



ROLEX VOLCANO RACE 2011

GAETA – CAPRI

May, 24 – 28, 2011

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 The Rules as defined in the International Sailing Federation; Racing Rules of Sailing 2009/2012 (RRS).
Between sunset and sunrise, Part 2 of the RRS will be replaced by the I.R.P.C.S./ColRegs/ International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.
- 1.2 No National Authority prescriptions will apply, except FIV cards for Italian competitors;
- 1.3 ISAF Sailing Regulations governing Offshore Racing - Category 3 with Life raft on board, will apply. A written declaration by the owner/skipper shall be delivered at registration to comply with these rules including training sessions, if required.
- 1.4 IMA Class Rules 2011;
- 1.5 IRC Rules and Regulations will apply but all devices for power assisted winches, canting keels, trim tab and water ballast are permitted. External weather assistance is permitted (amends RRS 41).
- 1.6 The minimum crew members shall be eight. The complete list of people on board shall be delivered at registration.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between any of the above rules and/or regulations and the Sailing Instructions, the decision of the International Jury with the approval of the IMA representative, shall prevail.
- 1.8 English shall be the official language used at the regatta.

2. Event classification and advertising

- 2.1 This event is under ISAF Advertising Code, Regulation 20.

On request by the O.A., all participating boats shall hoist a sponsor's flag on the backstay of the boat from the registration closure in Gaeta until one hour after the prize giving ceremony in Capri.

The Organizing Authority may also require:

- the installation, at no cost to competitors, of on board video cameras for the official television production.
- the installation of satellite monitoring equipment for the boat tracking system. The aforesaid equipment has been designed not to interfere with the instrumentation and the various communication equipment on board. The Organizing Committee will provide for the installation, free of charge.

3. Navigation lights

From sunset to sunrise and in case of poor visibility, the navigation lights must be switched on.

4. Finishing at night

See Sailing Instruction 18 for the finish procedure.

5. Venue

Race Headquarters will be located at the IMA Office in Gaeta until departure, and then in the Race Office of the Rolex Capri Sailing Week in Capri from May 25th to May 29th.

The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be located in the above mentioned locations, as convenient.

For contacts see paragraph 37.

6. Entries

The event is open to all the Maxi Yachts as defined by the IMA Class Rules.

According to the number and characteristics of entries, boats may be divided in accordance with IMA Rules.

Effective Divisions/Groups will be defined by the O.A. at 17.00 hours on May 23, 2011 depending on the number of competitors, for additional scoring and prizes.

7. Registration Formalities

To qualify as an official competitor the following shall be completed with the Race Office by 12.00 hours on May 23, 2011:

- Complete Registration with the Organizing Authority, including entry form duly signed, crew list, sail inventory and entry fee.
- Disclaimer and Photographic Rights Form duly signed by each crew member.
- Rating Certificate endorsed by the Association Technical Officer. The certificate shall be signed by the owner or owner's representative.
- A written declaration by the owner/skipper to comply with ISAF Sailing Regulations governing Offshore Racing – Category 3 and to have on board qualified life raft for the entire crew list.

Yachts not complying with the above formalities are not eligible for the event without approval of the International Jury.

Values of rating certificates issued at **13.00 hours** on May 23, 2011, shall not be modified without the I.J. approval.

8. Briefing

The Official and Meteo Briefing will be held at the Club Nautico Gaeta at 17.00 hours on May 23, 2011. Two representatives of each boat may attend.

Meteo updated information will be presented on the Lungomare Caboto (Caboto waterfront) at 10.30 am on May 24, 2011

9. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions and Notices to Competitors

9.1 Any amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the ONB no later than 09.00 hours of May 24, 2011.

It is the responsibility of competitors to acquaint themselves with these notices.

9.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB.

10 Signals made ashore

10.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flag staff located at the terrace of the *Guardia di Finanza* Naval School and repeated at a staff in the mooring area.

10.2 The display or removal of signals will be announced by sound signal and possibly via radio on VHF Channel 72. There will be no grounds for request of redress in the case of mistakes or omission of sound or radio signals. (This amends RRS 60.1 (b) and RRS 62.1).

10.3 Code flag "AP" (Answering Pennant) means "the race is postponed". The warning signal will not be displayed before 90 minutes after "AP is lowered" (Amends RRS- Race Signals).

