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# 2023 RS21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

**Porto Rotondo**  
**Sept. 24th – 30th, 2023**

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Italian Sailing Federation which delegates Yacht Club Porto Rotondo in conjunction with the International RS21 Class Association and the Italian RS21 Class Association.

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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 Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat or request redress for a violation of that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

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## 1. RULES

**1.1** This event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS).

**1.2** [DP] World Sailing's Equipment Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024 (ERS) will apply.

**1.3** [DP] The current RS21 Class Rules available at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/6506/event> will apply.

**1.4** Appendix UF, included in the Sailing Instructions, will apply.

**1.5** No National Authority prescriptions will apply.

**1.6** In case of conflict between NoR and SIs, the sailing Instructions and following notices posted on the Official Notice Board (event website) will prevail (this changes RRS 63.7)

**1.7** The Race Committee (RC) will use VHF radio to communicate to the fleet. Failure to make broadcasts or failure to hear the broadcast shall not constitute grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

**1.8** The International Jury may impose penalties less than disqualification (DP) for violation of the Class Rules and Racing Rules other than those of Part 2.

**1.9** Coach and support boats regulations as per NoR #14 shall apply.

**1.10** The WORLD SAILING Sailor Categorization Code will apply for sailors competing for the Corinthian Trophy.

**1.11** The Sailing Instructions (SIs) may contain changes to other rules.

**1.12** If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

## 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**2.1** [NP] The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board via the event website no later than 24/9/23

## 3. COMMUNICATIONS

**3.1** The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located online at:

<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/6506/event>

**3.2** [DP] All boats shall carry a working VHF radio capable of receiving international channels.

**3.3** [NP] On the water, the Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

**3.4** [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications not available to all boats.

**3.5** Any system the OA, RC, IJ or TC may use to spread out information will be described inside SIs.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

**4.1** The event is open to all boats of the RS21 Class

**4.2** Eligible boats may register by completing the online entry form available at the event website and paying the required fee by August the 31st at 24:00.

**4.3** A boat will not be considered registered in the event until the entry form is completed and the entry fee is paid.

**4.4** Entries after the date in 4.2 may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA and will be subject to an additional €. 200 fee, but not later than the final entry time limit on September the 26th at 12.00 am.

**4.5** Competitors shall comply with the World Sailing Eligibility Code that requires that all competitors (helmsmen and all other crew) shall be members of their Member National Authority or one of its affiliated organizations. The Yacht Club or organization name and membership details shall be stated when entering. All Italian sailors shall own their 2023 FIV membership card complete of medical certificate validation. Foreign competitors must comply with the rules of their national authority.

**4.6** All drivers and owners must meet the requirements of the Class Rules (C.3.2) and shall be RS21 class members in good standing (C.3.4)

**4.7** All members of the crew must comply with the C.3.1. of the International RS21 Class Rules.

**4.8** A maximum of 80 boats will be accepted as confirmed entries based on the order in which their entry form is completed, and the required fees are paid. Additional entries that have registered and paid the entry fee will be put on a waiting list in the order in which they are received. Boats that are on the waiting list will be notified that their entry has been accepted as a place becomes available. If their entry cannot be accepted, their entry fee will be refunded in full.

**4.9** Boats that have entered and withdraw in writing no later than August 31st 2023, will receive a refund of their entry fee less a processing fee of € 150. No refund will be granted for cancellation from 01/09/2023

**4.10** A boat will be eligible to race only when registration, check-in at race office and inspection have been successfully completed. See RRS 76.

**4.11** Boats and/or crew from Russia or Belarus are not eligible to participate.

## 5. FEES

**5.1** The entry fee will be € 1100 within August the 31st 2023 and then €1300 from Sept. 1st.

**5.2** The entry fee includes:

- One Launch and one haul out per boat
- Equipment inspection as directed by the RS21 CA
- In-the-water dockage from completion of inspection from 24/09/2023 to 1/10/2023
- On-site or off-site trailer storage from a boat's scheduled inspection date from 24/09/2023 to 1/10/2023
- One practice race day
- Four championship racing days
- Awards and prizes

## 6. CATEGORIZATION

**6.1** The World Sailing Sailor Categorization will apply to teams in the Corinthian Division (see RRS 79).

**6.2** Sailors shall declare their World Sailing sailor ID and group number when entering the event.

**6.3** The Categorization Protest Time Limit will be the end of the protest time limit on the first day of racing in the championship.

**6.4** Should a boat whose Corinthian entry has been checked and accepted needs to change a crew member after the entry time limit as per NoR 4.4, the name of the new crew member with a valid World Sailing sailor ID and proper group number shall be submitted to the OA for approval.

## 7. ADVERTISING

**7.1** [DP] Advertising will be displayed in accordance to the World Sailing Regulation 20 and the Class Rules, as per RRS 6.

