



NOTICE OF RACE

O'PEN BIC EURO CHALLENGE 2016

28th to 30th October 2016

TO BE HELD AT

Arco, Garda Lake, Italy

[Circolo Vela Arco Euro Challenge website](#)

Organized by:

Circolo Vela Arco

in co-operation with the

Bic Sport & O'pen Bic Class Association



GO SAILING!

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The [OBBCA Class Rules](#) apply, and were amended in March 2016. A Tow line not less than 5m in length and 7mm in diameter shall be fixed to the boat and be ready to use at all times while afloat.
- 1.3 The 4.5 sqm sail will be used in the U19 and U16 divisions. The 3.8 sqm sail will be used in the U13 division. **This changes Class Rule G.3.**
- 1.4 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.5 The [Open Bic Addendum Q](#), approved by World Sailing under RRS 86.2 and allowing umpiring on the water for all races, will apply.
- 1.6 RRS Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for breaking Rule 42, applies with the following changes – RRS P2.3 will not apply, and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. ISAF Regulation 20 'Advertising Code' shall apply.

3 DIVISIONS

- 3.1 The participating age divisions shall be:
 - 3.1.1 UNDER 13 - born in 2004, or not later than 2007.
 - 3.1.2 UNDER 16 - born in 2001, or not later than 2003.
 - 3.1.3 UNDER 19 - born in 1998, or not later than 2000.
- 3.2 A minimum of 5 competitors is required to constitute a division.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 All competitors shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19-Eligibility Code.
- 4.2 Competitors shall be members of their O'pen Bic National Class Association, if any, which shall be a paid up member of the international O'pen Bic Class Association.
- 4.3 A competitor shall have participated in their National O'pen Cup, or a National Championship of any ISAF class, prior to this event.

- 4.4 Eligible competitors may [enter online](#)

Bank transfer payment required, to:

*Circolo Vela Arco – Cassa Rurale Alto Garda
IBAN IT45 K080 1634 3100 0000 0140 419
BIC: CCRTIT2T04A*

Specify: name, surname, Euro Challenge 2016

- 4.5 All competitors requiring a charter boat shall [confirm the allocation with OBBCA](#). Go to Additional Information in this NoR for details of the Charter Service.
- 4.6 The following shall be presented upon registration at the race office:
 - Evidence of valid third party insurance (see also NoR #18)
 - Proof of age
 - [Emergency Contact and Health Information Form](#)-for those under age of 18

5 ENTRY FEES

- 5.1 The required competitor entry fee is **120 euro**.
- 5.2 The deadline for entries with payment of entry fees is 27th October 2016.

- 5.3 A discount of 30 euro will be applied to entries, with payment, received before 10th October 2016.
- 5.4 Entry fees paid at registration shall be paid in cash or credit/debit card– euros.
- 5.5 Competitors also chartering a boat may be able to pay online a combined entry and charter fee.

6 RACE FORMAT

- 6.1 The number of races for all divisions will be at the discretion of the Race Committee after consultation with the Class Representative.
- 6.2 Boys and girls shall race together.
- 6.3 Divisions may race as one fleet or in groups depending upon entry numbers.
- 6.4 Only one races is required to validate the event for each division.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1

Thursday 27 October		Registration, charter distribution
Friday 28 October	9:00 – 10:00am	Registration & equipment inspection
Friday 28 October	11:00am	Skippers Meeting
Friday 28 October	12:00	First possible warning signal
Saturday 29 October		Racing
Saturday 29 October	7:30pm	Social evening including dinner
Sunday 30 October		Racing
Sunday 30 October	Asap after last race	Prize giving and closing ceremony

- 7.2 The first possible warning signal for each day, after 28th October, will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 20:00 of the preceding day.
- 7.3 On last racing day, no warning signal will be displayed after 3:30pm.

8 EQUIPMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 Equipment inspections may be made at any time during the event.
- 8.2 Upon completion of registration and until the end of the event, at all times when ashore except when launching and retrieving, all equipment shall be kept in their assigned places at event site. Removal of any equipment from the event site requires prior written approval from the race committee. Access to equipment in the storage area during certain hours, including hours of darkness may be restricted.
- 8.3 Unless otherwise directed by the organizing authority, boats and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area at the event site.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions (SI's) will be available upon registration. Any changes to the SI's shall be approved by the Class Representative at the event.

