



2024 TOPCAT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Campione del Garda

August 31st September 6th 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTION

1. RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as stated in NoR.

1.2 RRS 64.5(b) is changed as follows:

The protest committee may also penalize a boat that is a party to a hearing under rule 60.3(d) or 69 for the breach of a rule by a support person by changing the boat's score in a single race, up to and including disqualification.

2. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be published before 0900 hrs. on the day it will take effect. However, any change to the schedule of races will be published by 2000 hrs. on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be published on the official notice board located at the event website

<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/9612/event?name=topcat-worlds-2024>

4. [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 [NP] Competitors and support persons shall:

4.1.1 comply with any reasonable request from an event official;



- 4.1.2 handle any boats and equipment provided by the organizing authority with proper care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality; and
- 4.1.3 not interfere in any way with the functionality of supplied media equipment.
- 4.2 Boats not racing shall avoid any area where boats are racing and any official vessel.
- 4.3 Boats that are on a racing area to which they are not assigned shall avoid the areas where boats are racing and any official vessel.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the following flagpole, located at main flag pole located in front of Univela.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in RRS Race Signals AP. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Competitors meetings will be held at 11:00 at Univela Flag Pole.
- 6.2 The daily race schedule, the daily number of races and the scheduled times of the warning signal for the first race of the day are shown in SI Addendum 'Schedule of Races'.
- 6.3 To alert boats that a race or a sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

7. FORMAT

Classes sailing a qualifying and a final series will be published on the official notice board. For these classes SI Addendum 'Qualifying and Final series' applies.

8. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be as follows:

- Class K1 – Class Insignia K1 – Background Colour Yellow
- Class K2 – Class Insignia K2 – Background Colour Green



- Class K3 – Class Insignia K3 – Background **Colour** Red

In case the class flags won't be available, it will be replaced with the Yellow Flag for K1, Green Flag for K2 and Red Flag for K3.

9. RACING AREAS

NoR Addendum 'Racing Areas' shows the location of racing areas.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 The diagrams in SI Addendum 'Course Illustrations' show the courses, the course designations, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 10.2 With the warning signal, the race committee will display the course to be sailed according to the course diagram. With a flag or whiteboard "I" for Course "I" and flag or whiteboard "O" for course "O".
- 10.3 The course to be sailed will be signalled as follows:
- 10.3.1 White board with black letter: the course to be sailed (see SI Addendum 'Course Illustrations').
- 10.3.2 Black board with white numbers: the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

11. MARKS

- 11.1 Rounding mark colours and shapes will be as follows.
- 11.2 Course marks will be red triangular.
- 11.3 Starting mark will be yellow triangular.
- 11.4 Finishing mark will be yellow.
- 11.5 If a gate mark is missing and has not been substituted in accordance with RRS 34, the remaining mark shall be left to port.

12. THE START

- 12.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.



- 12.2 [DP] A buoy may be attached to the race committee starting vessel ground tackle. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the race committee starting vessel at any time. This buoy is part of the race committee starting vessel ground tackle.
- 12.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting area is defined as a rectangle 50 meters from the starting line and marks in all directions.
- 12.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4, A5.1 and A5.2.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will (a) lay a new mark or move a mark, or (b) move the finishing line, or (c) move the leeward gate. When a new mark is laid, the original mark will be removed as soon as possible. When in a subsequent change a new mark is substituted, it will be substituted by an original mark. When Mark 1 has been substituted, Mark 1a is no longer a mark of the course and will be removed as soon as practicable. This changes RRS 33.

14. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between RC Vessel displaying blue flag and the finishing mark.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIME

15.1 Time limits and target times in minutes will be as follows:

Target Time	Mark 1 Time Limit	Time Limit	Finishing Window
45	20	90	20

- 15.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within the time stated under 'Finishing Window' after the first boat of the class or fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5.1 and A5.2.



