



# OK Dinghy European Championship 2023

Circolo Vela Arco

9 September to 14 September 2023

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. Organizing Authority and Venue

- 1.1 The 2023 OK Dinghy European Championship will be held from 9 September to 14 September 2023 in Arco, Italy.
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority is the Circolo Vela Arco in conjunction with the OK Dinghy International Association.

### 2. Rules

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2 The OKDIA Major Championship Event Manual will apply, unless changed by this Notice of Race, or by the Sailing Instructions, with the approval of OKDIA.
- 2.3 Racing shall not be started when the wind speed across the racing area is 14 metres per second or more measured not more than 3 metres above sea level. The decision to start a race or abandon a race rests with the Race Committee.
- 2.4 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 2.5 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 2.6 [DP] All participants (competitors, support persons and officials) are expected to follow current government COVID-19 guidelines and legislation. Breaches of these and any event Covid protocols (issued as an attachment to the NoR or SI) may be misconduct and subject to RRS 69. These will not be subject to protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 2.7 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.
- 2.8 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. Such advertising, if any, shall be displayed in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.9 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.
- 2.10 Support person vessel restrictions may be applied. These will be published in or with the Sailing Instructions.

### 3. Communications

- 3.1 The event official notice board will be on "Racing Rules of Sailing". All notices are only online and posted at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/5135>

### 4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 Eligible competitors shall be current members of an OKDIA recognized National OK Dinghy Association. They shall complete on-site registration at the venue prior to 11 September 2023, unless the Organizing Authority extends this date.
- 4.2 The national quota as described in the OKDIA Major Championship Event Manual Section A will not apply.
- 4.3 Entries with payment shall be submitted online prior to **14 August 2023**, unless extended by the Organizing Authority. The entry is online at the website of Circolo Vela Arco. <https://www.circolovelaarco.it>  
**The Entry Fee is EUR 275 and EUR 135 for juniors** (competitors under the age of 23 on the date of the first race of the Championship) and shall be paid in full by 14 August 2023. Payment or online entry after this date will be considered late entry and subject to the additional Late Entry Fee of €100.
- 4.4 **Refunds of 50% will be given before 14 August, but no refunds may be given after 14 August.**
- 4.5 An entry is not complete until any entry fees have been paid, the entry has been accepted by the Organizing Authority and OKDIA, registration and any required equipment inspection before the first race, has been completed.
- 4.6 A valid measurement certificate for the boat entered shall be presented or its existence verified at on-site registration in accordance with RRS 78.2.



4.6 Coaches have to register their motorboats by email to [race-office@circolovelaarco.com](mailto:race-office@circolovelaarco.com) (they need to send or show a copy of the valid insurance police, engine documents and ID card or navigation licence if the engine is more than 40.8 HP) and receive a special permit and a yellow S flag. Entry fee €50.00. Deposit for flag €20.00 (max 2 persons are allowed on the rib)

## 5. Competition Format

- 5.1 Ten races are scheduled.
- 5.2 This format may be changed with the approval of OKDIA and will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 5.3 The Race Committee in conjunction with OKDIA may decide to divide the fleet series into groups. The method of division will ensure groups of approximately equal size and ability and will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

## 6. Event Schedule

- 6.1 The event schedule may be changed with the approval of OKDIA and will be specified in the Sailing Instructions, however, the days allocated for racing will not be changed.

Date	Event	Time	Location
Arrival at CVA is possible from September, 6 <sup>th</sup> onwards.			
Sat, 9 Sept	Equipment Inspection /Registration	0900-18.00	Sailing club Arco
Sun, 10 Sept	Equipment Inspection /Registration	09.00-12.00	Sailing club Arco
	Practice Race TBC	14.00	
	Opening Ceremony	18.00	
Mon, 11 Sept	Competitor's Meeting	11.00	Waterfront Sailing club Arco
	Racing (2 races scheduled)	13.00	
	First Warning Signal		
Tues, 12 Sept	Racing (3 races scheduled)		Waterfront Sailing club Arco
	First Warning Signal		
Weds, 13 Sept	Racing (3 races scheduled)		Waterfront Sailing club Arco
	First Warning Signal		
Thurs, 14 Sept	Racing (2 races scheduled)		Waterfront Sailing club Arco
	First Warning Signal		
	Prize Giving	After the races	

