OPTIOPENING 2024

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ADRIATIC GOLDENSERIES 2024

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29 Februar – 3 March, 2024

Portorož - Slovenija

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation [NP] in a rule in the sailing instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2. The following prescriptions of Slovenian Sailing Federation will apply for Slovenian boats only:
- Rules for advertising
- Rules for registration of competitors.

Documents are available at www.jzs.si/dokumenti

1.3. Penalty for violation of the Class Rules may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2 and 64.4.

1.4. Appendix T of RRS will apply (Arbitration procedures).

1.5. For the Rookie category only:
Add new rule 41 (e)
(e) verbal instructions from coaches or other persons, provided boats are not fighting for top 5 positions.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 9:30 on the day it will take effect.

2.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official online notice board located at www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/8145/event

3.2. Notices will be also repeated on the notice board located in front of the race office and on the event website.

3.3. Failure to repeat notice on the notice board located in front of the race office and/or on the event website shall not be considered a valid reason for request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on flag pole located on the venue.

4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. [NP] FORMAT OF RACING

5.1. Competitors in Junior and Cadet category will be split into fleets and the regatta will consist of an opening series followed by final series.
Rookie category will sail as one fleet.

5.2. [DP] Boats will be assigned to yellow, blue and red fleet on a daily basis and shall display a coloured ribbon corresponding to the colour of her fleet flying from the top of the sprit.
The ribbons will be provided by the Race Office only at registration.

5.3. The opening series will take place on the first two days of racing, unless 4 races have not been completed by all fleets by the end of the second racing day. If 4 races have not been completed by all fleets by the end of the second racing day, the opening series will continue on the third racing day and the Final series will be cancelled.

5.4.
a) Initial assignments for the opening series will be made on a random basis and by Race Committee. Those assignments will be posted after the end of registrations on Thursday, 29 February 2024.
b) Boats will be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing, except if on the first day only one race is completed. If all fleets have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned on the basis of their ranks in the series. If all fleets have not completed the same number of races the series scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races completed by all fleets.
c) Reassignments will be made on a 1,2,3,… 3,2,1, etc. basis into different colour fleets.
d) Reassignments will be based on the ranking available at 21:00 hrs that day regardless of protests or requests for redress or requests for scoring inquiry not yet decided

5.5. Boats will be assigned to final series starting fleets on the basis of their ranks in the opening series. The final series starting fleets will be, as nearly as possible, of equal size but so that the Silver fleet is not larger than the Gold fleet and so on. Boats with the best opening series ranks will race all final series races in Gold, boats with the next best opening series ranks will race in Silver and so on….

5.6. Any recalculation of the opening series ranking after the boats have been assigned to final series fleets will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.

5.7. Different final series fleets do not need to complete the same number of final races.

5.8. Fleets

Opening series	**Final series**
Yellow	Gold (yellow)
Blue	Silver (blue)
Red	Bronze (red)
-	Rookie (no ribbons)

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

	Date	**Time**	**Description**	**Category**	**No. of races**
6.1.	1 Mar	09:30	Coach meeting		
		11:00	Racing	Junior & Cadet – opening series	3
	2 Mar	11:00	Racing	Junior & Cadet – opening series	3
			Racing	Rookie – final series	3
	3 Mar	11:00	Racing	Junior & Cadet – final series	3
			Racing	Rookie – final series	3
		after racing	Prize giving ceremony		

6.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is at 11:00.

6.3. To alert boats that a race or a 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.

6.4. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 16:00.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 Class flags will be:

Category	**Flag**
Junior & Cadet:	Fleet colour flag
Rookie:	Optimist class insignia

8. RACING AREAS

8.1 Addendum A shows the location of the club and the racing areas.

9. COURSES

9.1. The diagrams in Addendum B show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2. If only one gate mark is set, boats shall leave the single mark to port.

10. MARKS

10.1. Marks 1, 2, 3p and 3s will be yellow inflatable cylindrical buoys.
Mark 4 will be blue inflatable cylindrical buoy.

10.2. The starting line marks will be the race committee signal vessel on starboard end and race committee vessel or yellow inflatable cylindrical buoy at the port-end.

10.3. The finishing line marks will be the race committee vessel at the starboard end and race committee vessel or spar buoy at the port-end.

10.4. New marks, as provided in SI 12.1 will be orange inflatable buoys.

11. THE START

11.1. The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
If port-end mark vessel is not on position, the staff on port-end starting mark will be replaced with the course side of the port-end starting mark.

11.2. [DP] [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.3. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

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12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1. 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 practicable.

12.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard.

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between staffs displaying blue flags on the finishing marks .

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. RRS Appendix P applies as changed by SI 14.2.

14.2. RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

14.3. A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1. Time limits are as follows:

	Mark 1 time limit	*Time limit*	*Target time*
Junior & Cadet	30 min	90 min	50 min
Rookie	30 min	60 min	35 min

15.2. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned.

15.3. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sailed the course and finish, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

16. HEARING REQUESTS

16.1. For each class / category, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. Hearing requests shall be lodged in the race office withing the lime limit.

16.2. Hearing request forms are available at the Race Office. Hearing requests may be lodged also through on-line system available at www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/8145/event

16.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after 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, beginning at the time posted on the notice board, and can start before the end of protest time limit.

