



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA



ETHELLES EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

**NOTICE OF RACE
PORTO CERVO, 4th - 6th OCTOBER**



Federazione Italiana Vela



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**ORGANISING AUTHORITY
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NOTICE OF RACE

The notation [DP] in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the, be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking this rule.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). RRS Appendix T Arbitration will apply.
- 1.2 [DP] The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS).
- 1.3 [DP] The International Etchells Class Association (IECA) Rules (Etchells_Class_Rules_effective_11_Nov_2022.pdf) will apply except as modified by the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.4 [DP] This event will be conducted in accordance with the Etchells Class Code of Conduct which is available on the IECA website (https://etchells.org/assets/documents/Code_of_Conduct_Approved_2023.07.25.pdf). Competitors will be required to sign the Code of Conduct prior to the close of registration for the event. Failure of a competitor to sign the Code of Conduct may result in the competitor being ineligible to participate in the event.
- 1.5 Notices to Mariners for the Port of PORTO CERVO apply, see para 19.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text takes precedence.
- 1.7 No national prescriptions shall apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the Yacht Scoring website in September 2024. (www.yachtscoring.com).
- 2.2 As part of its environmental initiative, YCCS will not issue paper copies.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be online at (www.yachtscoring.com) and the Race Office will be at the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS).
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a Marine VHF Radio capable of receiving all normal International VHF Channels. All VHF communication shall be on International VHF channels.
- 3.3 The Race Committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the sailing instructions. Failure to make this broadcasts or failure to hear the broadcast shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1
- 3.4 In addition to VHF communication, RC may use a WhatsApp group to communicate with competitors and a "QR Code & Link" will be included in the SIs. Failure to receive information broadcast using WhatsApp will not be grounds for redress.
- 3.5 [DP] The use of mobile/cell phones, or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited during racing, except in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat.
- 3.6 [DP] Two representatives of each boat shall have a mobile telephone capable of transmitting and receiving telephone calls and text messages while at the venue. In addition, the OA, Race Committee, International Jury may use email, text messages or WhatsApp to communicate with competitors.
- 3.7

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Etchells Class.
- 4.2 All boat owners or helms and their crews must be members of the International Etchells Class Association as described by IECA rule 4. Information on how to join the Class can be found at <https://etchellsukfleet.co.uk/shop/>.
- 4.3 Please refer to Class Rules for category definitions for membership.
- 4.4 Boats may enter the event by registering online at www.yachtscoring.com.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the Etchells European Championships, a boat shall complete all registration requirements above and pay all fees
- 4.6 In accordance with the decision made by World Sailing to suspend participation of Russian and Belarusion competitors, the following are not eligible to take part in this regatta if this decision is still in place at the time of the close of entry.
- Competitors with Russian or Belorussian passport or representing these countries
 - Boats whose owner or person in charge is a national from Russia or Belarus; or
 - Boats registered in Russia or Belarus or with a sail number from these countries

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is EUR 700 per boat.
- 5.2 The closing date for entries will be 1 September 2024.
- 5.3 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority (OA) with a EUR 100 additional late fee, making the total entry fee of EUR 800.
- 5.4 Fee includes inspection, launching & hauling (1 x lift in and 1 x lift out for the entire period of racing) mooring for the duration of the regatta, except the utilities that are at competitor's costs and need to be paid separately and directly to the marina office, and after race refreshment.
Social function tickets may be purchased at registration.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 For Italian crews only: all Italians crews shall be FIV members and have a valid medical certificate. Foreign competitors must comply with the rules of their national authority.
- 6.2 On entering the event boats are required to submit on Yacht Scoring a crew list which shall include each person's name. To be considered for the Corinthian Trophies as described in para 26 of NOR, boats shall also include World Sailing ID number and the categorization details of all the crew members, including the categorization expiry date.
- 6.3 Competitors must be at least 12 years old on the first race of the event; crew members under 18 years of age (but over 12 years old) shall deliver at registration a disclaimer signed by parents available on www.yachtscoring.com,

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 [DP] Advertising is permitted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20; for **Italian yachts only**, the "*Normativa 2024 per l'esposizione della pubblicità nelle manifestazioni veliche in Italia*". Non-Italian yachts shall comply with their national authority advertising rules.
- 7.2 [DP] Bow numbers will be assigned to each boat and may be used as identification for the boat during the event. Bow numbers shall be applied by the OA and shall remain affixed until after a boat hauls out at the end of the event.
- 7.3 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.
- 7.4 The OA may supply the pennants and flags at registration.
- 7.5 The OA may also require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of onboard video cameras for the official television production and/or a tracking system.
- 7.6 The regatta logo, the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda burgee and all other associated logos shall not be used by any competitor without the prior written permission of YCCS.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 8.1 Not used.

