

Sailing Instructions

17th International Marblehead World Championship

Limone Sul Garda, Italy, September 23 – 30 2016

1. RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*. RRS Appendix E will apply.

1.2 The following documents will also govern the event:

- International Marblehead Class Rules
- IRSA Championship Regulations
- Equipment Rules of Sailing
- IRSA Sailing Addendum Q (Umpiring)
- Heat Management System (HMS) 2014 v2
- IRSA SYRPH
- IRSA Case Book

1.3 The Jury will publish a document setting out an accelerated procedure for protests and requests for redress.

1.4 Changes to the *Racing Rules of Sailing*:

RRS E6.6 (Redress) is changed by deleting the words “...and as a result retiring...”

Add to RRS E4.2 (Outside Help):

(d) when a boat's hull rig or appendages are entangled, or she is aground or in danger help from a race committee vessel;

(e) unsolicited information from a disinterested source. A competitor is not a disinterested source unless acting as an observer.

However, a boat that gains a significant advantage in the heat or race from help received under rule 41 may be protested and penalized; any penalty may be less than disqualification.

1.5 Other rule changes are identified in the relevant Sailing Instruction

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board situated near the Race Office.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 The International Jury and the IRSA delegate shall approve changes in the Sailing Instructions.

3.2 Any change of the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the Official Notice Board and shall take effect from the first heat of a new race. However, changes to the Control Area, Launching Area and Practice Area will take effect from the next heat. When a notice is posted the race committee will make two sound signals followed by a hail announcing that a change has been posted.

3.3 Any change to the scheduled first warning signal of the day will be posted by 18:00 or earlier on the day before it will take effect.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 Schedule

September 23-24, 2016	Registration, Practice, Equipment Inspection
September 24, 2016	Opening ceremony (evening)
September 25 -30, 2016	Racing days 08:00 until 18:30. The Race Committee may continue racing after 18:30.
September 28	Reserve day. There may be racing if less than 3 races have been completed at the end of racing on Tuesday September 27.
September 30 2016	Racing from 08:00 until 16:00 The Closing Ceremony will start at 17:30.

More information at <http://worlds2016.marbleheadclass.org>

4.2 The scheduled time for the first warning signal on September 25- September 30 is 08:00. The racing area will be available for practice from 07:00 to 07:45.

4.3 The first warning signal of a heat shall not be given after 18:30, unless a change to the Sailing Instructions is announced according to SI 3.2.

4.4 On September 30 the first warning signal of a heat will not be given after 16:00.

5. COMPETITORS AS OBSERVERS

5.1 The race committee will appoint observers. All competitors will serve as observers as required by the race committee.

5.2 A competitor unable to serve as an observer for a heat shall obtain prior written approval from the race committee, or notify the race committee in writing of the name and sail number of a substitute observer, who shall also be a competitor. Approval will normally only be granted if a competitor's boat requires immediate repairs or on medical or safety grounds.

5.3 An observer appointed for a heat who is not present in the control area from the Warning Signal until released by the race committee, or who fails to act diligently as an observer, may be protested by the race committee under rule 60.2(a).

6. RACING AREA

6.1 The sailing area will be located at Limone sul Garda.

6.2 Boats may be launched and sailed at any time in the practice area. The limits to the practice area will be posted on the official notice board.

6.3 A boat not racing in the heat being sailed shall not sail within 16 metres (50 feet) of either a boat racing or any mark of the racing course.

6.4 Changes to the practice area will be posted on the Official Notice Board according to SI 3.2.

6.5 A boat infringing SI 6.2 or 6.3 may be penalised by the Race Committee without a hearing. The penalty will be a One-Turn penalty to be taken according to rule E7(b). This changes rules 63.1, 64.1 and A5.

7. CONTROL AREA AND LAUNCHING

7.1 The limits to the Control Area will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Competitors shall be in this area when controlling boats that are racing, except briefly to handle and then release or relaunch the boat

7.2 The Launch Area will be defined by a notice posted on the Official Notice Board.

7.3 Boats may not enter the Launch Area until authorized by the Race Committee.

7.4 A boat infringing SI 7.3 may be penalised by the Race Committee without a hearing. The penalty will be a One-Turn penalty to be taken according to rule E7(b). This changes rules 63.1, 64.1 and A5.

Launching and re-launching

(a) A boat scheduled to race in a heat may be launched, held in the launching area, taken ashore or re-launched at any time during the heat. However, she shall not be released for the first time during a heat after the first boat in that heat has *finished*.