10 COURSES

Courses will be as described in the sailing instructions.

11 INTERNATIONAL JURY

An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with WCR Appendix N. Their decisions shall be final as provided by RRS 70.5.

12 SCORING

- 12.1. Scoring of the event will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A, except for the discard profile. If 4 races have been completed a boat may discard their worst score; if 9 races have been completed a boat may discard their two worst scores.
- 12.2 Scoring for Challenge Tour results in any of the divisions shall be made by extraction from the overall series results without rescoring. A boat not competing at one or two event(s) of the series will be scored as DNC and ranked with the highest number of participants in its division in the largest regatta + 1 point.

13 COACHES AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 Coaches and support personnel may register by sending an e-mail to info@circolovelaarco.com
- 13.2 The registration fee is 20 euro.
- 13.3 Coach boat charter is available, please contact – info@circolovelaarco.com
- 13.4 Motorboats are generally prohibited to sail on the northern part of Lake Garda. However, during this event, a special permit to use such boats may be given (producing the required documents) by the Circolo Vela Arco if team leaders and coaches agree to the following rules:
- maximum 2 people are allowed on the motorboat;
 - follow all instructions given by the Race Committee;
 - under-writing the proper form by the Secretary Office of the Circolo Vela Arco.
- The following documents shall be sent to the race office, preferably before arrival:
- engine registration document of the rib (engine brand name–engine serial number)
 - current insurance of the engine
 - driver's identity document or navigation license, if the engine is 40.8 HP or more

14 SAFETY

- 14.1 Personal buoyancy is mandatory for every competitor and support boat crew member at all times while afloat except, briefly, while changing clothes.
- 14.2 Every competitor and support boat crew member shall wear a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard of ISO 12402-5 (level 50), or as specified in the SI's.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes for the Regatta will be awarded to the first five competitors of each properly constituted division, and if required to the first girl in each division.
- 15.2 Prizes for the Open Bic Challenge 2016 will be awarded to the first five competitors of each properly constituted division, and, if required, the first girl in each division.

16 OFFICIAL CEREMONIES

Competitors are requested to attend the event's social functions; however, the organising authority may refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion. **Prize winners may forfeit prizes for non attendance at the prize giving ceremony.**

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk, see RRS 4 - Decision to Race. The organising authority or any of their officials or representatives or the sponsors or their officials or representatives will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.

18 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1,500,000 euro per event or the equivalent.

19 RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said Event as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1 Registration will take place at race office located inside the hosting Club: Circolo Vela Arco
- 20.2 For further information please contact the secretary office of Circolo Vela Arco
Tel: 00390464505086 **Email:** info@circolovelaarco.com
- 20.3 The regatta participants can train at Circolo Vela Arco for free, from Saturday 22nd October till Wednesday 2nd November. If interested to train before 22nd Oct or after 2nd November we invite you to contact the Secretary Office of CVA for availability and costs.

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A CHARTER SERVICE

BIC Sport will provide and manage a charter service for participants:
Complete Boat (with 4.5 sail) Charter Fee: 150 euro.

Charter boats and sails will be allocated by the International O'pen BIC Class Association, and may be limited to **International competitors only**

To apply contact - secretary@openbic.com - before completing an entry form.

A deposit of 100 euro shall be paid to cover any damage to the equipment. This deposit will be collected when charter is issued, and reimbursed to the competitor upon the return of the charter equipment in good condition at the end of the event.

Charter boats will be available **from 27th October 2016.**

B VENUE, ACCOMMODATION & MEDICAL SERVICES

1. Weather information

Thanks to the lake, Arco benefits autumn weather conditions from a Mediterranean climate. Wind / Racing: Northern Lake Garda is well known for being a "sailing" Mecca, largely due to the thermally generated "Ora" wind that kicks in from the south usually around 12-1pm, and builds regularly up to a F4 and occasionally up to a F6-F7. This places an emphasis on strong boat handling as well as speed in these conditions. Conventional theory is that "there's more breeze nearer the cliffs" but that only holds true some of the time and also depends on the racing area you use. Occasionally you get thunderstorms rolling around the mountains and the clouds and drop in temperature can prevent the "Ora" from kicking in and if the light northerly or "Peler" is in place racing does sometimes take place in the 'wrong direction', which emphasises a range of different skill sets.