16.4. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

17. SCORING

17.1. RRS A5.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.

17.2. If at the end of the last day of opening series, some boats have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent races will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of race scores.

17.3. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.4. (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

18.1 [DP] [NP] A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat shall proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection after instructed so by a measurer or race committee equipment inspector.

19. OFFICIAL VESSELS

19.1 Offical vessels will be marked as follows

Mark Layers	Yellow RC flag
International Jury	Red JURY flag
Journalists and photo	Blue PRESS flag
Rescue	Red cross flag

20. SUPPORT VESSELS

20.1. [DP] [NP] Support vessels shall be marked with a numbered flag.

20.2. Coaches are encouraged to use a VHF Radio. Race committee will use VHF radio to communicate to the coaches, including the location of the starting area, timings, UFD and BFD sail numbers and all other informations.

20.3. VHF channel 72 will be used to communicate with coaches.

20.4. [DP] [NP] Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing or will be racing from the time of the warning signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

20.5. [DP] [NP]To observe a race, support vessels may move from leeward to windward, keeping well clear of the exclusion boundary, approximately 100 m from the course area.

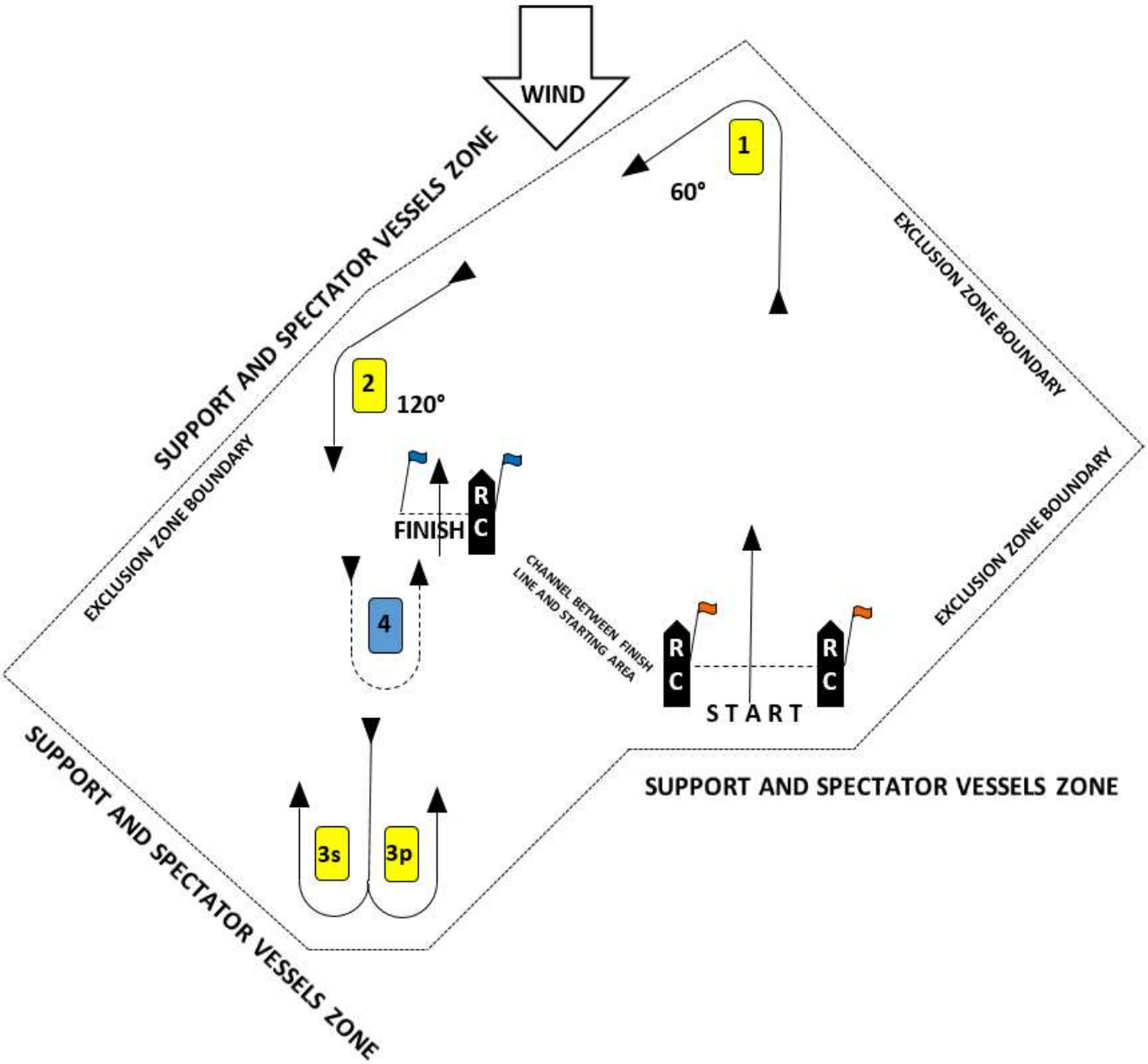
21. PRIZES

21.1 As described in the Notice of Race.

22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boats handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes**.

Addendum: A

Addendum B:

Junior & Cadet: Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p (gate) – Finish
Rookie: Start – 1 – 2 – 4 – Finish