

EUROSAF
OPEN and WOMEN
MATCH RACING
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the CIRCOLO VELICO RAVENNATE (CVR) in collaboration with EUROSAF and the Federazione Italiana Vela (FIV)

June 4th - 9th 2024
Marina di Ravenna, Italy

NOTICE OF RACE

The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

PC: Protest Committee

IJ: International Jury

NoR: Notice of Race

OA: Organising Authority

RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing

SI: Sailing Instructions

RC: Race Committee

TD: Technical Delegate

ONB: Official Notice Board

CVR: Circolo Velico Ravennate

EUROSAF: European Sailing Federation

[NP]: A boat may not protest as per NoR 1.3

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including RRS Appendix C.
- 1.2. The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the SI, will apply, and will also apply to any sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3. The notation « [NP] » in a rule of the NoR or SI means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).
- 1.4. RRS C8.6 will be changed in the SI.
- 1.5. Any prescriptions of the National Authority that will apply will be posted on the ONB.
- 1.6. The event is a World Sailing Grade 2. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing.
The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.
- 1.7. An IJ will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b) and RRS Appendix N. The right of appeal will be denied in accordance with RRS 70.5.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SI will be available on the 4th of JUNE 2024 at the following link:

<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/8134/event?name=male-female-european-match-racing-championship>

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB at the following link:
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/8134/event?name=male-female-european-match->

racing-championship

3.2. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in front of the CVR.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. 10 skippers will be invited for the Open's competition and 8 skippers for the Women's competition. To receive an invitation, they can register their request with the OA by 15 April 2024 at dir.sportivo@cvr.ra.it. **After receiving the acceptance of the invitation request, the skipper MUST confirm it before the 1st of MAY 2024, or he will lose the slot and the OA will proceed to the waiting list.**

4.2. Only skippers invited by the OA, and who confirm acceptance of the invitation, as detailed in the letter of invitation, will be eligible to enter this event.

4.3. Entries for the event will only be accepted from Members of EUROSAF who are in financial good standing with EUROSAF.

4.4. Each EUROSAF Member has the right to send one team to the event, subject to 4.3.

For the **Open's** championship, one entry is reserved for the winner of the 2023 EUROSAF Open Match Racing European Championship and one entry is reserved for the winner of the 2023 EUROSAF Youth Match Racing European Championship (provided these entries comply with 4.3), and one entry is reserved for the host country. The host wild card will be chosen by the OA.

For the **Women's** championship one entry is reserved for the winner of the 2023 EUROSAF Women Match Racing European Championship (provided the entry complies with 4.3), and one entry is reserved for the host country. The host wild card will be chosen by the OA.

4.5. If fewer than 10 entries for Open and 8 for Women are registered within the time limit for entry, the OA in collaboration with the EUROSAF Executive Board, will fill up with entries in accordance with EUROSAF Events Regulation 3.2.7.

4.6. At least three athletes shall be nationals or residents of the country of the EUROSAF Member/MNA entering the team, including the skipper. The EUROSAF Member/MNA shall be responsible for compliance. These criteria do not apply to crew substitutes with the exception of the skipper.

4.7. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.4.

4.8. All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/sailor_id_request.php

Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.

4.9. The skipper shall complete registration, **pay the entry fee of 750 € latest on the 15th of May 2024**, and shall ensure that all crew complete crew weighing on the 4th of June 2024, unless extended by the OA. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees. **A skipper that doesn't comply with this, will lose the slot and the OA will proceed to the waiting list.**

4.10. When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within one month of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2.2(d)).

5. DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT

5.1. An initial damage deposit of 1500 € shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. 1000 € is the maximum payable, as a result of any one incident and may be divided between more than one skipper as decided by the PC or IJ.

5.2. Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires, PC or IJ. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to continue the event.

5.3. The OA will refund any remaining damage deposit within 10 days after the event.

6. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

6.1. The number of crew (including the skipper but excluding persons placed on board by the OA) shall be 4 or 5. All registered crew shall sail all races.

6.2. After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an

emergency.

- 6.3. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 6.4. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.
- 6.5. The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 350 kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.
- 6.6. The OA may place a person on each boat as either a guest, cameraman, or umpire observer.

