

# International *49er* Class European Championship

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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will prevail.
- 1.4 Racing rules are changed as stated in Addendum Q (as posted on the official notice board) which will apply to the medal-race. If there is a conflict between these sailing instructions and Addendum Q, the Addendum will prevail.

### **2 IDENTIFICATION**

- 2.1 Additional identification  
Boats will be required to affix the stickers provided by the organizing authority on both sides of the forward 25% of the hull.
- 2.2 Identification on sails  
Appendix G3 will apply. Boats chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of class rules. In no circumstances will such a boat be permitted to race displaying the sail number of another boat that is racing. This changes rule G3.

### **3 CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

Competitors may be required to carry on board cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organizing authority.

### **4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the Club's veranda

### **5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than two hours before the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races, will be posted by 20:00h the day before it will take effect except, as altered by SI 8.2.2 and 8.2.3

### **6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located outside the Clubhouse. When a signal is displayed over a fleet flag, it applies to that fleet only.
- 6.2 Flag D displayed ashore with one sound signal this means: “the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed or not before the scheduled time, whichever is later. Boats shall not leave their allocated berth until this signal is made”.
- 6.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40, Personal Buoyancy, applies at all times whilst afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.
- 6.4 Flags with the letters “A” or “B” hoisted with the fleet flag with one sound signal will indicate the course area upon which that fleet will race.

## 7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date	Event	Warning signal
Saturday 8 September	Measurement/Registration/Inspection	08.00 – 17.00
Sunday 9 September	Measurement/Registration/Inspection	08.00 – 12.00
	Practice Race	14.55
Monday 10 September	Qualifying-series – 3 races scheduled	12.55
Tuesday 11 September	Qualifying-series – 3 races scheduled	12.55
Wednesday 12 September	Qualifying-series – 3 races scheduled	12.55
Thursday 13 September	Final-series races – 3 races scheduled	12.55
Friday 14 September	Final-series races – 3 races scheduled	12.55
Saturday 15 September	Final-series races – 3 races scheduled	12.55
Sunday 16 September	Seiko Trophy Race	12.55
	Seiko Medal Race	13.55
	Prize giving and closing ceremony	

- 7.1 When more than one race, or sequence of races, will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable

## 8 FORMAT OF RACING - QUALIFYING-SERIES, FINAL-SERIES, MEDAL RACE

- 8.1 The regatta will consist of a qualifying-series and a final-series. The final-series will be followed by a medal-race as described in attachment C.

### 8.2 Qualifying-series

- 8.2.1 Three races per day are scheduled for each fleet.
- 8.2.2 A maximum of five races per day for each fleet may be sailed at the discretion of the race committee.
- 8.2.3 If the minimum number of qualifying-series races have been completed by all fleets by the end of racing on 12 September and some boats have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent races will be excluded when calculating their qualifying series scores.

### 8.3 Final-series

- 8.3.1 On 13, 14 and 15 September three races per day are scheduled for each fleet.
- 8.3.2 A maximum of five races per day for each fleet may be sailed at the discretion of the race committee.

### 8.4 Medal Race

No warning signal for the medal-race will be made after 16:55h on Saturday 16 September.

**9 CLASS FLAGS**

- 9.1 In the qualifying-series, the class flag will be a 49er class insignia on a background of the colour of the appropriate fleet.
- 9.2 In the final-series, the class flag will be a 49er class insignia on a background of yellow (gold fleet), of blue (silver fleet) of red (bronze fleet) and at the discretion of the race committee, of green (emerald fleet).

**10 RACING AREAS**

- 10.1 The racing areas will be:  
Area A  
Area B
- 10.2 Assignment of fleets to the racing areas will be posted before flag D is displayed, see instruction 6.2.
- 10.3 Boats not racing shall not sail in a course area being used by another fleet.
- 10.4 Should the Race Committee decide that a fleet should race in another Racing Area either before racing has started or between races the committee boat will hoist flag L with repeated sound signals and proceed to the new Racing Area.
- 10.5 Attachment B shows the location of the race areas.

