



**Punta Ala – Italy 2024**

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# **NOTICE OF RACE**

*(provisional)*

## **2024 A-CLASS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Punta Ala, Italy**

**September 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> , 2024**

The Organizing Authority is the Centro Velico Punta Ala Club in conjunction with the International A-Division Catamaran Association and the Italian A-Class Catamaran Association.

# NOTICE OF RACE

This Notice of Race (NOR) is dated September 2024

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing

## 1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The *International A-Class Catamaran World Championship Rules* of the International A-Division Catamaran Association (IACA) shall apply to the World Championships.

## 2. ADVERTISING [DP]

- 2.1 Competitor advertising shall comply with World Sailing Advertising Code. (Regulation 20)
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

## 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

In accordance with RRS76.1, the organizers will reject or cancel the entry of any competitor of Russian or Belarusian nationality or displaying these nationalities and the participation of any boats whose owner or manager is a Russian or Belarusian individual or entity. The organizing authority may amend this rule following any further World Sailing decisions on the situation with Russia & Belarus.

- 3.1 Boats may compete in either the Open or the Classic discipline.
- 3.2 All competitors shall be fully paid-up members of the International A Class Catamaran Association, either through their respective country association membership or individual membership.
- 3.3 [NP] Competitors shall be competent sailors capable of racing in open water in all conditions including strong winds. Whether a sailor meets these requirements is determined by the country representative. Your country may have additional requirements that must be met for a sailor to be approved (such as competition in

certain local or regional events), but IACA leaves that to the discretion of each country.

- 3.4 Competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.
- 3.5 Entries shall be received by the Organizing Authority no later than July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Requests to register after the online registration is closed are subject to approval by the Organizing Authority.
- 3.6 Competitors may register by visiting:  
<https://www.manage2sail.com/fr-FR/event/acadworlds2024#!/>
- 3.7 A Parent/Guardian Consent and Supervision Form must be completed and signed by the parent or guardian of any competitor under the age of 18 and Form is available on <https://www.manage2sail.com/fr-FR/event/acadworlds2024#!>> Documents. It must be filled, signed, and uploaded by the registration. Minor competitors not fulfilling this requirement may be rejected at the registration.
- 3.8 Requests for refunds will be accepted prior to August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, with a 60,00 Euro processing fee.

#### 4. FEES

World Championship entry fees:

- Normal entry fee: Euro 300,00 valid until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Late entry fee: Euro 450,00 valid until July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024
- The deadline for all entries is July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

#### 5. FORMAT OF RACING

5.1 The event consists of a single qualifying series, however If there are more than 100 boats in a discipline, fleet splitting will be used, refer Championship Rules, appendix 2. If the event consists of split fleets, fleets will be in groups of approximately equal numbers of boats ( $\pm 1$  boat).

#### 6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, Sept. 6th	0900 – 1800	Arrival, registration, boat rigging
Saturday, Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup>	0900 – 1800	Registration, boat rigging

Sunday, Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup>	1030	Support boat briefing
	1100	Competitors briefing
	1300	Practice races
	1700	Opening ceremony
Monday, Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	1100	Racing
Tuesday, Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup>	1100	Racing
Wednesday, Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup>	1100	Racing
Thursday, Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup>	1100	Racing
Friday, Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup>	1100	Racing
	TBD	Closing ceremony
Saturday, Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup>	0800 – 1500	Teardown and departure
<i>times are suggestions.</i>		

6.2 On Friday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, there will be no warning signal after 16:00.

6.3 A total of 12 races are scheduled for Open and Classic discipline.

6.4 3 races for each discipline may be sailed per day.

## 7. MEASUREMENT (DP)

7.1 Measurement and equipment checks may be made at any time during the regatta.

7.2 Equipment inspection will be conducted in accordance with the A-Class Catamaran Equipment Inspection Regulations. Sails, boats, and equipment must be measured **before** arriving at the Championship. All competitors at registration must produce valid and current measurement certificates for the hull, mast, and sail. Refer Class Rule A.11.

7.3 The Equipment Inspection Regulations for the Championship will be published on the event website no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

7.4 Equipment shall only be replaced with permission of the Championship Technical Committee appointed to the event by the organizing authority under RRS89.2(c).

## 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the online official notice board no later than at 18:00 the day before the first registration day.

