



August 21 - 26, 2021

English Sailing Instructions

Abbreviations:

WS	World Sailing	RD	Race Director
FIV	Italian Sailing Federation	RC	Race Committee
RRS	Racing Rules of Sailing	IJ	International Jury
OA	Organising Authority	RO	Regatta Office
NoR	Notice of Race	TC	Technical Committee
ONB	Online Official Notice Board	DP	Discretionary Penalty
SI	Sailing Instructions	OSR	Offshore Special Regulations
IMA	International Maxi Association		

1 RULES

1.1 The Race will be governed by:

- a. The rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
- b. **2021 Palermo-Montecarlo COVID-19 Procedures and Rules Notices 1 & 2;**
- c. 2020-2021 Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Category 3 plus mandatory life raft;
- d. 2021 FIV Offshore Regulation [note: it is mandatory for each crew to wear a personal flotation device (PFD) with waterproof strobe light when at night];
- e. 2021 IMS-ORC rules;
- f. IRC Rules;
For Parts A, B, and C: IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced with: "The maximum number of crew on board shall be the crew number printed on her certificate. There is no weight limit."
- g. 2021 IMA Class Rules;
- h. The Notice of Race and any Amendments;
The OA reserves the right to amend the NoR until two hours before the start of the race by posting the new version on the event website and sending it by e-mail to the boats already registered. Such notification shall be deemed to be in compliance with RRS 89.2(a).
- i. The Sailing Instructions and any Amendments.

1.2 From 2000 hrs to 0530 hrs CEST, the Part 2 rules of RRS shall not apply and shall be replaced by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS).

1.3 This paragraph applies only to Maxi Yachts:

- a. If allowed by the class rules, canting keels, moveable appendages, and water ballast are permitted if declared on the measurement or class certificate. ***This changes RRS 51.***
- b. If allowed by the class rules, steering, ram, and winch systems powered by force other than manual are permitted. ***This changes RRS 52.***
- c. Electric or electronic devices of any kind are permitted but shall not be used to helm or operate the boat's sailing systems including appendages independently other than in case of emergency or if permitted by class rules.
- d. Exceptions to RRS 77 may be granted by the OA upon written request prior to the close of registration. ***This changes RRS 77.***

1.4 The official languages of the regatta are English and Italian. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text shall prevail.

2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted to the ONB before 0900 hrs on August 21, 2021, except that any change to the schedule of the Race will be posted by 2000 hrs on August 20, 2021.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by displaying the Third Substitute flag on the RC vessel and communicating to all boats via VHF 74.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB located at [2021 Palermo Montecarlo](http://www.palermo-montecarlo.it).
- 3.2 Race Offices:
 - a. **Palermo Race Office** is located at Marina di Villa Igiea.
Phone: **+39 331 5730477** **+39 334 9173811(RC)** Email: info@palermo-montecarlo.it
 - b. **Montecarlo Race Office** is located at Yacht Club de Monaco.
Phone: **+39 334 9173811(RC)** **+33 640 623217** (YCM) Email: regates@ycm.mc
- 3.3 On the water, the RC intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF 74.
- 3.4 Failure in transmitting or receiving VHF communications are not grounds for a request for redress by a boat. ***This changes RRS 62.1(a)***.
- 3.5 While racing the boats shall use VHF 74 exclusively for: a) safety or emergency calls; b) information on retiring; c) after finishing to inform the RC of their intention to protest.

4 [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 All boats shall display the official event stickers/bow numbers on the bow. See Appendix D.
- 4.3 All boats shall display the official event flag on the forestay when moored and any other element of sponsorship as requested by the OA.