(b) Boats shall be launched or recovered only from within the launching area.

(c) While ashore or within the launching area, boats may be adjusted, drained of water or repaired; have their sails/rigs changed; have entangled objects removed; or have equipment repaired or changed.

7.5 Changes to the Control Area and the Launching Area will be notified as required by SI 3.2

8. COURSES

8.1 The course, including a description of the marks, starting and finishing line, the order in which marks are to rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left, will be displayed on the course board as provided in RRS E3.3 before the warning signal of each heat.

9. HEAT COMPOSITION

9.1 The heat composition will be posted on the Heat Board near the control area.

9.2 Heat selection for Race 1 shall be carried out as follows:

The boats will be ranked according to their finishing positions, if any, in the previous Marblehead World Championships. Boats without a finishing position in the previous Marblehead World Championships. shall be ranked according to the alphabetical order of the competitor's surname. From this list of ranked boats, boats will be sorted into heats in the order: A, B, C, D, E, E, D, C, B, A and so on.

10. THE START

10.1 The Race Committee will hail the heat and race number of the next heat. It is the competitor's responsibility to hear this call and for the boat to compete in her assigned heat. Failure to hear and comply with the Race Committee's hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

10.2 Following a general recall the warning signal will be made as soon as possible. This changes rule 29.2 as modified by rule E3.6.

11. TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 No boat shall start after the first boat in the heat has finished.
- 11.2 Boats starting more than one minute after the starting signal shall hail and receive acknowledgement from the Race Officer that they have started.
- 11.3 The time limit for the first boat to finish after having sailed the course in accordance with rule 28 shall be 30 minutes.

12. TIME OUT LIMIT

- 12.1 Except as in SI 12.4, the Time Out Limit for *racing* after the first boat finishes shall be 5 minutes.
- 12.2 At the expiry of the Time Out Limit:
- If 6 or fewer boats are still *racing* they shall be recorded according to SI 12.3.
 - If more than 6 boats are still *racing* the Time Out Limit shall be extended until only 6 boats remain *racing*, at which point they shall be recorded according to SI 12.3.
- 12.3 Boats failing to finish within the Time Out Limit shall be recorded as DNF, RET, OCS, DNS or DNC in that order, as appropriate. The Race Committee will record the order on the water of boats that would otherwise be scored DNF that were still racing when the Time Out Limit ended. These boats will not be scored DNF but will be given finishing places determined by the order on the water recorded by the Race Committee and scored according to rule A4.1.
- 12.4 There will be no Time Out Limit in Race 1.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing. The protest committee may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
- 13.2 Parties to a protest shall be informed orally by hailing that a protest hearing is opening. It is the responsibility of the parties to come to the hearing without delay accompanied by any witness. No other notice of the hearing will be given. This changes RRS 63.2.
- 13.3 The IRSA SYRPH (System for Reducing Protest Hearings) will be used, when applicable, before a formal protest hearing is opened.
- 13.4 Protests may be heard under rule N1.4(b). The time limit for requesting a hearing by a full International Jury is 5 minutes after the parties have been informed of the panel's decision. However, after the warning signal of any heat to which a party to the hearing may be promoted, any decision or redress shall not change the race schedule for that race. This changes rules 64.1 and 64.2
- 13.5 For the purposes of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the IRSA Technical Committee or its official delegate at the event.
- 13.6 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

14. SCORING SYSTEM

- 14.1 Heat Management System will apply.
- 14.2 Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.3 A boat finishing in a heat to which she has not been assigned will be scored DNS for the heat to which she was assigned. She will not sail in her assigned heat.

15. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 15.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

16. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 16.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee, equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

17. TRANSMITTERS

- 17.1 Unless the Race Committee prohibits their use, competitors not racing may use their transmitters at any time for the purpose of tuning or practice sailing.

18. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the ten (10) first position.

19. LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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.

20. CONDUCT

- 20.1 **Major regattas offer significant public exposure to our sport. Inappropriate competitor behaviour can reflect negatively that exposure. All participants are advised that their actions will be under scrutiny, not only by the public, but also by the race officials. Kindly behave with dignity and respect.**

Any behaviour that breaches good manners or sportsmanship or that brings our sport into disrepute will result in a hearing under RRS 69 (Allegations of gross misconduct).

Penalties may include umpire-given penalty turns (under IRSA Addendum Q, penalty taken immediately to avoid a protest hearing), disqualifying a boat from the race in question or subsequent races, exclusion from the regatta, or other action within the International Jury's jurisdiction.