



# ORC Sportboat European Championship 2025

## Torbole, Lago di Garda, Italy

### 11 – 17 May 2025

## Notice of Race

### ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:

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### 1 Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The latest version of the following rules will also apply:
  - a) IMS Rules
  - b) ORC Rating Systems Rules
  - c) ORC Sportboat Class Rules
  - d) [DP] World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Appendix B. In addition, boats shall have a marine VHF transceiver as defined in OSR 3.29.5 and adequate propulsion system or support boat for towing.
- 1.3 Under RRS 87, ORC Rule 206 is changed as follows:
  - a) All sails shall have measurement stamp or sticker with all required measurements clearly readable.
  - b) [DP] Each boat shall select sails to be used at the event up to the maximum numbers as defined in ORC Rule 206.1. Selected sails will be marked with event's sticker. Only sails marked with event's sticker may be on board during the event.
  - c) [DP] Sails carried on board may vary from day to day but shall remain the same for each individual race day, including days with multiple races even in the case of damage to sails. The race day begins when the boat leaves for the race course from its dock or mooring.
  - d) [DP] Sails damaged during the event may be repaired. Sails beyond repair may be replaced with permission of the technical committee.
- 1.4 Minimum crew weight as defined in ORC Rules 102.3 and 200.1(b) shall apply.
- 1.5 No national authority prescriptions will apply except that Italian sailors shall be verified at the Italian Sailing Federation.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.



## 2 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available for each entrant at completion of the registration formalities and may be posted earlier at [https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/9859/event\\_links?name=orc-sportboat-european-championship](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/9859/event_links?name=orc-sportboat-european-championship)

## 3 Communication

- 3.1 The online Official Notice Board (ONB) is located at [https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/9859/event\\_links?name=orc-sportboat-european-championship](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/9859/event_links?name=orc-sportboat-european-championship)
- 3.2 Communication with competitors will be through the online ONB with additional courtesy information by e-mails and/or WhatsApp. Each boat shall have at least one device connected to the internet with WhatsApp installed. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio.
- 3.3 [DP] RRS 41(c) is changed as follows:
- A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except help in the form of information, which is freely available to all boats, whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription. However, this shall not include interpretation of information gathered by advice from any source not on the boat specific to the boat and her situation.
  - By way of an example and interpretation, downloading charts, weather and/or tidal GRIB files from subscription services, or having such information passed to the boat in its pure form, is permitted but receiving messages or information which is the result of interpretation from the person outside of the boat is not permitted.

## 4 Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 Competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Code.
- 4.2 The event is open to all boats complying with ORC Sportboat Class Rules as follows:

Length overall LOA (m)	6.00 – 9.15
Displacement in measurement trim DSPM (kg)	< 2000
Displacement / Length Ratio DSPM / LSM0 <sup>3</sup>	< 6.66

Boats shall have a valid 2025 ORC International certificate with flotation date not earlier than **11 May 2020**.

- 4.3 Boats will be divided in three Divisions as follows:

	Division A	Division B	Division C
Displacement / Length Ratio DSPM / LSM0 <sup>3</sup>	< 3.70	< 6.66	< 6.66
Spinnaker	Asymmetric on CL	Symmetric or Asymmetric	Symmetric or Asymmetric
Crew Arm Extension CEXT	≤ 0.25	≤ 0.25	> 0.25

The minimum number of boats plus the number of countries in each division shall be 14. If this is not met by **1 May 2025** the organizing authority may in agreement with the ORC modify the limits and division splits with the intention to keep boats of similar characteristics in the same division or cancel that division from the championship.

- 4.4 Any change after applying ORC rule 305.2(b) or (c) shall not change the division the boat was originally entered.
- 4.5 Eligible boats may pre-register until **12 April 2025** by completing the on-line registration form at <https://www.circolovelatorbole.com/it/regatta/detail/289>. Late entries may be accepted at organizer's discretion and higher entry fee may be charged.

