



**BARCOLANA[®] MAXI
TROFEO PORTOPICCOLO**

Notice of Race

Trieste, Italy

October 3rd – 5th 2023



It is our commitment as Organizing Clubs to raise the awareness of participants in sailing events on the great environmental issues in regard with our seas. We are very pleased to inform you that this regatta is organized based on the principles of the Charta Smeralda, an ethical and behavioral code drawn up by the One Ocean Foundation. <http://www.1ocean.org>.

We inform you that in order to better manage the ecological problems relating to the organization and conduct of the regattas, the Clubs have appointed a specific Manager and invite all crews to lead by example by following the Decalogue of the eco sailor with great attention to the prevention of possible damage that navigation and competitive activities could cause to the environment.

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

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1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the most current versions of the following:
 - The Rules defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing shall apply (henceforth RRS);
 - The Italian Sailing Federation (FIV) prescriptions shall apply. Class rules shall not apply, except for IMS rules as measurement rules and ORC as Rating Rules;
 - This Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any Amendments;
- 1.2 The Regatta is ranked as Category 4, as defined in section 2, subsection 2.01.5 of the WS (World Sailing) Offshore Special Regulations 2022-2023 (OSR);
- 1.3 Any official notice by either the Organizing Authority, the Race Committee or the Protest Committee, including amendments to this Notice of Race and to the Sailing Instructions, will be posted on the online Official Notice Board before 9 pm on the day preceding the regatta;
- 1.4 RSS 51 "Movable ballast" is changed, permitting the use of movable ballast (water or dead weight including the keel); for this purpose, manual power or the use of pumps driven by engine(s) not used for propulsion and not connected to the propeller shaft are allowed if declared on the rating or certificate. For safety reasons, yachts with a retractable center board shall keep it fully extended at all times during the race;
- 1.5 Recently designed and built yachts which can demonstrate that they require one engine only for hydraulic and electric rigging, ballast movement (canting keel) and propulsion due to the high power needed, can request permission from the Organizing Authority to use the engine exclusively for rigging and moving ballast also when racing. This changes RRS 52, "Manual Power";
- 1.6 Electric or electronic device of any kind are permitted;
- 1.7 Reasonable actions by the Organizing Authority or Event Officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions and hence will not be grounds for redress;
- 1.8 In the event of conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats are allowed to display advertising in compliance with WS Regulation 20 (Advertising Code). Italian competitors shall have a specific license issued by FIV for the display of advertising. (www.federvela.it advertising area) Boats taking part in the race may be required to display the advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online Official Notice Board is available on the Official Web Site. Competitors may be required to attend briefing and hearings online and not in person. It is up to the competitors to have an internet-enabled device to monitor the Notice Board and eventually participate to hearings;
- 3.2 All yachts shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting;
- 3.3 Communications with competitors will be through the VHF channels indicated in the Sailing Instructions on sea, posted on the Official Notice Board and - when possible - by email and/or WhatsApp; absence of this last line of notice shall not be grounds for requesting redress by a boat;
- 3.4 RRS 41 is changed such that exclusively for safety purposes boat to boat communication is allowed and encouraged. A dedicated VHF channel shall be used for this purpose and will be announced at the Skippers' briefing and published in the Sailing Instructions. Boats shall maintain a constant watch on the safety channel when sailing in or near the racing area;
- 3.5 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications which are not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The race is open to monohull yachts complying with a LOA at least 16.00 m with a valid measurement certificate ORC (International or Club) already registered for the Barcolana 55; Boats will be grouped into Categories on the basis of their overall length (LOA). Within these categories there may be a CRUISER/RACER class division (providing at least three yachts entered). Each boat will be assigned to a class and a category as defined by IMS Appendix 1 where Cruiser/Racers are boats designed primarily for cruising and are equipped with accommodation layouts comparable to the standards of series production boats. No boat can request redress on this matter. This changes RRS.60.1(b);
- 4.2 If the rating certificate is not provided within one day after it has been requested or if it is not available, the boat shall be disqualified without a hearing (this changes RRS 63.1, 78.2 and RRS Appendix A5.1);
- 4.3 Yachts with a width greater than 40% of LOA for all categories are not entitled to enter the race;
- 4.4 The national registration of a yacht shall be indicated in the entry form. If not so, the national letters (on the mainsail) or the owner's nationality shall be used;
- 4.5 Acknowledging the policies issued and actions taken by the International Olympic Committee, World Sailing and Italian Sailing Federation, the Organizing Authority has decided to suspend the participation of Russian and Belarusian boat owners, athletes, teams and race officials from the event. The Organization will be monitoring the situation and will adapt recommendations and measures according to future developments for the event. In case the policies would change at event time the Organizing Committee reserves the right to cancel the suspension and the limitation to eligibility.

5. LICENSES

- 5.1 The event is open to all competitors complying with the WS Eligibility code (Section II, Regulation 19, Appendix 3);
- 5.2 Italian competitors shall meet FIV requirements in order to enter the Regatta (including medical valid prescription) while Non Italian crews shall be in compliance with their national authority rules;
- 5.3 Competitors shall be a minimum age of 14 years at the start of the Race and if younger than 18 shall present, at registration, the Minor Parental Consent Form.

