



oct, 12th - nov, 10th 2024

NOTICE of RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

| Notation | Meaning |
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| [NP] | In a rule means that a player may not protest another player for breaking that rule. The PRO and/or the PC and/or the OA YES . |
| [DP] | in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than DSQ. |

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is Plač, supported by the Italian Sailing Federation (FIV) and in collaboration with European Sailing Federation (EUROSAF).

2. RULES

2.1 This event is reserved **exclusively** to **European players born in 2012 and older** (eg: 2010, and so on).

2.2 The Regatta will be governed by:

- a) The rules as defined in the [Virtual Racing Rules of Sailing \(VRRS\)](#) (Jan. 22 2019 edition);
- b) The rules 2, 69 as defined in the [Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#);
- c) This Notice of Race (NoR) & Sailing Instructions (SI);
- d) The OCS/PENALTY START is forbidden (**it applies from the QF**), see Add Alfa attached to this NoR & SI;
- e) The **Detailed Sailing Instructions (DSI)**, if published, after the close of registration;

- f) All notices posted on the **EUROSAF Discord eSailing Channel (EDEC)** at **#notices**;;
- g) Any amendment to this NoR & SI or any amendment to the DSI;
- 2.3 The official language is ENGLISH.
- 2.4 The official time of the regatta is the Central European Summer Time (CEST), **ROMA**, 24 hrs.

3. DETAILED SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 The Detailed Sailing Instructions, if published, will be available upon final registration online on the EDEC at **#documents**.

4. COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 **[NP]** All information such as notices or amendments to official documents will be posted on the EDEC at #notices no later than one (1) hour before the starting signal of the first race of the day, unless there is a change to schedule, which will be posted 24 hours prior.

5. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRIES and REGISTRATION

- 5.1 The top sixty (60) male and top ten (10) female european players of the event, EUROSAF EVENT from Oct 12 to Oct 30, will qualify for the next stage.
- 5.2 To confirm their presence at the regatta, the sixty(60) male and the ten (10) female qualified players shall complete the [Registration Form](#) by which includes:
 - a) 2024 FIV card number or any other 2024 MNA card number of a World Sailing affiliated Nation
If it is not possible to make in your country, FIV will make it at cost of Euro 10 (contact the OA);
 - b) Yacht Club of membership (if one);
 - c) **Boat's name*** on Virtual Regatta Inshore;
 - d) User Name (including the number after the #) on Discord platform;
- 5.3* **[NP] The OA reserves the right with unquestionable discretion to deny those players who, at the time of registration, present boat names that can unequivocally cause mockery, offense or that convey political, ethnic, religious, gender or other purposes and in any case are not in line with the dictates of the FIV and IOC and their respective CODES of ETHICS.**
- 5.4 Once the registration has been confirmed, it is necessary to make sure that you have been enabled on the EUROSAF Discord eSailing Channel (EDEC).
- 5.5 The final entry list will be posted on the regatta EDEC at **#entries** as soon as possible after the closing of registration.
- 5.6 In case of a rejection of the registration or absence of one or more players at the end of the registration period, the entry list will be completed by adding european players based on the order of ranking at the end of the qualifying series (e.g. ranked 81st, 82nd, 83rd, and so on).
- 5.7 The OA reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to accept late entries.

6. BOATS

- 6.1 The boats used will be (not in order):
F50, Nacra, Ilca, J70, 49er.
- 6.2 Each boat can be used at least once.

7. SCHEDULE & PRELIMINARY EVENT FORMAT

7.1 The preliminary schedule is as follows:

| Racing Days | Hour | Regatta Stage | Number of Players | Location |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| From oct 12 th to 14 th | from 1700 to 1700 | Qualifying Series | 7.000/10.000 | On-Line |
| From oct 16 th to 19 | from 1700 to 1700 | Qualifying Series | 7.000/10.000 | On-Line |
| From oct 21 th to 24 | from 1700 to 1700 | Qualifying Series | 7.000/10.000 | On-Line |
| nov 3 th | 2200 | Semifinals | 60 | On-Line - Private Room |
| nov 10 th | 21.30 | FINAL | 30 | On-Line - Private Room |
| nov10 th | to Follow | Prize Giving | Top 3 Open & Female | On-Line - EDEC |

7.2 The players will be divided in heats based on the number of entries.

7.3 The format will be: Qualifying series, Quarters Finals, Semifinals and Final.

7.4 The detailed event format will be published, as soon as possible, after the close of registration on the EDEC #documents.

8. NUMBER of RACES, DISCARD and VALIDITY

8.1 The Regatta is a fleet race event.

8.2 **Races and Discards:**

- a) **Qualifying Series:** Minimum ten (10) races - VRI System ten (10) best race series;
- b) **Semifinals** [sixty (60) players top twenty (20) EU player of each qualifying Series]: six (6) races will be sailed, NO discard;
- c) **Final** [thirty (30) players]: eight(8) races will be sailed, 1 discard;
- d) **Medal** [the best ten (10) players of the Final Stage double point
- e) In the medal series the ten (10) players will carry on the points from the final stage 1.

