



**CIRCOLO VELA ARCO**



# **European 18foot Skiff Grand-Prix Championship 2017**

## **NOTICE OF RACE / SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The European 18 Foot Skiff Championship 2017 and Grand Prix, will be held in Circolo Vela Arco in Italy, from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

### **1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

The Organizing Authority for the Regatta is the Circolo Vela Arco A.s.d.  
Via Lungo Sarca, 20 - 38062 ARCO TN, in conjunction with the International 18foot Skiff Association.

### **2. RULES**

**2.1** The Regatta will be governed by:

- the ISAF 2016-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS),
- the rules of the International 18foot Skiff Association,
- the Notice of Series
- the Notice of race, and
- the Sailing Instructions.

Where there is any conflict in wording the text of the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

**2.2** The entry fee is € 350,00 if pre-registration will be made through the web site [www.circolovelaarco.com](http://www.circolovelaarco.com) together with the payment within 15/06/2017. After that date the fee will be of € 400,00.

**2.3** Penalty for infringement of a Rule of Part 2 will be 1 turn penalty to include one tack and a gybe. If the penalty is incurred whilst sailing downwind with the spinnaker flying the penalty shall be taken before rounding the leeward mark, or if approaching the finishing line to finish, before crossing the finish (altering RRS 44).

**2.4** Competitor may be required from the organizing authority to display advertising stickers on both sides of the hull during the whole event.

**2.5** Touching a mark (other than a starting or finish line mark) with any part of the boat or crew shall not constitute an infringement of the Rules and does



not require 1 turn; Manhandling a mark which results in an advantage is not allowed nor is displacing it and a boat so doing shall promptly retire. If a boat touches a start or finish mark they shall complete a 1 turn penalty (altering RRS 31.2).

- 2.6** RRS 40 (personal buoyancy) is deleted
- 2.7** The RRS 42 is changed to: "A boat shall be propelled only by the action of the wind on the sails, by the action of the water on the hull and by the unassisted action of the crew."
- 2.8** Each crew member must wear a personal safety knife attached to the trapez harness, A knife must be attached on the port side of the rudder gantry for safety reasons!

### **3. ENTRIES**

Eligible boats of the 18foot Skiff Association shall be entered by completing the registration form at Regatta Office in the CLUB until 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 at 11.00.

### **4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 4.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located near the Regatta Office.
- 4.2** All notices, including changes in the Sailing Instructions, requests and decisions of the Jury will be posted on the Notice Board. It is competitor's obligation to consult the Notice Board before and after every Race.

### **5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00hrs of the previous day.

### **6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 6.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpole at the boat park.
- 6.2** Code flag "AP" hoisted with two sound signals means: "The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after "AP" is lowered" with one sound signal.



**6.3** Code flag "L" hoisted with one sound signal means: "A change to the Sailing Instructions has been posted".

## **7. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

**7.1** The warning signal for the first race of the day will be made at:

Sunday,	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Registrations
Monday,	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Registrations - Practice Race 13:00
Tuesday,	4 <sup>th</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal 13:00 - races
Wednesday,	5 <sup>th</sup> July	Races
Thursday,	6 <sup>th</sup> July	Races
Friday,	7 <sup>th</sup> July	Races
Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup> July	Races

**7.2** No warning signal will be made after 16.00hrs on the last day of racing. The time of the warning signal for the races of the following days will be given by a notice on the official notice board before 8 pm the day before it will take effect.

2/3 races per day is planned. The maximum number of races per day is 4.

## **8. CLASS FLAG**

Class flag: Orange flag with 18 logo

## **9. RACING AREAS**

The racing areas will be in the east coast of the North Garda Lake.

## **10. THE COURSES**

**10.1** The courses will be windward / leeward. The diagram in Annex A shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be rounded and the side to which they are to be left. The gate has only to be passed down wind.

**10.2** The approximate compass bearing of windward mark will not be displayed on the Race Committee signal boat at starting line.

**10.3** The course will not be shortened before passing the third mark.

## **11. MARKS**



**11.1** The windward mark and the leeward mark will be orange cylindrical inflatable buoys.

**11.2** When the course is changed, the new mark will be an white cylindrical inflatable buoy.

## **12. THE START**

**12.1** Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26

**12.2** The starting line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an white cylindrical inflatable buoy. If conditions require the Race Committee boat can keep station on the starting line with their engines on.

**12.3** A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her valid starting signal, otherwise she will be classified as "DNS" or "DNC".

## **13. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

When changing the course after the start, Code flag "C" followed by acoustic signals (horn). The new mark will be laid and the original mark will be removed as soon as possible. Any mark to be rounded after the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. Subsequent changes will be by alternating with the original mark.

