



Nacra 15 Europeans

26 April – 3 May 2024


Cagliari, Sardinia (Italy)

Organizing Authority (OA): Federazione Italiana Vela (FIV), Windsurfing Club Cagliari in association with the International Nacra 15 Class (IN15CA)

FINAL Sailing Instructions version 1 (dd 24042024)

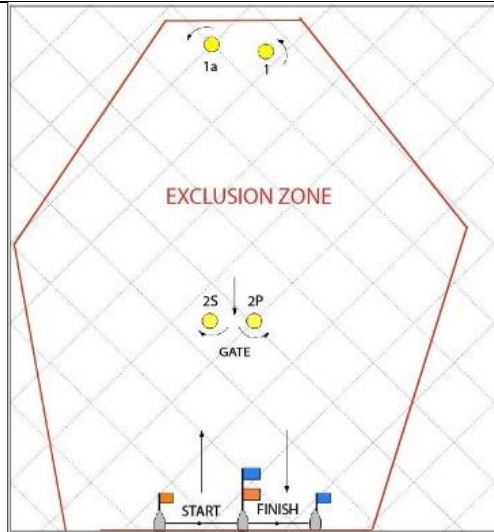
[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.
[DP] means that a penalty for breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Jury, be less than disqualification

1	Rules
1.1	The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
1.2	In case of conflict between NOR and Si's, these Si's will prevail.
1.3	No National prescriptions will apply.
1.4	In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: "However, if Mark 1a is set, a boat takes a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1a."
1.5	Races will not be started with a wind below an average of 5 knots at the starting line.
2	Changes to Sailing Instructions
2.1	Any change to the SI will be posted on the official notice board no later than 120 minutes before the first race of the day, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted not later than 20:00 the day before it will take effect.
3	Communication with Competitors
3.1	Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official noticeboard: https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/7660/event
3.2	The race office is located at the club house of the Windsurfing Club Cagliari
4	Code of Conduct
4.1	[DP] [NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.
4.2	[DP] [NP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment and / or place any advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.
5	Signals made ashore
5.1	Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole located near the boat park.
5.2	When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 40 minutes" in the Race signal AP.
5.3	[SP] [NP] Flag D displayed ashore with one sounds means: Boats shall not leave the beach until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 40 minutes after flag D is displayed..

6	Schedule	
6.1	Date	
	Friday 26 April	10.00 - 13.00 and 14.00 – 18.00 registration & measurement
	Saturday 27 April	10.00 – 13.00 and 14.00 – 18.00 registration & measurement
	Sunday 28 April	10.00 – 13.00 registration & measurement
	Sunday 28 April	tbd: Competitors & coaches meeting 15.00: practice Race for Nacra 15 18.00: opening ceremony
	Monday 29 April	11.30 sailors & coaches meeting 13.00 warning signal 1 st Race
	Tuesday 30 April – Friday 3 May	Tbd time sailors & coaches briefing Tbd time warning signal
	Friday 3 May	Asap after last finish Prizegiving
6.2	Total number of 18 races are scheduled: - 4 Races per day are scheduled on 29 – 30 April and 1 – 2 May - 2 Races per day are scheduled on 3 May	
6.3	On the last scheduled day of racing (3 May) no first warning signal of a race will be made after 13.00	
6.4	The race committee may change the schedule to bring forward any number of races	
7	Assignments to Fleets, Opening, Qualifying, Final Series and Medal Race	
	The event consists in split fleets if more than 60 boats are entered, at the discretion of the Race Committee, see Appendix C – Qualifying and Final series.	
8	Class Flags	
	Nacra 15: Yellow Fleet : Nacra 15 insignia on a yellow background. Blue Fleet : Nacra 15 insignia on a blue background	
9	The Courses	
9.1	The diagrams in Appendix A1 show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.	
9.2	The RC before the warning signal shall display numerical pennant 2 for course TWO or numerical pennant 3 for course number THREE.	
9.3	Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.	
10	Marks	
	See Appendix A2.	
11	The Start	
	Races will be started using RRS 26.	
11.1	To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flags will be displayed with one sound signal 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.	
11.2	The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the pin boat at the port end.	
11.3	A boat that does not start within than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.	
11.4	[DP] When a starting sequence is in progress, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as the area 100 meters from the starting line and marks in all directions.	
11.5	The warning signal for the second fleet to start may be given 5 minutes after the start of the first fleet.	
11.6	If there is a general recall under RRS 30.4, add the following to the rule: The sail numbers of BFD boats will be displayed for at least 3 minutes before a new starting sequence of her fleet. A long sound signal will be made when the numbers are initially displayed. A boat whose number is so displayed shall leave the starting area, before her new preparatory signal. If she fails to do so, she will be scored DNE. This changes RRS 30.4.	
12	Change of the Next Leg of the Course	
12.1	To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will (a) lay a new mark, or (b) move the finishing line, or	