5 REGISTRATION, TRACKING UNITS, and DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 5.1 To complete the registration, a boat shall submit all of the following necessary documents to the OA and signed entry form, no later than 1400 on Tuesday, August 17, 2021:
<http://www.palermo-montecarlo.it/2021/en/modulistica.asp>
 - a. [Crew List](#) (including weights);
 - b. Negative COVID-19 molecular test results for each crew member;
 - c. COVID-19 Self-Declaration for each crew member;
 - d. At least **two (2)** crew member valid WS Offshore Personal Survival Training Course certificate;
 - e. 2021 FIV membership card of each Italian crew member (Non-Italian crew, see NoR 3.2);
 - f. Crew list with handicap as per 2021 FIV Offshore Regulation, if applicable;
 - g. [Minor Parental Permission Form](#), for all competitors less than 18 years shall be filled and signed by the parents or guardians;
 - g. A valid 2021 measurement/class certificate issued before Wednesday, August 18, 2021;
 - h. Adequate third party liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of Euro 1.500.000,00;
 - i. Advertising license, if applicable;
 - j. [Risk Recognition Form](#), in accordance with RRS 4, signed by all crew members;
 - k. [Disclaimer of Liability Form](#), regarding the mandatory safety equipment in accordance with Category 3 WS OSR 2020-2021 with mandatory life-raft and the life jackets with waterproof strobe light;
 - l. Tracking Unit Damage Deposit of Euro 300 (See SI 5.2).
- 5.2 Tracking Units and Damage Deposit
 - a. An electronic tracking system will be used for monitoring the nautical positions of the boats.
 - b. Each Owner/Skipper shall allow the installation of the tracking unit on his/her boat and be responsible for the unit while on board.
 - c. The OA may use the information received for media coverage of the Race as well as for safety purposes.
 - d. Owners/Skippers shall return the tracking unit to the Montecarlo RO after finishing (See SI 15.6).
 - e. A damage deposit of Euro 300 shall be charged to each owner/skipper. The deposit will be returned once the undamaged unit is returned to the Montecarlo RO. Any damage to the unit will be paid by the owner/skipper.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole located in Marina di Villa Igiea.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The official time for the Race will be CEST GPS time.
7.2 The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, August 18	1000 1000 - 1800	Palermo RO Opens Registration and Inspections
Thursday, August 19	1000 - 1800	Registration and Inspections
Friday, August 20	1000 - 1500 1100 1500 1615 To follow 2000	Registration and Inspections Press Conference at Circolo della Vela Sicilia Registration Closes Skippers' Meeting at Marina di Villa Igiea (See SI 7.3) Important Information from the Yacht Club de Monaco at Marina di Villa Igiea Appetizers at Marina di Villa Igiea
Saturday, August 21	1155 1210	Warning Signal Monohull Warning Signal Multihull
Thursday, August 26	1200 1900	Time Limit Expires Prize Giving at Yacht Club de Monaco

- 7.3 The Skippers' Meeting is restricted to one person per boat.

8 CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1 Flag K (Kilo) will be the class flag displayed for **monohulls**.
8.2 Flag F (Foxtrot) will be the class flag displayed for **multihulls**.

9 STARTING AREA

- 9.1 The starting area will be Mondello's Gulf.

10 COURSE

- 10.1 The course is:
- 1) Start in the Mondello Gulf;
 - 2) Possible Offset Mark (See SI 11.2);
 - 3) Sardinia Island shall be left to port;
 - 4) Fly-through Gate at Porto Cervo (See SI 14);
 - 5) Corsica Island may be left to port or starboard;
 - 6) Finish at Montecarlo.
- 10.2 The length of course to score the race is fixed at 437 NM.

11 MARKS

- 11.1 The marks will be as follows:
- a. The starting mark (if used) will be a yellow cylindrical inflatable.
 - b. The offset mark (if used) will be a yellow cylindrical inflatable.
 - c. The Porto Cervo Gate mark will be a yellow cylindrical inflatable with a strobe light on top.
 - d. The finishing mark will be a Markset Bot with a light on top.
**The Markset Bot is a yellow flat cone mark on top of a motorized pontoon base.
- 11.2 A possible offset mark may be set approximately 1.0 NM to windward of the starting line.
- a. Bearing will be displayed on the RC vessel and communicated via VHF 74.
 - b. RC will also display a green flag (starboard rounding) or red flag (port rounding) to inform boats on which side the offset mark shall be left.

12 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 12.1 See appropriate nautical charts.

13 THE START

- 13.1 The Race will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
13.2 The starting line will be a straight line between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel (on the right end of the line) and a staff displaying an orange flag on the pin boat (on the left end of the line). The pin boat may be replaced by a yellow cylindrical mark. **See Appendix A.**
13.3 The orange flag will be displayed no less than 5 minutes prior to the first warning signal.

- 13.4 The starting sequence will be as follows:
- a. 1155 **Monohull** Warning Signal (Flag K)
 - b. 1210 **Multihull** Warning Signal (Flag F)
- 13.5 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her by bow number or sail number or boat name on VHF 74. Failure to hail her bow number or sail number or boat name, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. ***This changes RRS 62.1(a).***
- 13.6 A boat that does not start within 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. ***This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.***

