

ADDENDUM – A

Special Instructions for Regattas raced in Heats

When the regatta is raced in heats the following further sailing instructions shall apply

A1 – RACE SYSTEM

- The regatta will be raced in heats, A (two colours) as set by the rules of the Italian Sailing Federation (FIV).
- Competitors entering the regatta will be divided into two heats, chosen by draw (if programmes, such as ZW, are endowed with a function of random partition, they may be used to draw heats).
- The Race Committee and the Jury, with the help of Federal Experts and Coaches specifically appointed for this aim, may move competitors to a different heat if they think that the draw has led to the presence of too many athletes belonging to the same club or coming from the same region in one of the heats or for any other technical reason. No redress may be requested following any situation determined by this kind of decision (this changes rule 60.1 of RRS).
- To draw up a ranking list, every race shall consist of two heats. For a race to be valid, both heats shall end with a completed regatta and a regular ranking. If the race cannot be completed in one of the two heats, it will be automatically cancelled in the second heat too.
- Boats shall be reassigned to the groups after each regatta day, following the table below and according to the provisional ranking available at 8 p.m. Protests or requests for redress submitted or changed after this time shall not be taken into account. If the number of races per group is not the same, the following day we will start by completing the missing races by recovering the backward group. We will then continue with the new groups by changing the ribbons at sea. In the case of a single race on the first day, the competitors will be randomly reassigned.

GROUP	A	B
RIBBON	BLUE	YELLOW
Provisional ranking	1	
		2
		3
	4	
	5	
		6
		7
	8	
	9	
		10
		11
	12	
	And so on	

If a group does not complete the series, the missing group race shall be recovered the following day. Recovery is not to be considered among the three-race scheduled.

Heats will be reorganized, assigning the first in ranking to group A, the second to group B, the third to group B, the fourth and fifth to group A, the sixth and seventh to group B, and so on.

Any boat scored BFD in a race which has not been completed for any reason, shall not be allowed to take part in the following race, even if the colours are reassigned.

A2 – TIME LIMIT (replacing point 13.4)

- Any boat not finishing within 20 minutes after the first of her heat shall be scored as DNF without a hearing (this partially changes or completes rules 35, A4 and A5 of RRS).

A3- STARTING SIGNALS (replacing points 8.2, 8.3)

- The warning signal shall be the flag of the colour assigned to the group which has to start.
- The WARNING signal of the second group (of the race) shall be given as soon as possible after the valid start of the first group (of the race). Therefore, boats waiting to start shall stay close to the starting area.
- Competitors are advised to pay attention to the signals, as the Race Committee may change for any reason the starting order.

A4 – FLAGS IDENTIFYING GROUPS

- Groups shall be identified as follows:

Group A Optimist Junior Class Blue ribbon attached to the head corner; rectangular blue flag as warning signal of the group

Group B Optimist Junior Class Yellow ribbon attached to the head corner; rectangular yellow flag as warning signal of the group

Group A Optimist Cadet Class no ribbon attached to the head corner; rectangular red flag as warning signal of the group

[DP] If the boat does not display her coloured ribbon at the arrival, it may be imposed a 10% scoring penalty on the total of boats entering the regatta.

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Starting line – 1 – 2 – 3 (gate) – Finish line