## 7. Schedule of Races and Attendance at Ceremonies

- 7.1 Two or three races are scheduled for each day of racing.
- 7.2 An additional race may be scheduled on any day to enable the full number of scheduled races to be sailed. A maximum of three races per day will be sailed. This schedule may be changed to fit with any changes to NOR 5 and 6 permitted by OKDIA.
- 7.3 Succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous races.
- 7.4 No warning signal will be made after 16.00 on Thurs, 14 Sept.
- 7.5 All participants are requested by OKDIA and the Organizing Authority to attend the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

## 8. Equipment Inspection

- 8.1 All boats shall undergo **inspection of hulls, spars and sails** as well as equipment checks according to the OKDIA Class Rules (including Section E of "OKDIA Major Championship Event Manual") unless otherwise decided by the OKDIA Chief Measurer. All inspected equipment will be identified for the Championship. Only identified equipment may be used during the Championship.
- 8.2 A maximum of 1 hull, 1 mast, 1 boom, 2 sails, 1 centerboard and 1 rudder may be presented for Equipment Inspection or declared on the declaration of compliance.
- 8.3 All competitors shall hold a valid measurement certificate. No Certification Control will be undertaken at the Event Equipment Inspection.
- 8.4 Equipment checks may be made throughout the Regatta at the discretion of the Technical Committee, Race Committee or the International Jury.



## 9. Sailing Instructions

- 9.1 The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available on the event website at the time for registration. A preliminary version may be posted on the event website prior to this date.
- 9.2 OKDIA would appreciate if the documents, including the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, could be read from electronic devices.

## 10. Racing Area

- 10.1 The intended race-course area will be Lake Garda - north - Trentino.

## 11. Courses

- 11.1 Courses will be as per the current OKDIA Major Championship Event Manual, unless varied by the Sailing Instructions.

## 12. Scoring

- 12.1 Four races shall be completed to constitute a valid Championship.

## 13. International Jury

- 13.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.
- 13.2 Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5

## 14. Prizes

- 14.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:
  - Overall winner – European Championship Trophy
  - Leading lady – Ladies trophy
- 14.2 The Organizing Authority shall present prizes to at least the top 10 overall, the winner of each race, and the winner of each category.
- 14.3 OKDIA will provide medals for the top three overall and the top three juniors
- 14.4 The Youth Prize is open to any competitor aged 23 or under on the date of the first race of the Championship.
  - The Veteran's Prize is open to any competitor aged 40 or over, and 54 and under, on the date of the first race of the Championship.
  - The Master's Prize is open to any competitor aged 55 or over, and 69 and under, on the date of the first race of the Championship.
  - The Grand Master's Prize is open to any competitor aged 70 or over on the date of the first race of the Championship.

## 15. Insurance

- 15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,500,000 or the equivalent thereof in any other currency for any one incident. By entering the event each competitor declares that they hold such insurance.

## 16. Support person vessels and personnel

- 16.1 All support boats (boats with support persons on board as defined by the RRS) shall be registered (see 4.6) with the Organising Authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations or sailing instructions. The Organising Authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.
- 16.2 All support boats shall clearly **display the 3 letter national code** of their World Sailing Member National Authority in contrasting colour to the background at all times while afloat. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200 mm and visible from both sides of the boat.
- 16.3 Registered support boats shall act as rescue boats in case of need. If the Race Committee displays flag V (see RRS 37) all support boats shall monitor VHF channel (77) and comply with requests from the Race Committee and any published Safety Procedures.
- 16.4 Support boats may be required to clearly display a flag "S" and sticker provided by the OA with unique identification for that boat.



## 17. Media Consent: Rights to use Names & Likenesses

- 17.1 Competitors and / or their Parents or Guardians automatically grant the Organizing Authority OKDIA and any party to which they may delegate this right, without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show (including via the internet), any motion pictures, still pictures, live, taped or filmed television, or any other form of media, of or relating to the event.
- 17.2. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment and positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.
- 17.3. The top three competitors as well as the individual race winners may be required to attend a media press conference each day.
- 17.4. Competitors may be required for interviews at the regatta.

## 18. Risk Statement

- 18.1 **Rule 3 of the RRS** states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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 and support person 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 omissions;
  - (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 race organiser 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) The fact that the Race Committee conducts inspections, or not, of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

## Information

For further information please contact:

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