14 [DP] PORTO CERVO GATE

- 14.1 The gate will be a straight line between the beacon "Secca del Cervo"(on the left), Lat. 41°08'.670 N - Long. 009°32'.730 E, and a yellow cylindrical mark with a strobe light on top (flashing each 2 seconds), on the right, Lat. 41°09'.014 N - Long. 009°32'.980 E, (at approx. 800 meters NE from the beacon). **See Appendix B.**
- 14.2 In accordance with Italian Maritime Laws, it is forbidden:
- a. To navigate between the coast and the "Secca (shoal) del Cervo";
 - b. To pass closer than 50 meters to the "Secca(shoal) del Cervo".
- 14.3 After the sunset, a strobe light will, if possible, be placed on top of the yellow mark. A different location of the yellow gate mark or the absence of the light are not grounds for a request for redress. ***This changes RRS 62.1(a).***
- 14.4 **Approaching the Gate**
- a. 5 miles Before the Gate: Boats shall call or send a text or a whatsapp (identifying herself) to the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda Race Office at + 39 348 7423705 and receive acknowledgement from RC of their position.
 - b. 1 mile Before the Gate: Boats shall call the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda Race Office on VHF 74 and receive acknowledgement from RC of their position.
 - c. At the Gate: Boats shall illuminate their sail numbers and/or bow numbers, using a powerful light, for identification by YCCS ashore.
The crossing time for each boat shall be recorded and may be communicated via VHF to a boat from YCCS Race Office.
- 14.5 Boats, failing to comply with SI 14.4: Approaching the Gate, shall be protested by the RC; the RC considers such an infringement to be a major breach. The penalty will be at the discretion of the IJ.

15 [DP] THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finishing line will be a straight line between the Red headlight of Port Hercule Harbor (on the left side) and a yellow Markset Bot (Lat. 43°44'.000 N - Long. 007°26'.666 E) located at about 0.5 NM (bearing 108°) to be left to starboard. **See Appendix C.**
- 15.2 After the sunset, a light will, if possible, be placed on top of the yellow Markset Bot. A different location of the finishing mark or the absence of the light on top of the mark are not grounds for a request for redress. ***This changes RRS 62.1(a).***
- 15.3 **Approaching the Finish Line**
- a. 5 miles Before the Finish: Boats shall call or send a text or a whatsapp (identifying herself) to the RC at the number +39 334 9173811 when at 5 miles to the finish and receive acknowledgement from RC of their position.
 - b. 1 mile Before the Finish: Boats shall call the RC on VHF 74 when at 1 mile to the finish and receive acknowledgement from RC of their position. Boats shall also continue to monitor VHF 74 for updated information from RC. Boats are reminded to avoid overlapping VHF communications with other boats and shall continue to call RC until proper acknowledgement is received.
 - c. At the Finish Line: Boats shall illuminate her sail numbers and/or bow numbers, using a powerful light, for identification by RC ashore. After finishing and before docking, boats will be informed of their finishing time by the RC on VHF 74.
- 15.4 Boats, failing to comply with SI 15.3. Approaching the Finish Line, shall be protested by the RC; the RC considers such an infringement to be a major breach. The penalty will be at the discretion of the IJ.

15.5 Entrance and Mooring Procedures of PORT HERCULE

- a. Before entering the harbor, a boat shall call "Yacht Club de Monaco" via VHF 14 to request and receive authorization to enter the harbor.
- b. Once authorised, a boat may enter the harbor and proceed to the Yacht Club de Monaco Mooring Area where our team will assist with the mooring of each boat.
- c. For any information regarding logistics in Monaco, please contact:
YCM Marina Office: Email regates@ycm.mc Phone +377 93 10 65 05 (office)
+33 640 623217 (mobile)

- d. Boats wishing to stay after 1200 hrs on August 27, 2021 must obtain authorization from the Yacht Club de Monaco Marina Desk. Normal harbor fees will apply.

Email assistante.marina@ycm.org

15.6 Disembarkation Procedures

- a. All crew members shall remain aboard to be swabbed. To disembark, all crew members shall wait for the authorization to leave the boat from YCM Staff. **(See OA Notice #3) Notices**
- b. Each boat shall deliver the following to the Montecarlo RO:
- 1) Declaration of Compliance Form (including GPS finish time)
**Including penalties, if applicable (See SI 16).
 - 2) Tracking Unit
- c. Boats finishing at night may deliver the items in SI 15.6.b. the morning after from 0900 to 1000 hrs.

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1 If a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 RRS or a rule of the IRPCAS (when applicable) against another boat entered in this Race, she may exonerate herself by promptly taking a One-Turn Penalty - one tack and one gybe. **This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.**
- 16.2 If a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 RRS or a rule of the IRPCAS (when applicable) within the three length zone of a mark to round or to pass against another boat entered in this Race, she may exonerate herself by taking a Two-Turns Penalty - two tacks and two gybes.
- 16.3 If a boat takes a penalty in accordance with SI 16.1 or 16.2, she shall report the time and location on the Declaration of Compliance Form.