**11 THE COURSES**

- 11.1 Attachment A shows the course to be sailed, the order in which the marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left, and the signals indicating the number of rounds to be sailed.
- 11.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing from the race committee signal vessel to Mark 1.
- 11.3 At the leeward gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
- 11.4 On the last leg to the finish, the leeward gate is not a mark.

**12 MARKS**

Marks 1 and 2 (gate) - racing area A.....	Red
Marks 1 and 2 (gate) - racing area B.....	Orange
Starting marks.....	Race Committee vessels
Finishing marks.....	Race Committee vessels
Change course.....	Blue

**13 THE START**

- 13.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks (race committee starting vessels) at each end of the starting line.
- 13.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 13.3 If any part of a boat's hull crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal, the race committee will display flag 'V'. It will be displayed until all boats have sailed completely to the pre-start side, but not after the starting signal.
- 13.4 Except when 13.6 applies, a boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rules A4 and A5.

- 13.5 To alert boats that another race will begin soon, the orange flag on the race committee signal vessel will be displayed with repeated sound signals two minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 13.6 When a boat breaks rule 29.1, 30.1 or 30.3, a member of the race committee will point a flag X at her, make a sound signal and hail her sail number, but not earlier than four minutes after the starting signal. The hailed boat shall immediately retire from the race. If she fails to do so she will be disqualified without a hearing and her score will not be excluded. This changes rules A4.2 and A5.
- 14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**  
To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practical. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 15 THE FINISH**  
The finishing line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the finishing marks. The finishing committee boat will display a blue flag.
- 16 TIME LIMITS**
- 16.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:  
Time limit.....45 minutes  
Mark 1 time limit.....15 minutes  
Target time.....30 minutes
- 16.2 If no boat has passed mark 1 within the mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 17 PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 17.1 Rule 44.2 is changed so that the two turn penalty is replaced by a one turn penalty.
- 17.2 Appendix P will apply as changed by SI 17.1
- 18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 18.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 18.2 The protest time limit for each fleet will be posted on the jury notice board located in the Clubhouse. The protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the last boat of the fleet has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area. This time limit also applies to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 18.3 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 jury room located outside the Clubhouse. Hearings may start before the scheduled time with the agreement of all parties.
- 18.4 The race committee or jury intending to protest a boat under rules 60.2 or 60.3 will comply with rule 61.1(b) by informing her by posting a notice before the end of the protest time limit.
- 18.5 A list of boats that, under Appendix P, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the jury will be posted on the jury notice board.

- 18.6 For the purposes of rule 64.3(b) the ‘authority responsible’ is the measurer appointed by the organizing authority.
- 18.7 Breaches of instructions 2, 3, 10.3, 13.2, 21, 22.2, 23.2, 25 and 26 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides.
- 18.8 On the last scheduled day of racing of each series a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- i) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - ii) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
  - iii) within 30 minutes of flag signal ‘AP’ over ‘A’ being displayed ashore.
- This changes rule 66.
- 18.9 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## **19 INTERNATIONAL JURY**

- 19.1 The international jury shall fulfil the responsibilities prescribed in rules N2.1, N2.2(a) and N2.3(c).
- 19.2 The decisions of the international jury will be final. The right of appeal is denied in accordance with rule 70.4.

## **20 SCORING**

### **20.1 Qualifying-series**

- 20.1.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A, as changed below, will apply to the qualifying-series.
- 20.1.2 For all fleets, five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 20.1.3 When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat’s qualifying-series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 20.1.4 When rules 30.2, 44.3, A4.2 and A5 apply, a boat’s penalty score shall be based on the number of boats in the largest group. This changes rules A4.2 and A5.