- 4.6 To be considered as pre-registered, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees. The list of pre-registered boats will be updated on the event website upon receipt of each new entry.
- 4.7 Once the entry is accepted, each boat shall submit a crew list before **1 May 2025**. Crew lists shall include all crew members who will be on board at the start of the first race and may be amended up to the start of the first race. After this time, any change in the crew shall be notified to the race office.
- 4.8 Each owner or skipper must personally register in the race office located in Circolo Vela Torbole from 09:00 on 11 May 2025 until 13:00 on 13 May 2025.

## 5 Entry Fee

- 5.1 The entry fee of 850 EUR if paid until **15 March 2025** or 980 EUR if paid after that date per boat shall be by bank transfer to the following account:

CIRCOLO VELA TORBOLE

Account Bank City:

CASSA RURALE ALTO GARDA Torbole – Italy

EUR IBAN: IT 90 W 08016 35102 000016013141

BIC Code: CCRTIT04A

- 5.2 The entry fee covers the berthing fee for the scheduled measurement and racing days. In case of a longer berthing time or earlier arrival, the boats shall pay an additional fee in the secretary office. A discount will be provided for all crew participating the event.
- 5.3 The entry fee is non-refundable, even if the entry is cancelled later or the boat does not show up, except for the event or class being cancelled by the OA.
- 5.4 The organizing authority is not responsible for any costs incurred by the non-acceptance of a boat's registration.

## 6 Amateur crews (Corinthian Division) and Female crews (Female Division)

- 6.1 There will be additional prizes for Corinthian and Female Divisions for a minimum of 3 entries of each division in each class. Corinthian and Female Divisions results will be extrapolated from the overall class results with boats in these division eligible for the overall class prizes as well.
- 6.2 For the Corinthian Division, the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code, Regulation 22 shall apply, and all crew shall hold a valid Group 1 categorization. Details of the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code and information on how to apply can be found on the World Sailing website.
- 6.3 For the Female Division a boat shall have 50% or more female competitors on board.
- 6.4 The closing date for the receipt of valid Corinthian Division or Female Division entries shall be **1 May 2025**. Each entry shall include a complete crew list and show the sex, World Sailing Sailor ID and the categorization group for each crew. All crew shall hold valid categorization prior to this date that do not expire until after the final day of the event. Late entries may be accepted at organizer's discretion after review of all entries received by 1 May 2025.
- 6.5 Any crew change that will make boat not to comply with 6.2 or 6.3 will automatically exclude the boat from the relevant Division.
- 6.6 All crew lists will be posted on the official notice board or website as soon as possible after the registration deadline. The time limit for a protest or request for redress by a boat regarding the World Sailing's Sailors Categorization Code is 20:00 on 15 May 2025.

## 7 Advertising

- 7.1 [DP] Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority according to the World Sailing Advertising Code as follows:
  - bow numbers with advertisement as forward as possible on both sides of the hull
  - division flag that shall be flown on the backstay throughout the entire event.



- 7.2 The organizing authority may also require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of on-board video cameras and/or position devices, use of which will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

## 8 Schedule

Sunday, 11 May - Registration and measurement  
Monday, 12 May - Registration and measurement  
Tuesday, 13 May - Registration and measurement, Practice Race, Opening Ceremony  
Wednesday, 14 May - Coastal race  
Thursday, 15 May - Inshore race(s)  
Friday, 16 May - Inshore race(s)  
Saturday, 17 May - Inshore race(s), Closing Ceremony

- a) The coastal race will be approximately 5-6 hours for the slowest boat.  
b) Inshore races will be approximately 1 to 1.5 hours.  
c) The schedule may be changed depending on the weather and wind conditions.