9. SCHEDULE

9.1

DAY	TIME	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	NOTES
Registration Wed 2 – Thu 3 Oct	0900-1700 each day		YCCS Weigh-in and sail nomination
Day 1 Fri 4 Oct	0830-0930 0930	1155	YCCS – Weigh-in and Sail nomination Briefing at YCCS Race 1 Race 2 asap
Day 2 Sat 5 Oct	0930	1155	Briefing at YCCS Race 3 Race 4 asap
Day 3 Sun 6 Oct	0930	1155	Briefing at YCCS Race 5 Race 6 asap

9.2 Six races are scheduled over 3 consecutive days. A maximum of three (3) races may be sailed on a day in order to complete the program because of weather or other reasons, provided that the program does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.

9.3 On the last day of the event, no warning signal will be made after 1600.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION & REGISTRATION

- 10.1 Boats may be inspected at any time during the event.
- 10.2 After any measurement and until completion of racing, no boat, sail or any item of measured equipment shall leave the venue without prior written permission given by the Organising Authority and posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 10.3 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.
- 10.4 Each boat shall have a valid Etchells Measurement Certificate.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

12. See International Etchells Class Rules.

13. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA) & VENUE

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13.1 Attachment 1 shows the location of the event harbor.

14. COURSES

- 14.1 The courses to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration as described in the SIs.
14.2 Attachment 2 shows the location of the racing areas.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 15.2 Penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg shall be delayed and taken at the first reasonable opportunity on the downwind leg. This change is added to RRS 44.2.
- 15.3 A system of arbitration will be available with details provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- 15.4 Hearings will be at the YCCS asap after racing.
- 15.5 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.3 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races excluding her worst score.

17. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 17.1 [DP] Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and their coach and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first preparatory signal of the first class to start until all boats have finished or the RC signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 17.2 All support person vessels shall carry a marine VHF radio and comply with RRS 37 'Search and Rescue Instructions'.
- 17.3 [DP] Support vessels shall register during scheduled registration, declaring to which boat or boats they are attached. They may be required to display an identification flag supplied by the organizing authority and follow the instructions of the OA. Accredited support vessels and operators will be subject to the technical and disciplinary directives of the RC and of the Jury that, in case of infringement, may act according to RRS 64.5.

18. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 18.1 Not used.

19. BERTHING & DIVING

- 19.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned slips, as directed by the organizing authority.
- 19.2 The entry fee includes mooring fees from 09.00 on 30 September to 10.00 on 7 October at Porto Cervo Marina provided that the completed entry form and entry fee are received by the YCCS race office before 1 September.
- 19.3 The cost of electricity, water, garbage, tenders or additional periods of time are not included in the entry fee and must be paid directly to the Marina Office. The mooring place for any additional period (before and/or after the event) may be different from the mooring place assigned during the event. Assignment of moorings will be based on availability of moorings.
- 19.4 To reserve moorings prior and after the dates indicated in par.19.2 and for tenders/support boats, submit your mooring requirement to e.pileri@marinadiportocervo.com c/c info@marinadiportocervo.com / secretariat@yccs.it. For additional information about the marina services and the price list please visit www.marinadiportocervo.it.
- 19.5 Local regulations require that all yachts must inform the Harbourmaster's Office by radio on VHF Channel 9 when they first arrive in Porto Cervo and each time they leave or enter the Harbour. When moored, it is mandatory for all participants to visit the Harbourmaster's Office to finalize their registration. Participants should consult the Harbour Safety Regulation at the following link: www.marinadiportocervo.com/regolamento/.
- 19.6 All competitors are required by the Harbour Safety Regulations to keep the marina docks in order and provide appropriate space for others moored on the same dock. Sails and dock boxes shall be kept in the immediate vicinity of the assigned mooring place. The Harbourmaster and the Coast Guard will monitor the docks to ensure compliance.
- 19.7 [DP] It is reminded that infractions to the above-mentioned safety rules or inappropriate behaviours signalled by the Harbourmaster or the Coast Guard to the O.A. could bring to discretionary penalties by the Jury. Possible breaches of these regulations and requirements are not grounds for protests by boats. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 19.8 [DP] Sailing inside the harbour is forbidden or authorized only by the O.A. / Local COAST GUARD.

20. LAUNCHING AND HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 20.1 [DP] Boats shall not be launched, re-launched or hauled out after 1900 on Thu 3 October until the end of the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC.

21. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 21.1 [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the last race.
- 21.2 [DP] No person shall undertake any swimming, underwater or diving activities of any kind within the harbour. Swimming or diving inside the harbour is forbidden, only the Harbour Master's divers are authorised to dive inside the harbour and they can be contacted on VHF Channel 9 or by email to: e.pileri@marinadiportocervo.com c/c info@marinadiportocervo.com.
- 21.3 [DP] Competitors may at any time and within the existing marina regulations; scrub the hull using flossing, sponging or mechanical devices as long as no person enters the water.

22 DATA PROTECTION / MEDIA RIGHTS

- 22.1 The personal information you provide to the Organizing Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the Events (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.
- 22.2 Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event provided they do not infringe the privacy rights of participants.
- 22.3 The Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS) Armorial, Burgees and all other associated logos shall not be used by any club or individual without the prior written permission of YCCS.