### **20.2 Final-series**

- 20.2.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply separately to each final-series fleet. Different final-series fleets need not have completed the same number of final races.
- 20.2.2 Points equal to a boat’s qualifying-series score shall be added to her final-series score.
- 20.2.3 When fewer than 5 final-series races have been completed, a boat’s final-series score shall be the sum of her race scores.
- 20.2.4 When from 5 to 9 final-series races have been completed, a boat’s final-series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

### **20.3 Medal race**

- 20.3.1 After 3 final series races have been completed for the gold fleet the medal race will be sailed, rule A4.1 is changed so that the points are doubled, and rule A4.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to compete in that race.
- 20.3.2 Rules 30.2, 44.3, A4.2 and A5, a boat’s penalty score shall be based on the number of boats in the medal race. This changes rules A4.2 and A5.

20.3.4 A boat assigned to compete in the medal race shall make a genuine effort to start, sail the course and finish. A breach of this SI will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). The penalty for this breach will be ranking the boat tenth in the regatta.

#### **20.4 Regatta score**

When assigned to the medal-race, a boat's regatta score shall consist of her final-series score (including her qualifying-series points score) plus her medal-race score. The medal-race score shall not be excluded.

For all other boats their regatta scores will consist of their final-series score (including her qualifying-series points score).

#### **20.5 Series ties**

For boats assigned to compete in the medal-race, ties in the regatta score will be broken by the medal-race score. If the tie remains the tie will be broken by using the tied boats' final-series scores. This changes rule A8.

#### **20.6 Scoring enquiries**

To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office. Scoring enquiry forms shall be delivered to the race office. A scoring enquiry may be regarded as a request for redress.

#### **20.7 Scoring abbreviation**

The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under SI 18.7 will be 'DPI'.

### **21 SAFETY**

Boats not leaving the shore for the day's races shall notify the race office as soon as possible.

### **22 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

22.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without written approval of the race committee.

22.2 Requests for substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. On Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 September any replacement equipment shall be approved no later than the protest time limit.

### **23 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

23.1 All boats will be inspected for class rules compliance prior to racing. Boats shall be presented for measurement checks at the times prescribed in SI 7.

23.2 In addition, any boat or equipment may be checked for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions at any time. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for measurement checks.

23.3 Limitations of equipment

i) Only one set of sails shall be used during the regatta. The sails shall be presented and stamped during the initial inspection.

ii) Only one forestay shall be used during the regatta. The forestay will be tagged during the initial inspection.

23.4 All boats, when not afloat, shall be placed in the official dinghy park.

## 24 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be identified as follows:

Race committee boats.....	Yellow flags with letter “A” or Orange flags with letter “B”
Safety boats.....	Yellow or Orange flags
Jury boats.....	JURY flag
Other boat under control of RC.....	PRESS flag

## 25 SUPPORT BOATS

25.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the area where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. This SI does not apply during rescue operations.

25.2 At all times while on water, support boats shall display either their national flag on a staff with the top of the hoist minimum 1.5 m above water level or their national code letters (minimum height 200mm) on the outside of the hull or on the outboard motor cover.

## 26 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## 27 PRIZES

The organizing authority will provide prizes to the first three boats in each of the fleets.