6. REGISTRATION

- 6.1 Registration opens from July 1st 2023 from the Official Website following the “Register” link;
- 6.2 The registration deadline is at 7.00 pm on September 29th 2023 in the methods described below. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to modify the registration closing date and methods;
- 6.3 The registration will be completed only when full on line procedure will be fulfilled and when all the requested documents, as specified on the Official Web Site, will be provided. Time limit for registration completion is on Monday October 2nd before the start of the event;
- 6.4 Boats can decide to register and race only on Thursday October 5th with a reduced registration fee. The deadlines and methods to participate just the last day remain the same.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available in English on the Official Notice Board and possibly sent via e mail to the address inserted on the registration form not later than October 1st 2023. The delivery of a paper copy of the Sailing Instructions is not expected.

8. TRACKING

- 8.1 An electronic tracking system will be used for monitoring the nautical position of the boats during the race. More information about the tracking system in the Sailing Instructions;
- 8.2 A damage deposit of 500 euro will be charged and will be returned once the undamaged unit is returned to the Race Office. Any damage to the device shall be paid by the Person in Charge of the boat.

9. ECOLOGICAL PERSON IN CHARGE

- 9.1 The helmsman of the boat, unless otherwise indicated during the registration phase, will take on the role of “Ecological Person in Charge” whose function is to promote environmental sustainability during the race. This changes RRS 4.4.

10. BOATS CATEGORIES AND ENTRY FEES

- 10.1 Boats will be divided into the following racing groups:

Classes	Overall length (LOA) m	Entry fee
MEGA YACHT	over 24.01m (350,00 only for Thursday event)	€ 700,00
SUPER MAXI	from 19.01m to 24.00m (300,00 only for Thursday event)	€ 600,00
MAXI	from 16.00m to 19.00m (€250,00 only for Thursday event)	€ 500,00
- 10.2 After the entry deadline a yacht may submit a request to the Organizing Authority to change her class no later than 48 hours before the start signal of the Race. This request shall be in writing providing a valid reason for the change request in addition to all the necessary documents. The decision will be at the discretion of the Technical Committee;
- 10.3 Eligible yachts after completing the entry form need to submit the required entry fee within the same deadline to:
Società Velica di Barcola e Grignano
IBAN: IT 35Q 030690 22331 00000010904
Banca Intesa Sanpaolo Spa Filiale 50584 Trieste
BIC: BCITITMM
CAUSALE/ OBJECT: Barcolana Maxi – name of the boat – Barcolana 55 bow number;
- 10.4 The entry fee is not meant as payment for the provision of a service, but is aimed to help cover the organizational costs of the event. The Organizing Authority may postpone or cancel the event at any time if it considers that it is required by reasons related to COVID 19. The competitors are not entitled to claim any compensation for the expenses they have incurred for the participation of preparation for participation in the event.

11. SCHEDULE

- 11.1 **Monday October 2nd 2023**
 - Registration from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
 - Opening Ceremony at 6.00 pm
- Tuesday October 3rd 2023**
 - Skippers' Briefing at 11.00 am
 - Warning Signal Race 1 at 1.00 pm
 - Post event Media Briefing at 6.00 pm
- Wednesday October 4th 2023**
 - Warning Signal Race 2 at 1.00 pm
 - Post event Media Briefing at 6.00 pm
- Thursday October 5th 2023**
 - Warning Signal Coastal Trial Race on the racing course of Barcolana 55 at 10.25 am
 - Post event Media Briefing at 6.00 pm in Trieste Prize giving Ceremony as per online Official Notice Board.

No warning signal will be made after 3.00 pm the last day.

The Organizing Authority or Race Committee reserve the right to modify the schedule based on weather conditions or other unforeseen reasons.

12. VENUE AND COURSE

- 12.1 The Regatta will be raced on a fixed marks course in the Gulf of Trieste, consisting of two races on a Windward-Leeward or Triangle course on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th, with start and finish in the waters in front of Portopiccolo. – Sistiana. Thursday October 5th the coastal regatta with the starting line positioned between the Società Velica di Barcola e Grignano Club House and Miramare Castle. The course and the course length will be the same as for Barcolana 55, further described in the Sailing Instructions;
- 12.2 It is the intention of the Organizing Authority to combine all the classes in one start taking into consideration the status of the racing schedule and the weather conditions.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 If a yacht may have broken a rule of Part 2 RRS against another boat entered in this Race, she may exonerate herself by promptly taking a One Turn Penalty, including one tack and one gybe. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2; However, RRS 44.1(b) still applies;
- 13.2 If a yacht takes a penalty, she shall report the incident on the Declaration of Compliance available on the online Official Notice Board of the event within the protest time limit;
- 13.3 Penalties for breaches of a rule other than a rule of Parts 1 or 2 of the RRS may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides;
- 13.4 Redress Limitation: actions by official boats, drones or helicopters shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b);
- 13.5 A Technical Committee appointed by the Organizing Authority will handle the irregularities with the ORC certificate related to measurement and certificate compliance. The ORC Rating Systems rules have a clear definition of the procedures for measurement protests defined in ORC rule 305.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 The Low Point System Appendix A shall apply and all races will be valid and there will be no discard;
- 14.2 A software chosen by the Technical Committee from among the official ones will be applied to calculate the corrected time and final results of the race. Different interpretations shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1 (b);
- 14.3 The scoring option used for ORC monohulls will be declared before the race and will be noticed to competitors also on the Official Notice Board.