Shorting of course: When a committee boat is showing code flag "S" followed by acoustic signals (horn) the course is shortened and finishing is between the next mark and a committee boat displaying code flag "S".

## **14. THE FINISH**

**14.1** The finishing line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee boat, when on station, and an white cylindrical inflatable buoy.

**14.2** If conditions require the Race Committee boat can keep station on the finishing line with their engines on.

**14.3** Code flag "G" when hoisted on the Race Committee boat at the finishing line means: "Another race will be sailed, as soon the present one ends".

## **15. TIME LIMIT**



**15.1** After a valid start the time limit for the first boat to finish that race will be 2:00 hours.

**15.2** Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored "DNF" (altering RRS 35).

## **16. PROTESTS**

**16.1** Protests shall be written on forms available at the Regatta Office and lodged there within protest time.

**16.2** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and by the protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

**16.3** The Jury/protest committee will hear protests, if possible, in the order of receipt and as soon as possible, after protest time limit.

**16.4** Protest notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 15 minutes after the end of protest time, notifying the parties and the named witnesses of the approximate order, time and place of the hearings.

**16.5** Request to reopen a hearing on the last day, shall be lodged within 15 minutes after the protest decision have been posted or the end of protest time, whichever is the later (altering RRS 66).

## **17. SCORING**

The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A will apply. At least 3 races shall be completed to constitute valid series. If 4 or more races are completed, there will be one discard. If 9 or more races are completed, there will be 2 discards. The number of races scheduled is max 12 races.

## **18. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded at least to each crewmember of the boats placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the final score

## **19. CHANGES OF CREW**

Any change of crew must be previously permitted, by written, by The Race Committee.



## **20. LIABILITY**

The safety of a yacht and her entire management shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the yacht, who must ensure that yacht and crews are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither the establishment of the sailing, nor any inspection of the yacht in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner competitor for his crew, his yacht and the management thereof.

Neither the Organizing Authority, its officers, employees or agents nor the Race Committee shall be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, howsoever caused to the owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his yacht for the regatta.

In the event that assistance is rendered to any competitor no liability is accepted by the Organizing Authority, the Race Committee or the person rendering assistance.

Each owner/skipper must have a third party risk insurance policy.

## **21. GENERAL**

English is official language for the Regatta.

## **22. SUPPORT BOATS**

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;  
to follow all instructions given by the Race Committee underwriting the proper form by the Secretary Office of the Circolo Vela Arco.

The required documents are:

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;

pick up at the office the navigation permit and the flag to keep on the motorboats (deposit of € 20.00)



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## **A THE CLUB**

Circolo Vela Arco is situated between Riva Del Garda and Torbole, 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.

## **B TRAVEL & TRANSFERS**

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>

## **C ACCOMMODATION**

You can find a booking request form on the organizing club web site (<http://www.circolovelaarco.it/prenota/hotel>)

We suggest you to book your accommodation with very large advance, as the championship will be held in the touristic high season.

## **D VENUE**

Thanks to the lake Arco benefits summer weather conditions from a Mediterranean climate. In August temperature can reach 30°/33° degrees during the day.





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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.

### **E NAUTICA SUPPLIERS**

- Negrinautica Store - Via Matteotti 90 - Torbole - tel +39 0464 710774  
[www.negrinautica.com](http://www.negrinautica.com)
- Oradini Sport - Via Gardesana, 23 - Arco - tel +39 0464 505080 -  
[www.oradinisport.com](http://www.oradinisport.com)
- Best Wind - Via Padova, 5 - Riva del Garda - tel +39 0464 755070 -  
[www.bestwind.it](http://www.bestwind.it)
- Seatex - Via Strada Granda 25/25a - Torbole sul Garda - tel +39 0464 506050  
- [www.seatexsails.com](http://www.seatexsails.com)
- Raf Wind - Via Strada Piccola - Torbole sul Garda - tel +39 340 7757978
- Torbole Sails - Via San Nazzaro, 2 - Riva del Garda - tel +39 346 2888625 -  
[www.torbolesails.com](http://www.torbolesails.com)
- Punto Nave - Viale Rovereto 136 - Riva del Garda - tel +39 0464 556846  
<http://web.tiscali.it/puntonave/>

### **Flags and start warning**

**5 min** 18class flag one shot

**4 min** flag "P" (flag I round the ends, flag "Z" or "U": boat over line disq, black flag: disq if over line or extension no restart if general recall) one horn

**1 min** horn

**start horn**

after the race "code flag "G" means one more race

code flag "L" means come home







## ANNEX A

**COURSE 1 Start - 1a - 1b - 2a/2b - 1a - 1b - 2a/2b - 1a - 1b - Finish**  
**COURSE 2 Start - 1 - gate - 2 - 1 - gate - 2 - 1 - Finish (all marks to port)**

WIND

