



European Championships *29erXX*

XXVI Catalan sailing weeks 29er

Roses (Girona, Spain)
27/Abril-1/Mayo de 2012

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by:

- ⤴ The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS).
- ⤴ Racing rules 44.1 and 44.2 will be changed so that only one turn including one tack and one gybe is required.
- ⤴ Appendix P will apply.

If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the latter will take precedence.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located at the Race Office.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any modification to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board two hours before the warning signal of the first race in the day, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SPECIAL SIGNALS (see attachment 1)

Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located at the boat park.

4.2 In addition to RRS "race signals", see attachment 1.

Afloat

4.3 In addition to RRS "race signals" in, the following special signal will be used:

4.3.1 When AP or N over H or A are displayed in any boat of the Race Committee, together with a Red Cross flag (a red cross on a white background"), it means: "competitors should go immediately to the harbour". A breach of this SI will be penalised by the Race Committee, without a hearing, with the addition of 3 points to the competitor, according to rule 64.1 (d) in the RRS (this changes rules 63.1 and A5).

4.3.2 The Red Cross flag displayed in the Race Committee boat without the mentioned signals means: "**Coaches and other support bouts should help the Organising Committee in safety tasks**".



5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The schedule is as follows:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday, 27 April	09:00 to 19:00	Registration and measurements
Saturday, 28 April	10:30	Skippers meeting
	12:00	1st Race warning signal
Sunday, 29 April	12:00	Races
Monday, 30 April	12:00	Races
Tuesday, 1 May	12.00	Races
	To be announced	Award ceremony

5.2 The maximum number of races for the event is 16, with a maximum of 5 races per day.

5.3 The worst race score will be excluded when 4 races have been sailed and the two worst when 9 or more races have been sailed.

5.4 The Race Committee can reschedule the races if necessary.

5.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15 hrs.

5.6 The Championship will be valid when two races have been sailed.

5.7 The Social Events program will be available at the Race Office.

6 CLASS FLAGS (See Attachment 1)

The class flag for the 29er XX will be flag J.

The class flag for the 29er will be a square green flag.

7 RACING AREA. OFFICIAL BOATS IDENTIFICATION

7.1 Attachment 2 shows the location of the racing area.

If it is changed it will announced:

7.1.1. on the ONB, when the change is made **before** flag D is displayed on the flagpole ashore;

7.1.2. if the change is made **after** flag D is displayed, it will be announced afloat with flag L displayed on the flagpole on the Race Committee boat, which means: "the location of the racing area is changed; follow me to the new location". Repetitive sound signals will be made.

7.2 The **racing area** is defined as the surface of a polygon whose limits exceed 50m the theoretical shortest course that could sail a racing Boat.

7.3 The **start area** is defined as the rectangle that occupies a surface 50m to windward and to leeward from the starting signal, and 50m outside every end of the starting line.

7.4 The Race Committee boats will display an yellow flag. The Protest Committee boats will display an white flag with a black J letter.



8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 Attachment I shows the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 **No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee boat can display the approximate compass bearing to the first mark.**

9 MARKS (See Attachment I)

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26. (See attachment 1)
- 10.2 The **starting line** will be between a pole in the Race Committee boat and pin-end mark with yellow flag. The pole will display a **square yellow flag**.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rule A4.
- 10.4 Race Committee boats can maintain their position with the motor, if weather conditions are adverse.
- 10.5 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal, the Race Committee can display flag V. This flag will be displayed until all the boats have sailed to the prestart area, but not later than the starting signal.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the first boat starts the leg, even though the new mark had not been laid yet. Any following mark can be repositioned without making signals, in order to keep the original shape of the course. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2 A race committee boat that signals a change of the next leg of the course is a mark.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a square blue flag in the Race Committee boat pin-end mark with yellow flag
- 12.2 The finishing boat of the Race Committee can maintain its position with the motor.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 A boat that have made a penalty turn or that have retired according to rules 31.2 or 44.1, should fill in an acknowledgement form in the race office within the protest time limit.
- 13.2 Appendix P will apply.

14 TIME LIMIT (See attachment 1)

- 14.1 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat in her class will be scored "did not finish" (DNF). This changes rules 35 and A4.
- 14.2 Target time is simply approximate. A longer or shorter duration of the race will not be ground for redress.



