



Club Velico Crotone

4th BPER BANCA CROTONE OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CARNIVAL

RACE

March 2nd – 5th 2019

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The regatta will be organized by Club Velico Crotone according to the Italian Sailing Federation (FIV) and the Italian Optimist Class Association (AICO).

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ABBREVIATIONS

[DP] Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the Protest Committee

[NP] Rules that are not grounds for protest by a boat (This changes rule 60.1 (a))
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[SP] Rules for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without hearing
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1. RULES

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The Italian Sailing Federation Prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. Rule 61.1 'Informing the Protestee' is changed as follows:
 - 1.3.(a) Add to rule 61.1(a) 'The protesting boat shall inform the Race Committee of the boat/s being protested at the finishing line immediately after finishing.'
- 1.4. Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply.
- 1.5. Rule 40 is deleted and replaced by: "Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) according to class rule 4.2 (a), properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing."
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7. If there is any conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence (modifies RRS 63.7).

2. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT [NP]

- 2.1. [DP] Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority. Information from this equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes rule 63.6.
- 2.2. The equipment provided, once placed on the boat as instructed by the organising authority, shall not be manipulated by the competitor or the coach in any way, except when so required by the organising authority.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located close to race office.
- 3.2. When a visual signal is displayed over a fleet(s) flag, the signal applies only to that fleet(s). This changes the Race Signals preamble.
- 3.3. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the official flagpole located close to race office.
- 3.4. [NP][DP] Boats shall not leave their berthing places until their Fleet flag is displayed with one sound, signalling that competitors in that fleet should commence in prescribed order to the slipway area where they will wait for Flag D. Fleet flags will be displayed 30 minutes prior to flag D.
- 3.5. [NP][DP] Flag D displayed with one sound means: 'the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed.' Boats shall not launch until this signal is made.
- 3.6. Flag B displayed means 'Sailing Instruction 20.3 applies.'

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 09:30 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5. BOATS

- 5.1. [DP] Competitors sailing on charter boats shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Organising Authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore.
- 5.3. Failure or loss of chartered equipment will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The warning signal of the first race will be given at 11:00 am on 2nd March 2019.
- 6.2 The time of the warning signal for the first race of the days after will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 7 p.m. the previous day.
If no notice is given, the warning signal will be given at the same time as the previous day.

7. Format of the Regatta

- 7.1 The event will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.
- 7.2 Qualifying series: entries may be divided into fleet as far as possible with the same number of boats. Initial allocation into fleet will be done by the Race Committee on the 1st of March with the list of competitors already registered by the time of the allocation. Competitors registering later will be added at the bottom of the sorted list in the order of registration.
- 7.3 If minimum 5 races have been completed until the end of the second scheduled racing day in the qualifying series, the following days will be final series.
- 7.4 If minimum 5 races have not been completed until the end of the second scheduled racing day, the following day(s) will be sailed in the qualifying series until the minimum 5 races have been completed. If so, the other day(s) will be final series.
- 7.5 A qualifying series race will not count until all fleets in the qualifying series have completed the same number of races.
- 7.6 Final series: the competitors will be divided into final fleets according to the final scores of the qualifying series. There will be the same number of fleets as in the qualifying series. The fleets will have approximately the same number of competitors in each. The Gold fleet will consist of the first part of the final scores of the qualifying series, Silver fleet of the second part, and so on with Bronze and Emerald fleet (if needed).
- 7.7 Boats with the best qualifying-series ranks will race all final-series races in the Gold fleet. Boats with the next-best qualifying-series ranks will race in the Silver fleet, etc.
- 7.8 Any recalculation of Final Series ranking after boats have been assigned to the Final Series will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to higher fleet.

8. CLASS FLAG

- 8.1 Cadet and Junior boats shall display coloured ribbons if provided by the organizers. The ribbons shall be attached to the top of the peak, as established in the dedicated announcement of the Organizing Committee.
- 8.2 The WARNING signal for the Optimist Junior Class is a white flag displaying the class logo.
- 8.3 The WARNING signal for the Optimist Cadet Class is a yellow flag displaying the class logo.

9. RACING AREA AND COURSE

- 9.1 The regatta will be raced in front of the harbour of Crotona.
- 9.2 The diagram attached to these Instructions shows the course to follow, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.3 The course may be only shortened after the leeward leg. This changes rule 32.1 of RRS.
- 9.4 The legs of the course may not be changed. This changes rule 33 of RRS.
- 9.5 When sailing along the leeward leg (2-3s/3d) boats must not cross the finish line - in case it is already positioned - which shall be considered a "continuing obstruction". The finish line may only be crossed after passing 3s-3d marks.
- 9.6 If a gate mark (3s or 3d) is missing, the mark anchored in the direction of the wind may be passed and left on the left side.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Course marks will be yellow inflatable cylindrical marks.
- 10.2 The start mark is an orange buoy at the port end of the line. The orange buoy may be replaced by a service boat with a staff with an orange flag.

