



EUROCHALLENGE 2017

Roses. April 6th – April 9th

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the W.S. Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The OBCA Class Rules apply
- 1.3. No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4. In all rules governing this regatta;
- 1.5. The Open Bic Addendum Q. (Appendix B) approved by World Sailing under RRS 86.2 and allowing umpiring on the water for all races, will apply.
- 1.6. RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.7. In all rules governed by this regatta:
 - 1.7.1. **[DP]** denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury;
 - 1.7.2. **[SP]** denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing; and
 - 1.7.3. **[NP]** denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
 - 1.7.4. Both 'athlete' and 'competitor' mean a person competing in the event.
 - 1.7.5. The term 'scheduled' means: As originally scheduled unless amended by a later notice to competitors
- 1.8. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. **This changes RRS 63.7.**
- 1.9. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to the competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in front to the Race Office.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than 90 minutes before the scheduled warning signal of the race it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of the first race of the day will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Official Flag Poles located between the launching ramp and the beach area.
- 4.2. When a signal is displayed over a Division/Group flag it applies to that Division/Group only.
- 4.3. **[DP][NP]** When the Division/Group flag is displayed ashore competitors can go afloat. The warning signal will be in not less than 30 minutes. **If the Division/Group flag is NOT displayed competitors SHALL NOT go afloat.**

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES & MEETINGS & FORMAT

Apr 06th	10:00 – 16 :00	Registration, charter distribution
Apr 07th	9:00 – 10:00	Registration & Equipment inspection
Apr 07th	11:00	Skippers/coaches Meeting
Apr 07th	12:00	First possible warning signal
Apr 08th	11:00	First possible warning signal
Apr 08th	19:00	Social evening including dinner
Apr 09th	11:00	First possible warning signal
Apr 09th	ASAP after last race	Prize giving and closing ceremony

- 5.1. The daily race schedule and the scheduled time of the Warning signal for the first race will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 5.2. There will be a Coaches Meeting at 11:00 on Day 1. It will be held beside the Race Office.
- 5.3. There will be up to 5 races per day, and a maximum of 12 races in the championship, for each division. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to instruction 3. 1.
- 5.4. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.5. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:30 hrs.

6. RACING FORMAT

- 6.1. When 4 races have been completed the worst score shall be excluded; if 9 races or more are completed the 2 worst scores shall be excluded.

7. CLASS FLAGS

Division/Group flags shall be:

Division	Flag
Under 13	White with class logo
Under 17	Orange with class logo

8. RACING AREAS

- 8.1. The racing area is defined in SI's Appendix A as an area extending **75 meters** beyond the course including the starting line, the finishing line and their extensions, in which a boat normally sails while racing.
- 8.2. **[DP]** Boats not racing shall avoid the racing area.

9. COURSES AND FREESTYLE MANEUVERS

- 9.1. The courses to be sailed will be published daily on the Official Notice Board.
- 9.2. The approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left of the possible courses are detailed in the App.A.
- 9.3. If more than one course is prescribed on any day, the course to be sailed will be displayed on a white board with course code in black letters no later than 1 minute before the warning signal.
- 9.4. Freestyle maneuvers are:
 - 9.4.1. **360°**: including a tack and a jibe (or a jibe and a tack) in the same direction when **a yellow flag** is displayed on the Committee Boat before or together with the warning signal
 - 9.4.2. **Capsizing**: capsize the boat until the head of the sail touches the water, when a **white flag** is displayed on the Committee Boat before or with the warning signal
 - 9.4.3. **Standing leg**: sail the boat between two buoys in a standing position, when **a green flag** is displayed on the Committee Boat before or together with the warning signal.
- 9.5. If a boat with white flag with J or IJ in the vicinity of a course mark display a green flag this means: "every boat shall do an additional free style maneuver which will be represented by the handling of the boat in a standing position from this mark until next mark" (Additional Freestyle maneuver).
- 9.6. If the average wind speed is clearly **over 12 knots** across the course the race committee may signal in accordance with RRS Appendix P5 that pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted **except on a windward leg**. This changes rules RRS 42.2(a), RRS 42.2(b), RRS 42.2(c). RC will use flag "Oscar" as per Appendix P to grant free sheet pumping and rocking and ooching. Flag "Romeo" will be used to signal that free pumping/rocking/ooching is no more permitted. **Sculling is always prohibited.**

10. MARKS

- 10.1. The marks will be:

Course Marks	As described on the course diagram – Triangle Inflatable red marks
Starting marks	Race Committee – Triangle Inflatable yellow mark
Finishing marks	Race Committee finishing boat and a red buoy with a blue flag
Freestyle marks	Inflatable orange marks

11. [DP] [NP] FORBIDDEN AREAS & OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1. There are no restricted areas or obstructions in the racing areas.