	<p>(c) move the leeward gate.</p> <p>When a new mark is laid, the original mark will be removed as soon as possible.</p> <p>If mark 1 is changed, mark 1a will be of the same colour as mark 1.</p> <p>When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.</p>								
12.2	<p>Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard.</p> <p>This changes RRS 28.1.</p>								
13	The Finish								
	<p>The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying an blue flag on the pin boat at the port end.</p>								
14	Penalty System								
14.1	RRS Appendix P applies as changed by SI 14.2 and 14.3.								
14.2	RRS Appendix P2.1 applies with the Two-Turns Penalty replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.								
14.3	RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.								
14.4	RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.								
15	Time Limits and Target Times								
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15.2	If no boat has passed the first mark 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 sailed the course and finished will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.								
15.4	Failure to meet the race target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).								
16	Hearing requests								
16.1	The Jury Office is located at the club house of the Windsurfing Club Cagliari								
16.2	<p>The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.</p> <p>The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the committee signals no more racing today ashore.</p> <p>The time limit will be posted on the official notice board.</p>								
16.3	The same time limit applies for requests for redress. This changes RRS 62.2.								
16.4	<p>All hearing requests shall be logged via the RRS portal https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/7660/event. The time of delivery shall be the time recorded by the RRS portal.</p> <p>Paper forms will be provided from the race office only in the case the on line portal has technical problems.</p>								
16.5	<p>Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.</p> <p>Hearings may be scheduled to begin before the end of the protest time limit.</p> <p>Hearings will be held in the Jury Room, beginning at the time posted.</p>								
16.6	<p>RRS 66.2(a) is changed to:</p> <p>"However, on the last day of the Qualifying or on the last scheduled day of racing the request for redress shall be delivered.</p> <p>(1) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day</p> <p>(2) no later than 30 minutes after the party was informed of the decision on that day."</p>								
16.7	A list of boats that have been penalized during races will be posted.								
16.8	<p>For breaches of a rule marked '[SP]' or a class rule listed in Appendix D – '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. Appendix D – 'Standard Penalties' shows a list of these breaches and the associated standard penalties. However, the Race Committee or Technical Committee may protest a boat if it considers a standard penalty is inappropriate. A boat that has been penalized with a standard penalty shall neither be protested by another boat for the same incident nor can another boat request redress for this committee action. This changes RRS 60.1(b), 63.1 and A5.1.</p>								
16.9	Appendix T will apply.								
16.10	The right of appeal from an International Jury decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.5.								
17	Scoring								
17.1	See Notice of Race article 14.								
17.2	RRS 90.3e applies								