15.4 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 For each class or fleet, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat of the class event or fleet has finished within her Finishing Window in the last race of the day or the signal AP over A or N over A is made afloat, whichever is later. However, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the signal AP over A is made ashore.
- 16.2 Notices will be published no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform boats of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings may be scheduled to begin before the end of protest time. Hearings will be held beginning at the time and location published on the official notice board.
- 16.3 A list of boats that have been penalized under RRS Appendix P for breaking RRS 42, or under SI 16.6 for breaking a rule marked '[SP]', or RRS 78.1 and a class rule listed in SI Addendum 'Standard Penalties' will be published on the official notice board.
- 16.4 Penalties for breaches of RRS 50 or 78.1, class rules, rules in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions marked '[DP]', or [SP] should the case go to a hearing, are at the discretion of the international jury and may be less than disqualification.
- 16.5 For breaches of a rule marked '[SP]', or RRS 78.1 and a class rule listed in SI Addendum 'Standard Penalties', the race committee or technical committee may impose a standard penalty without a hearing or a discretionary penalty may be imposed by the international jury with a hearing. SI Addendum 'Standard Penalties' shows a list of these rules and the associated standard penalties. However, the race committee or technical committee may protest a boat if it considers the standard penalty to be inappropriate. A boat that has been penalized with a standard penalty may neither be protested by another boat for the same incident nor may another boat request redress for this committee action. This changes RRS 60.1 (a) and (b), 63.1 and A5.1.
- 16.6 In RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) change ,on the last scheduled day of racing' to ,on the last scheduled day of the qualifying series and on the last scheduled day of racing'. **Danger signal** (Search and rescue instructions RRS 37)



“**Flag V**” – Danger signal: displayed by any official Race Committee vessel together with one long sound means: “Monitor the VHF Channel 72 for safety instructions”.

17. [NP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

It is mandatory to wear personal flotation devices all the time while on the water. Wetsuits and harness do not represent a floating device.

18. [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment limited by the class rules will not be allowed unless approved by the technical committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the technical committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the races.

19. [DP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1 The event is an international event for the purpose of RRS G1.1 (b).

19.2 A boat or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the rules.

19.3 When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

19.4 A boat may not protest another boat for not complying with her respective building specifications. The international jury may refuse to hear a protest based on these rules. This changes RRS 60.1 (a) and 63.1.

20. [NP][DP] ADVERTISING AND IDENTIFICATION

20.1 Event advertising shall be displayed as described and published on the official notice board.

20.2 [SP] In accordance with NoR 6.2, bibs will be provided by the organizing authority for competitors aboard the boats ranked first, second and third in the series at the beginning of that day. Bibs shall be picked up every day from 0830 to 1000 hrs. at the registration desk and shall be returned no later than the protest time limit. Competitors shall wear the bibs on top of any clothing or personal flotation device, visible while racing that day.



The location of the registration desk is shown in SI Addendum 'Harbour Map and Locations'.

21. OFFICIAL VESSELS [NP]

- 21.1 Official vessels will be marked as follows:
- 21.2 Race Committee: White flag with "RC"
- 21.3 International Jury: Yellow flag with "J"
- 21.4 Technical Committee: Yellow flag with "M"
- 21.5 Safety and Mark layer: Yellow flag with "S"
- 21.6 Actions by official vessels, helicopters and drones shall not be grounds for requesting redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (b).