11. START

- 11.1 Starting procedures
 - 11.1.a. The starting signal will be given in compliance with the procedure established by rule 26 RRS.
 - 11.1.b. For every race taking place after the first one or in case of a long delay to the start of the first regatta scheduled for the day, an orange flag may be displayed together with an acoustic signal at least 5 minutes before the warning signal, in order to inform competitors that a race is about to start.
- 11.2 Starting line
 - 11.2.a. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag placed on the Organizing Committee boat (which will be at the right end of the line) and an orange flag displayed on a staff on the second starter boat.
 - 11.2.b. If no second starter is present, the left end of the starting line will be signaled with an orange mark.
- 11.3. Each boat starting more than 4 minutes after the displaying of its starting signal shall be scored as DNS without a hearing. This changes rule A4 of RRS.
- 11.4 [NP] [DP] Waiting area
 - 11.4.a. Definition of a waiting area: The winward end of the waiting area shall be signaled by three yellow buoys.
 - 11.4.b. Once the starting sequence of the first fleet has begun, all boats of the other fleets shall immediately move to the waiting area described above and wait there. Boats may approach the starting area only after the starting signal of the preceding fleet has been given and if no general recall has been signaled.
 - 11.4.c. Boats having completed their race shall directly return either to the waiting area or on land, keeping clear of other boats still racing and of boats which have received their warning signal.

12. FINISH LINE

The finish line will be between one staffs displaying a orange flag placed on the finish boats (which will be at the right end of the finish line) and a service boat with an orange flag.

13. TIME LIMIT AND TARGET TIME

- 13.1 The Race Committee will try to keep the duration of the race within 50 minutes. No redress may be requested in case of a different duration of the race or of abandonment. This changes rule 62.1(a) of RRS.
- 13.2 If no boat passes mark number 1 within 30 minutes from the starting signal, the regatta shall be cancelled and may be repeated. No redress may be requested in case of any improper action or omission relating to this point of the Sailing Instructions. This changes rule 62.1 (a) of RRS.
- 13.3 There's no time limit for the first boat finishing the race. This changes rule 35 of RRS.
- 13.4 Any boat not finishing the race within 20 minutes after the arrival of the first boat shall be scored as "DNF" without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5 of RRS.
- 13.5 In case of adverse weather or sea conditions, the Race Committee may irrevocably decide to reduce the target time to 25 minutes, by displaying flag T of C.I. before the warning signal. No redress may be requested in case of a different duration of the regatta. This changes rule 62.1 (a) of RRS.

14. PENALTIES AND PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Appendix P will apply.

14.2 [SP] [DP] Measurement penalties.

14.2.a. Competitors whose boats are not provided with the following safety equipment shall receive a 5 (five)-point penalty in the race:

- personal flotation device, correctly worn, with a whistle attached (rule 4.2 (a) of Optimist Class Rules);
- bailer attached to the hull (rule 4.3 (a) of Optimist Class Rules);
- buoyant rope (rule 4.3 (b) of Optimist Class Rules);
- daggerboard attached to the hull (rule 3.3.4 of Optimist Class Rules).

14.2.b. In case of different breaches of measurement rules, the Protest Committee may either disqualify a boat (DSQ) or impose her a discretionary penalty (DPI).

14.3 During the regatta, judges in charge of reporting any breach of rule 42 and of Appendix P RRS may whistle or display a red flag without recalling any boat if they notice any action which may be considered as a breach of a rule included in Part 2 of RRS or of rule 31 of RRS.

This signal simply means that the judges have noticed the action and are ready to testify on it and that they may themselves protest the boat.

15. PROTESTS

15.1 A boat willing to protest or request redress for events happened while racing shall immediately give notice to the Race Committee at the arrival, specifying which boat she wants to protest. This changes rule 61.1 (a) of RRS.

15.2 Protest forms are available at the Race Office.

15.3 Any competitor wishing to be scored as Retired (RET) after crossing the finish line, or having taken a penalty, shall write a brief report for the Race Committee within the time limit for protests. If no report is received, the Race Committee may score the boat as if she had not complied with the penalty. This changes rule 64.1 (b) of RRS.

