



2023 OK Dinghy European Championship

Circolo Vela Arco

9 September to 14 September 2023

Organizing Authority:

On behalf of the Italian Sailing Federation /Circolo Vela Arco in conjunction with the OK Dinghy International Association (OKDIA)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

In addition to the rules specified in the Notice of Race, the following rules will apply:

- 1.1 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42.
- 1.2 In all rules governing this event.
 - 1.2.1. [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
 - 1.2.2. [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty may be applied by the International Jury with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 1.3 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: However, if Mark 1a is set, a boat may delay taking a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, until she has passed Mark 1a.

2 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

- 2.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat
- 2.2 [SP] Check-out and check-in:
 - 2.2.1 Competitors shall comply with the event sign-out and sign-in procedures when going afloat and returning to the shore. Sign out will be open at least 45 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race of the day and sign in will close at protest time limit.
 - 2.2.2 Failure to sign out will lead to a 5% point penalty of the number of entered boats (if sailed in groups the largest fleet) in the first race of the day; failure to sign in will lead to a 5% point penalty in the last race of the day; failure to sign out and in will lead to a 5% penalty in all the races of the day. All penalties will be imposed without a hearing.
If there is a second infringement, the penalty will be 10%, 15% for a third penalty and so on.
- 2.3 Boats not leaving the shore for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the Race Office.
- 2.4 A boat that retires from racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the race office as soon as possible after returning ashore.
- 2.5 When the race committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds or broadcasts 'Code Flag Victor' on the designated VHF Channel, all official and support person vessels shall monitor VHF **Channel 77** and follow search and rescue instructions.

3 CODE OF CONDUCT [DP][NP]

- 3.1 Competitors shall handle any boats or equipment provided by the organizing authority with proper care and seamanship, and in compliance with any written instructions.

4 RACING SCHEDULE and OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

- 4.1 The Event Schedule is as specified in the Notice of Race. **NO PRACTICE RACE will be held.**



5 COURSES AND COURSE AREAS

- 5.1 The course area is shown in SI **Addendum D**.
- 5.2 The course configuration and mark rounding order is shown in SI Addendum B.
- 5.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

6 FORMAT OF RACING - QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 6.1 With more than 80 entries, the event will consist of a Qualifying Series and a Final Series.
- 6.2 In such a case, boats will be seeded into groups after the registration. (see ADDENDUM C)
- 6.3 The Qualifying Series will be run during the first two scheduled days of racing.
- 6.4 If at least 4 races are sailed for all groups, on the following days the fleet will be divided in Gold and Silver groups for the Finals Series.
- 6.5 If less than 4 races are sailed for all groups, the Qualifying Series will continue the following day.

7 MARKS

- 7.1 All marks are pyramidal robotic buoys.
- 7.2 Marks 1, 1a (offset mark), 2 and 3, 4 will be as follows:

Marks 1, 2	Mark 1a	Mark 3	Mark 4	Port End Starting Mark	Finishing Mark
ORANGE	ORANGE	ORANGE	ORANGE	Boat with Orange flag	ORANGE

8 CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1 The Class flag will be the class insignia on a white background.
- 8.2 If the fleet is split into groups, the class flag for each group will be a coloured flag corresponding to the group colour.

9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line is between a pole with an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and a pole with an orange flag on a boat at the port end.
- 9.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 9.3 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between a pole with a blue flag on the race committee vessel and an orange cylindrical mark.

11 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 11.1 The times are shown in the table below:

No of races in Day	Mark 1 Time limit	Race time Limit	Finishing Window	Target Time
2	30 minutes	90 minutes	20 minutes	60 Minutes
3	30 minutes	90 minutes	20 minutes	50 minutes

Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).



- 11.2 The Finishing Window is 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored one more point than the points scored by the largest group. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 11.3 If no boat meets the Mark 1 time limit, the race committee shall abandon the race.

12 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 12.1 The event Official Notice Board will be online at the following link:
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/5135>.
For convenience, notices may also be posted online at 2023.okeuropeans.org
- 12.2 Signals ashore will be displayed at the Flagpole outside Race office
- 12.3. Online services may be available for:
- 12.3.1 Hearing requests
 - 12.3.2 Scoring Enquiries
 - 12.3.4 Hearing schedules and decisions
 - 12.3.5 Messaging competitors
- Details for accessing these systems will be posted on the official notice board.
- 12.4 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 12.5 [SP] [NP] Flag AP over H displayed ashore means 'Boats shall not leave the harbour or shore. Wait for further instructions.' This changes Race Signals AP over H.

