

2024 TRE GOLF SAILING WEEK

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17th – 23rd May 2024, Sorrento, Italy

NOTICE OF RACE

Amendments posted 20 February 2024 are highlighted in red.

Under the authority of the Italian Sailing Federation, supported by ROLEX as Official Timepiece the IMA Maxi European Championship is organised from 17 to 23 May 2024 by the Circolo del Remo e della Vela Italia and the International Maxi Association (Organizing Authority), in conjunction with Yacht Club Italiano and Reale Yacht Club Canottieri Savoia.

1. RULES

- a. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Other documents under RRS Definition Rule (g) include:
- b. World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 without Life Raft;
 - i. OSR Category 3 compliance will be evaluated by the Technical Committee, which may address related issues with a NoR Amendment.
 - ii. 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).
- c. The IMA Class Rule as published on the IMA web site.
 - i. The IMA Rule C.2.1.(a).2 (Owner Driver) and IMA Class Rules C2.2 to C2.5 apply to helmsmen competing in the inshore races, not the long distance race ("3G").
 - ii. For Owner Drivers from the age of 75 the conditions of IMA Rule C.2.2 are relaxed as follows:
 - (a) WL races: Owner Driver or Charterer Helm only from the preparatory signal. Per hour a 10-minute break is permitted. The Owner Driver or Charterer Helm shall drive the first and final mile of the race. The break(s) shall take place between mark roundings and avoid clearly imminent maneuvers (tack/gybe).
 - (b) Coastal Races (any non-WL race up to 60 miles): Owner Driver or Charterer Helm only from the preparatory signal. The first hour a 10-minute break is permitted, thereafter a Relief Helm may helm up to a total of 30 minutes per hour and after four hours up to a total of 45 minutes per hour. The Owner Driver or Charterer Helm shall drive the final two miles of the race.
 - iii. [NP] The IMA Class Rule C.2.6 Guests applies. Guests may be varied per race day but shall all be applied for latest at the close of registration using the IMA Guest Application Form. The OA may set additional rules, refuse guests, or cancel the approval in case of abuse of the arrangement.
- d. The IRC Rating rules: 2024 IRC Rule, Parts A, B and C;



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- i. For IRC Rules 21.1.5 (d) and (e) this regatta is on consecutive days and the sails carried on board need to remain the same for each day of racing but not for the duration of the whole event. For this rule the day begins when a boat leaves the mooring for the first time each day and ends when the boat returns to the mooring after racing;
- ii. IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced with: “The maximum number of crew members on board shall be the crew number printed on her certificate. There is no weight limit”.
- iii. Boats are eligible to enter the event based on the IRC REDUCED CREW rating calculation. This allows a boat to race with a maximum crew number of 70% of the IRC standard crew number. On application, this value shall be recorded on the IMA Certificate and shall apply for all races.
- iv. If declared on the measurement and/or class certificate, steering, ram, and winch systems powered by force other than manual, as well as moveable appendages, trim tabs, water ballast and canting keels are permitted (this changes RRS 51 and 52).
- e. Exceptions to RRS 77 may be granted by the OA upon written request prior to the close of registration (this changes RRS 77).
- f. World Sailing Appendix 3 - Eligibility Code Regulation 19, and World Sailing (WS) Sailor Classification Code WS Regulation 22 shall apply to boats in any Corinthian categories.
- g. [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.
- h. No National Authority prescriptions apply.
- i. If there is conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING AND EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED BY THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY [DP] [NP] [SP]

- a. Advertising will be in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20. 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 Organising Authority prior to the start of the regatta.
- b. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and/or supplied by the Organising Authority, including the following throughout the period starting one hour after the completion of registration and ending one hour after the finish of the last race of the series;
 - i. Event sponsor pennant on the backstay or the center back stanchion;
 - ii. Event flag hoisted on the forestay while moored in the harbour;
- c. The Organising Authority may require the installation, at no cost to the competitors, of on-board cameras.
- d. Participants shall allow the installation of the tracking unit on their boats and shall be responsible for the unit while on board. They shall return the unit to the Race Office as soon as possible after finishing the regatta and will be required to leave a damage deposit of Euro 900, by credit card or check, in case the unit is not returned.
- e. (DP) Competitors and support persons shall handle and 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.