12. THE START

- 12.1. Races will be started according to RRS 26.
- 12.2. The starting line will be between an orange flag displayed at the Race Committee and starting mark.
- 12.3. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. **This changes RRS A4 and A5.**

13. THE FINISH



- 13.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the boat and the finishing buoy.

14. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

- 14.1. The target time for the first finisher is 30 minutes. Different duration of the races will not be ground for request of redress.
- 14.2. Boats failing to finish within **10** minutes of the first finisher in their respective division or group shall be scored DNF except those who are scored DSQ, BFD, UFD, OCS, RET, RDG or DNE. **This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.**

15. PROTEST & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

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- 15.1. Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protest and request for redress shall be delivered at the Race Office within the protest time limit.
- 15.2. No protest or request for redress for any rules of Part 2 of RRS or 31 or 42, except for rules 14 when injury or damage occurred, will be accepted. The protesting boat shall notifies her intention to the finish boat on the water immediately after finishing and within the red flag period (see Add.Q2.3). The only exception is for boats that retire from the race. **This changes RRS 63.1.**
- 15.3. **[DP][NP]** Boats retiring from a race shall complete a Retirement Declaration Form at the Race Office before the end of the protest time limit.
- 15.4. For each Division/Group the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat of her Division/Group has finished the last race of the day, or the Race Committee signals "AP over A", whichever is later.
- 15.5. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as a witness. Hearings will be held in the protest room.
- 15.6. Notices of protest by the Race Committee or Jury will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.7. On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening shall be delivered:
 - 15.7.1. Within protest limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - 15.7.2. No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. **This changes RRS 66.**
- 15.8. On the last day of the regatta a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 15.9. Decisions of the international jury can not be appealed as provided in RRS 70.5.

16. PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 16.1 Competitors may carry or wear a timing device and/or a wind indicator according to Class Rules.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. To request correction of an alleged error in the posted races or series results, a boat shall complete a Scoring Enquiry Form available at the Race Office. The Scoring Enquiry Form shall be delivered not later than 19:00 of the day involved except if the results list is published after 18:30 in that case the form shall be delivered not later than 9:00 of the day after.

18. [DP][NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. Competitors leaving the race before finishing shall inform the Race committee (RC boats or Rescue boats) as soon as possible. If this is not possible the competitor shall inform the Race Office.

19. [DP] REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Request for substitution shall be made in writing at the first reasonable opportunity. Forms for replacement are available at the Race Office.

20. [DP] EQUIPMENT CHECKS

- 20.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class Rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the Race Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. DP] [NP] SAIL IDENTIFICATION

- 21.1. Sail numbers may also be placed within the 3rd sail panel from the bottom of the sail, but shall otherwise comply with RRS Appendix G.1.3. **This changes Class Rule C.9.3.a)2).**

22. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 22.1. Official boats will be marked as follows:

Race Committee boat	-	GEN Roses – Escola de creuer
Jury boats	-	White flag with “J” or “IJ” in black letters
Other official / rescue boats	-	GEN Roses yacht club flag

23. [DP] [NP] SUPPORT BOATS

- 23.1. Coach and support boats shall stay outside areas (75 mt min from any laylines and starting/finishing marks) where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment except to assist a crew in distress or at request of the Race Committee.
- 23.2. Support boats shall comply with any reasonable request from a race official.
- 23.3. When **Flag V** is displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat with repetitive sound signals all coaches and other support boats shall monitor **VHF channel 8** depending on a racing area or go to the Race Committee Signal Boat to assist in Search and Rescue operations.
- 23.4. A personal flotation device shall be worn by all support boat personal at all time while afloat; the kill cord fitted and used in the recommended manner.
- 23.5. All coach boats shall carry a tow rope (minimum 15 meters long and 8 mm thick); no more than 2 persons (registered coach + 1) shall be on-board while afloat except while assisting competitors.
- 23.6. An alleged breach of any of the regulations in SI #23 may be referred to the Race Committee and Jury. The Race Committee may instruct the organizing authority to withdraw accreditation and access rights to the regatta venue and the course areas from the offending party without the option of replacement during the regatta.

