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Sailing Instructions

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ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations are used in these Sailing Instructions:

- ONB - Official Notice Board
- CIS - International code of signals
- RC - Race Committee
- PC - Protest Committee
- SI - Sailing Instructions
- RIB – Rigid Inflatable Boat
- RRS - Racing Rules of Sailing (WS) 2021-2024, Rule
- RO - Race Office
- PFD - Personal Flotation Device
- OCR - Optimist Class Rules
- OA/OC - Organizing Authority, Organizing Committee

[DP]	Penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
[NP]	Denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests or redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and RRS 63.1.
[SP]	Rules for which a Standard Penalty can be applied by the RC or the PC without a hearing or for which a Discretionary Penalty can be applied by the PC during a hearing (this changes 63.1 and A5.1).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the "Rules" as stated in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 - 2024.
- 1.2 The FIV Regulations "Attività Sportiva Nazionale Organizzata in Italia vigente" and "Normativa FIV Appelli" are Rules.
- 1.3 Add to RRS 61.1(a) "For the incident in the racing area, the protestor boat shall inform the RC about the boat/boats she intends to protest on the finish line immediately after finishing or as soon as possible if she retired from the race."
- 1.4 Appendix "P" of the RRS (Special Procedures for Rule 42) will apply.
- 1.5 RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. The personal flotation device shall conform to Class Rule 4.2 (a).
- 1.6 In case of conflict between the Italian and English version, the English version shall prevail.



2. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT [NP] [DP]

- 2.1 Boats may be required by the OA to carry cameras, sound equipment and positioning equipment. Information arising from the presence of this equipment shall not be used by a boat in evidence at a hearing. This changes RRS 63.6.
- 2.2 The equipment provided, once placed on the boat as instructed by the OA, shall not be manipulated by the competitor or the coach in any way, except when so required by OA.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 There is a WhatsApp group available via this link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GuvKv0dZb4O0d0lv89wxOw>

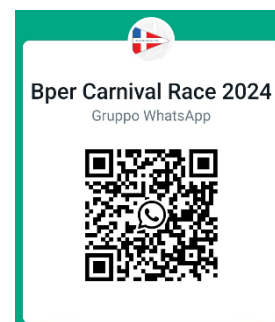
The group is read-only, and you will therefore only be able to receive messages. The messages sent on this group **ARE NOT OFFICIAL** and will be sent when and if possible; the absence of one or more messages on the group or the sending of incorrect communications shall not be grounds for a request for redress (this changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a)).

- 3.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official online notice board.
LINK TO NOTICE BOARD:

<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/7895/event>

Requests for hearings shall be lodged using the online form by clicking the "+" symbol on the ONB, otherwise they will be invalid; once the request has been sent, it will immediately appear on the ONB. If the system is not working, contact the RO to receive permission to send the request by email. This changes RRS 61.2, 61.3, 62.2 and 66.

- 3.3 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the official flagpole located close to the race office.
- 3.4 **[NP][DP]** On the days of the event when races are scheduled, boats shall not leave the Area assigned to them until the D flag is displayed. The warning signal will be displayed not less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed and, in any case, not before the scheduled time, which one is later.
- 3.5 A tango flag displayed means 'Sailing Instruction 21.3 applies.'
- 3.6 **[DP]** Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official or by a member of the OA.



4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any changes to the SI and other notices for the competitors will be published to ONB up to 2 hours before the warning signal for the first race scheduled on the day it will take effect.

5. BOATS

- 5.1 **[DP]** Competitors sailing on charter boats shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Organizing Authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore.
- 5.3. Failure or loss of chartered equipment will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The warning signal of the first race will be given at 11:00 am on 10th February 2024.
- 6.2 The time of the warning signal for the first race of the days following will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 7 p.m. on the previous day. If no notice is given, the warning signal will be given at the same time as the previous day.



7. FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

- 7.1 The event will consist of a qualifying series followed by a final series for Division A. Division B will sail as a single fleet.
- 7.2 For both divisions 12 races are scheduled. No more than three races per day will be sailed.
- 7.3 Division A Qualifying series: The race will take place with the three colors fleet system as described in Addendum A. (Qualifying Series Blue, Yellow and Red; Finals: Gold, Silver, Bronze). The Qualifying series will take place on the first 2 days of racing, unless 5 races have not been completed by all fleets by the end of the second racing day, then the Qualifying series will continue until the end of the racing day in which the fifth Qualifying race is completed, and then the qualifying series will include all races sailed until the end of that day.
- 7.4 Division A Final series: Boats will be assigned to gold (yellow), silver (blue) and bronze (red) based on their score in the Qualifying series. The split fleets will have as near as possible the same number of competitors. If not possible, gold will have the largest fleet. Boats with the best qualifying series ranks will race all final series races in the gold, followed by silver and then bronze.
- 7.5 Any recalculation of the qualifying series ranking after the boats have been assigned to final series fleets will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.

8. CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1 The warning signal will be:
Division A – Yellow, Blue or Red flag to identify the color of the fleet as provided in Addendum A.
Division B – Green flag.
- 8.2 **[NP][SP]** All boats racing divided into split-fleets shall display a colored ribbon corresponding to the color of their warning signal, permanently fixed during the day's races and free to wave from the rear end of the peak. The ribbons will be provided by the OA.

9. RACING AREA AND COURSE

- 9.1 The regatta will be raced in front of the harbor of Crotona.
- 9.2 Addendum 1 attached to these Instructions shows the course to follow, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.3 The course may be only shortened after the leeward leg. This changes rule 32.1 of RRS.
- 9.4 When sailing along the leeward leg (2-3s/3d) boats must not cross the finish line, leaving it either to port or starboard.
- 9.5 If a gate mark is missing and has not been substituted in accordance with RRS 34, the remaining mark shall be left to port. This changes RRS 34.

10. CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG

- 10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will place a new mark (or move the finish line) and will remove the original mark as soon as possible.
- 10.2 **[DP]** With the exception of the gate, boats shall pass between the RC vessel signaling the course change and the nearby mark, passing the mark on port and the RC vessel on starboard.

11. MARKS

- 11.1 Marks 1, 2, 3s and 3p will be: orange inflatable pyramidal marks.
- 11.2 The starting marks will be a RC vessels with an orange flag.
- 11.3 The course change marks will be cylindrical orange.



- 11.4 The finishing marks will be an inflatable yellow buoy and RC vessel (with blue flag).
- 11.5 Inflatable yellow finishing mark may be replaced by a RC vessel that will display a blue flag.

12. START

- 12.1 The starting line will be between the orange flags placed on the RC vessels.
- 12.2 A boat starting more than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored as DNS without hearing (these changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5 RRS).
- 12.3 To inform boats that a race or race sequence will start soon, the orange flags on the starting line will be displayed with a sound signal at least five minutes before the warning signal is displayed.
- 12.4 The preparatory Signal may only be the "U" Flag or the "Black" Flag (this changes RRS 26).
- 12.5 **[SP]** After the display of the warning signal boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races and shall wait in the waiting area. Boats will be allowed to approach the starting line after the starting signal of the previous fleet.
- 12.6 **[SP]** Boats that have finished shall return directly to the waiting area or ashore, keeping away from the boats still racing and from those for which the warning signal has been displayed.
- 12.7 **[SP]** A buoy may be attached to the RC vessel or attached to the anchoring system. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the RC starting vessel. This buoy is part of the RC vessel anchoring system.

13. FINISH LINE

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between the blue flag on the RC vessel on starboard and the finish mark (yellow buoy) on port (or the blue flag on the other RC vessel).

14. TIME LIMIT AND TARGET TIME

- 14.1 Time limit and target in minutes will be as follows:

Time Limit	Time limit mark 1	Target time
90 minutes	30 minutes	50 minutes

- 14.2 If no boat has passed mark 1 within Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes the rule 62.1(a).
- 14.3 Boats not finishing within 20 minutes after the first boat of their fleet finished will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A 5.1 and A5.2.

15. PENALTIES AND PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 The penalty for breaches of the OCR will be a standard penalty [SP]. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1. For the purpose of this rule, the standard penalty is a 5% scoring penalty applied to the race sailed nearest in time to the breach, calculated according to RRS 44.3(c).

16. HEARINGS

- 16.1 Requests for hearings shall be lodged using the online form by clicking the "+" symbol on the ONB, otherwise they will be invalid; once the request has been sent, it will immediately appear on the ONB. If the system is not working, contact the RO to receive permission to send the request by email. This changes RRS 61.2, 61.3, 62.2 and 66.
- 16.2 Scoring inquiries or any questions to the PC can be sent using the online form by clicking on the "+" symbol on the ONB.
- 16.3 An international jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). The right of appeal from an international jury decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 16.4 **[NP] [DP]** Any competitor who has taken a penalty under RRS 44.1, who has retired for breaking a rule, who wishes to be considered as retired (RET) after crossing the finish line or who has failed to retire after receiving a penalty under RRS P2.2 or P2.3 (second or further penalties for breaking of rule 42), shall fill the online form clicking on the "+" symbol on the ONB. Failing to do so the penalty could be considered as not taken. It is not required to file this form if you took a two turns penalty given by the



PC under RRS P2.1.