7. EVENT FORMAT

- 7.1. The OA intends to provide eight TOM28 type boats for racing in the event.
Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib and Spinnaker.
- 7.2. Boats will be allocated as decided by the RC. The intention of the RC will be to allocate boats by draw, either daily or for each round. The RC may also require boats to be exchanged in a knock-out stage.
- 7.3. The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC. Competitors may be requested to exchange sails during a series to satisfy sponsorship commitments.
- 7.4. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 7.5. The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC with the intention of the RC to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight.
- 7.6. The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.
- 7.7. The intended racing area will be the Port of Marina di Ravenna or the sea outside the port.
- 7.8. Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.
After the First Stage the following will apply:
 - 7.8.1. The highest ranked skipper from the First Stage shall choose their opponent. The next highest ranked skipper who has not already been chosen shall choose their opponent and so on.
 - 7.8.2. In reference to RRS C4.1, the highest ranked skipper from the First Stage shall choose their end for the first match and boats shall alternate every odd match.
 - 7.8.3. Crews will exchange boats after odd matches of the series, unless otherwise agreed by both skippers.
 - 7.8.4. Further matches in the series will not be sailed once the first skipper scores the points required for that stage.
- 7.9. The event will consist of the following stages:
 - (a) First Stage – Round Robin
 - A. All skippers will sail a round robin.
 - B. The four highest scoring skippers shall qualify for the Third Stage
 - (b) Second Stage – King of Castle for skippers finishing in First Stage from 5th to last.
 - (c) Third Stage – Knock-Out Semi-finals
 - A. The skipper finishing first at the First Stage shall select his opponent when requested by the RC to do so. The remaining two skippers shall race each other.
 - B. The first skipper of each series to score at least 3 points shall proceed to the Final Stage, the losing skippers shall proceed to the Third and Fourth Place Stage.
 - (d) Fourth Stage – Knock-Out Third and Fourth Place
 - A. The losing semi-finalists shall race to determine third and fourth place.
 - B. The first skipper to score at least 3 points shall be awarded third place, the losing skipper awarded fourth place.
 - (e) Fifth Stage – Knock-Out Final
 - A. The first skipper to score at least 3 points shall be awarded first place, the losing skipper awarded second place.
- 7.10. The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

8. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

8.1. Schedule

- (a) Race office open from Tuesday 3rd of June 2024 at 09:00.
- (b) Registration on 4th of June 2024 from 09:00 until 17:00.
- (c) Crew weighing on 4th of June 2024 from 09:00 until 17:00 and 5th of June 2024 from 08:30 to 09:00.
- (d) Practice will be allocated by the OA on 4th of June 2024.
- (e) Daily briefing from 5th of June 2024 to 9th of June 2024 at 09:00.
- (f) First meeting with umpires following the first briefing.
- (g) Opening Ceremony on 4th of June 2024 at 18:00
- (h) Racing days from 5th of June 2024 to 9th June 2024.
- (i) Intended time of the first attention signal each day will be 10:00.
- (j) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be <time>.
- (k) Prize giving on 09th of June 2024 at the conclusion of the racing.

8.2. Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing for skippers.
- (c) Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.
- (d) Regatta dinners, for skippers and crews.
- (e) Prize giving for skippers and crews.

9. [NP] ADVERTISING

Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

10. [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 10.1. Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall behave so not to bring the event into disrepute.
- 10.2. Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment or place advertising provided by the OA with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.
- 10.3. OA may embark one person as a guest on the boats during the race, always maintaining fairness between the crews. This can happen during the regatta as well as in the training phase.

11. [NP] Support Persons

- 11.1. No support person vessels will be permitted.

12. [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

- 12.1. If required by the OA:
 - (a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
 - (b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
 - (c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.
- 12.2. Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
- 12.3. The OA and EUROSAP have the right to use any images and sounds recorded during the event free of any charge and without any limitation.

13. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: « The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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, boats 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 permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

14. PRIZES

- 14.1. The overall winner in the Open Division will be awarded the Piraterne Trophy and the title: EUROSAF Open Match Racing European Champion. This is a trophy donated by a group of members of the Royal Danish Yacht Club and symbolises a Golden Horn. The Piraterne trophy is a perpetual trophy, awarded annually, and shall remain the property of the Piraterne Group within the RDYC. It is the responsibility of each champion to return it clean and undamaged for the next Championship.
- 14.2. The overall winner in the Women Division will be awarded the Wossala Trophy and the title: EUROSAF Women Match Racing European Champion. This is a trophy donated by George Wossala, president of EUROSAF from 2004 to 2010. The Wossala Trophy is a perpetual trophy, awarded annually, and shall remain the property of EUROSAF. It is the responsibility of each champion to return it clean and undamaged for the next Championship.
- 14.3. There should be prizes for all places, subject to funding.
- 14.4. The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact dir.sportivo@cvr.ra.it