



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2017 Farr 40 Gaeta Open Trophy
Yacht Club Gaeta
Gaeta, Italy

1. RULES

- 1.1 This Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the Farr 40 Class Rules.
- 1.2 Yachts shall comply with the current World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4 [except that 5.01.1 (a) shall not apply for this event] and Appendix 3 of the Farr 40 Class Rules. In the event of conflict, designer and manufacturers' original standards shall prevail.
- 1.3 Please refer to Class Rule 30 which states "Except on a beat to windward, a boat's crew may pull in any sail any number of times. This changes RRS 42.3 (c).
- 1.4 Delete the first and second sentences of RRS 44.1 and substitute the following: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty, consisting of one tack and one gybe, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2, Rule 31, or Rule 42 while *racing*. However, if a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 within the zone of a mark other than a starting mark, the penalty that may be taken is a Two-Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 1.5 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: However if Mark 1a is set, a boat may delay taking a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, until she has passed Mark 1a.
- 1.6 When leaving the dock, boats shall carry a minimum of 1.5 liters of drinkable liquid, up to a maximum of 4 liters, per person per day. This liquid is included in the restrictions for movable ballast in RRS 51, except when being consumed by a crew member.
- 1.7 In RRS 55 add the following: Bilge water, bodily fluids and biodegradable sail stops are not trash under this rule. A breach of this rule, pertaining to non-biodegradable sail stops only, is not open to protest by boats and may only be protested by the Race Committee or Protest Committee. This changes RRS 55.
- 1.8 In RRS 61.1(a), after the second sentence, add the following words: "The red flag shall have the minimum dimensions of 45cm x 45 cm and shall be displayed vertically from the backstay, below the event backstay flag (SI 15.2)." This changes RRS 61.1.
- 1.9 Video, electronic data and/or photographs taken from any source shall not be used as evidence at a protest hearing or request for redress, except that Race Committee voice recordings are permitted to be used as evidence. This changes RRS 63.6.
- 1.10 If there is conflict with the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.11 Due to safety concerns it is not required to carry fuel for the stove onboard.

- 1.12 It is not required to carry the builder supplied bunk cushions or water bladder onboard.
2. **NON-COMPETING CLASS REPRESENTATIVE**
Will be Brady Stagg. +1 410 353 8618
3. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**
 - 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at YC Gaeta.
 - 3.2 The Race Committee may broadcast race information on VHF 72 (International) before and during each race. Failure or delay of such communication to be given or received, or the order in which OCS calls are broadcast, shall not be grounds for redress, except when a request for redress under this instruction is initiated by the Race Committee or International Jury. This changes RRS 62.1.
4. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
 - 4.1 Changes to the schedule will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before they will take effect and shall be approved by the Class representative. Other changes will be posted before 0900hrs on the day they take effect.
 - 4.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions made afloat will be indicated by the display of Code Flag 3rd Substitute accompanied by two sound signals. The change may be communicated either orally or in writing.
5. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**
 - 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagstaff at YC Gaeta.
 - 5.2 The Warning Signal will not be made less than 60 minutes after "AP" is lowered ashore. This changes RRS Race Signals "AP".
6. **RACING AREA**
Races will be held in the Golf of Gaeta.
7. **SCHEDULE OF RACES**
 - 7.1

Date	First Warning Signal
8 – 10 June	1200hrs
 - 7.2 It is the intent of the Race Committee to conduct as many races as practicable, not to exceed three (3) races on any day, up to a maximum of 9 races for the event. No Warning Signal will be made after 1500 hours on the last scheduled day of racing, except as a consequence of a general recall.
8. **COURSES**
 - 8.1 The Race Committee Signal Boat will display the Course Number, the approximate magnetic bearing and distance in nautical miles from the Race Committee Signal Boat to Mark 1 on a course board.

Course 2: Start - 1 - 1a – Finish (Downwind)
Course 3: Start - 1 - 1a - Gate – Finish (Upwind)
Course 4: Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a – Finish (Downwind)
Course 5: Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate – Finish (Upwind)
Course 6: Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate- 1 - 1a – Finish (Downwind)
 - 8.2 (a) Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port. Mark 1a is an offset mark and will be positioned to port of Mark 1.
(b) In the event Mark 1a is not in place the boats shall round Mark 1 to port

- 8.3 (a) In the event that a Gate is not in place, boats shall round the existing leeward mark to port.
(b) Except when there is a change of course, the Gate will be positioned approximately to windward of the Race Committee Signal Boat.
(c) The Gate may be laid after the starting signal.
- 8.4 Except for when there is a change of course:
(a) The Finish for course 2, 4 and 6 will be downwind of the Gate; and
(b) The Finish for course 3 and 5 will be upwind of Mark 1.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1,1a, Gates will be yellow inflatable buoys.
9.2 The starting and finishing mark will be an orange inflatable buoy.
9.3 As provided in instruction 12, new marks 1, 1a and gate marks will be the same as the original marks.

10. THE START

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the port side of the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of a starting mark.

11. FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the port side of the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of a finishing mark.
11.2 The finishing line may be a shorter length than the starting line.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

When changing the course, the original inflatable buoys will be moved, although they may not yet be in position before the leading boat begins that leg of the course. If a change of course is signaled for a windward leg, Mark 1a (the "offset") may also be placed in position and shall be rounded to port. (See also 8.2 (b))

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit shall be 90 minutes.
13.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored points for the finishing place equal to the number of boats that finished that race plus 2. This changes RRS 35 and A4.2.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 The protest time limit is ninety (90) minutes after the last boat finishes in the last race of that day, or the RC signals no more races for the day, whichever is later.
14.2 Notices will be posted within thirty (30) minutes after expiration 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 protest room.
14.3 The penalty, if any, for any infringement of the rules (including the Class Rules and World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4) other than RRS Part 2 and RRS 31 is at the sole discretion of the Protest Committee in consultation with the Class representative, and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.
14.4 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.
(b) no later than thirty (30) minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

- 14.5 The Protest time limit for sailor classification is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes in the last race of Day 1.

15. PROTEST COMMITTEE OBSERVATION

Members of the Protest Committee will normally observe the racing. If a Protest Committee member witnesses what he or she believes to be an infringement of a Rule of Part 2, Rule 42, or Rule 31, this may be signaled with one long sound signal from a Protest Committee boat.

16. REGISTRATION - Refer NOR 5

17. MEASUREMENT - Refer NOR 7

18. SCORING - Refer NOR 12

19. PRIZES - Refer NOR 13

20. DOCKAGE – Refer NOR 14

21. SUPPORT BOATS AND DRONES - Refer NOR 15

22. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS - Refer NOR 16

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY - Refer NOR 17 & 18