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3. COMMUNICATION

- a. The official notice board (ONB) will be on-line at the event website:
www.tregolfisailingweek.com
- b. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16, 6, 72, 74.
- c. A Telegram messaging group will be used. Sign up details for the Telegram group will be provided at registration. Failure to receive Telegram messages shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- d. Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

- a. The IMA Maxi European Championship is an open championship, IMA membership and European citizenship are not required.
- b. Entries are restricted to monohull Maxi yachts as defined by IMA class rules with LH > 18.29m and < 30.50m.
- c. Each entry shall have a valid endorsed IRC measurement certificate issued no later than 3 May 2024. **Please note: The IMA Maxi European Championship includes the 3G long distance race (NoR 6) and shall be raced on the basis of one rating certificate.**
- d. Each IRC certificate has to be approved by the IMA Technical Office (ATO), which issues IMA certification. Until 3rd May the IMA ATO may require full or partial re-measurement or additional information. For early approval or information please submit the IRC certificate and/or questions to: technicaloffice@internationalmaxiassociation.com.
- e. For a boat to have entered, its current IRC measurement certificate and the following documents shall be uploaded online:
 - i. policy document for a valid third-party liability insurance of Euro 5,000,000;
 - ii. liability acceptance form, correctly filled out and signed;
 - iii. FIV advertising license, if applicable;
 - iv. crew list and personal contact details.
- f. Yachts may enter until 23.59 hrs. of 20 March 2024 by completing the online entry form, which is available on the event web site and making the full payment of the entry fee.
- g. Yachts may be allocated by the Organising Authority, at their sole discretion, to sub-classes or combinations of sub-classes based on TCC following the IMA 2024 Class Rules rule. A minimum of 5 boats is required for separate sub-class scoring, unless the minimum is waived by the Organising Authority, with the approval of the IMA.
- h. Yachts having more than 80% of crew members (rounded to the closer number) classified WS Group 1 at registration may be allocated to the Corinthian Division for mainly amateur crews. The Crew Deadline as per WS Sailor Categorisation Code is at 18:00 hrs. on Thursday 16 May.
- i. 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:
 - i. Competitors with Russian or Belarussian passport or representing these countries;
 - ii. Boats whose owner or person in charge is a national from Russia or Belarus; or
 - iii. Boats registered in Russia or Belarus or with a sail number from these countries.



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5. ENTRY FEES

- a. Entries of Maxis with an IRC TCC higher than 1.600 completed before the entry deadline are subject to Euro 3,000 entry fee (net of any bank charges), reduced to Euro 2,500 for IMA members.
- b. Entries of maxis with an IRC TCC below 1.600 completed before the entry deadline are subject to Euro 2,000 entry fee (net of any bank charges), reduced to Euro 1,500 for IMA members.
- c. Entries after 20 March 2024 may be accepted at the Organising Authority's discretion with a 50% surcharge.
- d. The cost for electricity, water, tenders, containers parking are not included in the entry fee.
- e. The Organising Authority is not responsible for any cost incurred by the non-acceptance of a yacht's entry nor for any cancellation of the series. Entry fees paid will not be refunded if the yacht does not participate in the event.