15. RANKINGS, PRICES AND PRICE-GIVING

- 15.1 Overall and Category rankings will be scored according to the chosen method of calculation of the results. Prizes, cups and trophies will be awarded as presented below:
- First, Second and Third to finish on corrected time overall;
 - First, Second and Third to finish on overall corrected time on the Course of Barcolana;
 - First of the division Racer for each category to finish on corrected time (when the group is split);
 - First of the division Cruiser for each category to finish on corrected time (when the group is split);
 - Other prizes may be awarded at discretion of the Organizing Authority;
- 15.2 Prizes not collected at the prize giving ceremony will not be delivered.

16. GUESTS

- 16.1 Organizing Authority can ask in any Race to carry genuine guests in addition to the crew number. Guests shall not be included in the crew total weight and shall not assist in racing the boat in any other way than moving their weight.

17. SOCIAL EVENTS

- 17.1 The final social programme will be available at the Event web page by September 2023; the preliminary social program for the event is as follows:
- Monday October 2nd 2023**
- Opening Ceremony in Portopiccolo at 6.00 pm
- Tuesday October 3rd 2023**
- Crew Party in Yacht Club Portopiccolo Club House at 6.00 pm
- Wednesday October 4th 2023**
- Crew Party in Yacht Club Portopiccolo Club House at 6.00 pm
 - Boat Owners Gala Dinner (by invitation) in Portopiccolo at 8.30 pm
- Thursday October 5th 2023**
- Prize giving Ceremony and Crew Farewell Party in Trieste.
- Competitors will be informed about social events by a notice posted on the online Official Notice Board.

18. MOORINGS MANAGED BY THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 18.1 If they request it, registered boats will be offered free mooring space from Sunday October 1st to October 5th at the Marina di Portopiccolo facilities (tel. +39 040 9977711).
The moorings will be assigned in chronological order of registration until exhaustion;
- 18.2 The mooring of the boats before and after the race in the area of Trieste Harbor is conditional to the authorization by Barcolana Authority and competitors will be moored free of charge until exhaustion of available places under the responsibility of the Person in Charge. Boats wishing to dock shall request it at the time of registration for Barcolana. The Organizing Authority may authorize these boats to use these moorings up to the maximum of admissible spaces. Mooring procedures will be published on the Official Notice Board.

19. LIABILITY

- 19.1 The Organizing Authority, the Race Committee and the Protest Committee decline any liability for material damage or personal injury that may occur at sea as well as ashore in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Regatta;
- 19.2 Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in or to continue racing is hers alone. Competitors are advised to carefully assess weather conditions and risks related to the event, relying on the information provided by the Organizing Authority through the website www.barcolana.it, social media and during the competitors' morning briefing session, which will take place on race day as scheduled in the program available on the online Official Notice Board;
- 19.3 Admittance to the Regatta does not imply that the Organizing Authority shall be in any way responsible for the crews' sailing skills. The safety of the yacht and its crew is the sole responsibility of the yacht owner, his/her representative or the skipper, and is not transferable; s/he shall do everything possible to guarantee the sound condition of the hull, mast, sails, engine and all other material and equipment; s/he must also guarantee that the entire crew is capable of participating in the race and is aware of the use and location of life-saving equipment. Each race participant is responsible for his/her own safety and is advised to wear a personal flotation device which is adequate for the race.

20. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE OF RACE

- 20.1 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Amendments will be posted on the online Official Notice Board and, if possible, sent via e-mail to each yacht already registered.

21. COMPETITOR DRONES

- 21.1 Teams or their representatives shall not fly drones over the race area during the race without complying with the local legislation and without prior written approval of the Organizing Authority;
- 21.2 The approval granted at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority may impose limitations on where and when drones may fly;
- 21.3 At the time the risk and responsibility for flying drone is with the person flying it and images made inside the race area shall be shared with the Organizing Authority, Race Committee or Protest Committee at a reasonable request.

22. INSURANCE

- 22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of euro 1,500,000.00.

23. DATA PROTECTION

- 23.1 By participating to the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and their Sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion any motion pictures and live, recorder or other reproductions of the athletes during the period of the competition without compensation in any media, including video for the purpose of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information relating the Organizing Authority, close partners' involvement in sailing events and to competitors participation in such event. Competitors and crew members' name, voice, image, likeness and biographical material shall not be used by Società Velica di Barcola e Grignano, Yacht Club Porto Piccolo, Barcolana and affiliated companies in a way which constitutes an endorsement, unless the relevant competitor or crew member is engaged by them and gives his written consent to such use;
- 23.2 Competitors may be invited for interviews during the event.

24. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 24.1 Official Web Site: www.barcolana.it
Race Office: regate@svbg.it