24. [DP] [NP] TRASH DISPOSAL

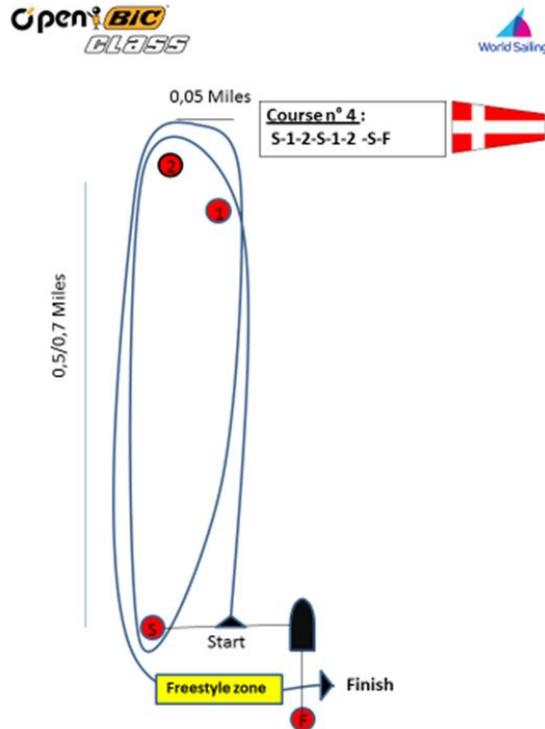
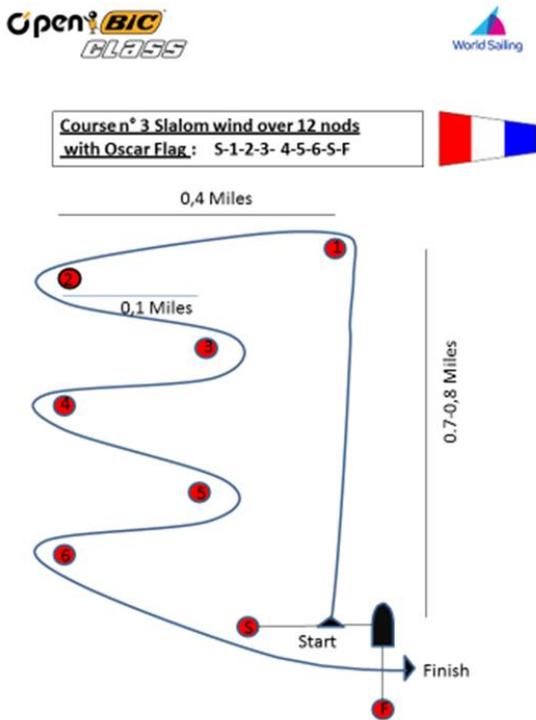
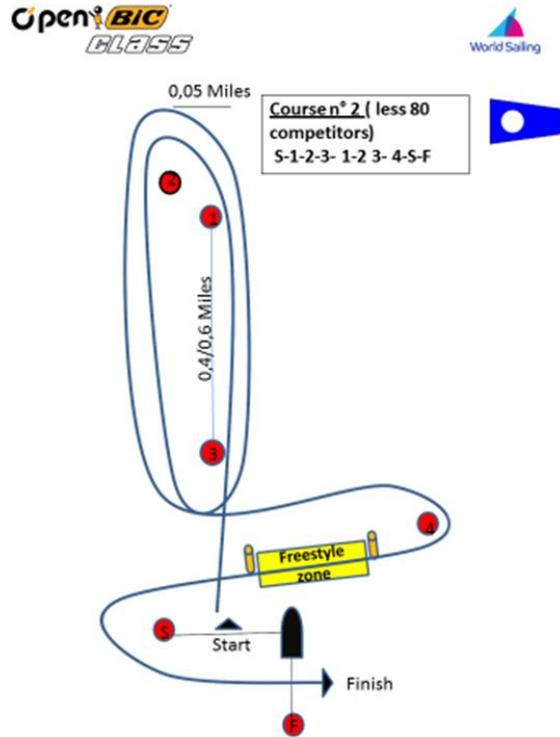
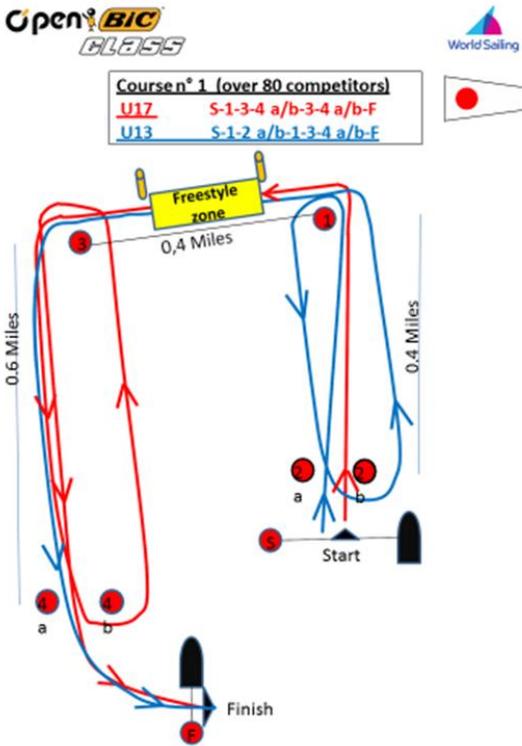