22. TRASH DISPOSAL

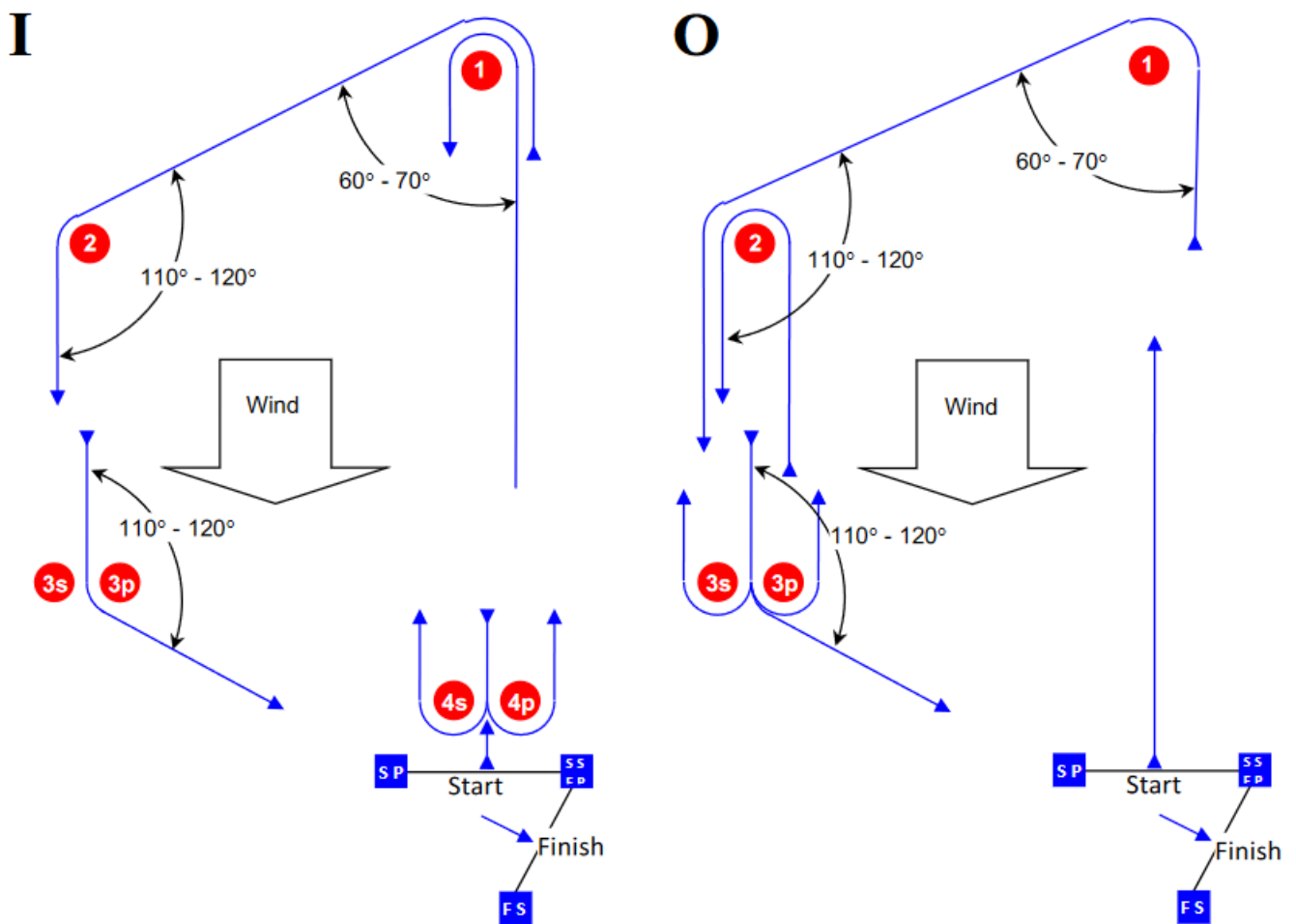
It's forbidden to abandon trash in the water or in the club. Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats according to RRS environmental accountability.

23. [NP] MEDIA AND POSITIONING EQUIPMENT

- 23.1 [SP] Boats assigned to install and operate onboard camera units:
Boats shall operate onboard camera units while racing that day. Onboard camera units will be unmounted and collected by the organizing authority at the boat park after racing.
- 23.2 [DP] The organizing authority may request competitors to carry on board and use two-way communication devices for media interviews.

SI ADDENDUM 'Course Illustrations'

The course graphics are only for expression only nor real angles



O: Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – Finish

I: Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – Finish



SI ADDENDUM 'Schedule of Races'

Class	2/9		3/9		4/9		5/9		6/9	
	time	N°	time	N°	time	N°	time	N°	time	N°
K1	13:00	3	13:00	3	13:00	3	13:00	3	13:00	3
K2	13:00	3	13:00	3	13:00	3	13:00	3	13:00	3
K3	13:00	3	13:00	3	13:00	3	13:00	3	13:00	3

A practice race will be held at Sunday 1. September.

The scheduled time for warning signal of the practice Race will be 1500-

SI ADDENDUM 'Racing Areas'