11. Programme

- Saturday, 21 May 10.00 - 12.00 and 14.00 - 18.00 Inspections, registrations
- Sunday, 22 May 10.00 - 12.00 and 14.00 - 18.00 Inspections, registrations
- Monday , 23 May 12.00: Time limit for registrations

17.00 Official Briefing & Meteo Briefing
19.30 Rolex & IMA Welcome Party at “Aenea’s Landing Resort”: owners and crews
(shuttle services from 19.00)
- Tuesday, 24 May 10.30 Meteo briefing at the Caboto Waterfront;
12.00 Opening Ceremony of the Rolex Volcano Race, Caboto Waterfront:
presentation of the participant teams; reception ; Italian Navy band concert.
14.00 Boats departing from Caboto Waterfront (see apposite instructions);

15.00 Warning Signal
- Friday, 27 May 21.00 (Capri): Rolex Party at “La Canzone del Mare”: owners and crews
- Saturday, 28 May 18.00 (Capri): Final Prize Giving: Rolex Volcano Race & Rolex Capri Sailing Week

12. Starting area

The starting area will be located within a radius of approx 3 N.M. from Punta Stendardo.

13. Starting Procedure

13.1 RRS 26 applies. The fleet will start in a single group. The warning flag is "WHISKY".

13.2 Starting Line

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end of the line and the starting mark at the port end. The starting mark may be replaced by a Service boat displaying an orange flag. In this case the starting line will be between the staffs displaying an orange flag on each boat. The Race Committee Boat and/or Service boat on the starting line may hold their position with the use of engines.

13.3 Marks

Marks will be inflatable white marks with Rolex logo.

13.4 Marks after the Start

The Race Committee may position an inflatable buoy, as weather mark, at approx 2 n.m. from the starting line in the direction indicated with numbers on a board on the R.C. Boat. Prior to the warning signal, the race committee boat will display a red flag if the mark is to be left to port or a green flag if the mark is to be left to starboard. If there is no red or green flag, there is no weather mark.

Boats should then proceed to "Enea mark", a course mark positioned in front of Enea landing beach to be left on port (latitude and longitude of this mark to be communicated) then to Ponza Island.

13.5 All support boats shall keep well clear of the starting area and, after the preparatory signal, are not to approach within 100 metres of any competing boat.

Infringement of this Rule by a boat's support vessel may result in the imposition of a scoring penalty against that boat by the Protest Committee.

13.6 All signals may be repeated on VHF channel 72. Radio signals are for information only. There will be no grounds for request of redress in the case of omission or mistakes in the broadcast of radio signals. (This amends RRS 60.1 (b) and RRS 62.1).

13.7 Both the Race Committee Boat and the Service boat rate as marks.

13.8 A boat shall start no later than 10 minutes after the starting signal except for OCS, whose time is extended to 20 minutes. The Race Committee may extend the limit of 10 minutes for special circumstances (This amends RRS 60.1 (b) and RRS 62.1).

14. Individual Recalls

14.1 Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1.

14.2 The words "X-ray" will be repeated several times over VHF channel 72.

The sail numbers of the OCS will be repeated by radio.

Failure, delay or errors in the radio transmission shall not be grounds for request of redress. (Amends RRS 60.1 (b) and RRS 62.1).

15. General Recall

15.1 General recall will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2.

15.2 The words "General Recall" will be repeated several times over VHF channel 72.

Failure, delay or errors in the radio transmission shall not be grounds for request of redress. (Amends RRS 60.1 (b) and RRS 62.1).

16. Committee Boat, Jury Boat, Service Boats and Press Vessels

16.1 The Race Committee boat will be identified by a large IMA flag and an orange flag and will normally be the starting boat.

- 16.2 Service boats will be identified by an orange flag.
- 16.3 The Jury boat will display a white flag with "I.J".
- 16.4 Vessels used by Press, Photographers, Film Crews, VIP's, etc. are not under the jurisdiction of the Race Committee.

17. Race Course

17.1 After the marks positioned after the starting line (see 13.4), the boats shall proceed as follows:

- Leg one. From Gaeta to Ponza , leaving Ponza and Zannone to port;
- Leg two. From Ponza to Capri leaving Ventotene and Ischia to port and Capri to starboard;
- Leg three. From Capri to Punta Strombolicchio, leaving Strombolicchio to starboard;
- Leg four. From Strombolicchio to Vulcano, leaving Stromboli and Vulcano to starboard;
- Leg five. From Vulcano to Alicudi, leaving Alicudi to starboard;
- Leg six. From Alicudi to the finishing line north of Marina Grande in Capri, leaving Capri to port;

17.2 The course may be shortened at the end of each indicated leg.

In this case:

- The boats will be informed by radio (Channel 72) and/or by email;
- The finishing line will be between an orange flag on a Service Vessel and the last island of the leg. The islands shall be left on the indicated side. At night the orange flag will be substituted by two fix white lights one over the other.

The finishing service boat may hold position with the use of engine.

18. Finishing Procedure

18.1 Arrival Contact

18.1.1 When boat's ETA to Capri, is approx 8 hours, each boat shall inform by email or text messages the Race Committee in Capri (0039 081 8389455) and/or IMA Results (Peter Lawson: 401-524-1335, email: technical@internationalmaxiassociation.com)

18.1.2 Boats shall inform by email or text messages the Race Office and Pete Lawson 3 hours before finishing.

18.1.3 Boats shall phone the Race Office and Pete Lawson, and contact the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72, 1 hour before finishing .

