



BARCELONA WINTER SERIES J70

REAL CLUB NÁUTICO DE BARCELONA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed, by the RRS as well as the rules defined in the Notice of Race.
In case of discrepancy between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the latter shall prevail.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located **at the Race Office in the social building** of Real Club Náutico de Barcelona (hereinafter RCNB).

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) two hours before the warning signal of the race on the day it will take effect

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Official Signals Mast (OSM) located on the esplanade where the RCNB crane is located. The OSM will display the RCNB pennant to identify it as such.
- 4.2 When code flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, the wording "1 minute" in code flag AP rule is replaced by "not less than 60 minutes". (This changes the definition in the RRS signals).

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The racing schedule will be as shown in the Notice of Race. The warning signal of the first race every day is scheduled at 12.00 hours.(Except Fridays is scheduled at 14.00 hours.)
- 5.2 Four races can be sailed every day. The time limit to give a start is 16.30 hours.(except Sundays is 15.00 hours).
- 5.3 Races will be numbered consecutively in accordance with the order in which they have been sailed.
- 5.4 Code flag "T" displayed on the Finishing boat means the Race Committee intends to sail another race. The warning signal of each following race will be made as soon as possible.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flags used as warning signal of the races will be white with the J70 logo.

7 RACING AREA

There will be one racing area located near the Olympic Harbour.



8 COURSES

- 8.1 Courses are described in Appendix 1.
- 8.2 All marks shall be left to port, except at a gate and the finish in which mark 2S will be left to starboard (See Appendix 1).
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display:
 - a) The approximate compass bearing from the starting line to mark 1;
 - b) The distance in miles between mark 2 and mark 1;

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Mark 1 and the offset mark will be inflatable, green mark.
- 9.2 Leeward 2P and 2S mark will be a inflatable, green mark. This mark is shown in Appendix 1 as a gate to be passed between the marks forming the gate.
- 9.3 Marks defining the starting line for all Classes will be a Race Committee boat and a inflatable orange cylindrical mark.
- 9.4 Marks defining the finish line for all Classes will be a Race Committee boat and a inflatable orange cylindrical mark.
- 9.5 The change of course mark for mark 1 will be a inflatable yellow a change of course of windward mark 1, the offset mark will not be repositioned being eliminated from the course.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be initially established in position 41° 22.600 N-002° 12.500 E
- 10.2 The bearing to be sailed from the Port of Barcelona North entrance to the position indicated in SI 10.1 is 060° and the distance to be sailed is 1.50 nautical miles.
- 10.3 The starting line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on board the Race Committee boat and the starting mark.
- 10.4 A boat crossing the starting line four minutes after her valid starting signal has been made shall be scored DNS. This changes A4.1.
- 10.5 In case of unfavourable conditions, the Race Committee boat may maintain its position by using the engine.
- 10.6 Starts will be made in accordance with RRS 26.

11 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the mast displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee boat and the finishing mark.

12 TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 The time limit to sail a race will be subject to the following formula:

Time limit for the first boat	25 minutes X real length of the course
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- 12.2 If the first boat does not cross the finishing line within this time limit, the Race Committee will cancel the race of the classes affected.
- 12.3 All boats must finish within the 20 minutes following the finish of the first boat of its class. Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored 'DID NOT FINISH' (DNF). This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.



13 REQUESTS FOR HEARINGS

- 13.1 See Annex 2.
- 13.2 Protest time limit: See Annex 2.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 RRS Appendix A will apply
- 14.2 A boat's total score will be the sum of all the scores obtained in the races sailed.
- 14.3 For every 6 races completed, the worse result will be discarded.
- 14.4 The series is valid when at least one race is completed.

15 SAFETY RULES

- 15.1 A boat that retires from a race or abandons the racing area at any time shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible on **VHF Channel 71** or personally at the Race Office. (RCNB Secretariat).
- 15.2 It is compulsory for all participating boats to use their own engine to sail in water of the Port of Barcelona and to comply with the port navigation rules.

16 MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS

Boats can be inspected at any time to check they comply with the class rules and the sailing instructions as well as to check the correct functioning of the engine.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 The Race Committee will use **VHF channel 71** for its communications.
- 17.2 Besides the specifications of RRS 29.1 and 29.2, individual and general recalls may be communicated by radio (VHF 71). Any failure in the transmission or reception shall not be grounds for a request for redress.

18 OTHER SAFETY RULES

- 18.1 The Race Manager is the coordinator responsible for the safety of the event.
- 18.2 Competitors are reminded it is mandatory to comply with the legal rules established for recreational boats and especially regarding their governing, equipment and safety.

19 PRIZES

The prize and trophy list will be posted on the ONB.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All boats taking part in the event do so at their own risk and responsibility. See RRS 4 Decision to Race. The Organising Authority accepts no liability whatsoever for material damage, personal injuries or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.



APPENDIX 1
COURSE DESCRIPTION

WIND



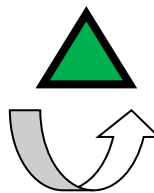
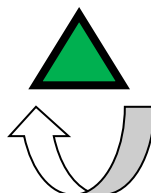
Offset Mark (green)



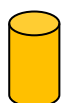
Mark 1 (green)

Mark 2S (green)

Mark 2P (green)



Mark (Orange)



Start

Finish



Course: Start – M1 – M offset – M2 (2P/2S) – M1 – M offset – finish.

A1.1 It is not compulsory to pass between the gate marks in the last leg towards the finish located at leeward.

A1.2 The approximate distance between mark 1 and the offset mark will not be more than 0.1 nautical miles.

