

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Formula 18 Italian championship
Circolo Velico Sferracavallo
27 – 31 October 2023

1) Organizing Committee

On delegation of the FIV, the affiliate **Circolo Velico Sferracavallo** - Via Plauto 27 Sferracavallo - Palermo
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2) Rules

The event will be governed by:

- The "Rules" as defined in the RRS WS 2021/2024.
- The FIV Rules for National Organized Sports Activity in Italy including the Requirements, which are to be considered "Rule"
- The Class Rules
- The Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions and the subsequent Official Information which will be displayed on the Official Notice Board.

In the event of a conflict between the Notice and the sailing Instructions (also referred as IdR), the latter will prevail, including subsequent Official Announcements (this modifies RRS 63.7).

In the event of a conflict between the Italian and the English version of the sailing instructions, or any other document related to this race, the Italian will prevail.

(DP) indicates a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee (CdP).

(NP) indicates that an infringement of this rule cannot be protested by another vessel.

(SP) means a rule under which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee (RC) without a hearing being held by the Protest Committee (CdP).

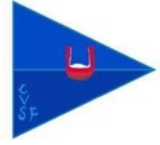
3) Classes allowed

Formula 18 class catamarans

4) Conditions of participation / registration.

Registrations are governed by article 4 of the Notice of Race; Furthermore:

- a) The crews must be weighed (in swimsuits or with only underwear, without shoes) by the organization which will display the weight list.
- b) At the discretion of the Race Committee, measurement checks and weighing of the boats and crews may be carried out at the end of the individual days of competition.



5) Communications to Competitors

- a. These Sailing Instructions are published on the Official Noticeboard of the event, which can be reached at the following link: <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/6891/event>
- b. Any changes to the IdR, made by the Race Committee and/or Protest Committee and other Official Announcements for the competitors will be published at least 60 minutes before the warning signal of the first race scheduled for the day on the Official Notice Board (AUC) which will only be consultable online. These changes will constitute an official communication for all competitors, who are responsible for reading them.

6) Timetable

Friday 27 October	9:00 - 16:00 10:00 - 18:00 8:00 pm	Registration completion Measurements Social dinner
Saturday 28 October	10:00 11:30 6pm	Competitor briefings First race warning signal Pricegiving of the day
Sunday 29 October	10.30am 6pm	First race warning signal Pricegiving of the day
Monday 30 October	09.30am 10.30am 6pm	Competitor briefings Distance Regatta warning signal Pricegiving of the day
Tuesday 31 October	10.30am 6pm	First race warning signal Pricegiving ceremony

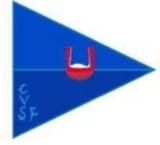
No more than three races may be held per day. Only if there is a delay in the program or the weather forecast for the following day casts doubt on the possibility of carrying out the program regularly, the Race Committee will be allowed to arrange for a fourth race to be held on the same day. On the day the Long Distance regatta takes place, no other races will be held.

At the discretion of the Race Committee, the Long-Distance race could be carried out on a different day from the scheduling. The above will be communicated in the daily briefing and anticipated via Official Notice which will be published in the AUC on the web platform.

No warning signal will be given after 4.30pm on the last day.

7) Penalty

- a. Alternative penalties for infringements of Part 2 of the Regulations will be applied.
- b. The penalty will consist of one turn, as a partial modification of what is specified in rule 44.1 of



the RRS.

- c. The competitor who has taken the penalty pursuant to rules 31 or 44.1 must complete the appropriate declaration, available at the Regatta Office, within the time limit for submitting protests. Failure to submit the declaration means that the penalty will be considered not enforced.
- d. The Race Committee and the Protest Committee, who may be on the water on boats identified by a yellow flag bearing the letter "J", will be able to protest a boat regarding an infringement observed in the racing area, in accordance with RRS 61b.

8) Obligation to attend social events [DP] [NP]

Participation in social events, and in particular in the social dinner on Friday 27 October, in the daily price giving ceremony and in the final price giving ceremony, is mandatory for all competitors.

Failure to participate must be communicated at least 30 minutes before the event in writing to the regatta committee which may apply, depending on the reasons given by the competitor, a penalty of 1 to 5 points on the final score.

9) Crew change and replacement of damaged material [DP] [NP]

The replacement of a crew member will only be permitted upon request, submitted online and duly justified and must be approved by the Race Committee.