18.2 The finish line will be the line between the green light of the entrance of Marina Grande Harbour in Capri and an orange cylindrical mark with a flashing light positioned on bearing north at 0.4n.m.from the above green light. The buoy with the flashing light will indicate the offshore end of the line and shall be left on starboard.

18.3 See the attached drawing for information only.

18.4 Yachts shall stand by on VHF channel 72 from 5 miles from the finishing line until they finish. Confirmation of finishing may be given by the race committee.

18.5 Yachts are also requested to record their own finish time (local) and report it on the race declaration one hour after the mooring. Boats finishing at night shall deliver the declaration the following morning by 09.30.

Any boat finishing after 16.00hrs on May 28, 2011, will be scored DNF. In any case they will take their own finish time and report it to the Race Office.

18.6 The "race declaration" shall report that all the Racing Rules have been followed during the race. The Race declaration must be signed by the owner and the skipper.

- 18.7 An official welcome boat of the Yacht Club Capri may meet and guide the boats to the assigned mooring buoy or mooring place.
- 18.8 For a shortened course, only par 18.4, 18.5 and 18.6 shall apply. After finishing, boats shall proceed to Capri for the Rolex Party and prize giving ceremony delivering the race declaration on arrival, at the Race Office in Capri

19 Time Limit

The time limit for the entire course race is 16.00 hours on May 28, 2011.

The time limit for a reduced course will be specified with the announcement of the course Reduction.

20. Retirement

- 20.1 A boat that retires from the race shall immediately notify the Race Committee Reporting Centre by phone, radio or any possible means until an acknowledgment is received by the Race Secretariat.
- 20.2 Boats that do not leave Gaeta shall notify the Race Office before 11.30 hrs.

21. Protests

- 21.1 Protests shall be made in accordance with RRS 60 and 61.
- 21.2 Protests regarding a boat's rating and/or measurement shall be lodged not later than 15.00 hours on May 23, 2011.
The protest shall indicate the matters to be examined. Rule 64.3(d) shall apply.
Hearings will take place on the afternoon of May 28, 2011, in Capri.
- 21.3 Protests forms are available at the Race Office. The completed protest form shall be lodged to the Race Office within one hour after the mooring procedure in Capri is completed. The protest must be communicated by radio to the Race Office within one hour after the protesting boat has finished the race and acknowledged by the RC.
The protest flag shall be flown for one hour after the incident and for the finish. (Amends RRS 61.1).
- 21.4 Hearings will take place in Capri on the afternoon of May 28 or at an earlier time if all parties to the protest are available. All persons involved in the hearings shall remain available for the hearing.
- 21.5 The Race Committee or International Jury intending to protest a boat under Rule 60.2(a) or Rule 60.3(a) because of an incident observed in the racing area shall inform her after the race by posting a notice on the Capri ONB within the time limit of the race.
- 21.6 It is the boat's representative's sole responsibility to check the protest notices at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Competitors are reminded of RRS 63.3 (b).
- 21.7 The International Jury may impose penalties other than DSQ.

22. Communications

- 22.1 During the race, the Race Committee may use VHF 72 to broadcast information such as signals made ashore, course reduction, location of the Race Committee Boat, sail numbers of boats recalled, etc.
A time check may be transmitted by the Race Committee over VHF Channel 72 approx. 30 minutes before the first scheduled warning signal of the race.
- 22.2 Failure to receive or hear radio transmissions will not be grounds for request of redress (Amends RRS 60.1 (b) and 62.1 (a)).

23. Scoring

- 23.1 The Low Point System RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 23.2 The result will be on corrected time on time as indicated by the IRC Rules.

24. Penalties

- 24.1 RRS 44.2 applies. Two turns are required.
- 24.2 Report of the Race Committee on OCS, except for recording mistakes, is not ground for redress. (Amends RRS 60.1 (b) and RRS 62.1).

25. Nautical Charts

The following nautical charts from “Istituto Idrografico della Marina” are utilized by the Race Committee, and will be available in Gaeta:

I.I. 131; 914; 915; 14; !5.

26. Moorings

Free moorings will be available at the Base Nautica Flavio Gioia in Gaeta with space for vans and containers from 08.00 of May 21st, 2011, for boats timely registered and participating in the event. For earlier arrivals, please contact the Base Nautica Flavio Gioia.

Moorings will be available in Capri either at the Marina or to mooring buoys after the finishing until May 30, 2011.

For assistance with the mooring please contact the Base Nautica Offices on VHF.9 or 16 and the Yacht Club Capri on VHF Channel 9 and 16.

On arrival either in Gaeta and Capri all boats shall register with the Marina Office.