24.1. As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

25. PRIZES

25.1. Prizes will be given according the Notice of Race

APPENDIX -A



Appendix B

ADDENDUM Q

UMPIRED FLEET RACING

Q1 CHANGES TO RACING RULES

Additional changes to rules are made in instructions Q2, Q3, Q4, and Q5.

Q1.1 Changes to the Definitions and the Rules of Part 2 and Part 4

- (a) Add to the definition Proper Course: 'A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a proper course.'
- (b) When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:
 - (1) for 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
 - (2) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

Q1.2 Changes to Rules Involving Protests, Requests for Redress, Penalties and Exoneration

- (a) The first sentence of rule 44.1 is replaced with: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury) or rule 31 or 42 while racing.'
- (b) Rule 60.1 is replaced with 'A boat may protest another boat or request redress provided she complies with instructions Q2.1 and Q2.4.'
- (c) The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted.
- (d) Rule 64.1(a) is changed so that the provision for exonerating a boat may be applied by the umpires without a hearing, and it takes precedence over any conflicting instruction of this addendum.
- (e) Rules P1 to P3 shall not apply.

Q2 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS BY BOATS

Q2.1 While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or 42; however, a boat may only protest under a rule of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail 'Protest' at the first reasonable opportunity.

Q2.2 A boat that protests as provided in instruction Q2.1 is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by taking a One-Turn Penalty as described in rule 44.2. If the protested boat does not take a penalty voluntarily, an umpire will decide whether to penalize any boat and signal the decision as provided in instruction Q3.1.

Q2.3 At the finishing line, when the last boat of a fleet arrived, the race committee will promptly display flag B with one sound. Two minutes later flag B will be removed with one sound.

Q2.4 A boat intending to:

- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2(a), or a rule listed in instruction Q2.1,
- (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
- (c) request redress shall hail the race committee before or during the display of flag B. The same time limit applies to protests under instructions Q5.4 and Q5.5. The protest committee may extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

Q2.5 The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under instruction Q2.4.

Q3 UMPIRE SIGNALS AND IMPOSED PENALTIES

Q3.1 An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'
- (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'A penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat.
- (c) A black flag with one long sound means 'A boat is disqualified.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.

Q3.2

- (a) A boat penalized under instruction Q3.1(b) shall take a One-Turn Penalty as described in rule 44.2.
- (b) A boat disqualified under instruction Q3.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

Q4 PENALTIES AND PROTESTS INITIATED BY AN UMPIRE; ROUNDING OR PASSING MARKS

Q4.1 When a boat

- (a) breaks a Part 2 rule except rule 14.
- (b) breaks rule 42,
- (c) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (d) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
- (e) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
- (f) fails to comply with instruction Q3.2 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose one or more One-Turn Penalties to be taken as described in rule 44.2, each signalled in accordance with instruction Q3.1(b), or disqualify her under instruction Q3.1(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under instruction Q4.1(f) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled.

Q4.2

- (a) A boat shall not round or pass a mark on the wrong side. If she does so, she may correct her error as provided in rule 28.2 only if she does so before she rounds or passes the next mark or finishes.

Q4.3 When a boat breaks instruction Q4.2(a) and fails to correct her error before rounding or passing the next mark or finishing, an umpire may disqualify her under instruction Q3.1(c). Q4.3 An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a rule, other than instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2(a) or a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3. However, he will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

Q5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

Q5.1 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

Q5.2 A boat may not base an appeal on an alleged improper action, omission or decision of the umpires or the protest committee. In rule 66 the third sentence is changed to 'A party to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'

Q5.3

- (a) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.
- (b) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
- (c) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no effect on the outcome of

Q5.4 the race, it may impose a penalty of points or fraction of points or make another arrangement it decides is equitable, which may be to impose no penalty. Q5.4 The race committee will not protest a boat, except following a report under rule 43.1(c) or 78.3.

Q5.5 The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2(a), a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.