The replacement of damaged or lost equipment may only be permitted upon online request and for adequately documented facts and must be approved by the Race Committee.

If the need for replacement should arise between one test and another on the same day, the Race Committee or the Protest Committee must be informed. In this case the replacement remains subject to subsequent examination and retroactive approval by the Race Committee.

10) Ashore signals

The signal mast is located at the nautical house of the Circolo Velico Sferracavallo.

When the AP signal is displayed ashore, this means that the race is postponed. The warning signal will be displayed no earlier than **45 minutes** after the AP is lowered.

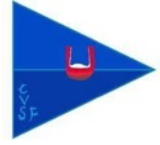
11) Regatta Area

The races will take place in the gulf of Sferracavallo.

The diagrams contained in Appendix A indicate the courses of the races.

Appendix B indicates the possible courses of the Long Distance regatta .

Before the warning signal, the Race Committee will display a Numeral Pennant which indicates the



course for the next race.

The approximate compass heading of the first leg will be displayed on the race committee boat no later than the warning signal.

12) Class flag

It will be a white flag with the F18 logo.

13) Routes.

The course will be windward-leeward with **an offset mark** after the windward mark and a **Leeward gate**, as per Attachment A.

- The course marks must be left on the left.
- The Numerical Pennant 2 will designate the short course (2 laps).
- The Numerical Pennant 3 will designate the long course (3 laps).
- The Race Committee will try to obtain a race duration of about 50/60 minutes. A different duration cannot be a cause for a request for repair to modify RRS 62.1.

The Long Distance Course is illustrated in Attachment B

14) Buoys

Motorized buoys without anchors will be used; the color and shape of the buoys will be illustrated at the briefing. In the event of failure of these buoys it will be possible for the committee, without notice to the competitors:

- Replace the missing buoy or buoys with a dinghy, anchored or maintaining position using engines, displaying the "M" flag;
- Use anchored cylindrical inflatable buoys, yellow or orange in colour.

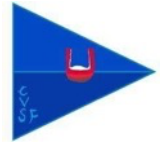
15) Starting Line

- a. The starting line will be between a pole with an orange flag, placed on the Race Committee boat and the starting mark (**3P**). The CdR boat is to be left on the right, while the mark is to be left on the left.
- b. The boats that have not left regularly by 4 (four) minutes will be considered DNS, modifying RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16) Starting signals

The starts will be given as per Rule 26 and therefore the sequence will conform to the scheme below:

- 5' - Class flag warning signal
- 4' - preparatory flag "P", "I", "U" or "Black"
- 1' - "P", "I", "U" or "Black" flag lowered
- 0 - Class flag lowered



Orange flag will be displayed with an audible signal **at least five minutes before** the warning signal is given. The starting mark may be replaced by a boat with a pole and an orange flag.

For the Long Distance regatta only , as a partial modification of the art. A5.2 of RRS Appendix A, a boat which has breached rule 30 (early start) but which has crossed the starting line no more than 60 seconds before the starting signal, will be penalized adding 10 points to the order of arrival.

17) Black flag.

After a general warning or deferral the black flag rule, RRS 30.4, may apply. On the CDR boat, any BFD sailing numbers identified will be displayed on a board, accompanied by a sound.

18) Change of course after start. Course reduction. Missing mark.

- Any changes in the course will be reported in accordance with rule 33 of the RRS (CIS flag "C"). If the position of buoy "1" is changed, a new buoy "2" will not be positioned and therefore competitors after buoy "1" will have to go directly to buoy "3" (without the offset).
- The route shortening will be arranged in accordance with rule 32.2 of the RRS (CIS "S" flag)
- The missing mark will be reported in accordance with rule 34 of the RRS (CIS "M" flag).
- The display of flags "S" with "C" has the following meaning: **the course has been shortened, go directly to the finish line.**

19) Finish

The finishing line will be between a pole with a blue flag placed on the Committee boat to be left on the left and the finishing mark to be left on the right. **See attachment A**

Long Distance:

The finishing line will be between two buoys positioned in front of the Clubhouse of the Circolo Velico Sferracavallo, positioned independently of the wind direction on the East-West direction. The line will be crossed by North towards the south.

20) Time limit

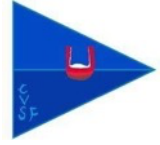
There is no time limit. The target time is 60 minutes.

Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for a repair request. This amends RRS 62.1(a).