Provision of water and electricity is not included in the entry fee and must be requested at the Marina Office. Payment for these services must be made to the Marina Offices.

27. Hauling out

Boats shall not be hauled out after 10.00 hours on May 23, without prior written permission of the International Jury. The cleaning of the hull at sea is permitted, as is the use of mask and bottles.

28. Rating Certificates

28.1 Owners and their representatives are advised that if there is the intent to request a reissue of the IRC Rating Certificate in the time period just prior to the start of the race, arrangements must be made directly with the appropriate Rule Authority issuing the certificate or the Rating Authority office responsible for processing the certificate. It is requested that a copy of the new certificate be sent to the ATO at technical@internationalmaxiassociation.com by the issuing office. It is each boat's responsibility to fulfil the requirements of Section 7 of the Sailing Instructions. Prior to 12.00 hours on May 23 a signed copy of the boat's IRC final certificate shall be presented at the Race Office in Gaeta.

28.2 The list of rating values shall be issued by the Measurement Committee by 15.00 on May 23 approved and signed by the I.J. Thereafter no changes of the rating values are possible unless as a consequence of controls and inspections and with the approval of the I.J.

28.3 It is reminded to all the competitors that the rating certificates shall be endorsed by the IMA Technical Office.

29. Tracking System

29.1 An electronic tracking system will be used to track the position of participating boats during the race and participants will be required to allow the installation of tracking beacons on their boats. The Organising Authority may use the information received from the system for media coverage of the race as well as for technical and safety purposes.

On registration, participants will be required to leave a deposit of 300 euros with the Organising Authority, which will be refunded on return of the beacons after the race.

29.2 In any case it is a skipper responsibility to provide the Race Office with the daily position at 08.00 and 20.00 local time, by VHF acknowledged messages or SMS text messages and/or emails.

30. Control, Measurement and Inspections

30.1 The IMA Technical office may rule on all matters of rating, accommodation, equipment and associated Rules and Regulations and ISAF Offshore Special Regulations. The ATO's ruling shall be final. It shall advise the Race Committee and the I.J. on any related disputes and propose appropriate penalties for infringements.

30.2 The IMA Technical office has the right to undertake random inspections and measurement checks on any entered boat throughout the registration period and after the finishing. All boats shall be available for inspection between 08.00 and 18.00 hours each day during the port calls. In the event of a protest, access for inspections may be requested at any time.

30.3 Sail inventory for the event shall be lodged with the Race Office at final registration.

The number of sails to be carried on board is free but all sails carried on board shall be part of the sail inventory.

31. Crews Lists

- 31.1 The entire crew list shall be lodged at the Race Office at registration.
- 31.2 The Organizing Authority may direct television team to be on board a boat additional to the crew list, for a limited period during the departure or arrival phases. Other guests on board shall be on the crew list.

32. Ecological Rules

While moored and at sea all boats shall respect all the rules to prevent pollution and environment damages. Furthermore attention is called on the Rules for Gaeta and Capri presently in force. I.J. may take action in case of infringements of the above ecological rules.

33. Photographic and Television Media Rights

Competitors grant the Organizing Authority the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the yacht they are sailing during the event, to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to Press and TV advertisements or Internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information; in this respect, competitors' name and any biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known.

As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights (See S.I. Par. 7).

34. Disclaimer

- 34.1 Competitors agree to be bound by International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009/2012, by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race.

Competitors agree to take any and all responsibility for the nautical qualities of their yacht, the rigging, the crew's ability and the safety equipment. Competitors also agree to take any and all responsibility for damages caused to third persons or their belongings, to themselves or to their belongings, ashore and at sea as a consequence of their participation in the regatta, relieving of any responsibility the Organising Clubs, the Race Committee, the Protest Committee, all event sponsors and any other party involved in the organization under whatever qualification and to accept full responsibility for the behaviour and dress of the yacht's crew, representatives, guests and anybody connected with the boat in any way.

In any case Competitors agree that the Organising Clubs, the sponsors and their agents, have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss, or damage to any boat or property.

As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability.

- 34.2 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor, who must ensure the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience and who are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging and all gear. He/she must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.
- 34.3 Neither the establishment of these conditions, nor their use by the Organizing Authorities and the Race Organizers in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor. The crew and guests are nonetheless advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.
- 34.4 The attention of competitors is drawn to ISAF RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

35. Electronic Equipment

All types of electronic aids, including radar, GPS, etc., are permitted. Weather information from any source is permitted. (Amends RRS 41).

36. Trophies

**Rolex Trophy for the first boat on the finishing line;
Rolex Trophy for the first overall IRC scored boat;
IMA Trophies for the winner of each category/ group**

37. Contact Info for the Event.

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38. **EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

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An escort boat provided by the Coast Guard, will follow the race. Name and contact to be specified.