# ORC MEDITERRANEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

CAMPIONATO NAZIONALE MEDIO E BASSO TIRRENO

8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025, Sorrento 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025, Naples

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

Under the authority of the Italian Sailing Federation, supported by ROLEX as Official Timepiece the ORC Mediterranean Championship is organized by the Circolo del Remo e della Vela Italia and the ORC (Organizing Authority), in conjunction with Yacht Club Italiano and Reale Yacht Club Canottieri Savoia.

### The **2025 ORC Mediterranean Championship** includes:

- a) Up to five (5) races with a windward / leeward course configuration set in the Bay of Naples off Sorrento from 8 to 10 May, eligible for the Campionato Nazionale del Medio e Basso Tirreno ("CNT"); and
- b) The long-distance race of approximately 150 nm ("3G") on the same course as the 70<sup>th</sup> Regata dei Tre Golfi starting Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May off Naples, also eligible for the Italian National Offshore Championship.

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Exceptions to RRS 77 may be granted by the OA upon written request prior to the close of registration.
- 1.2 The latest version of the following rules will also apply:
  - a. IMS Rules
  - b. ORC Rating Systems Rules
  - c. World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Category 4 applies for windward leeward races. World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Category 3 with liferaft, applies for long distance race (3G).
    - i. RRS 48.1 does not apply to water used in a water ballast system that is declared and described in a yacht's measurement certificate (changes RRS 48.1).
- 1.3 Minimum crew weight as defined in ORC Rules 102.3 and 200.1(b).
- 1.4 Italian crews shall have a valid FIV membership card, inclusive of medical prescription. Non-Italian crews must comply with the rules of their National Authorities.
- 1.5 FIV national prescriptions, FIV Regulations for Offshore Sailing (*Normativa per la Vela d'Altura FIV*) will apply for the CNT.
- 1.6 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat and for which the International Jury may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 63.1.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.

## **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available for each entrant at completion of the registration formalities and may be posted earlier at www.tregolfisailingweek.com.

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### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online Official Notice Board (ONB) is located at www.tregolfisailingweek.com.
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16, 6, 72, 74.
- 3.3 Communication with competitors will be through the online ONB and/or e-mails and/or Telegram. Each boat shall have at least one device connected to the internet with Telegram installed. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio.
- 3.4 While racing, except in an emergency or when communicating with the race committee, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.5 [DP] RRS 41(c) is changed as follows:
  - a) A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except help in the form of information, which is freely available to all boats, whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription. However, this shall not include interpretation of information gathered by advice from any source not on the boat specific to the boat and her situation.
  - b) By way of an example and interpretation, downloading charts, weather and/or tidal GRIB files from subscription services, or having such information passed to the boat in its pure form, is permitted but receiving messages or information which is the result of interpretation from person outside of the boat is not permitted.

### **4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 Competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Code. Competitors shall be at least 12 years old on 8 May 2025. Crew members who are less than 18 years old shall present at registration a declaration form, available on the event website, signed by parents or legal guardian who must give consent.
- 4.2 The ORC Mediterranean Championship is open to all boats with a valid ORC International certificate.
- 4.3 The Campionato Nazionale del Medio e Basso Tirreno is open to all boats with a valid ORC International or ORC Club certificate.
- 4.4 Classes are defined by the CDL:

Class 0:  $16.400 \ge CDL > 13.550$ Class A:  $13.550 \ge CDL > 11.270$ Class B:  $11.270 \ge CDL > 9.630$ Class C:  $9.630 \ge CDL > 8.000$ 

Note: these CDL values are based on 2024 ORC VPP and may be updated when 2025 ORC VPP becomes available.