Boats that do not arrive within 15 minutes after the first boat completes the course and arrives will be classified as "DNF - Not Arrived" without a hearing. This modifies RRS 35, A4 and A5.

21) Score and Prizes.

According to the ranking counts, any foreign competitors will not be removed from the rankings. The top



five crews overall will be awarded. The first Italian crew classified will be awarded the title of Italian Champion.

The winning crew of the Long Distance regatta will be awarded the Capo Gallo Marine Reserve Trophy.

The minimum score will be applied as provided in Appendix "A" of the WS2021/2024 Regulations.

When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's score will be equal to the score for all races completed. When 4 to 8 tests have been completed, the score of a boat will be the total of the scores of the tests carried out, discarding the worst result. With 9 races completed, a second discard will be applied.

22) Protests

RRS Appendix "T" will apply .

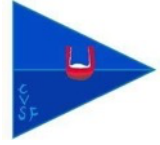
- a. The intention to protest must be reported by the competitor to the Race Committee immediately upon completion of the test. This complements Rule 61.1(a) of the RRS.
- b. Hearing requests must be sent via the completed online form accessible online, otherwise they will not be valid; once the request is received, it will immediately appear on the AUC. If the system is not operational, contact the SR to receive authorization to send the request via email (in reference to point 3 of the Notice of Race - This modifies RRS 61.2, 62.2 and 66.a.). Protests must be submitted before the deadline for submitting protests expires, set at 60 minutes from the arrival of the last boat in the last race of the day.
- c. Requests for reinstatement in the ranking or any questions to the CdP can be sent via the online form
- d. Any competitor who has taken a penalty, who has retired for committing a breach of the rules, or who wishes to be considered a retired (RET) after crossing the finish line must complete the form on the application www.racingrulesofsailing.org . In case of no-show the penalty may also be considered as not carried out.
- e. Any protests that do not involve the first 3 positions in the General Ranking may be discussed after the awards ceremony at the time shown on the Notice Board.
- f. The time of the hearings will be published on the Notice Board.

23) Reopening of hearings

As a partial modification of RRS 66:

- a. Any request to reopen cases decided on days other than the last on the calendar must be filed by the deadline for submitting protests on the following day.
- b. Requests to reopen cases decided on the last calendar day, or requests for relief based on a decision made on that day, must be filed within 30 minutes of the decision being published. This changes rule 62.2.

24) Responsibility



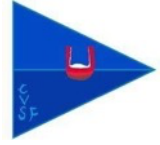
In accordance with Rule 3 of the RRS, the responsibility for a boat's decision to race or continue is hers alone. The Organizing Committee, the Regatta Committee and all parties connected with the Organization decline any and all responsibility for damages that may arise to people or things, both on land and in water, as a result of participation in the Regatta referred to in these instructions. .

25) Safety regulations [DP] [NP]

- a. Competitors must wear life jackets from the moment their boats enter the water until they return to land. A neoprene wetsuit or similar is not considered a means of flotation.
- b. When the "Intelligence" signal above the letter "H" is displayed on shore, the meaning of the signal provided in the RRS racing signal scheme is modified as follows: boats must not leave the port until this signal remains exposed. The warning signal will not be displayed until 45 minutes after the lowering of the Intelligence above the letter "H" on the ground.
- c. A state of danger caused by the approach of a disturbance or by any other cause will be signaled by the display, on the Committee boat and possibly also on other official boats, of the letter "N" over "H", supported by repeated acoustic signals. In this case the competitors must promptly take cover. Once the state of danger has ceased, the Race Committee may have the interrupted race played or repeated by displaying the letter "L".
- d. Each crew will have to collect a GPS locator, available at the nautical secretariat, before entering the water and will have to fix this locator on the hull (possibly in a stern locker) until returning to land, returning it to the secretariat before the deadline for protests.
- e. Failure to collect or return the GPS Tracker will result in a 3 point penalty on the position achieved in the test closest to exit or return.
- f. A boat that withdraws, or in any case abandons the regatta field, must inform the Race Committee or the Secretariat as soon as possible and, without prejudice to the obligation set out in Instruction 25.4, must complete the form available at the Regatta Secretariat by time limit for filing protests.
- g. **All boats, before the start of the first race of the day, must be recognized by the Boat Committee.**
- h. **Starting from the second day of the regatta, the crews of the boats positioned in the first three places in the general results will have to wear a colored pinnie (Yellow, Blue, Red) which will be awarded the previous evening during the day's pricegiving ceremony.**

