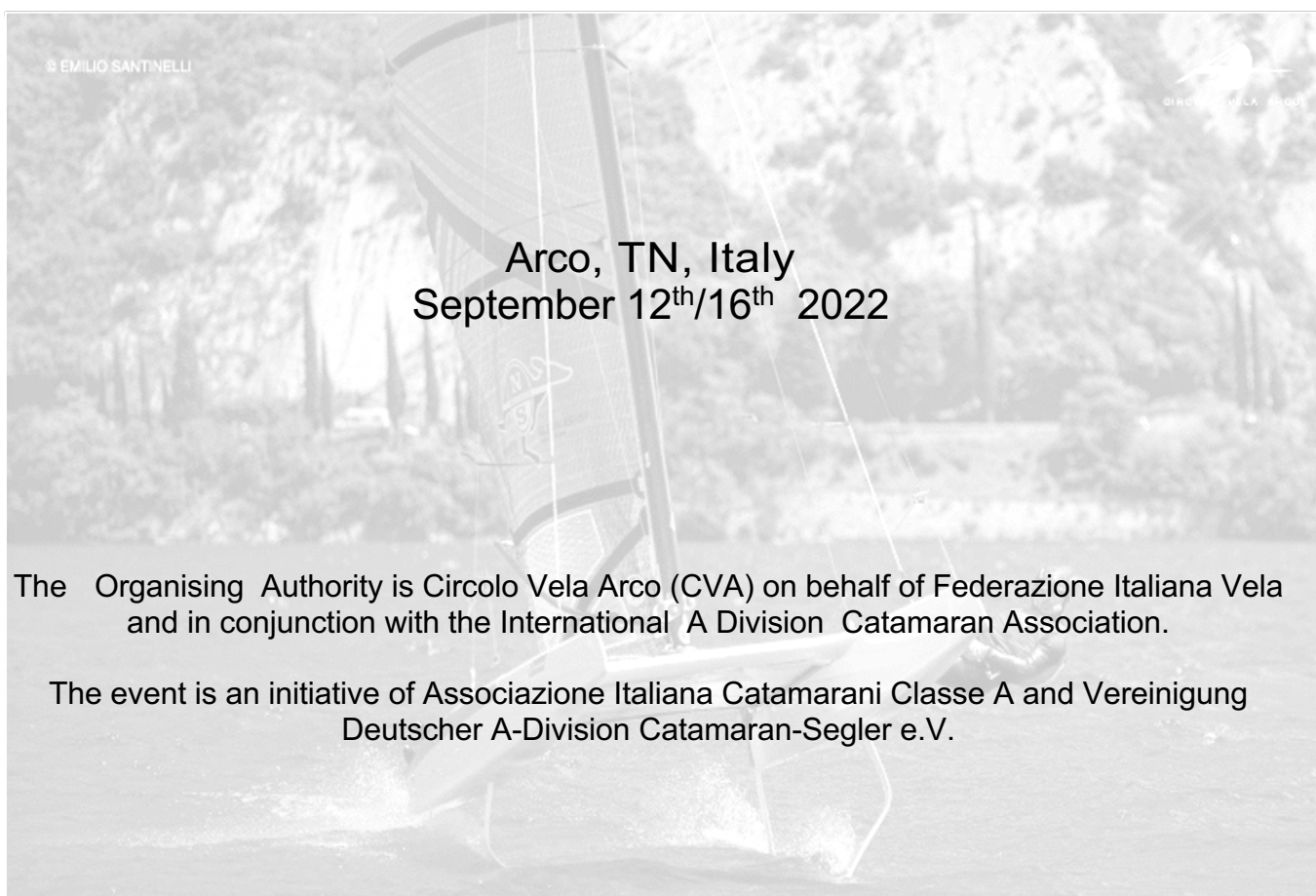




A Cat European Championships



Arco, TN, Italy
September 12th/16th 2022

The Organising Authority is Circolo Vela Arco (CVA) on behalf of Federazione Italiana Vela and in conjunction with the International A Division Catamaran Association.

The event is an initiative of Associazione Italiana Catamarani Classe A and Vereinigung Deutscher A-Division Catamaran-Segler e.V.