## 9. VENUE

- 9.1 The 2024 A-Cat Catamaran World Championship will be held at the Centro Velico Punta Ala asd, by PuntaAla Camp & Resort, located in Punta Ala – Maremma Italy [www.centrovelicopuntaala.it](http://www.centrovelicopuntaala.it)
- 9.2 The racing will be on the waters of Punta Ala Bay, approximately 1,5 nautical miles North/West direction of the Centro Velico Punta Ala asd.

## **10. THE COURSES**

- 10.1 The courses to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward courses as detailed in the Sailing Instructions, in accordance with IACA Championship Rules, Appendix 4. The distance from start to Mark 1 will be at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer.
- 10.2 Each discipline, Open and Classic, will race on separate course areas.

## **11. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 11.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by a one-turn penalty.
- 11.2 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.

## **12. SCORING**

- 12.1 The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute the World Championship for each Discipline.
- 12.3 When 5 or more races have been completed, a competitor may discard their worst score; when 9 races have been completed, a competitor may discard their 2 worst scores.

## **13. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]**

- 13.1 Support boats shall register with the Organizing Authority on arrival and will be required to comply with all local safety regulations and the Event Support Boat Regulations. Support boats must show their country code as per Championship Rule 13.2. Team support boats/coach boats shall complete on-site registration at the venue and pay 100,00 Euro for the registration. By registration, team support boats/coach boats will receive the OA Flag and ID flag number and get the ticket for the gala dinner.
- 13.2 If called upon, support boats will be required to act as rescue boats.
- 13.3 [DP] [NP] When afloat, all persons on board of a support vessel shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) and, as soon as their engine is

running, drivers shall be connected with a kill-cord to their engine contact.

#### **14. INTERNATIONAL JURY**

14.1 An International Jury will be appointed for the World Championship in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its' decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

#### **15. PRIZES**

##### For the World Championship

15.1 Prizes for the World Championship will be awarded for the first 5 places overall in both the Open and Classic Discipline fleets.

15.2 The winner of each Discipline will be awarded the title "2024 World Champion" and will receive the perpetual trophy.

15.3 The following prizes will also be awarded in each Discipline:

- Junior Champion (under 25 years)
- Woman Champion
- Master Champion (ages 45 – 50)
- Grand Master Champion (ages 51 – 55)
- Great Grand Master Champion (56 years and over)

15.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

15.5 Age determinations are based as of 12:01 am, Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> , 2024 of practice races

#### **16. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**(DP)** 16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

16.2 Communications to the competitors will be done by electronic means (e-mails – electronic notice board). Competitors shall provide themselves with a device (smartphone, notepad, computer) to obtain and read these communications. The e-mail address inserted during the entry process shall be valid and active during the whole duration of the championship. Any difficulty in receiving communications will not be eligible for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

[NP] No printed documents will be supplied.

## **17. INSURANCE**

17.1 Each participating boat shall have valid, third-party liability insurance with a minimum of at least 1,5 Mil. Euro (or equivalent) per incident. The O.A. will also provide an onsite insurance policy to be purchased directly for those competitors not holding third-party liability insurance.

## **18. RISK STATEMENT**

18.1 By signing an entry form, each competitor agrees and acknowledges the following:

- a) That they are participating in this regatta at their own risk.
- b) That the Organizing Authority, all sponsors, all race committee members, and volunteers, all officers, and directors of Centro Velico Punta Ala asd, the IACA, and the Italian A-Cat association are not responsible for any damages, injuries or death which may result in conjunction with this regatta, onshore or afloat
- c) That they will put safety of themselves and other competitors above race results.
- d) That they will accept responsibility for any injury, damage, or loss to the extent it is caused by their own actions or omissions; and,
- e) Ensure their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in this regatta, and that they are physically fit to participate.

18.2 Wearing a safety helmet is mandatory for the Open discipline. It is strongly recommended for the Classic Discipline.

## **19. MEDIA CONSENT**

19.1 By signing an Entry Form, all competitors agree to and grant the Organizing Authority, the IACA, the Italian A-Cat Association, and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to photograph and/or videotape participation in the regatta, or at the regatta facilities, and to the use of their name, likeness, and images, without compensation and without the competitor's prior approval.

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