- a. If the number of boats in a class is lower than 15, that class can be grouped with the closest class. In this case, only one Championship title will be assigned to the combined classes.
- b. The person who is the owner or charterer or borrower of an entered boat shall be a national of the country the boat is representing. "National" is defined as either the holder of a passport or identity card, or a similar document stating residential status in the country represented.
- c. Classes will be grouped in Group 1 (including classes 0 and A) and Group 2 (including classes B and C). Groups 1 and 2 will have separate starts.
- 4.5 Any change after applying ORC rule 305.2(b) or (c) shall not change the class the boat was originally entered.

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- 4.6 For a boat to have entered, its current rating certificate and the following documents shall be uploaded online;
  - a. Policy document for a valid third-party liability insurance of Euro 1,500,000;
  - b. Liability acceptance form, correctly filled out and signed;
  - c. FIV advertising license, if applicable;
  - d. Crew list and personal contact details.
- 4.7 Eligible boats may pre-register until 31 March 2025 by completing the on-line registration form at www.tregolfisailingweek.com. Entries may be accepted after that date by discretion of the Organizing Authority with 50% surcharge to the entry fee.
- To be considered as pre-registered, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees. The list of pre-registered boats will be updated on the event website upon receipt of each new entry.
- 4.9 If less than 70 boats are pre-registered before 31 March 2025 all pre-registered boats will be accepted as final entries and additional entries will be accepted based on chronological order of registration until the maximum number of 70 boats is reached.
- 4.10 If more than 70 boats are pre-registered before 31 March 2025 final entries will be accepted at discretion of the organizing authority in agreement with the ORC by considering:
  - a. International representation of the fleet,
  - b. Boat's and skipper's racing record, particularly in previous ORC Championships,
  - c. Chronological order in which boats are pre-registered. The final list of accepted entries will be published on the event's website before 7 April 2025. Pre-registered boats whose entry is not accepted will be listed on the "waiting list" and can replace any of the accepted boats that cancel their participation before the start of the championship. The entry fee received from any boat whose entry is not accepted will be re-funded.
- 4.11 Once the entry is accepted, each boat shall submit a crew list before 25 April 2025. Crew lists shall include all crew members who will be on board at the start of the first race and may be amended up to the start of the first race. After this time, changes in the crew may be made only on request and with the written permission of the technical committee.
- 4.12 Each owner or skipper must personally register in the race office located at Sorrento Harbour from 10:00 18:00 on 7 May 2025.
- 4.13 In accordance with the decision made by World Sailing to suspend participation of Russian and Belarusian competitors, the following are not eligible to take part in this event if this decision is still in place at the time of the close of entry:
  - a. Competitors with Russian or Belarussian passport or representing these countries;
  - b. Boats whose owner or person in charge is a national from Russia or Belarus; or
  - c. Boats registered in Russia or Belarus or with a sail number from these countries.

### **5 ENTRY FEES**

5.1 The entry fee is as follows:

Class 0: 1100 EUR
Class A: 900 EUR
Class B: 700 EUR
Class C: 500 EUR

- 5.2 Entry fees for the sole CNT are reduced by 200 EUR.
- 5.3 The Organizing Authority is not responsible for any cost incurred by the non-acceptance of a boat's entry nor for any cancellation of the event.
- 5.4 Entry fees paid will not be refunded if the boat does not participate in the event.





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### 6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats are responsible for informing their own sponsors that no activities advertising any brand will be permitted ashore within the harbour area without written consent from the Organizing Authority prior to the start of the race.
- 6.2 Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority throughout the period starting one hour after the completion of registration ending one hour after the finish of the event:
  - a. Event sponsor pennant on the backstay or the centre back stanchion
  - b. Event flag on the forestay while moored in the harbour.
- 6.3 The organizing authority may also require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of on-board video cameras and/or position devices, use of which will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.4 Competitors and support persons shall handle equipment or place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with and instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

#### 7 SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 7 May 2025 - Registration

Thursday, 8 May 2025 - Windward/Leeward races(s): First warning signal at 11:55
Friday, 9 May 2025 - Windward/Leeward races(s): First warning signal at 10:55
Saturday, 10 May 2025 - Windward/Leeward races(s): First warning signal at 10:55

Friday, 16 May 2025 - 3G long-distance race start from Naples. Warning signal at 16:45.