15.4 Any protest and request for redress shall be addressed to the Race Office within the established time limits.

15.5 The time limit for protests for both the Optimist Junior and the Optimist Cadet Class is 60 minutes after the arrival of the last boat competing in the last race scheduled for the day for each fleet or 60 minutes after the Race Committee has given the signal "*no more races today*".

Of these possible deadlines the latest one shall be considered as the time limit for protests.

15.6 The sail number of protesting, protested and testifying boats will be posted, if possible, within 30 minutes after the time limit for protests on the Official Notice Board.

15.7 Protests submitted by the Race Committee or the International Jury will be posted on the Notice Board to inform boats, as set in rule 61.1 (b) of RRS.

15.8 A list of boats penalized for breaking rule 42 of RRS will be posted.

15.9 On the last day of regattas any request for redress based on a decision by the International Jury shall be submitted no later than 30 minutes after the decision has been posted on the Notice Board. This changes rule 62.2 of RRS.

16. SCORING

16.1 The "Low Point System" as described in Appendix A of RRS shall apply.

16.2 The event will be valid with any number of races completed.

16.3 a) When less than four races have been completed, the boat's series score will be the total of all her scores.

16.3b) After the fourth race is completed, the boat's series score will be the total of all her scores, excluding her worst score.

17. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT CHECKS

17.1 Boats or their equipment may be checked at any time to assess their compliance with class rules and Sailing Instructions.

17.2 When at water, boats may be ordered by a measurer to move to a dedicated area in order to be checked.

18. ADVERTISING

Competitors shall display any logo supplied by the Organizing Authority on the bow of the hull and a numbered sticker on the hull and on the tow cart.

19. COACHES AND SUPPORT BOATS

19.1. [NP] Team Leaders, Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are or will be racing from the time the orange flag is displayed until all boats of all divisions in that race have finished or the Race Committee signal a postponement or abandonment. To observe a race, support boats may move from leeward to windward through the port side of the course keeping well clear of the exclusion boundary, approximately 100 metres from the course area. When a race committee or jury member indicates a support boat to move further from the course area, the mentioned boat shall do so immediately.

19.2. Coaches and other support boats must not take on board no more than three people, unless they are giving help to boats.

19.3. Coaches are encouraged to carry a working VHF radio.

20. SAFETY REGULATIONS

20.1. [NP][DP] A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee or safety boat before leaving the course and shall complete the relevant form available at the Race Office.

20.2. Each day of competition the Coaches or Team Leaders shall notify the Race Office before D flag is displayed, of the boats not intending to race that day.

20.3. [NP][DP] **Check-out and Check-in Procedure.** The requirements of this instruction are specified for the safety of the competitors.

20.3(a) The tally control point to check-out and check-in competitors will be located outside the club house.

20.3 (b) When code flag B is displayed ashore the team managers or coaches shall check-out before racing by signing the list with athletes grouped according to their division or category.

20.3 (c) When boats finish racing, team managers or coaches shall call the Race Office or send an SMS +39 3381156756 confirming that all athletes in the daily attendance list have returned to shore. Every coach must contact the Race Committee through VHF channel 72 and give them the sail number of the boats that decided to retire.

- 20.3 (d) Competitors may be penalised at the discretion of the jury for each race of the day on which they failed to comply with the instruction. This changes rule 63.1.
- 20.4. Competitors who require assistance shall blow a whistle or wave the paddle or one arm. The Race Committee reserves the right to assist competitors who in their opinion require assistance, regardless of the wishes of the competitor. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a) of RRS..
- 20.5. When the Race Committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds, all official and support boats shall monitor the Race Committee VHF 72 channel for search and rescue instructions.

21. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 21.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 21.2. Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted provided the relevant form has been completed at the Race Office and both the damaged and the substituting equipment has been inspected by the Measurement Sub-Committee.
- 21.3. If the substitution was made on the water between races, both the damaged and the substituting equipment shall be presented to the Measurement Sub-Committee after the end of the day's racing. The substitution is subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.

22. TRASH DISPOSAL [NP][DP]

Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

23. BERTHING [NP][DP]

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.

24. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the Notice of Race.

25. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility. RRS 4 'Decision to Race' of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.

By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew (if applicable) and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew (if applicable), their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event, and they are fit to participate;

e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

26. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating in this regatta, a competitor automatically grants to the organising authority, and the sponsors of the regatta the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the regatta, and of all of his or her material related to the regatta, without compensation.

27. ADDENDUM FOR COMPETITION IN HEATS

In compliance with the rules of the Italian Sailing Federation (FIV), if the regatta is raced in heats, following a dedicated Notice of the Race Committee, the Sailing Instructions described in the following ADDENDUM-A shall apply.