6. FORMAT

- a. The 2024 IMA Maxi European Championship includes:
 - i. The 3G long-distance race of approximately 150 nm on the same course as the 69th Regatta dei Tre Golfi starting near Naples, also eligible for the IMA Mediterranean Offshore Challenge; and
 - ii. five inshore windward/leeward or coastal races starting in the waters between Sorrento and Capri. A maximum of two windward-leeward races or one coastal race may be scheduled per race day.
- b. The IMA Maxi European Championship title will be assigned to the first yacht overall using a formula where the rankings of each sub-class are weighted based on (i) the result of each yacht, (ii) the number of races completed per sub-class and (iii) the number of yachts entering the series per sub-class.
- c. If supported by an adequate number of entries, the inshore racing will take place divided over two starts:
 - Maxi A (IMA Maxi sub-classes 1 and 2)
 - Maxi B (IMA Maxi sub-classes 3,4 and 5)

7. SCHEDULE

- a. Registration for the IMA Maxi Europeans takes place in the Sorrento Race Village on Thursday 16 May and Sunday 19 May between 10:00 – 18:00 hrs. All boats shall have completed registration before the inshore racing.
- b. Dates of racing:

Friday	17 May	3G Long distance race starting from Naples, warning signal displayed at 16.30 hrs. There is a separate Notice of Race for the 3G long distance race.
Monday	20 May	inshore race(s) first warning signal displayed at 12:00 hrs.
Tuesday	21 May	inshore race(s) first warning signal displayed at 12:00 hrs.
Wednesday	22 May	inshore race(s) first warning signal displayed at 12:00 hrs.
Thursday	23 May	inshore race(s) first warning signal displayed at 12:00 hrs. Prize Giving for IMA Maxi European Championship after racing
- c. No warning signal will be displayed after 15.00 hrs. on Thursday 23 May.
- d. From Monday 20 May there will be a daily briefing at 09:30 hrs. in the Race Village at Sorrento.



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8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- a. Equipment inspection and event measurement will be Thursday 16 May from 10.00 to 18.00 hrs. Yachts must be available for inspections by the Technical Committee in Sorrento and, if only competing in the inshore races, from 10.00 to 18.00 hrs. of Sunday 19 May.
- b. 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 IMA ATO.
- c. Boats may book an inspection time before arrival or agree a time when attending registration in Sorrento. Please contact IMA ITO:
technicaloffice@internationalmaxiassociation.com
- d. [DP] At any reasonable time throughout the regatta period race committee or technical committee members may undertake random inspections and measurement checks on any boat.
- e. A list of the boat ratings will be posted on the event web site by 17.00 on 15 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 17.00 on 16 May.
- f. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the rules.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The Sailing Instructions will be available by Friday 10 May 2024 on the Official Notice Board.

10. VENUE

- a. The venue of the event is the Sorrento Harbour, where the Race Village will be located.
- b. Inshore races will be sailed in the Bay of Naples and waters adjacent to Sorrento and Capri. Details of the race area and courses will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

11. INTERNATIONAL JURY

- a. An International Jury will be appointed in compliance with RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- b. 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.
- c. Redress Limitation:
 - i. 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.
 - ii. Actions by official boats, drones or helicopters shall not be grounds for requesting redress by a boat, this changes RRS 60.1(b).

12. SCORING AND TROPHIES

- a. Race results will be calculated based on "Time on Time".
- b. The "Low Point" scoring system of Appendix A shall apply.
- c. The IMA Maxi European Championship is valid if at least three races are completed. The result of the long-distance race (3G) shall not be discarded.
- d. If four or more inshore races are completed, a boat's worst score will be discarded.
- e. The ROLEX timepiece and European Championship title will be awarded as per NOR 6.b.



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- f. Trophies and awards will be presented for the following (based on a minimum of 5 yachts starting any race of the series per sub-class):
- The Loro Piana Challenge Trophy for the overall Maxi 1 winner;
 - Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall in sub-classes Maxi 1, Maxi 2, Maxi 3, Maxi 4 and Maxi 5;
 - The Coppa Guido Imperiali di Francavilla perpetual challenge trophy for the first Corinthian yacht as per NOR 6.b and trophies for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Corinthian yachts;
 - IMA Maxi European Championship trophy for the highest placed IMA member as per NOR 6.b;
 - The Coppa Roberto Garolla di Bard, the perpetual challenge line honours trophy for the Maxi A yacht scoring the lowest overall elapsed time over all races without discard;
 - A trophy for each inshore race series sub-class winner;
 - A trophy for each long-distance race sub-class winner.