13 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 13.1 Any change to the format or schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect and any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board by 1 hour before of the warning signal of the first scheduled race of the day it will take effect.

14 COURSE CHANGES

- 14.1 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32. The length and direction of legs of the course may be changed in accordance with RRS 33.
- 14.2 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or move the finishing line).

15 HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 Hearing request forms are available at the Race Office or the Jury Office located at the race office.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat of each group has finished the last race of the day. .
- 15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at race office beginning at the time posted.
- 15.4 A list of boats that have been penalized under Appendix P for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 15.5 For breaches of a rule marked [SP], the Race Committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing or a discretionary penalty may be applied by the International Jury with a hearing. A list of these breaches and the associated standard penalties will be posted on the Official Notice Board. However, the Race Committee may protest a boat when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. A boat that has been penalised with a standard penalty can neither be protested for the same incident by another boat nor can another boat request redress for this race committee action. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and A5.
- 15.7 For breaches of rules marked DP, the Jury will follow the WS Jury Policies, dated May 2023

16 SCORING

- 16.1 A maximum of 10 races will be sailed for the Championship.
- 16.2 Two or three races are scheduled for each day. No more than three races will be conducted on any day. Any change to the schedule will be made according to instruction 13.
- 16.3 Four races shall be completed for each group to constitute a valid championship.



- 16.4 Scoring for determination of results in Age Divisions will be determined on the basis of the competitor's position in the results of the overall fleet.
- 16.5 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP]

- 17.1 Details of pre-first race equipment inspection, location and schedules will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.2 Equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. When instructed by an event equipment inspector, a boat shall proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 17.3 All items of equipment subject to event limitation control will be marked with the official event stamp or sticker. If a mark becomes unclear, insecure, or lost, this shall be reported promptly to the Technical Committee so that the mark may be replaced before the next race or at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 17.4 All boats selected for equipment inspection shall be presented for inspection with the full equipment, including sails, personal flotation device(s) and personal equipment.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee or event equipment inspector. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity in writing and submitted to the Race Office.

19 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 19.1 Official vessels will be marked as follows:
 - 19.1.1 First aid/Medical – Will be in security boats
 - 19.1.2 Jury/Judges - Jury
 - 19.1.3 Media - MEDIA
 - 19.1.4 Organisers/VIP - VIP
 - 19.1.5 Race Committee - Race committee
 - 19.1.6 Rescue or Course Marshalls – Security
 - 19.1.7 Technical Committee: White flag with an 'M'

20 SUPPORT VESSELS [DP]

- 20.1 For the purposes of these sailing instructions a support vessel includes any boat that is under the control or direction of a person who is providing physical, morale or advisory support to an athlete, including the gathering of data that may be used at a later time.
- 20.2 Support vessels shall display their national flag or national letters at least 200mm high and clearly visible from both sides.
- 20.3 Support vessels shall not interfere with boats racing or official vessels, or create a wake that affects boats racing.
- 20.4 Support vessels shall not be positioned:
 - 20.4.1 Closer than 50 metres of any boat racing.
 - 20.4.2 Within 50 metres below of the starting line and its extensions from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have left the starting area, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
 - 20.4.3 Between any boat racing and the next mark of the course.
 - 20.4.4 Within 50 metres of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark.
 - 20.4.5 Within 50 metres of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing.
- 20.5 In addition, support vessels that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat racing.



- 20.6 Support vessels shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.
- 20.7 The International Jury may direct the organising authority to revoke privileges from any vessel or person found to be in breach of this sailing instruction.

21 IDENTIFICATION, ADVERTISING, CAMERAS and ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 21.1 When provided by the organising authority, boats or crew shall carry, display or wear the following as instructed.
- 21.1.1 Bow numbers.
 - 21.1.2 Event sponsor advertising.
- 21.2 When provided by the organising authority, boats shall carry the following electronic equipment as instructed:
- 21.2.1 Cameras,
 - 21.2.2 Sound equipment, and
 - 21.2.3 Position tracking equipment.
 - 21.2.4 Competitors shall make a genuine effort to comply with the instructions for operating the equipment as provided by the organising authority.

22 BERTHING AND BOAT PARK [DP]

- 22.1 When ashore, boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

- 23.1 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

24 PRIZES

- 24.1 Prizes will be awarded as described in NoR 14 as a minimum.
- 24.2 The prize giving ceremony will take place as soon as possible after racing on Thursday 14 September at Circolo Vela Arco.

25 PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

- 25.1 By entering the regatta competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the regatta and/or using the regatta facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.