## 9 Equipment Inspection

- 9.1 Each boat shall have 2025 ORC International certificate issued up to **4 May 2025**. Certificates issued after that date may be accepted only by the request of the relevant ORC Rating office. This changes RRS 78.2.
- 9.2 No changes shall be made on ORC International certificates after **4 May 2025** unless prescribed and approved by the technical committee in correcting any error that may be found in boat's certificate before or during the pre-race equipment inspection and before the start of the first race.
- 9.3 Boats shall be available for equipment inspection from 09:00 on 11 May 2025 until 13:00 on 13 May 2025. Booking of time slots for inspections by the boats will be available through the online system not later than 4 May 2025.
- 9.4 Pre-race measurement check will include boat weighing on each boat launch.
- 9.5 Measurement and rules compliance inspections will be carried out throughout the championship with emphasis on boats well placed in the scoring.
- 9.6 A boat shall not start until she passes the pre-race equipment inspection.

## 10 Venue

- 10.1 The venue for the event is **Torbole, Lago di Garda, Italy**.
- 10.2 The racing areas will be on Lake Garda.

## 11 Penalty system

- 11.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for breaking one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident outside the *Zone* while racing.
- 11.2 The intention is to appoint an international jury as provided in RRS 70.5.

## 12 Scoring

- 12.1 Eight races are scheduled including one coastal race and seven inshore races. Inshore races will be windward/leeward races, except where unusual or extreme local conditions make it impossible to sail a windward/leeward course, then the organizing authority in agreement with the ORC Representative may give permission to sail a substitute course.
- 12.2 At least 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3 When 5 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race score.

- 12.4 Coastal race results will be determined by corrected times calculated by the single ToD calculated by the Weather Routing as provided by the ORC. List of ratings will be published not later than 1 hour before the start.
- 12.5 Inshore race results will be determined by corrected times calculated by the PCS with constructed course.
- 12.6 RRS 90.3(e) shall apply.

### 13 Support person vessels

[DP] All support person vessels shall be registered at the race office. Identification numbers will be provided by the organizing authority. These numbers shall be always visible.

### 14 Berthing

- 14.1 Participating boats will have berthing free of charge in the regatta harbour for the period of 11 – 17 May 2025.
- 14.2 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbour.

### 15 Haul-out Restrictions

- 15.1 [DP] All boats shall be in the water after the pre-race weight check and no later than 17:00 on 13 May 2025. until the end of the last scheduled race of the series.
- 15.2 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out except for the purposes of repairing damage; and only after written permission from the technical committee. While hauled for this purpose, cleaning and polishing of the hull below the waterline will not be permitted. Appendages shall not be removed from the boat during the series.

### 16 Data Protection

Competitors, owners, and their guests shall grant the absolute right and permission to the organizing authority and the ORC for any photography and video footage taken of persons and boats during the event, to be published and/or broadcast in any media, including but not limited to TV advertisements, whatsoever for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information.

### 17 Risk statement

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, boat 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.**

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk, see RRS 3 - Decision to Race. The organizing authority, Circolo Vela Torbole, FIV, UVAI, ORC, the PRO, the race committee, the international jury, the technical committee, the volunteers, and any other party involved in the organization of the event will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event. Each boat owner or his representative accepts these terms by signing the entry form.

### 18 Competitors Drones

- 18.1 [DP] Teams or their representatives shall not fly drones over the shore facilities or over the race area during training or racing days without complying with local legislation and without prior written approval by the organizing authority.



- 18.2 The approval granted at the sole discretion of the organizing authority may impose limitations on where and when drones may fly.
- 18.3 At any time the risk and responsibility for flying any drone is with the person flying the drone and images made inside the race area shall be shared with the organizing authority, race committee or jury at reasonable request.

## **19 Insurance**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of **1.500.000,00 €** per incident or the equivalent.

## **20 Prizes**

Trophies for the ORC Sportboat European Championship 2025 will be awarded to the top three boats in each Division and to the top three boats in Corinthian category. The organizing authority may award additional trophies that will be announced on the event's website.

## **21 Further information**

For further information or earlier arrival, please contact [segreteria@circolovelatorbole.com](mailto:segreteria@circolovelatorbole.com)