26) Vessels other than those of the Organizing Committee

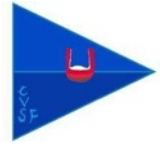
- a. Any assistance/support vehicle not belonging to the Organizing Committee, which follows one or more competitors in the water, must first register with the CO and report the club to which they belong and the sail numbers of the assisted boats, declaring unconditional willingness to provide assistance to any boat in the race that find himself in difficulty.
- b. During the course of the tests, and therefore from the preparatory signal to the arrival of the last boat, these vehicles must strictly keep at least 150 meters away from the outside of the laylines and at least 100 meters downwind of the starting line.
- c. Entry into the regatta field will be permitted only if there is a proven need to provide assistance, with the vehicle in question being expressly obliged to submit a subsequent formal report to the Race Committee.
- d. When the race committee displays the "V" (Victor) flag with a sound along all vehicles must



monitor the race committee radio channel for search and rescue instructions (RRS 37)

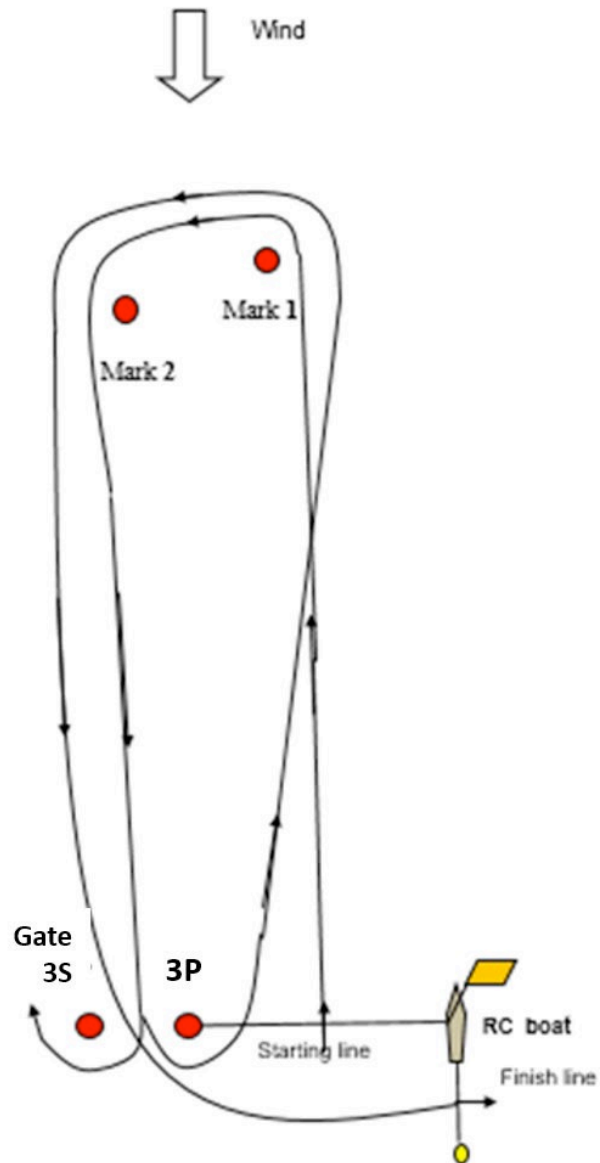
27) Waste Management [DP] [NP]

Based on the RRS Basic Principle "Environmental Responsibility", and pursuant to RRS 47, competitors are obliged to get rid of any waste by delivering it to the assistance boats.