A1.3 All marks shall be left to port, except at a gate in which boats must sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and will round any of the two mark gates



ADDENDUM 2 - APPENDIX UF

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UF1 CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS, THE RULES OF PART 1 AND 2, AND RULE 70

UF1.1 Add to the definition *Proper Course*: ‘A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.’

UF1.2 Add new rule 7 to Part 1:

7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.

UF1.3 When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:

- (a) for *room* to tack, repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
- (b) for ‘You tack’, repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

UF1.4 Rule 70 is deleted.

UF2 CHANGES TO OTHER RULES

UF2.1 Rule 28.2 is changed to:

28 SAILING THE COURSE

28.2. A boat may correct any errors in *sailing the course*, provided she has not rounded the next mark or crossed the finishing line to *finish*.

UF2.2 Rule 31 is changed to:

31 TOUCHING A MARK

While *racing*, neither the crew nor any part of a boat’s hull shall touch a starting *mark* before *starting*, a *mark* that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing *mark* after *finishing*. In addition, while *racing*, a boat shall not touch a race committee vessel that is also a *mark*.

UF3 ON WATER PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

UF3.1 In this appendix, ‘a penalty’ will mean the following:

A One-Turn Penalty taken in accordance with rule 44.2.



UF3.2 The first sentence of rule 44.1 is changed to: ‘A boat may take a penalty when, in an incident while *racing*, she may have broken one or more of the *rules* of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury), rule 31 or rule 42. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 in the same incident, she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31’.

UF3.3 On the Water Protests by Boats and Penalties

- (a) While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or rule 42; however, a boat may only protest under a rule of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail ‘Protest’ and conspicuously display a red, flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall remove the flag before, or at the first reasonable opportunity after a boat involved in the incident has taken a penalty voluntarily or after an umpire’s decision.
- (b) A boat that protests as provided in rule UF3.3(a) is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by voluntarily taking a penalty. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a penalty voluntarily.

UF3.4 Penalties and Protests Initiated by an Umpire

- (a) When a boat
 - (1) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
 - (2) breaks rule 42,
 - (3) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
 - (4) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
 - (5) fails to comply with rule UF3.6 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,
 - (6) fails to comply with rule UF2.1 (rule 28.2) an umpire shall disqualify her under rule UF3.5(c),
 - (7) breaks rule 49.2, class rule C3.3 (crew positioning) or C9.4(b)(1) (bowsprit).

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose a penalty or more, each signalled in accordance with rule UF3.5(b), or disqualify her under rule UF3.5(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under rule UF3.4(a)(5) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled,

- (b) An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a rule, other than rule UF3.6 or rule 28 or a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a), may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3. However, he will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.



UF3.5 Umpire Signals

An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means ‘No penalty.’
- (b) A red flag with one long sound means ‘a penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.’ The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat.
- (c) A black flag with one long sound means ‘A boat is disqualified.’ The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.
- (d) A Yellow flag with one long sound means ‘The umpires do not have the facts required to make a decision.’

UF3.6 Imposed Penalties

- (a) A boat penalized under rule UF3.5(b) shall take a penalty.
- (b) A boat disqualified under rule UF3.5(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

UF4 RACE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

UF4.1 At the finishing line, the race committee will inform the competitors about each boat’s finishing place or scoring abbreviation. After this has been done, the race committee will promptly display flag B with one sound. Flag B will be displayed for at least two minutes and then removed with one sound. If the race committee changes the scoring information provided at the finishing line while flag B is displayed, it will display flag L with one sound. Flag B will continue to be displayed for at least two minutes after any changes are made.

UF5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

UF5.1 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

UF5.2 A boat is only entitled to a hearing when the umpires have signalled in accordance with UF3.5(d) or under UF5.3.

UF5.3 A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than rule UF3.6 or rule 28, or a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a),
- (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
- (c) request redress

shall inform the race committee in the following way:

hail the race committee before or during the display of flag B.

UF5.4 The time limit defined in rule UF5.3 also applies to protests under rule UF5.9, UF5.10 and UF5.11 when such protests are permitted. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.



- UF5.5** The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under rule UF5.3.
- UF5.6** The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted. Rule 62.1(a) is deleted.
- UF5.7** The first three sentences of rule 64.2 are changed to: ‘When the protest committee decides that a boat that is a *party* to a protest hearing has broken a rule, it may impose penalties other than disqualification, and may make any other scoring arrangement it decides is equitable. If a boat has broken a *rule* when not *racing*, the protest committee shall decide whether to apply any penalty to the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident or make some other arrangement.’
- UF5.8** **Hearings**
Except for a hearing under rule 69.2
- (a) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.
 - (b) The protest committee may inform the protestee and schedule the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate this orally.
 - (c) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
 - (d) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a scoring penalty of points or fraction of points or make any other arrangement it decides is fair, which may be to impose no penalty.
 - (e) If the protest committee penalizes a boat in accordance with rule UF5.7 or if a standard penalty is applied, all other boats will be informed about the change of the penalized boat’s score.
- UF5.9** The race committee will not protest a boat except under SSI 17.3.
- UF5.10** The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking rule UF3.6 or rule 28, a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a), or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.
- UF5.11** The technical committee will only protest a boat under rule 60.4 when it decides that a boat or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules, rule 50, or the rules in the equipment regulations of the event, if such exist. In such a case, the technical committee shall protest.
- UF5.12** Rule 66.2 is changed to ‘A *party* to the hearing under this appendix may not request a reopening.’