There is a separate Notice of Race for the 3G long-distance race.

### 8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 Each boat shall have ORC certificate issued up to 6 May 2025. Certificates issued after that date may be accepted only by the request of the relevant ORC Rating office. This changes RRS 78.2.
- 8.2 No changes shall be made on ORC certificates after 6 May 2025 unless prescribed and approved by the technical committee in correcting any error that may be found in boat's certificate before or during the pre-race equipment inspection and before the start of the first race.
- 8.3 A list of the boat ratings will be posted on the event web site by 19.00 on 7 May. The list will remain posted on the online ONB during the event. The Protest Time Limit for rating protests by boats, except relating to changes made during the regatta, will expire at 9.00 on 8 May.
- 8.4 Boats shall be available for equipment inspection from 10:00 18:00 on Wednesday, 7 May 2025 in Sorrento Harbour. Boats shall remain at their berth and be available to the Technical Committee until the boat's inspection and controls are completed or at such time as agreed with the Technical Committee.
- 8.5 Measurement and rules compliance inspections will be carried out throughout the championship with emphasis on boats well placed in the scoring.

### 9 VENUE

- 9.1 The race office is located at Sorrento Harbour.
- 9.2 The windward/leeward racing area will be off Sorrento.
- 9.3 The 3G offshore course racing area will be Naples-Ponza island-Li Galli rocks-Naples.

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#### 10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for breaking one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident outside the Zone while racing.
- 10.2 A National Jury will be appointed for the Campionato Nazionale del Medio e Basso Tirreno.
- 10.3 An International Jury will be appointed in compliance with RRS 91(b) to rule the ORC Mediterranean Championship. Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 10.4 Penalties for breaches of a rule other than a rule of Parts 1 or 2 of the RRS may be less than disqualification if the International Jury so decides.
- 10.5 Redress Limitation:
  - a. Redress shall not be given to a yacht for a greater number of races than she completed during the regatta; this changes RRS 60.1(b) and RRS 62.1.
  - b. Actions by official boats, drones or helicopters shall not be grounds for requesting redress by a boat, this changes RRS 60.1(b).

#### 11 SCORING

- 11.1 **ORC Mediterranean Championship** five windward/leeward races and the 3G offshore race are scheduled.
  - a. At least two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
  - b. The 3G offshore race shall not be excluded.
  - c. When less than four (4) windward/leeward races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
  - d. When four (4) or more windward/leeward races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score windward/leeward race.
- 11.2 Campionato Nazionale del Medio e Basso Tirreno "CNT" five windward/leeward races are scheduled.
  - a. At least two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
  - b. When less than four (4) windward/leeward races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - c. When four (4) or more windward/leeward races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst inshore race score.
- 11.3 Windward/Leeward race results will be determined by corrected times calculated by the PCS and constructed course scoring method.
- 11.4 3G offshore race results will be determined by corrected times calculated by Time on Distance scoring method. 3G offshore race results will preferably be determined by corrected times calculated by the Weather Routing as provided by the ORC.
- 11.5 RRS 90.3(e) shall apply.

### 12 SUPPORT PERSONS AND VESSELS

12.1 All support person teams and vessels shall be registered at the race office. Identification numbers will be provided by the organizing authority. These numbers shall be always visible.

## 13 BERTHING

13.1 Subject to availability, boats registered for the event will be provided a free of charge berth in Sorrento from Wednesday 7 May to Sunday 11 May. All boats shall leave the berth by 12:00 on Sunday 11 May. Boats registered to the ORC Mediterranean Championship will be provided free of charge berth in Naples, Santa Lucia, from Sunday 11 to Friday 16 May.