NOTICE OF RACE

ABBREVIATIONS

- NoR Notice of Race
- Protocol The "Protocol for the contrast and containment of the spread of Covid-19" issued by Federazione Italiana Vela (FIV): "PROTOCOLLO DI REGOLAMENTAZIONE DELLE MISURE PER IL CONTRASTO ED IL CONTENIMENTO DELLA DIFFUSIONE DEL COVID-19 NELLE SOCIETÀ E ASSOCIAZIONI SPORTIVE AFFILIATE"
(Refer to NoR 22 "Useful Coronavirus Information" to find out how to access the most up-to-date version of the Protocol and other useful information related to Covid-19 pandemic emergency).

[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 without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1.

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Class and Championship Rules of the International A-Division Catamaran Association (IACA) will apply for the Championships.
- 1.3 Appendix T – Arbitration will apply, as modified by rule 15.2 of this NoR.
- 1.4 [DP][NP] - The penalty for an infringement to the "Protocol" may be at most a 10% scoring penalty, depending on the seriousness of the infringement. The percentage will be applied to the finishing positions of the boat in all the races on the day in which the infringement was made, or to the positions acquired on the race closest to the infringement. If a boat commits infringement of the "Protocol" while not racing, her penalty shall apply to the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident, according to RRS64.2.

2. ADVERTISING [NP][DP]

- 2.1 Advertising shall comply with World Sailing Advertising Code (Regulation 20).
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Code (Regulation 19).
- 3.2 All competitors shall be fully paid-up members of the International A-Division Catamaran Association either through their respective country Association membership or individual membership.
All Italian sailors shall submit their 2022 FIV membership card and complete of medical certificate sticker valid for 2022.
- 3.3 Boats may compete in either the Open or the Classic Discipline.
- 3.4 The total number of entries is restricted to a maximum of 100 boats, including 10 wild cards.
- 3.5 Attribution of entry slots is allocated according to IACA Championship Rules Point 3.5 and Appendix 1. The allocation of entry slot between Open and Classic Discipline is done by National Association.
- 3.6 Eligible Sailors/Boats shall apply for an entry slot through their National Association.
- 3.7 On the first day of the event a Parent/Guardian Consent and Supervision Form must be completed and signed by the Parent or Guardian and handed in at registration for any competitor under the age of 18. Forms may be downloaded from website of CVA as per the link below.

4. FEES AND PAYMENT

European Championships - Entry Fee €300 (until 31 July 2022)

Late entry Fee in total €450 (€300 + €150)

Support Boat Fee: €120

Payment details to the benefit of Circolo Vela Arco

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5. FORMAT OF RACING.

The Open fleet and the Classic Discipline fleet will race in separate fleets.

6. SCHEDULE**6.1 European Championships 2022**

Friday /Saturday, September 9/10 th	09:00 - 12:00	Final check Registration
	14:00 - 18:00	Final check Registration
Sunday, September 11 th	09:00 - 10:00	Final check Registration
	11:00	Competitors Briefing
	14:00	Practice race
	18:00	Opening Ceremony
Monday, September 12 th	13:00	First warning signal & Racing
Tuesday, September 13 th .		Racing
Wednesday, September 14 th		Racing
Thursday, September 15 th		Racing
Friday, September 16 th		Racing & Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony

6.2 On Friday 16 September no warning signal will be made after 1600h.

6.3 A total of TWELVE races in each discipline are scheduled.

6.4 No more than THREE races in each discipline may be sailed per day.

6.5 Social events will be published closer to the event.

7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION – MEASUREMENT [DP]

7.1 Measurement and equipment inspections may be made at any time during the events.

7.2 Equipment inspection will be conducted by the appointed Technical Committee in accordance with the A Class Catamaran Equipment Inspection Regulations. Sails, boats, and equipment must be measured **before** arriving at the Championship. All competitors at registration must produce valid and **current** measurement certificates for the hull, mast and sail.

Refer to <http://www.a-cat.org/?q=node/9>

7.3 The Equipment Inspection Regulations for the championship will be published on the website of CVA or/and on the event website no later than 10th July 2022.

7.4 Equipment shall only be replaced with permission of the Championship Technical Committee appointed to the event by the organizing authority under RRS 89.2 (c).

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website by Saturday 10th September 2022; 17:00h.