17 TIME LIMIT

- 17.1 The Race time limit expires at 1200 hrs CEST on August 26, 2021. **This changes RRS 35.**

18 HEARING REQUESTS

- 18.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the finishing time of the boat intending to file a protest.
- 18.2 A boat shall inform RC via VHF 74 of her intention to protest immediately after she finishes or retires. **This changes RRS 61.1(a).**
- 18.3 If a boat finishes after 2200, the hearing request form may be submitted to the Montecarlo RO the morning after, from 0900 to 1000 hrs.
- 18.4 [Hearing Request Forms](#) are available online.
- 18.5 Notices will be posted on the ONB 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 virtually beginning at 1300 on August 26, 2021.
- 18.6 An International Jury has been appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). The right of appeal from an International Jury decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.5.

19 SCORING

- 19.1 A software chosen by the TC from among the official ones will be used to calculate the results of the Race for monohulls and multihulls. Different interpretations shall not be grounds for a request for redress. **This changes RRS 62.1(a).**
- 19.2 The scoring option used for the monohulls will be chosen by the TC among those based on the "Time on Distance" method. Different interpretations shall not be grounds for a request for redress. **This changes RRS 62.1(a).**

20 [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 20.1 All owners/skippers shall sign the Declaration, which confirms:
- a. Knowledge of WS OSR 2020-2021;
 - b. His/her boat is able to race;
 - c. All safety equipment listed in WS OSR 2020-2021 Category 3 (with mandatory life raft) is on board.
- 20.2 A boat that retires from the Race shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity by calling or sending a text or a whatsapp (identifying herself) to **+39 334 9173811**. The boat shall also inform RC of the time and GPS location of when the decision to retire was made. Failure to inform RC of her decision may result in a report to the IJ and a penalty at the discretion of the IJ.

21 [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 21.1 Substitution of registered crew members is ONLY allowed with prior written approval of the RC. All new crew members shall supply all required documents, including a negative COVID-19 molecular test.
- 21.2 Except for the owner, a crew member shall not remain on board after being substituted.
- 21.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the TC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

22 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 22.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 22.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 23.1 The Race Committee vessel at the start will be identified by Circolo della Vela Sicilia burgee.

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 24.1 Competitors shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash shall be properly disposed of ashore.

25 BERTHING and SERVICES

- 25.1 See NoR 15 and 16.

26 HAUL-OUT and DIVING RESTRICTIONS

- 26.1 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC or TC.
- 26.2 In accordance with Italian Law, it is strictly forbidden to dive inside the harbor while in Marina di Villa Igiea.
- 26.3 In accordance with Monaco Law, it is strictly forbidden to dive inside the harbor while in Port Hercule.

27 PRIZES

- 27.1 See NoR 13.

28 RISK STATEMENT

- 28.1 In accordance with World Sailing RRS Fundamental 3: "the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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.**

The OA, the RC, the IJ and the TC accept no liability for any damage to persons and/or property, both ashore and afloat, as a result of their participation in the races under these instructions. Owners and managers on board are reminded that they shall respond personally to all accidents that can happen to their boats and/or their crews. Therefore, owners and managers will have to contract the necessary insurance to cover all risks including those from third parties. The owners and skippers are also responsible for the decision to take part in a race based on the wind strength, the sea state, the weather forecast.

The Regatta, under the current regulation, has no personal assistance except in case of emergency, in which the Maritime Authority (Capitaneria di Porto) is responsible. For this reason all boats shall have a VHF radio able to transmit and receive on channel 16 (rescue channel) and 74.

As a consequence of a breach of behavior or sportsmanship, the IJ may apply disciplinary actions. This shall apply during all of the event ashore and afloat. The owner or his representative is responsible for the behavior of the crew.

