effect repairs, but shall not take on food or other provisions without the prior permission of the RC. This alters RRS 41 and 47.1
- (iv) Shall, before resuming Racing, return to the position where she suspended Racing and inform Race Control that she has resumed Racing.

- (b) A Boat may not suspend Racing on the last Leg.

24. COMMUNICATIONS WHILE RACING ON A LEG

- 24.1** The AIS shall remain powered on and transmitting at all times while Racing.

25. POSITION REPORTS ON A LEG

- 25.1** Should Boat's automated position reporting fail, the Boat shall report its position to race control, giving, course, boatspeed, windspeed and direction at 0045 or 1245 UTC until the equipment is repaired or until the Boat finishes.

26. MEDIA REQUIREMENTS WHILE RACING

- 26.1** While Racing the PIC or Navigator shall send a written report suitable for publication by e-mail to Race Control of no less than 100 words every 48 hours
- 26.2** While Racing a Crew Member shall not refuse any reasonable media requests
- 26.3** Any effect of fulfilling these requirements shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 26.4** The OA may require media representatives to go onboard after the finish of a Leg.

27. EVENT ADVERTISING

- 27.1** Branding Guidelines are on the Noticeboard.

28. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

- 28.1** Each Boat may only have one support boat in the racing area.
- 28.2** Support boats must not interfere with official boats or a Boat from other teams.
- 28.3** When there is a spectator exclusion zone in place for a Pro-Am race, Coastal Race or Leg start, team support boats will remain close to the exclusion zone line (within 20 meters) from the preparatory signal until the start signal. During this period team support boats shall not interfere with Boats or any RC or media boats performing their duties.
After the start, team support boats are permitted to move along the exclusion zone line (within 20 meters), but must not interfere with Boats, RC boats or media boats. Support Boats are not permitted to drive into, or cross the course while any Boat is

racing unless they have specific permission from the RC.

- 28.4** At all times team support boat drivers will follow the instructions of the RC Chief Marshal. Team support boats in breach of SI 28 may have their privileges removed by the RC, or a report sent to the IJ who may call a hearing and award penalty points to the associated Boat.

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