23 RISK STATEMENT

- 23.1 Rule 3 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."
- 23.2 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 and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
 - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, 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 omissions.
 - (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 organizer 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.
 - (g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitor or safety briefing held for the event.
- 23.3 By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.
- 23.4 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority 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. General conditions as stated in detail on the entry form.
- 23.5 The participants are aware that the sailing activity falls within those governed by article 2050 of the Italian Civil Code therefore all Italian participants must have a valid FIV membership, included medical validation, that guarantees accident coverage, including death and permanent disability.
- 23.6 Not Italian competitors must comply with the requirements of their MNA and be in possession of accident coverage, including death and permanent disability as per current regulations.

24 ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

[DP] It is recalled the Basic Principle which states: "Participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing", it is recommended that care be taken to always protect the environment during and after the event. Especially attention is drawn to RRS 47 -TRASH DISPOSAL- which states: "Competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule always applies while afloat. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be less than disqualification".

25 INSURANCE

- 25.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third part liability insurance with adequate cover taking into account the value of the boats racing and the measure of damages likely to arise in the event of an accident.
- 25.2 The OA is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of the insurance certificate. General conditions as stated in detail on the entry form.

26 PRIZES

- 26.1 The event prize giving will be held at YCCS on Sunday 6 October as soon as possible after racing and any protest(s).
- 26.2 Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third boats in the series.
- 26.3 The Etchells European Championship Trophy shall be awarded to the overall winner of the event.
- 26.4 There will be a trophy for the highest placed "Youth" boat. A youth boat is defined as one where all crew members are under 29 years of age on the 01 January 2024.
- 26.5 In addition, a Corinthian Trophy will be awarded to the highest placed boat whose helm and crew are all World Sailing Sailor Categorization Group 1.

27 PRESS OFFICE

- 27.1 Media representatives wishing to cover the event are requested to contact:
YCCS Press Office: t. +39 0789 902200 | e. pressoffice@yccs.it | ws. www.yccs.it
- 27.2 Media Drone: Accredited media using the press boat made available by the OA to follow the event are not authorized to fly drones on the regatta course.
- 27.3 Accredited media using their own vessel (or at their own expense) to follow the regatta must obligatorily inform the YCCS Press Office of any use of drones. Any drones used on the regatta course must be provided with the relevant authorizations from the competent authority (ENAC).
- 27.4.1 Authorization must be requested from the OA and a form assuming liability in the case of damage to third parties must be completed. In such event the OA will also specify the rules governing the use of drones on the regatta course.

28 COMPETITORS DRONES

- 28.1 [DP] Teams or their representatives shall not fly drones over the shore base or over the race area during training or racing days without complying with local legislation and without prior written approval by the organizer (see the dedicated part of the entry form).
- 28.2 The approval granted at the sole discretion of the organizer may impose limitations on where and when drones may fly.
- 28.3 At any time, the risk and responsibility for flying any drone is with the person flying the drone and images made inside the race area shall be shared with the organizer, race committee, competitors or jury at reasonable request.

29 AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE OF RACE

- 23.1 The OA reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Any amendments prior to 1 September will be emailed to owners whose entries have been accepted.
- 23.2 Amendments will also be posted on the online ONB on www.yachtscoring.com
- 23.3 During the regatta, amendments to this Notice of Race will be posted on the online Official Notice Board and sent to each yacht via e-mail and/or WhatsApp to the contacts provided on the Entry Form. Each boat shall have at least two devices connected to the internet with WhatsApp installed.

30 FURTHER INFORMATION

For Etchells Class information please contact : Jan Ford - Etchells Fleet Secretary secretary@etchellsukfleet.co.uk Tel: +44 (0)7747 602707

For **Racing & Logistic information** please contact: **YCCS Segreteria Regate**: Tel.: +39.0789.90.22.00 | secretariat@yccs.it

For **Social Events Information** please contact: **YCCS Events**: Tel: +39.0789.90.22.00 | events@yccs.it

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 shows the location of the event harbor.

Attachment 2 shows the location of the racing areas.

It is part of our mission to raise awareness among regatta participants on the urgent environmental issues affecting the oceans.

Please be informed that the event is paperless and all the materials used during the after race refreshments and the crew party are plastic free and compostable. Please dispose of them correctly.

We are pleased to inform you that the regatta is organised following the principals of the Charta Smeralda, an ethical code established by the One Ocean Foundation - <https://www.1ocean.org>.

ATTACHMENT 1: location of the event harbor



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| 1 YCCS Clubhouse / Piazza Azzurra | 5 Shipyard | 9 Shuttle Service from/to Marina Nuova - East Port |
| 2 YCCS Centro Sportivo | 6 Marina Master Office | 10 Useful Services
- WC / Shower;
- Tabacconist;
- Newsagent;
- Supermarket. |
| 3 YCCS Floating Pontoon | 7 East Port / Porto Vecchio | 11 Useful Services
- Post Office;
- Petrol Station. |
| 4 YCCS Sailing School | 8 Coast Guard | |

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ATTACHEMENT 2: shows the location of the racing areas.

