

# International Grand Prix Vila de Blanes '15

**EUROPA - 420 - 29er CLASS**

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



**club vela blanes**

The INTERNATIONAL GRAND PRIX VILA DE BLANES for the 420, Europe and 29er classes will be held in the Blanes bay from January 2nd to 5th, 2015. It will be organized by the Club Vela Blanes and the FCV.

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Appendix P will apply
- 1.3 Protests may be resolved by mediation system prior to the hearing.
- 1.4 It may require coaches and other support staff use of life jackets.
- 1.5 In case of discrepancy between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the latter shall prevail

### **2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors or any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board located next to the Race Office.( TOA )
- 2.2 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 1 hour before the first scheduled warning signal of the 1st race of the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.3 Changes to the sailing instructions made on the water can be done verbally.

### **3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Official Pole, close to the club restaurant.
- 3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, 'warning signal' is replaced with "'D" flag' in the race signal AP.
- 3.3 Flag 'D' over Orange flag and one sound means: 'The warning signal for the 420 and Europe class will be made not less than **30 minuts** after flag 'D' is displayed. Boats are request not to leave the harbour until this signal is made.
- 3.4 Flag 'D' over Green flag and one sound means: 'The warning signal for the 29er class will be made not less than **30 minuts** after flag 'D' is displayed. Boats are request not to leave the harbour until this signal is made.
- 3.5 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

### **4. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 4.1 The regatta will be raced in a single fleet for Europe, 420 and 29er class.
- 4.2 10 Races are scheduled for Europe and 420 classes and 14 for 29er class.
- 4.3 Three races per day are scheduled for Europe - 420 classes and four races per day are scheduled for 29er class, except on day January 2th when two races are scheduled.
- 4.4 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule. The Race Committee will start the procedure for the second, third or fourth races as soon as practical.
- 4.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:00 hours.
- 4.6 Schedule of races:

DAY	HOUR	SCHEDULE			
		EUROPA	420	29er	
January 2nd 2015	08:30 to 11h	Registration			
		First Race Warning Signal			
January 3rd 2015	09:00h	Races	Races		
	Next	(warning signal).	Lunch		
January 4th 2015	09:00h	Races			
	Next	Lunch			
January 5 th 2015	09:00h	Races			
	Next	Lunch			
	16:00h	Prize Giving			
* The prize giving time is estimated.					

## 5. CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1 Europe class logo on white background.
- 5.2 420 class logo on white background.
- 5.3 29er class logo on white background.

## 6. RACING AREA

Races will take place in the Blanes bay, close to the Club de Vela Blanes.

6.1 **Attachment 1** shows the location of Racing areas. ( Alfa / Bravo Areas )

6.2 Race Committee vessels will be identified with an orange flag in Alfa area and Green flag in Bravo Area. Protest Committee boats will be identified with a white flag with a black 'J'.

## 7. THE COURSE

7.1 See **Attachment 2**.

7.2 No later than the warning signal the Race Committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg and the course to be sailed.

7.3 When a mark is a gate, boats should sail between the marks and round one of them.

## 8. MARKS

8.1 **Area Alfa marks:**

Inflatables, orange cilíndricals with the FCV logo.

8.2 **Area Bravo marks:**

Inflatables, green cilíndricals with the Codorniu logo.

## 9. RACE FORMAT

The regatta will be sailed in fleet format.

## 10. THE START

10.1 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rule A4.

10.3 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned. This changes rule 26 Starting Races and RRS

63.1. When flag U is used as the preparatory signal rule 29.1 Individual recall does not apply. The scoring abbreviation for a flag U penalty is UFD. This changes A11 Scoring Abbreviations.

## 11 CHANGES OF COURSE

- 11.1 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. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee Boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearest mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1

## 12 STARTING LINE

- 12.1 Alfa Area: The starting line will be between a staff on the Race Committee boat displaying an Orange flag at the starboard-end side and a staff displaying an Orange flag on the starting mark at the port-end side. The starting mark may be replaced for a vessel if the race committee think opportunity
- 12.2 Bravo Area: The starting line will be between a staff on the Race Committee boat displaying a Green flag at the starboard-end side and a staff displaying a Green flag on the starting mark at the port-end side.

## 13 FINISHING LINE

- 13.1 Area Alfa: The finishing line will be between a staff on the Race Committee boat displaying a blue flag at the port-end side and a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark at the starboard-end side.
- 13.2 Area Bravo: The finishing line will be between a staff on the Race Committee boat displaying a green flag at the port-end side and a staff displaying a green flag on the finishing mark at the starboard-end side.

## 14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 If no boat has passed Mark one within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 14.2 Time limit and target time in minutes for the first boat are as follows:

Class	Mark 1 time limit	Course target time	Time limit
420 – Europe	30 min	50 min	90 min
29 er	20 min	30 min	60 min

14.3 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4.