- 16.5 The time limit for the protests and/or to present the above-mentioned penalty form is 60 minutes after the finishing of the last boat in the last race of the day or the RC signal indicating that there will be no other races today, whichever is later.
- 16.6 The hearings schedule can be found in section of the ONB "Hearing Schedule". The hearings will be held in the PC room, located in the club's reading room. No hearing will begin after 9 pm.
- 16.7 A list of boats penalized or disqualified according to Appendix P for breaking RRS 42 will be posted on the ONB "On the water penalties".
- 16.8 For breaches of a rule marked "[SP]" the RC or PC may impose a standard penalty without a hearing or a discretionary penalty may be imposed by the PC with a hearing. However, the RC or PC may protest a boat if it considers that a standard penalty is inappropriate. A boat that has been penalized with a standard penalty may neither be protested by another boat for the same incident nor may another boat request redress for this committee action. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and (b), RRS 63.1 and A5.1.
- 16.9 For the purpose of this rule, the standard penalty is a 5% scoring penalty applied to the race sailed nearest in time to the breach, calculated according to RRS 44.3(c). Breaches of

17. RESULTS AND SCORING

- 17.1 As stated in Appendix "A" RRS Low point system and the current "Normativa FIV per l'Attività Sportiva Organizzata in Italia".
- 17.2 The event will be valid with any number of races completed.
- 17.3 In case of split-fleets system, RRS A5.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet. If at the end of the last day some boats have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent race will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of race scores.
- 17.4 The ranking will be the results of all races completed and the discards applied as follows.
 - From 1 to 3 races: no discard
 - From the 4th race: 1 discard.

18. MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATE AND CONTROLS [NP] [DP]

- 18.1 All boats must have a valid measurement certificate.
- 18.2 Hull, sails, and equipment used during the race shall already be measured.
- 18.3 All boats must race with the sail number shown on the measurement certificate. Any changes may be authorized by the RC only for damage after the check by the RC.
- 18.4 Boats or their equipment may be checked at any time to assess their compliance with class rules and Sailing Instructions.
- 18.5 When on water, boats may be ordered by a measurer to move to a dedicated area to be checked.

19. ADVERTISING

- 19.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen or provided by the OA within the limits set by Regulation 20 World Sailing.

20. COACHES AND SUPPORT BOATS [NP] [DP]

- 20.1 [DP] All support persons who wish to go afloat and be authorized to stay in their allowed area shall be accredited by the OA declaring: the sailors they are connected to, that they accept the rules as written in this SI. After that they will receive an identifying signal. This signal shall be clearly visible on their boats. From the first warning signal and during all starting procedures (when all fleets are started) all support boats shall stay within the waiting areas 50 meters to leeward of the starting line and its extensions, possibly identified by two small buoys.



- 20.2 **[NP]** In addition to SI 20.1: Support person shall either remain outside the areas until all the fleets in that race have finished or the RC displays a postponement or abandonment. To observe a race, the support boats can move from downwind to upwind through the left side keeping at least 50 meters from the race area. When a RC member or PC member signals a support boat to move far away from the racing area, it shall do so immediately. This does not apply if there is a need to provide assistance or to rescue a boat in trouble.
- 20.3 **[DP]** All boats associated with a support person that break these rules may be disqualified or subject to other sanctions at the discretion of the PC as provided by RRS 64.5(b), as changed in this SI.
- 20.4 Coaches are required to have a working VHF, they are required to wear a PFD (Personal Floatation device) at all times when they are afloat and use a device for automatic stop-engine (“**kill-cord**”) when the engine is running and not in neutral.
- 20.5 RRS 64.5(b) is changed as follows: “The PC may also penalize a boat that is a party to a hearing under rule 60.3(d) or 69 for the breach of a rule by a support person by changing the boat’s score in a single race, up to a disqualification (included)”.
- 20.6 Coaches and other support boats must not take on board more than three people unless they are giving help to boats.

21. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 21.1 **[NP][DP]** A boat retiring from a race shall notify a RC or safety boat before leaving the course and shall complete the relevant form available at the ONB.
- 21.2 Each day of competition the Coaches or Team Leaders shall notify the Race Office before D flag is displayed, of the boats not intending to race that day.
- 21.3 **[NP][SP] Reentry Procedure-Access to the harbor.** At reentry, when a K flag of CIS is displayed on a RIB in proximity of the entry of the harbor, access to the harbor is forbidden. Boats shall wait outside the harbor. The number and timing of access to the harbor by the boats will be at discretion of the race manager who will signal to boats accordingly.
- 21.4 **[NP][DP] Check-out and Check-in Procedure.** When the T flag of CIS is displayed ashore the requirements of this instruction apply for the safety of the competitors.
- 21.4 (a) The tally control point to check-out and check-in competitors will be located outside the club house.
- 21.4 (b) The team managers or coaches shall check-out before racing by signing for all athletes who intend to race.
- 21.4 (c) When boats finish racing, team managers or coaches shall call the Race Office or send an SMS to **+39 3296133120** confirming that all athletes in the daily attendance list have returned to shore.
Every coach must contact the Race Committee through VHF channel 72 and give them the sail number of the boats that decided to retire.
- 21.5 Competitors who require assistance shall blow a whistle or wave the paddle or one arm. The Race Committee and Protest Committee reserves the right to assist competitors who in their opinion require assistance, regardless of the wishes of the competitor. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a) of RRS. Competitors who require assistance from rescue boats must whistle to call attention and move an arm with their open hand. If assistance is not required, the arm should be moved with a closed fist. If necessary, the competitor can be forced to abandon the boat. If the crew is rescued, the abandoned boat shall be marked with a red-white-striped hazard tape to signal that the crew is safe.
- 21.6 When the Race Committee displays flag V of CIS with repeated sounds, all official and support boats shall monitor the Race Committee **VHF 72** channel for search and rescue instructions.



- 21.7 The meeting point in case of emergency is located near the terrace of the Club, where assistance will be given. If for any reason a boat should come ashore in a different point, they must immediately inform the Coordinator / Manager of Safety, Mr. Alessandro Giungato at +39 329 6133120.
- 21.8 **[SP] [NP]** If the signals "AP over H" or "N over H" are displayed afloat, all boats must return ashore and wait for instructions and the display of the "D" flag before returning afloat. These changes (adding to) the RRS Signals.

22. REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED EQUIPMENT

- 22.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 22.2 Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted provided the relevant form has been completed through the appropriate form available on the online ONB and both the damaged and the substituting equipment has been inspected by the RC.
- 22.3 If the substitution was made on the water between races, both the damaged and the substituting equipment shall be presented to the RC after the end of the day's racing. The substitution is subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.
- 22.4 The hull can be replaced only as a result of non-repairable damage that affects the safety of sailing (you must in any case follow the requirements of SI 22).

23. OFFICIAL AND SUPPORT BOATS

23.1 The official boats will be identified as follows:

BOAT	FLAG
RC Vessel	White flag with black or red "RC"
Other RC vessels (mark layers, safety)	White flag with black or red "S"
PC Boats	Yellow flag with black "J"
Support boats	Numbered accreditation flag
Press	White flag with black "Press"

24. ECOLOGICAL RULE [NP][DP]

24.1 Recalling the Basic Principle of RRS "Trash Disposal" and according to RRS 47 every competitor shall place its waste aboard an official or support person vessel.

25. ALLOCATION OF AREAS ASHORE [NP][DP]

25.1 When provided, boats shall stay in the places assigned to them in the competing boats park.

26. PRIZES

26.1 Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the Notice of Race.

27. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility. RRS 3 'Decision to Race' 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 (if applicable) and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew (if applicable), 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.

28. PHOTOGRAPHIC AND/OR TELEVISION RIGHTS

28.1 By entering the event, each competitor and his/her support persons automatically grant to the organizing authority, the host club and their sponsors the absolute right, authority and permission in perpetuity to make, use, distribute and show in any media, from time to time at their discretion, any images, audio and audio visual recordings, biographical information, reproductions (and to make edits and adaptations of the same) of competitors and/or their boat/s or board/s during the period of the competition without compensation.

29. ADDENDUM FOR COMPETITION IN HEATS

29.1 In compliance with the rules of the Italian Sailing Federation (FIV), if the regatta is raced in heats, following a dedicated Notice of the Race Committee, the Sailing Instructions described in the following ADDENDUM-A shall apply.

30. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

30.1 A boat shall not receive/transmit radio communications that are not available to all competitors, except in emergency conditions or when using equipment given by the OA. This restriction also applies to mobile phones and smartphones. A breach of this Rule may cause a hearing under RRS 69 for misconduct.