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- 13.2 Registered boats that do not participate in any race of the series, or requiring stay outside these dates, will be required to pay the applicable mooring fee.
- 13.3 Boats shall send an email to the Race Office at least 72 hours before the arrival. On their arrival, boats shall inform the Organising Authority on VHF Channel 74 (Sorrento).

#### 14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1 Boats shall be in the water from 09:00 on 8 May 2025 until the end of the last scheduled windward/leeward race is completed on Saturday 11 May. Appendages shall not be removed from the boat during this period.
- 14.2 Boats shall not be hauled out during the period, stated in 14.1 (above), except for the purposes of repairing damage; and only after written permission from the technical committee. While hauled for this purpose, cleaning and polishing of the hull below the waterline will not be permitted.
- 14.3 In accordance with Italian law diving inside the harbours is forbidden.

### 15 DATA PROTECTION

15.1 Competitors, owners, and their guests shall grant the absolute right and permission to the organizing authority and the ORC for any photography and video footage taken of persons and boats during the event, to be published and/or broadcast in any media, including but not limited to TV advertisements, whatsoever for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information.

### **16 RISK STATEMENT**

- 16.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' 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, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.
- 16.2 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk, see RRS 3 Decision to Race. The organizing authority, Circolo del Remo e della Vela Italia, FIV, UVAI, ORC, the PRO, the race committee, the international jury, the technical committee, the volunteers, and any other party involved in the organization of the event 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. Each boat owner or his representative accepts these terms by signing the entry form.

### 17 COMPETITORS DRONES

- 17.1 [DP] Teams or their representatives shall not fly drones over the shore facilities or over the race area during training or racing days without complying with local legislation and without prior written approval by the organizing authority.
- 17.2 The approval granted at the sole discretion of the organizing authority may impose limitations on where and when drones may fly.
- 17.3 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 organizing authority, race committee or jury at reasonable request.



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### **18 INSURANCE**

- 18.1 Participants shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of Euro 1,500,000) or any other larger amount that owners consider appropriate taking into account the value of the boats racing and the type of racing.
- 18.2 The responsibility to hold adequate insurance cover for Tort Liability and Third-Party Insurance (Property and Persons) is to the owners or the skippers alone.
- 18.3 The OA is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of insurance certificates.

#### 19 PRIZES

- 19.1 The ORC Mediterranean Championship title will be awarded to the first yacht in each Class as extracted from the overall results in each Group.
- 19.2 The Campionato Nazionale del Medio e Basso Tirreno title will be awarded to winners of each Group.
- 19.3 Trophies will be awarded to:
  - a) the first yacht overall (among all Classes) of the ORC Mediterranean Championship scoring the highest score by the following formula:

$$Score = \frac{P - Nr + 1}{(Ne \cdot Nr) - Nr}$$

- P Total number of points scored by the low points scoring system.
- Nr Number of races completed by the class.
- Ne Number of entrants in the class.
- b) the winners of the ORC Mediterranean Championship in each Class, and trophies to the 2nd and 3rd yachts of each Class with at least 15 entries, to the 2nd yacht with at least 10 entrants
- c) the winners of the Campionato Nazionale del Medio e Basso Tirreno in each Racer Division having at least 6 entrants
- d) the winners of Campionato Nazionale del Medio e Basso Tirreno in each Cruiser/Racer Division having at least 6 entrants.

## 20 [DP] TRASH DISPOSAL

- 20.1 Recalling the RRS Basic Principle stating: "Participants are encouraged to minimize any negative environmental impact of the sport of sailing", we recommend the utmost attention to environmental protection during and after the event. Attention is drawn to RRS 47 Trash Disposal which textually mentions: "Competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water". This rule always applies while afloat.
- 20.2 Boats shall make a reasonable effort to recover sails, parts of broken sails, halyards, etc and not just drop sails in the sea for pick up by their support boat.

### 21 AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

21.1 This Notice of Race may be changed. Changes will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

## **22 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact:

Event web site: www.tregolfisailingweek.com.

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