ADDENDUM A - COURSE AREA - Location and any Prohibited areas

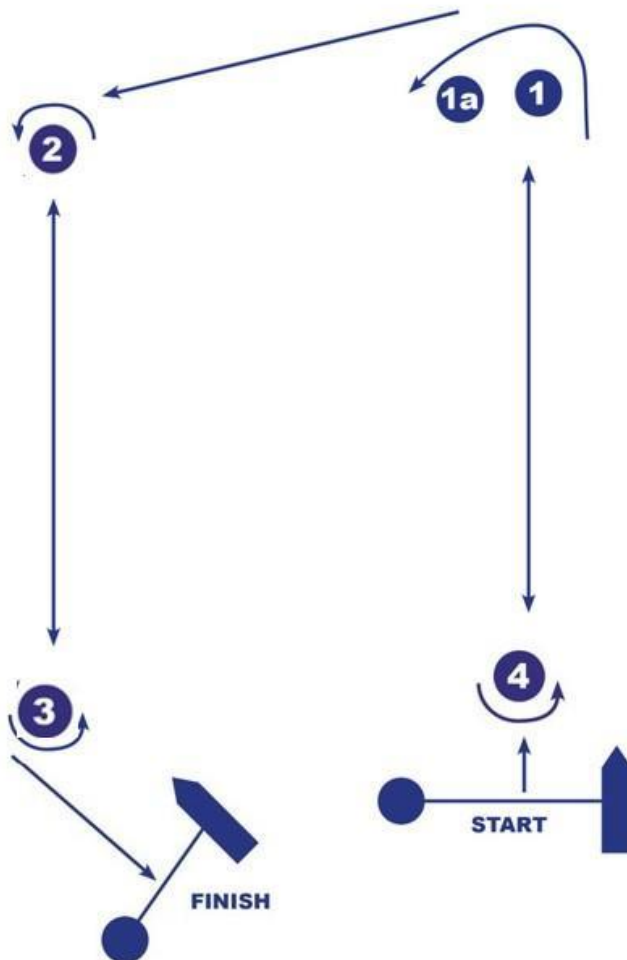
1. North side of the Lake Garda
2. No Prohibited areas.
3. The public transportation vessels have the right of way

ADDENDUM B - COURSE ILLUSTRATION and MARK ROUNDING ORDER

Yellow group: START-1-1a-2-3-2-3-FINISH

Blue group: START-1-1a-4-1-2-3-FINISH

All marks to be rounded to port





ADDENDUM C – SPLITTING A FLEET INTO GROUPS

- A1. This Addendum applies when the fleet is split into groups.
- A2. Each group will be linked to a colour.
- A3. Groups will be as much as possible equal in number and quality.
- A4. Boat assignment will be based on the last ranking when it is practicable.
- A5. When either an updated ranking is not available or the Committee in charge (composed of a PC member, a RC member and a representative of the OA) finds that the ranking is not 'fair', the assignment will be made by other means, including a random seeding.
- A6. Assignment scheme with 2 groups:

YELLOW GROUP	BLUE GROUP
1	2
4	3
5	6
8	7

- A7. Each competitor in the fleet will be issued with a coloured ribbon corresponding to the allocated group. The ribbon shall be placed at the top of the mast.
- A8. In case of finals, coloured ribbons will be as per gold=yellow; silver=blue.
- A9. By 8:00 pm on the day before the scheduled race day, boats will be assigned to new groups according to the same scheme as above, without regard to decisions resulting from protests, requests for redress or reopenings notified after that time. In case of only one race on the first scheduled day of racing, boats will be assigned to new fleets randomly.
- A10. If all boats have sailed the same number of races, the assignment will be based on the provisional ranking of the day. However, if the number of races is not the same, the assignment will be based on the last race sailed by all boats.
- A11. If at the end of a scheduled day of racing one fleet had sailed fewer races than another fleet in the Qualifying Series, the next day the race of the fleet late in the schedule will be sailed first; that race shall not be counted among the races scheduled that day.
- A12. If at the end of the Qualifying Series, some boats have an additional race score than others, the boats with fewer scores will be awarded average points, after discard of all completed races to that point, for the race that had not been completed, so that all boats have the same number of race scores. This will only apply if all boats have completed a minimum of four races.
- A13. Final Series: boats will be assigned to groups according to their ranking in the Qualifying Series. No group shall be larger than the Gold fleet.
- A14. After boats have been assigned to the Final Series, any recalculation of the Qualifying Series shall have no effect on assignment to the Final Series except for a request for redress promoting a boat to a higher fleet. Only boats that have been granted for redress may change group and only before the warning signal of the first race in the Final Series.
- A15. During the Final Series, each group may sail a different number of races and this will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).



ADDENDUM D – RACE AREA