ADDENDUM – A

Special Instructions for Split-Fleet Races

These rules apply only to Division A

A1 Conduct

- On the first day of racing competitors will be divided into three fleets by draw (if programs, such as ZW, Excel or SailWave, have a random split function this is accepted as a draw).
- The RC helped by Federal Technicians or by Coaches appointed for this purpose may change some competitors if the system has as output an unbalanced presence of athletes from the same Club or the same Zone or for any other technical reason. Situations created as written in previous points, will not be grounds to request redress (this change RRS 60.1.b).
- Each race consists of three fleets. A race is valid when all fleets finish the race. If it is not possible to finish a race for one of the two fleets, the race will be automatically abandoned for the other fleet as well.
- The boats will be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing, except if on the first day only one race is completed. This will be done following the scheme described below using the Provisional Classification available at 20.00, without the decision coming from protests or requests for redress scheduled after that time. If the number of races is not equal, the groups will be redone on the basis of a provisional classification calculated until the last race finished by all groups.

Rank in series	Fleet Assignment
First	Yellow
Second	Blue
Third	Red
Fourth	Red
Fifth	Blue
Sixth	Yellow
Seventh	Yellow
Eighth	Blue
Ninth	Red
And so on	

- If all fleets have not completed the same number of races by the end of a racing day, the fleet with fewer races will continue racing the following day until all fleets have completed the same number of races. Then will continue with the new fleets by changing the ribbons afloat.
- In case of only one race on the first day, the competitors will be randomly reassigned.
- A boat BFD in a race not completed for any reason, cannot start in the following race even if the colors are re-assigned.
- If a fleet does not end the series, the missing race for that fleet will be sailed the next day. This additional race shall not to considered when counting the maximum scheduled races for that day.

A2- STARTING SIGNALS

- The WARNING signal of the 2nd/3rd fleet (of the single race) will be displayed as soon as possible after the valid start of the 1st fleet (of the race);
- Please pay attention to the signals because the RC can change, for any reason, the starting order.

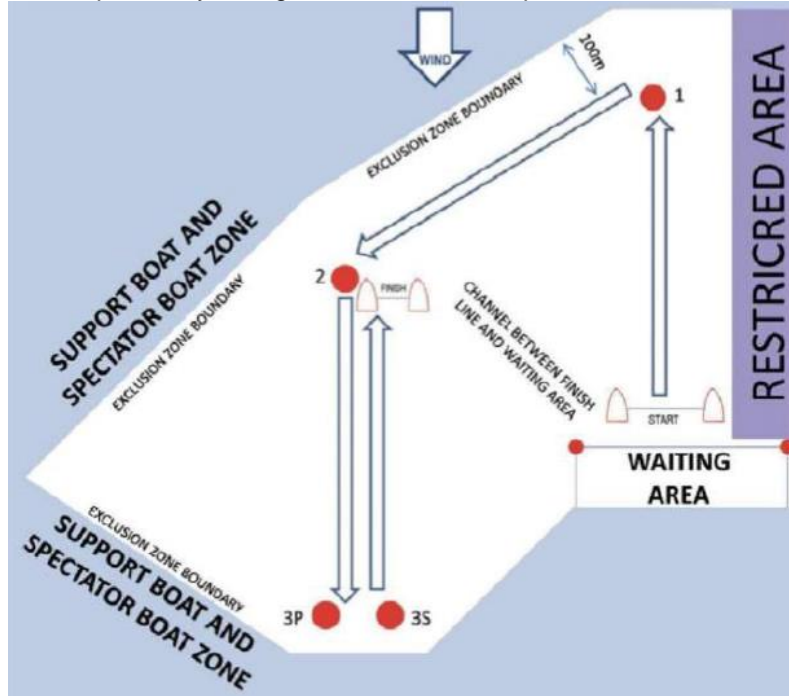
A3- DISTINCTIVE FLAGS OF THE FLEETS (the OA can change the colors)

The fleets will be identified as follows:

- Group "A" DIVISION A
YELLOW rectangular flag as warning Signal; YELLOW ribbon to be applied to the back of the peak as fleet identifier.
- Group "B" DIVISION A
BLUE rectangular flag as warning Signal; BLUE ribbon to be applied to the back of the peak as fleet identifier.
- Group "C" DIVISION A
RED rectangular flag as warning Signal; RED ribbon to be applied to the back of the peak as fleet identifier.

**ADDENDUM 1
COURSE**

Course: START -1 – 2 – Gate (3S/3P) – FINISH
 Mark 1 and 2: to be left to port.
 The Gate (3S/3P) can be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.



RACING AREA