2. Racing area

Tide: 0.5 mt - 1.0 mt

Currents: not any

Depth: 250/300 mt

3. Accommodation

There is an accommodation list on the club website, which provides extensive details of the accommodation that's available. Typically the best options are either hotels, self-catering apartments or campings.

See www.circolovelaarco.com

4. Chandlers and repairs

- Oradini Sport – Via Gardesana, 23 – Arco TN – tel +39 0464 505080 – www.oradinisport.com
- Seatex - Via Strada Granda 25/25a –Torbole TN – tel +39 0464 506050– www.seatexsails.com
- Raf Wind – Via Strada Piccola –Torbole TN- tel +39 340 7757978
- Torbole Sails – Via San Nazzaro, 2 – Riva del Garda TN – tel +39 346 2888625 – www.torbolesails.com

- Punto Nave – Viale Rovereto 136 – Riva del Garda TN – tel +39 0464 556846 - <http://web.tiscali.it/puntonave/>
- Best Wind – Via Gardesana 88 – Malcesine VR– tel +39 045 7400075 – www.bestwind.it
- Negri Nautica - Via Matteotti 90 - Torbole TN – tel +39 0464710774 - www.negrinautica.com

5. General Information

Location

Circolo

Vela Arco is situated between Riva Del Garda and Torbole sul Garda, which is in the Northern part of Lake Garda in Northern Italy. The town of Arco is particularly attractive and has a wide range of shops, bars and interesting restaurants. For non-sailing friends there's a lot to do on holiday including mountain biking, windsurfing, hill climbing, canyoning, beach activities (pebbly), canoeing etc.

The majority of which are all available within a short drive to the town centre. One of the features of this end of the lake (in Trentino) is that no motorboats are allowed (other than ferries or rescue boats) which helps to keep the noise levels down and the dreaded jet-skiers out of the picture. So if you have friends or relatives interested in "sharing" your holiday – bring them along.

Getting There

Airports to head for are either Verona, Brescia or Bergamo, all of which can be reached by a number of cheap airlines e.g. Ryanair or EasyJet.

The nearest Airport to Arco is the Verona Catullo one, that is 90 Km far away from Arco. On arrival at the airport of Verona the next issue is transport to / from Arco or Riva del Garda. Options include:

- Taking direct buses Verona - Riva del Garda (for more info see <http://www.aptv.it>);
- Taking the railway Verona - Rovereto. From Rovereto to Riva del Garda or Arco there is not railway service but buses connect the two towns nearly every hour (for more info see <http://www.ttspa.it>)
- Taking a taxi. For more info about taxes see the above point taxi service.
- Hiring car for the week (for more info see <http://www.avisautonoleggio.it>).

If driving from the Airport then follow the A4 east to the A22 North signposted Brennero, and exit at the Rovereto Sud exit (toll fee payable). Follow signs to Torbole sul Garda and then Riva del Garda / Arco. If flying to Milano, please take note that particularly the Milano Malpensa Airport is 250 Km far away from Riva del Garda. The Milano Linate Airport is a bit nearer but is always much better to choose flying to Verona.

For more info about Italian Airports see <http://www.aereoporti.com>

Arriving at Circolo Vela Arco

In order to speed up and simplify the arrivals we ask you to:

- do not offload the boats in the car park.
- 1 - Offload the boats in the area indicated by the staff.
- 2 - Come to the office to register your arrival and to get the stickers to be applied on boats/road trailers/motorboats/cars.
- 3 - Apply the stickers before pulling the sailing boats inside the "Boats Park".
- 4 - Ask for directions to launch the motorboats.
- For the motorboats, pick up at the office the navigation permit and the flag to keep on the motorboats (deposit of € 20.00).