9. VENUE AND CONTACT

The 2022 A Class Catamaran European Championships will be held at the Circolo Vela Arco, Via Lungo Sarca, 20 - 38062 Arco, TN, Italy.

The e-mail address for the event is: race-office@circolovelaarco.com

The CVA website is: <https://www.circolovelaarco.it>

The event website is: <https://www.a-cat.eu>

On this media other communication channels can be announced.

10. THE COURSES

Courses will be according to IACA Championship Rules Point 7 and Appendix 4. Fleets will race either on separate course areas or with separate races on the same course area.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2 In each discipline, 5 races are required to constitute a European Championship series.
- 12.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores.
- 12.4 When from 6 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.5 When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13. SAFETY [DP]

- 13.1 As an integration to RRS 40.1 and in accordance with RRS 40.2, all competitors shall wear a personal floatation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. The personal floatation device shall be compliant to one of the following standards: ISO 12402-5 (Level 50), USCG Type III, AUS PFD 2.
- 13.2 All competitors of the open discipline shall wear a safety helmet, which complies with or is accredited to EN1385, at all times whilst racing.

14. SUPPORT PERSON BOATS [DP][NP]

- 14.1 Support boats shall **register with the Organising Authority on arrival** and will be required to comply with local legislation and the Event Support Boat regulations. Motorboats are prohibited on the Northern part of Lake Garda. However, during this event, a special permit to use such boats may be given (producing the required documents) by the Circolo Vela Arco if team leaders and coaches agree to the following rules:

- to indiscriminately provide technical or health assistance to the eventuality, contacting the RC if it is necessary to enter the regatta area;
- maximum 2 people are allowed on the motorboat;
- to follow all instructions given by the Race Committee. Team support/coaches shall register complete on-site registration at the race office at the venue.

The required documents that have to be sent to the race office (if possible before arriving) are:

- engine registration document of the rib (engine brand name – engine serial number);
- current valid insurance of the engine;
- driver's identity document or navigation license, if the engine is 40.8 HP or more.
- Each motorboat shall display the proper flag (S), provided by the Club.
For the flag a deposit of € 20.00 will be required.

- 14.2 All support boats shall clearly display the 3 letter national code of their WS Member National Authority at all times while afloat. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200mm.
- 14.3 If called upon support boats will be required to act as rescue boats.

15. INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 15.1 An International Jury will be appointed for the Europeans Championships in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5
- 15.2 An arbitration meeting may be conducted for protests lodged in accordance with RRS 60.1 (a) which allege an infringement of a rule of RRS Part 2 or Part 4 or RRS 31. The inclusion of infringements of rules of Part 4 represents a change of appendix T1(a).
Such meetings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to a protest hearing. Arbitration meetings will be conducted in accordance with RRS Appendix T.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1 Prizes for the European Championships will be awarded for the first FIVE places in both the Open and Classic Discipline fleets.
- 16.2 The first sailor from Europe of each fleet will be awarded the title 2022 European Champion and will receive the perpetual trophies.
- 16.3 The following prizes will also be awarded in each fleet
Junior Champion (aged under 25 years)
Great Grand Masters (aged 56 or over)
Women's Champion
- 16.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 16.5 Ages will be based on age at 10th September 2022

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

- 17.1 Radio transmitters, radio receivers, portable phones and similar devices may be carried but shall only be used in relation to emergencies.
- 17.2 The IACA Championship Rules apply for European Championships and forbid the carrying and use of any personal GPS device.

18. INSURANCE [DP][NP]

Each participating boat shall have valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of at least 1.500.000 € (or equivalent) per incident.

19. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission.
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event and to attend any competitors briefing held for this event.

20. ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY [DP]

With reference to Basic Principle, that states "Participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing.", **it is recommended to pay maximum attention to environmental protection at all times during the practice of the sport of sailing, before, during and after the event.** Most specifically RRS 47 Trash Disposal is recalled, stating "Competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water. **This rule applies at all times while afloat & ashore.** The penalty for a breach of this rule may be less than disqualification".

21. MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 21.1 Where consent has been given for imagery, competitors grant to the Organizing Authority, International A-Division Catamaran Association and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of competition without compensation.
- 21.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organizing Authority.

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