Annex A – Routes

ATTACHMENT - A : COURSE

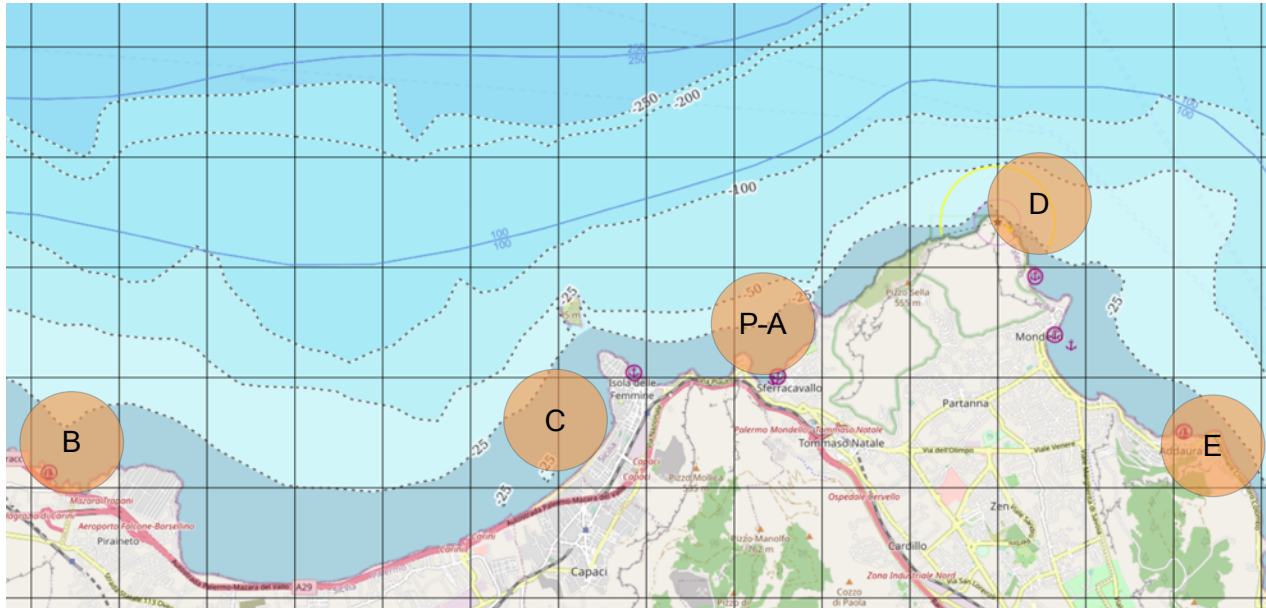


Course: Start – 1 – 2 – Gate 3P/3S – 1 – 2 – Gate 3P/3S – Finish

Path 2 (Brush 2): P – 1 – 2 – 3P/3S – 1 – 2 – 3P – A

Path 3 (Brush 3): P – 1 – 2 – 3P/3S – 1 – 2 – 3P/3S – 1 – 2 – 3P – A

Annex B – Long Distance Courses



Coordinates:

PA: 38.208312 N, 13.274592 E

C: 38.196993 N, 13.234242 E

B: 38.185438 N, 13.139156 E

D: 38.226689 N, 13.321133 E

E: 38.191550 N, 13.365317 E

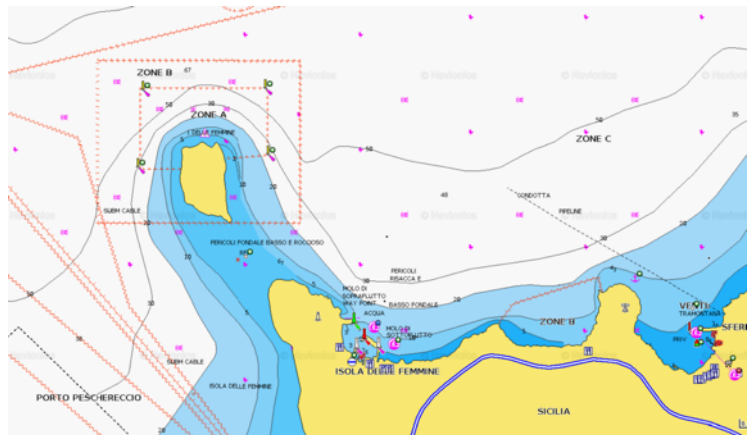
Path 1 (Pennant 1): P – C (gate) – B (left) – C (gate) – A

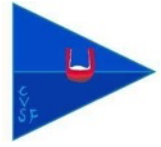
Path 2 (Pennant 2): P – D (gate) – E (left) – D (gate) – A

Path 3 (Pennant 3): P – C (left) – D (gate) – E (left) – D (gate) – A

The route crosses the marine reserve of Capo Gallo and Isola delle Femmine; in particular, around Isola delle Femmine and near the Capo Gallo area there is a stretch of Zone A in which navigation is prohibited. Area A is delimited by yellow metal buoys, approximately 3 meters high. Competitors are prohibited from transiting within zone A. [DP] [NP]

It is also forbidden to pass between the Isola delle Femmine and the coast. [DP] [NP]





Detail of the finish line of the Long Distance regatta.