18	Titles & Prizes										
18.1	Titles and prizes will be awarded according to the Notice of Race article 24										
19	Safety regulations										
19.1	RRS 40.1 applies at any time when boats are afloat.										
19.2	[DP] [NP] Competitors who require assistance from rescue vessels should use signals as mentioned in the " Emergency Signals ". If no assistance is required, the arm should be lifted with thumb up.										
19.3	[DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. This boat shall also personally inform the race office no later than the protest time limit.										
19.4	[DP] [NP] CHECK OUT / CHECK IN procedure: A table with the sailors list for "check-out" / "check-in" will be at the race office of Windsurfing Club Cagliari <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The "check-out" / "check-in" form must be signed by a member of the crew of the boat, in front of his boat's sail number • The "check-out" will open at least 60 minutes before the time scheduled for the first warning signal of the day (of the fleet in question) until the first warning signal (of the fleet in question) of the day • The "check-in" will stay open all day long (in case of retirements) until the end of the protest time limit • In case sailors have to come back to the beach between races, they have to sign-in directly after arriving ashore and have to sign-out again when they are leaving the beach. • [SP] Failing to sign the "check out" or "check-in" form during the SI 19.4 stated period will result as a standard penalty of 5 points for each failure. This changes RRS A5 • In case of failure to sign the "check-in" form, the organization may ask the concerned crew(s) to pay any costs due to unnecessary search operations 										
19.5	[SP] [NP] Each boat shall collect a GPS tracker during the check-out procedure and return the GPS tracker during the check-in procedure after the last race of the day. The device shall be carried on board at all times while afloat and positioned as displayed in the Appendix B "GPS TRACKER PLACEMENT".										
20	Replacement of crew or equipment										
20.1	[DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race committee.										
20.2	[DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Technical Committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race. All request will be logged via the RRS portal https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/7660/event										
21	Equipment and Measurement Checks										
21.1	A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.										
22	Identification and Event Advertising										
22.1	[SP] [NP] 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 given every day during the Competitors and Coaches Meeting 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.										
23	Official Vessels										
23.1	Official vessels will be identified as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="320 1592 1358 1794" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Race Committee vessels</td> <td>White flag marked "RC" in black</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jury</td> <td>Yellow flag with letter "J" in black</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Committee</td> <td>White flag with letter "M" in black</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Safety vessels</td> <td>white flag marked "Safety" in black</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Media / Press and TV operation</td> <td>White flag with "P" in black</td> </tr> </table>	Race Committee vessels	White flag marked "RC" in black	Jury	Yellow flag with letter "J" in black	Technical Committee	White flag with letter "M" in black	Safety vessels	white flag marked "Safety" in black	Media / Press and TV operation	White flag with "P" in black
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23.2	Actions by official vessels shall not be grounds for requesting redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b)										
24	Support Teams										
24.1	Except when participating in rescue operations, support person vessels shall not be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • closer than 100 m to any boat racing; and any course mark • within 100m to any point of the starting line until all boats have left the starting area and as long as the orange flag is displayed • schematic of the forbidden area for support persons vessels while boats are racing (basic principle) 										



Support person vessels should proceed around the racing area in such a way to minimise the effect their wash will have on boats racing. Vessels that are motoring above five knots shall remain at least 150m from any boat racing.

24.2	Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels, shall comply with the regulations if any is stated by the organizer.
24.3	Each support vessel is required to carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving all international ship-to-ship channels.
24.4	VHF channel 72 will be used as communication channel between Race Committee and support person vessels. Each operator must have a VHF certificate.
24.5	Support vessel drivers and crews shall comply with RRS 40.1 at any time while afloat.
24.6	[DP][NP]When the support vessel engine is running support vessel drivers shall be connected to a device that will stop the engine if the boat driver falls out the boat or is otherwise not in control of the boat.
24.7	When not in use, support vessels shall be appropriately berthed at the sailing venue in the allocated areas for support vessels for the entire time that these regulations apply.
24.8	Support vessels shall comply with local harbour and marina regulations, including speed limits.
24.9	If a support vessel does not comply with instructions of SI 24 a discretionary penalty may be applied by the jury to some or all associated competitors and may include restrictions on the movement of the support vessel. This changes RRS 63.9 and 64.5.
25	Trash Disposal
25.1	[DP][NP]Trash may be placed aboard official vessels or ashore in trash containers.
26	Disclaimer of liability
26.1	Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organising authority 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.
27	Insurance
27.1	Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of Euro 1.500.000,- (or equivalent) per incident.
27.2	Each support vessel shall have a valid insurance certificate including third party liability coverage of at least Euro 1.500.000,- (or equivalent) per incident.

Appendix A

A 1 Courses to be sailed:

Course Number 2: Start – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – 1 – 1a – Finish

Course Number 3: Start – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – 1 – 1a – Finish

A 2 Marks

A 2.1 Course marks are:

Mark	Mark description
Starting line (starboard side)	Race Committee vessel displaying an orange flag
Starting line (port side)	Pin Rib displaying an orange flag
Mark 1	Orange (truncated conical) inflatable mark
Mark 1 a	Orange (truncated conical) inflatable mark
Mark 2 P	Orange (truncated conical) inflatable mark
Mark 2 S	Orange (truncated conical) inflatable mark
Finishing line (port side)	Rib of Race Committee displaying a blue flag
Finishing line (starboard side)	Race Committee vessel displaying a blue flag

A 2.2 Change of course: the new marks 1 is an orange truncated mark with white stripe.