8.3 The eighty (60) players will be divided into heats at the sole discretion of OA.

8.4 The OA, **if possible**, will practice the following guidelines:

- a) Minimum ten (10) entries;
- b) With more than twenty (20) entries, heats will be constituted.

8.5 The regatta will be valid if at least three (3) races (of all heats, if present) will be scored.

8.6 [NP] The OA may change the format at its discretion at any time.

9. RESULTS and SCORING SYSTEM [DP] [NP]

9.1 The regatta will be held by drawing up a single ranking among the various heats on the basis of the points totaled by each player applying the "**Low Point**" scoring system (1st place 1 point, 2nd place 2 points, 3rd place 3 points and so on) modified as follows:

DNC (a player who does not enter in the assigned room), **DNS** (player who enters the assigned room/race but doesn't start) and **DNF** (player who starts the race but doesn't finish) will receive the score equal to the number of entries (in that fleet or heat) +1.

9.2 **[DP] [NP]** Each player will receive the points only when they race with the VRI profile with which they registered. A player may use a VRI profile other than the original one but shall

promptly notify in writing via discord on the **PRO Channel** no later than one (1) hour before the start of the first race of the regatta.

- 9.3 At the end of each race (or series of heats), the race committee will publish the **#results** on [SailScore](#). The link will be available in the EDEC of each heat.
- 9.4 For any scoring issue please write a request on the channel **#scorer**.
- 9.5 The regatta will end with the announcement of the winners.

10. TIES

- 10.1 In the regatta the players in the different heats with equal points, will be classified using the following criteria in order:
 - a) Most first places, second places and so on;
 - b) Position in the last race sailed;
 - c) Best position in the heat (ex: A with 10 points is 3rd in his heat and B with 10 points is 5th).
- 10.2 In the event that, after having applied criteria a, b, and c, the ties are still not resolved, the players will be classified ex aequo.

11. PROTEST

- 11.1 A player intending to protest for an action that happened “on the water” shall complete the [eProtest Form](#).
- 11.2 It is mandatory to attach to the eProtest form a video of the action for those cases listed in the preamble of the form (Team Racing, Cheating, Piracy, a breach of NoR & SI).
- 11.3 For all other cases not mentioned in the preamble of the eProtest Form a screenshot or a photo will be considered reasonable.
- 11.4 The Information about the day, the order and the time of each hearing (case) will be notified to the parties by the calendar that will be posted on **#hearings**.
- 11.5 The cases will be discussed on-line as soon as possible on the vocal channel **#case-discussion**, the parties of a hearing, including any witness will be invited to join this channel at about the scheduled time for their case.
- 11.6 The OA will appoint a Protest Committee for the event. The committee will consist of three (3) members and their decision will be final (no right of appeal). In exceptional circumstances the PC may consist of only one (1) member.

12. AWARDS & PRIZES

- 12.1 The award ceremony will take place as soon as possible after the last race of the Medal Series.
- 12.2 The following will be awarded:
 - a) **1st, Open Division - 2024 EUROSAF eSailing European Championship** (presented by EUROSAF); on site in TBD [travel (**from an EU country**) and accommodation provided by EUROSAF];
 - b) 2nd, 3rd, **Open division** will receive an award at their home (presented by EUROSAF);
 - c) 1st, 2nd, 3rd **Female division** will receive an award at their home (presented by EUROSAF);
- 12.3 **[DP] [NP]** Winners are required to join the live video award ceremony (with their own camera on).

13. MEDIA & PARTNERS

- 13.1 The Regatta will be broadcast live with commentary on the YouTube, Facebook, and TikTok pages of the Italian Sailing Federation and the event will also be supported by the authorized streamers and social channels.
- 13.2 Each player is free to publish photos of the regatta on their social channels, using the hashtags #eurosaf #efiv, #fiv #virtualregattaitalia to tag the official pages.

- 13.3 By participating in the event, the players grant the OA and the sponsors, automatically and free of charge, the perpetual right to create, use, and display, from time to time at their discretion, films, live or recorded photos and any other reproductions of players before, during and after the competition period.
- 13.4 Players may be asked to be interviewed during the event.
- 13.5 The OA has the right to use all images and sounds recorded during the event free of charge.

14. DISCLAIMER

- 14.1 Plaq, the Organizing Committee, the Italian Sailing Federation, the EUROSAF, the Race Officials, the streamers and Sponsors assume NO responsibility for lack of internet connection speed, for data usage, for game purchases by players and any issues encountered by third party vendors, Virtual Race Inshore.