15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest will be in written in forms that will be available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 Protest time limit:
- a) The protest time limit will be one hour after the last race of every has finished. The time limit will be announced on the Official Notice Board.
 - b) The time limit for a request for redress for incidents that didn't occur afloat, will be half an hour after the publication of the daily results, if this publication is earlier than 20:30 or, except on the last day of racing, 9:30 next day if results are posted later. This changes rule 62.2..
On the last day of the Regatta, this time limit will be thirty minutes after the final results are posted on the Official Notice Board.
 - c) The time limit for requests for reopening a hearing will be:
 - (i) the day after the decision that motivates the request was communicated, the protest time limit for that day;
 - (ii) on the last day, it shall be delivered not later than fifteen minutes after the decision has been notified. This changes rule 66.
- 15.3 Notices to inform the parties about the hearing schedule will be posted on the ONB as soon as possible and no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. In principle, protests hearings will follow the reception order. The parties are asked to stay near the protest room in order to accelerate the hearings.

Protests hearings will be held in the Protest Committee room. (see attachment 2)

- 15.4 Within the protest time limit a list of boats penalised under rules A5 will be posted on the Official Notice Board. A boat in this list can request for redress no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit.
- 15.5 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 17 (SAFETY REGULATIONS); 18 (REPLACEMENT OF COMPETITORS); 20 (TRASH DISPOSAL); 22 (SUPPORT BOATS); 23 (BERTHING); will not be grounds for a protest by a boat, but can be grounds for a protest by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee. This changes rule 60.1.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The low scoring system of Appendix A will apply, as described in rule A4.1.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Immediately before going afloat to race and immediately after arriving ashore, but no later than the protest time limit, the skipper of every boat will sign **in person** on a control form at the Race Office. This requirement applies every time boats go back ashore between one race and another.
- 17.2 Boats that breach this instruction will be penalised without a hearing by the Race Committee with a penalty of the 20% in the most recent race, calculated according to rule 44.3. This changes rules 63.1 and A5.



17.3 When the Red Cross sign (a red cross on a white background) is displayed onboard the Race Committee, coaches and other support boats shall help the organising committee in safety tasks.

17.4 Any boat that has to arrive ashore in an area other than the Club and that cannot get to the Club by herself, will communicate immediately this situation on the following phone number:

972 257 003

All the participants will carefully follow this sailing instruction. If not, they could be demanded to pay the search and rescue operations.

17.5 The boats that retire after finishing (RAF) and the ones that abandon the race area at any time before finishing (DNF) shall deliver a form within the protest time limit. The boats that have not come to the starting area or that do not leave the club for the races of the day (DNC) will notify it at the Race Office before the warning signal of the next race.

18 PARTICIPANTS REPLACEMENT

18.1 Only the bowman can be replaced (not the helmsman).

18.2 To make the replacement, participants should have the written approval of the Race Committee, which will only give it in a case of illness (a medical certificate can be required), accident or other special circumstances and will indicate the validity period of the replacement.

18.3 Requests for replacement will be made through the Race Office before 10 on the day of the race. In case of an emergency, according to the Race Committee discernment, approval can be given retrospectively after that time.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS. SAIL NUMBERS

19.1 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 a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19.2 Boats that break rule 77 and Appendix G or the SI 19.1, can be scored as DNC with any notice and without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1 and G4.

20 TRASH DISPOSAL/VERTIDO DE DESPERDICIOS Y BASURA

Boats shall not put trash in the water neither in the boat park area at any time during the event. The penalty for a breach of this SI will be decided by the Protest Committee and can cause the disqualification of a boat in all the races.

21 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will display an orange flag

22 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside the racing area described in the instruction 7.2 from the time of the preparatory signal until all the boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

23 BERTHING

Boats will be parked only in their officially assigned places, except if its with the consent of the race committee and according to the race committee conditions.

24 PRIZES



The list of prizes will be posted on the ONB.

27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

27.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.

27.2 The organising committee or any person or body involved in the event organisation will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury that happen on the water or on land, as a consequence of the participation in the races.

Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race, that states:

“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.