Appendix B

GPS Tracker Placement:

During the event Trace & Tracking will be used for all competitors.
Trackers must be daily collected according to SI 19.5 .



Appendix C - Qualifying and Final Series

This appendix applies when boats are divided into fleets to sail a qualifying series and a final series.

C1	Fleet assignment															
C1.1	The fleet will be split into two groups of approximately equal numbers of boats (± 1 boat).															
C1.2	Initial assignments will be made by a seeding committee appointed by the organizing authority and will be posted by 20:00 on the last day of registration.															
C2	Qualifying series (Days 1 to 3)															
C2.1	The Qualifying Series is scheduled on 3 days.															
C2.2	The Qualifying Series will consist of a minimum of 6 races and a maximum of 12 races.															
C2.3	If 6 races have not been completed by all fleets by the end of day 3, the Qualifying Series will continue.															
C2.4	<p>In the qualifying series boats will be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing, except if on the first day only one race is completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If all fleets have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned on the basis of their ranks in the series. If all fleets have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the fleets with fewer races will continue racing the following day until all fleets have completed the same number of races. All boats will thereafter race in the new fleets. <p>Reassignments will be made as follows:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Rank in Series</th> <th>Two fleets format</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Fleet Assignment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1st</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3rd</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4th</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5th</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>And so on</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The fleet assignments will be posted no later than 09:00 on the day they take effect.</p>	Rank in Series	Two fleets format	Fleet Assignment	1 st	1	2 nd	2	3 rd	2	4 th	1	5 th	1	And so on	
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C2.5	Reassignments will be based on the ranking available at 21:00 that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided. The Jury may extend the time limit															
C3	Final Series (Days 4 and 5)															
C3.1	After day 3, unless the Qualifying Series has been extended, based on their Qualifying Series scores the final fleet assignment will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gold fleet will be the top 50% of boats sailing in the Qualifying Series. If there is an odd number of boats, the Gold fleet will have one more boat than in the Silver fleet. Then, the remaining boats will be assigned to the Silver fleet. 															
C3.2	Any recalculation of Qualifying Series ranking after boats have been assigned to final series fleets will not affect the assignments except according to RRS 90.3(c) before the first final race or that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet. The final series fleets need not have completed the same number of final races. Boats in the Gold fleet will be ranked highest boats of the Silver fleet, except for a boat penalized in a final series race under RRS 2 or 69.															
C4	Fleet identification															
	[DP] While racing each boat shall display a coloured ribbon, at the sail batten directly above the sailnumber, corresponding to the fleet to which she has been assigned. Ribbons will be delivered at the registration desk and shall be returned after the event at the YCC secretary office.															

Appendix D – Standard Penalties

In accordance with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Race Committee and the Technical Committee will impose the following Standard Penalties. These penalties shall apply to the race sailed nearest in time to the incident.

Race Committee Penalties

NoR/SI	BREACH OF A RULE	SCORING PENALTY
SI 5.3	SIGNALS MADE ASHORE Boats leaving the beach before Flag D is displayed	5 points
SI 19.4	SAFETY REGULATIONS No sign-out: No sign-in:	5 points 5 points
SI 19.5	GPS Trackers: Failure to pick up or install the GPS tracking devices Failure to return the GPS tracking devices	5 point 5 point
SI 22.1	IDENTIFICATION AND EVENT ADVERTISING Leaders' bib not worn as instructed	1 point

Technical Committee Penalties

Class Rule	BREACH OF A RULE	SCORING PENALTY
C.3.1(a)(ii)	Failure to wear a helmet when required	5 points
C.3.1(a)(iii)	Failure to carry a safety knife	5 points
C.3.1(a)(iv)	Failure to carry a whistle	5 points
C.5.1(a)(ii)	Towing rope with wrong dimensions	2 points
C.5.1(a)(ii)	Towing rope missing	5 points