**7.2** [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA from the close of check-in through the end of the event.

## 8. SCHEDULE

### 8.1

|                        |              |   |
|------------------------|--------------|---|
| <b>Sunday 24/09</b>    | 9:00 – 18:00 | Check-in and inspection                           |
| <b>Monday 25/09</b>    | 9:00 – 18:00 | Check-in and inspection                           |
| <b>Tuesday 26/09</b>   | 9:00         | Check-in and inspection                           |
|                        | 12:00        | [DP] Check-in closes and all boats must be afloat |
|                        | 14:00        | Practice race                                     |
|                        | 17:00        | Welcome Briefing and Opening Ceremony             |
| <b>Wednesday 27/09</b> | 9:00         | Technical Briefing                                |
|                        | 12:00        | First warning signal                              |
|                        | 17:00        | After race  |

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| <b>Thursday 28/09</b> | -     | First warning signal                                    |
|                       | 17:00 | After race  |
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| <b>Friday 29/09</b>   | -     | First warning signal                                    |
|                       | 17:00 | After race  |
|                       | 19.30 | Sardinian Dinner  |
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| <b>Saturday 30/09</b> | -     | First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP |
|                       | 15:00 | No warning signal shall be given after this time        |
|                       | 17:30 | Awards ceremony   |
|                       |       | Haul out /de rig  |
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**8.2** Twelve (12) races are scheduled for the championship.

**8.3** The RC may race as many as three (3) races each day.

**8.4** If in the opinion of RC the Event is behind schedule or likely to fall behind schedule, four (4) races may be raced on one day only.

**8.5** The OA and/or the RC reserve the right to modify the program due to weather conditions or other reasons. The proper communication will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 20:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

**8.6** On the last day there will be no warning signal after 15:00pm

## 9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

**9.1** Boats shall be sent a separate booking form to confirm time slots for inspection and shall be available for equipment inspection at the time allocated to them.

**9.2** [NP] [DP] Sponsor stickers and/or flags, which will be assigned and supplied by the OA during check-in, shall be affixed prior to boat inspection, and shall be retained throughout the event.

**9.3** RRS 78.1 is in effect from the completion of a boat's inspection until the end of the event. Sails and required equipment shall not be removed from a boat without the prior written consent of the event Technical Committee.

**9.4** During the event, all boats, sails, and equipment will be subject to additional inspections at any time.

## 10. VENUE

**10.1** The venue is Yacht Club Porto Rotondo, Piazza Yacht Club Porto Rotondo 1 – 07026, Porto Rotondo, Olbia, Italy.

**10.2** The racing area will be in front of the venue in Congianus Gulf.

## 11. COURSE

**11.1** The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward with windward offset mark and leeward gate.

## 12. PENALTY SYSTEM

**12.1** Sailing Instructions and attached Appendix UF will include proper information.

**12.2** An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Decisions of the IJ will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

## 13. SCORING

**13.1** Three (3) races are required to be completed in order to constitute a World Championship series

**13.2** When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 14. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

**14.1** Support person vessels (SPV) are responsible for making their own launching, recovery and berthing arrangements.

**14.2** [DP] SPVs must register with the OA during the check-in period and shall pay any applicable fee determined by the OA.

**14.3** [DP] Only registered SPVs that display identification provided by the OA will be allowed in the racing area. There will be a refundable deposit of € 50 required for each identification flag, payable on-site during SPV registration.

**14.4** All support boats are required to monitor the race committee communication channel at all times while afloat during scheduled racing days and be available to assist with safety when requested. Code flag V will not be displayed. This changes RRS 37 [DP].

**14.5** Each person on board a coach or support boat shall be deemed a support person as per RRS Definitions.



**14.6** A boat shall receive no outside assistance from the time she leaves its mooring until she has returned to her mooring each day, except:

- a) as provided for in RRS 41; or
- b) if approved by the Race Committee, the transfer of late arriving crew, food or drink prior to the preparatory signal of the first race of the day and the transfer of crew, food or drink after the boat has finished or retired from its last race of the day; or
- c) assistance reasonably necessary for the safety of the crew or boat in the event of an emergency after the boat has finished or retired from its last race of the day, including emergencies due to weather, equipment failure or other causes.

**14.7** The towing of boats is not allowed except in case of emergency.

**14.8** Coach and support boats shall keep at least 200 meters clear of the racing area at all times during racing days.

**14.9** Coach and support boat personnel shall not communicate with competitors (by any means) from the warning signal of the first race of the day until the competitor has finished the last race of the day, or the RC will signal "no more race for today", whichever is later.

## 15. BERTHING

**15.1** [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the harbour. Marina di Portorotondo vhf 9 mail:reservation@marinadiportorotondo.it

## 16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

**16.1** [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except according to the terms of prior written permission of the Technical Committee

## 17. DIVING EQUIPMENTS AND PLASTIC POOLS

**17.1** [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats from the close of check-in until the end of the event.

## 18. DATA PROTECTION

**18.1** 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 event (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 event online mgmt. system, FIV, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

**18.2** Still or video photography may be used as part of the Race Management processes for the event. These images will only be used for Race Management or training purposes and will not be published without the express permission of all sailors who are identifiable in the images.

**18.3** By participating in the RS21 World Championship competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any (motion), pictures and live, taped or filmed video and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

**18.4** Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment and tracking/positioning equipment as specified by the Organizing Authority

## 19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

**19.1** RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". 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.

Not Italian competitors must comply with the requirements of their MNA, if any, and be in possession of accident coverage, including death and permanent disability as per current FIV regulations.

**19.2** 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

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 competitors briefing held for the event.

## 20. INSURANCE

**20.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance as requested by the Italian Sailing Federation Regulations including:

- a minimum coverage for the event of € 1.5 million or the equivalent amount if expressed in other currency

- extension for the races

The official certification shall be provided at the registration within the entry time limit.

## 21. ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSABILITY

**21.1** [DP][NP] 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 protect the environment at all times 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 applies at all times while afloat. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be less than disqualification”.