## 15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest will be made in writing on forms available at the Race Office and they will be presented within the protest deadline.
- 15.2 A boat that accepts a penalization under rule 44.1 must fill out a form and present it to the Regatta Office before the protest time limit.
- 15.3 Protests under Rule 64.3 del RRV, will be lodged with a 100,00 € fee.
- 15.4 The time limit deadline to protest will end **60 minuts** after the last race of the day. The resulting hour will be posted on the TOA.
- 15.5 Requests for reopening a hearing will be lodged no later than 30 minuts after the parties have been informed of the decision. Changes rule 66 del RRS.
- 15.6 The notification of the boats involved in protests about the order of the hearing will be posted more than 30 minutes after the time limit for protesting. The protest will approximately follow the order that they are received. We ask that the parties involve remain near the protest office.
- 15.7 The notification to the boats protested by the RC or PC will be posted before the time limit. Before the time limit to protest a list of the boats penalized under rules 30, P2 and A5 will be posted on the TOA. A boat that has been notified like this will have a time limit of 30 minutes to protest for redress.

## 16 SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply
- 16.2 Two races are required to constitute the Interntional Grand Prix Vila de Blanes 2015
- 16.3 Discards:
- (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 5 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 11 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst

## **17 COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS**

17.1 Support Boats and coaches must be entered at the Race Office. Support Boats and coaches must leave the racing area and starting line as soon as the warning signal is displayed and stay out of these zones (except when a boat is in danger and needs assistance) until after the last boat has finished the race.

17.2 If coach or support boats do not complete this sailing instruction, all boats related to the support or coach boat could be penalized or committee may take other disciplinary actions at their discretion.

## **18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW**

18.1 Replacement of the skipper will not be allowed.

## **19 SECURITY RULES**

19.1 Check-in and check-out: Before going afloat and immediately after returning ashore, but not later than the protest time limit, the skipper of the participating boats shall personally sign a signature control form at the Race Office. This control will also be fulfilled when returning ashore between races. Boats breaking this sailing instruction will be penalized with 3 points.

19.2 Coaches and support boats are requested to be on stand by on the VHF 69 regatta channel for Alfa Area and VHF 72 for Bravo Area.

19.3 When the Red Cross emblem is displayed (red cross on white background) on the Race Committee signal boat, coaches and other support boats will collaborate with the organising committee in rescue tasks.

## **20 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not throw trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

## ATTACHMENT 1:

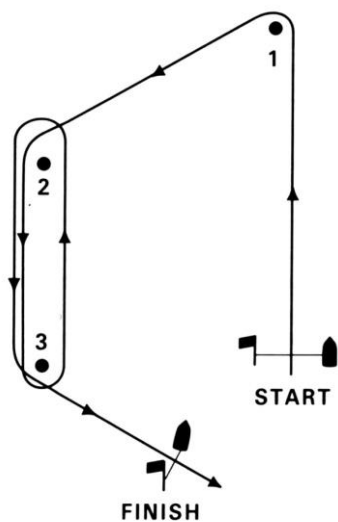


## ATTACHMENT 2: COURSES

### ÁREA ALFA

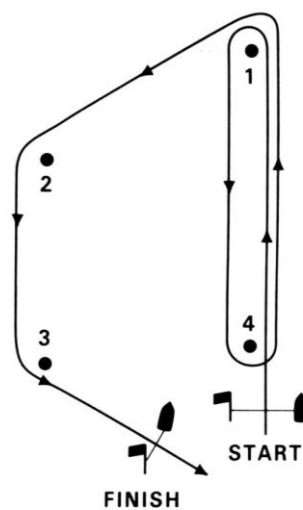
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#### Course “ZI”

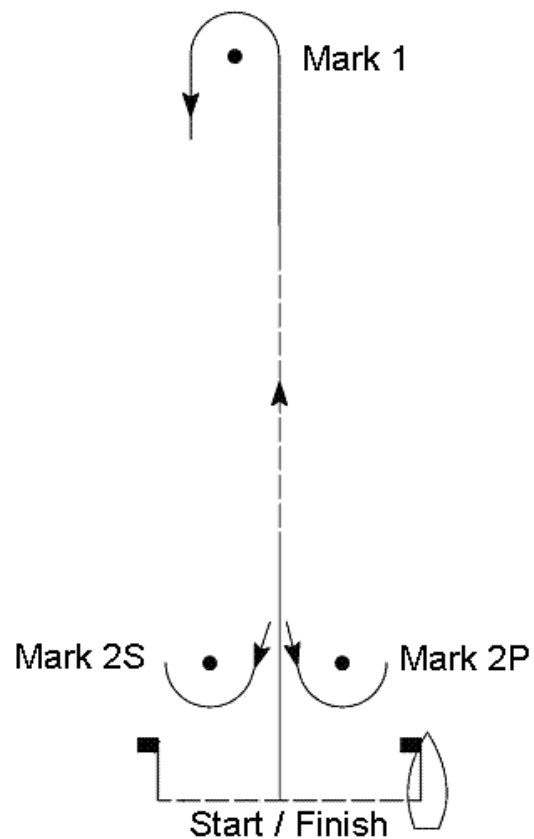
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### ÁREA BRAVO:

#### Course

Start - 1 - 2S/P - 1 – Finish



**ATTACHMENT 3:**