13.[DP] SUPPORT TEAM AND SUPPORT VESSELS

- a. All support teams shall register at the Race Office. By registering as a support person, each support person agrees to be governed by the rules.
- b. All support vessels shall be registered at the Race Office during registration.
- c. Identification flags may be provided by the Organising Authority and shall be visibly always displayed.
- d. Support Teams or their representatives shall not fly drones over the racing area during training or race days unless prior approval from the Organising Authority, which may impose similar limitations as applicable to support boats, and without complying with Italian Law. At any time, the risk and responsibility for flying any drone is with the person flying it. Images made within the racing area shall be shared with the Organising Authority, the International Jury, and competitors at reasonable request.

14.[DP] BERTHING

- a. Subject to availability, and based on dimensions and order of entry, entrants will be provided free of charge berth from Wednesday 15 May to Friday 24 May in Sorrento or nearby harbour. Entrants that do not participate in any race of the series or require to stay outside these dates will be required to pay applicable mooring fees.
- b. 6 berths will be reserved in Sorrento for maxis with a LH > 26.00m and < 30.50m. The berths will be allocated in the order that entries are received. Maxis in this size range are advised to enter before 15 December 2023, to be guaranteed a berth in Sorrento.
- c. In case all entries exceed 30 yachts, boats in excess will be berthed in other marinas of the area, selected by the OA starting from those with lower draft.
- d. Boats with entries accepted after the entry deadline are not guaranteed moorings, and mooring fees may be applicable.
- e. Local regulations require that all yachts must inform the Harbour Control by VHF radio channel 74 when they first arrive in Sorrento and each time they leave or enter the Harbour and wait to receive acknowledgement. It is mandatory for the representative of all boats to visit the Harbormaster's Office and to finalise their registration.



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15.[DP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- a. Boats shall not be hauled out during the event, except for the purposes of repairing damage and only after written permission from the Technical Committee. While hauled for the above purpose, cleaning and polishing of the hull below the waterline will not be permitted.
- b. Appendages shall not be removed from the boats during the event period.
- c. In accordance with Italian law diving inside the harbours is forbidden.

16.[DP] MEDIA RIGHTS

- a. Competitors, and owners, grant absolute right and permission to the Organising Authority 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.

17.MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION NATIONALITY

- a. Italian crews shall have a valid FIV membership card, inclusive of medical prescription.
- b. Non-Italian crews must comply with the rules of their National Authorities.
- c. The registration nationality of a yacht is indicated by the owner of the yacht as set out in the entry form. If not indicated, the sail national letters on the mainsail or the owner's nationality will be used.
- d. Competitors must be at least 12 years old on Friday 17 May. 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.

18.INSURANCE

- a. Participants shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of Euro 5,000,000. 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.
- b. The OA is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of insurance certificates.

19. RISK STATEMENT

- a. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". Therefore, the participants are aware that sailing falls within those activities governed by Article 2050 of the Italian Civil Code and that all participants must have a valid federal membership card that guarantees accident coverage, including death and permanent disability.
- b. It is therefore the responsibility of the Competitors and their Support Persons to choose whether to participate in the regattas, continue or give up, on the basis of their capabilities and those of their crew, the strength of the wind, the state of the sea, the weather forecast and everything else that must be foreseen by a skilled sailor.
- c. The Organizers, the Race Committee, the International Jury and those who cooperate in the event, decline any and all responsibility for damages that people and / or things may suffer, both ashore and sailing, as a consequence of their participation in this regatta.



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20. [DP] TRASH DISPOSAL

- a. 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.

21. AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

- a. This Notice of Race may be changed. Amendments will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

OTHER INFORMATION

Event web site: www.tregolfisailingweek.com

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