## 28 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

## 29 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,500,000 (euro) or the equivalent.

# Attachment A

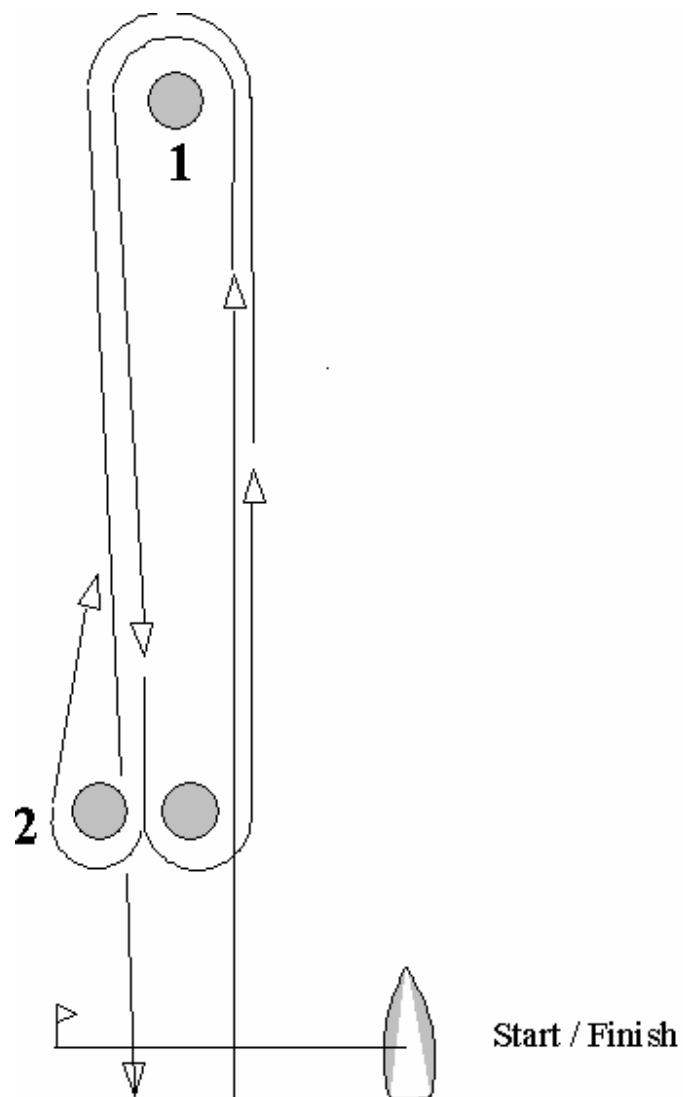
## Course Layout

The order of rounding will be

**Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish**

When a white board showing 3 laps is displayed at or before the warning signal the order of rounding will be

**Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish**



# Attachment B

## Course Locations

# Attachment C

## Format of Racing

### QUALIFYING-SERIES, FINAL-SERIES, MEDAL RACE

The regatta will consist of a qualifying-series and a final-series. The final-series will be followed by a medal-race.

### ASSIGNMENT OF BOATS TO FLEETS

#### QUALIFYING SERIES

Boats will be assigned to four fleets, yellow, blue, red and green.  
Boats will be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing.

The organizing authority will make initial fleet assignments on the basis of the current ISAF Ranking List, recent results and any other relevant information. This ranking will remain in force until the end of a day during which the 2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying Race is completed by all fleets.

If all fleets have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned to fleets on the basis of their series scores. If all fleets have not completed the same number of races the scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by all fleets. Reassignments will be made as follows:

<u>Place in series score</u>	<u>Fleet assignment</u>
First.....	Yellow
Second.....	Blue
Third.....	Red
Fourth.....	Green
Fifth.....	Green
Sixth.....	Red
Seventh.....	Blue
Eighth.....	Yellow
and so on	

Assignments will be based on the scores available at 21:00h that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided. The fleet assignments will be posted no later than 09:00h on the day they take effect.

If all fleets have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the fleets with fewer races will continue racing the following day until all fleets have completed the same number of races. Thereafter all boats will race in their new fleets.

## **FINAL-SERIES**

Boats will be assigned to three or more fleets on the basis of their qualifying-series scores. The final-series fleets will be gold, silver and bronze, and at the discretion of the race committee, emerald. Boats will race all final-series races in these fleets.

The first 25 boats in the qualifying-series will be assigned to the gold fleet. The remaining boats, based on their qualifying-series scores, will be assigned to the silver and bronze fleets, and at the discretion of the race committee, the emerald fleet. If the total number of boats to be assigned to the silver, bronze and emerald fleets is not evenly divisible; the first extra position will be assigned to the silver fleet with the second going to the bronze fleet if required.

Any recalculation of qualifying-series scores after boats have been assigned to final-series fleets will not affect those assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.

## **MEDAL-RACE**

After completion of the gold fleet's final-series, the ten boats ranked highest in the gold fleet will be assigned to compete in the medal-race.

## **NUMBER OF RACES**

### **Qualifying-series**

The qualifying-series will consist of a minimum of five races and a maximum of nine races.

### **Final-series**

The final-series will consist of a maximum of nine races.