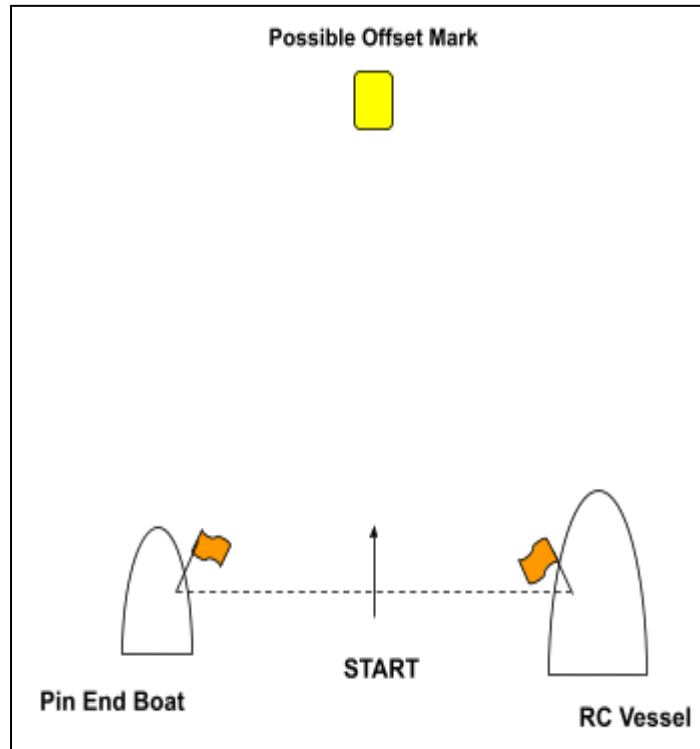
Notice is also hereby given to all participants including officials, volunteers, and others that they participate in this event solely at their own risk and voluntarily assume the risks associated with communicable diseases, including, but not limited to, COVID-19.

29 INSURANCE

- 29.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of Euro 1.500.000,00 per incident.

Sailing Instructions - APPENDIX A

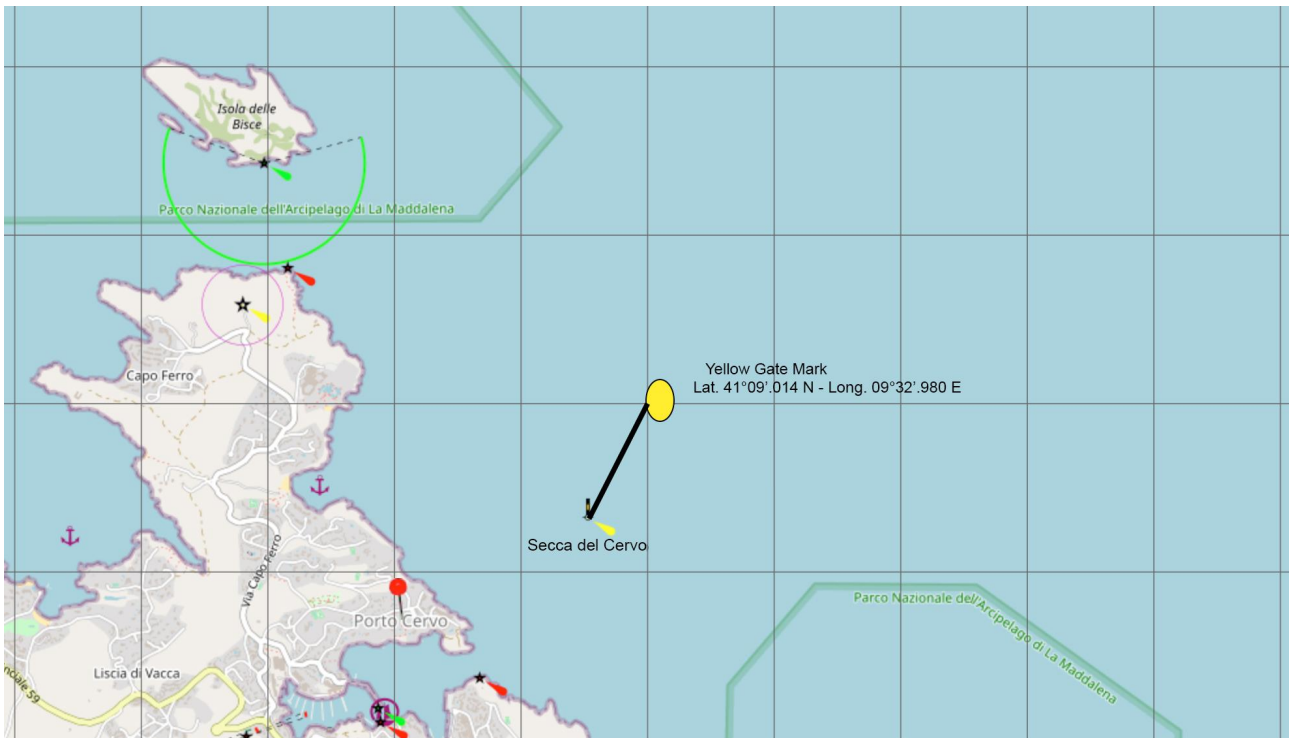
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Sailing Instructions - APPENDIX B

PORTO CERVO GATE

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Sailing Instructions - APPENDIX C

FINISHING LINE

(For representational purposes only)



Sailing Instructions - APPENDIX D

EVENT STICKER POSITION

