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NOTICE OF RACE
& SAILING ISTRUCTIONS

Including Amendment 1 – 8 October 2024

Including Amendment 2 – 21 October 2024

Punat, 15 – 17 November 2024

The Organizing Authority is

**Organising Committee of Belt and Road International Regatta and
Sailing Association of Primorje-Gorski Kotar County (JSPGŽ)**

in conjunction with

**Guangxi Sailing Association and
Guangxi Arthur Sports Culture Development Co. Ltd.**



The notation [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is applied according to the RRS Introduction – Notation.

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation [SP] means the standard penalties may be used by race committee (RC) without hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 WS Appendix UF (Attachment C) for umpired fleet racing will apply.
- 1.3 Rules 62.1(a), (b) and (d) are deleted.
- 1.4 The rules for the handling of boats (Attachment B) will apply. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.5 No Croatian Sailing Federation prescriptions will apply.
- 1.6 RRS 40.1 applies and will be changed as follows: All competitors shall wear their own personal flotation devices that comply with ISO12402-5 or higher standard at all times while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text shall take precedence.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online Official Notice Board (ONB) located on the following link: https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/notices?event_id=9901
- 2.2 Complementary information may be communicated through a Telegram Group (TG). The link to join the group will be published on ONB.

3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

- 3.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted on ONB at least 2 hours before the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect.
- 3.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted on ONB no later than 20:00 the previous evening.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be published in official TG.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signals.

5 [DP] COMMUNICATION

- 5.1 All boats shall have and carry their own handheld VHF radio capable of communicating.
- 5.2 Racing Committee (RC) may use VHF radio to communicate with the competitors.

- 5.3 RC will inform competitors about the results by text message via the event's Telegram group that constitutes ONB for the purpose of UF4.1.
- 5.4 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication unavailable to all competitors.

6 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 6.1 14 teams will be invited. Invitations will be issued as follows:
 - a) Ten (10) teams (one per MNA);
 - b) Two (2) teams from hosting MNA;
 - c) Two (2) teams from CHN.
- 6.2 Teams wishing to receive an invitation may register their request with OA by writing or emailing jspgz2008@gmail.com
- 6.3 After 15 October 2024, the OA may issue wild card invitations for remaining places.
- 6.4 Only teams invited by the OA, and who confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing or e-mail will be eligible to enter this event by completing the online entry form available at ONB.
- 6.5 Teams may be entered by their member national authority, cities or clubs approved by OA.

7 FEES

- 7.1 A non-refundable entry fee of 100 € per team shall be paid. Entry fee include accommodation on 15 and 16 November at Hotel Kanajt in Marina Punat, packed lunches on racing days and invitations to the Opening Ceremony and Prize giving.
- 7.2 An initial damage deposit of 1000 € shall be paid in cash at registration unless extended by the OA.
- 7.3 Each team is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each team for each incident. If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the team will be permitted to continue in the event.
- 7.4 All payments shall be made to the account: Jedriličarski savez Primorsko-goranske županije, IBAN HR142402006110055464.

8 CREW

- 8.1 The total number of crew (including skipper) shall be four (4) or five (5) in case of full female crew. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 8.2 [NP] When a crew member (including skipper) is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment. Requests must be in writing by using online forms at ONB.
- 8.3 There will be no crew weight limit.

9 BOATS

OA will provide 14 J70 type boats and will allocate them by draw. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib and Gennaker.

10 ADVERTISING

- 10.1 [NP] With prior notice and OA approval teams will be allowed to use space on the hull for their advertising.
- 10.2 [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

11 SCHEDULE

The event will be held from 15 to 17 November 2024.

Thursday 14 November

1030 – 1200 Registration Marina Punat

1200 – 1400 Practice Marina Punat

Friday 15 November

1200 Press conference Hotel Bonavia Rijeka

1300 Opening Ceremony Hotel Bonavia Rijeka

1800 Skippers meeting Marina Punat

Saturday 16 November

1000 – 1700 Races Marina Punat

Sunday 17 November

1000 – 1700 Races Marina Punat

1800 Prize giving Marina Punat

12 CLASS FLAG

Flag J will be class flag.

13 THE COURSES

- 13.1 The courses will be windward-leeward. Offset mark and leeward gate will be used.
- 13.2 The diagram in Attachment A shows the course.
- 13.3 The leeward gate may be replaced by a single mark, which shall be rounded to port.
- 13.4 There may be one coastal race at discretion of OA with details communicated in a separate notice.

14 MARKS

- 14.1 1, 1a, 2s, 2p will be self-positioning orange conical buoys.

- 14.2 The starting marks will be the RC vessels at the starboard-end and self-positioning orange conical buoy at port-end.
- 14.3 The finishing marks will be the RC vessel at the port-end and an orange self-positioning conical buoy at the starboard-end.

15 [NP] RACING AREAS

Position of racing areas will be posted at ONB.

16 THE START

- 16.1 The starting line will be between staff displaying orange flags on the starting marks. If the port-end RC vessel (Pin-End) is not in position, it will be replaced with the course side of the buoy as the port-end starting mark.
- 16.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 16.3 [NP] The RC will endeavor to call boats that are OCS, UFD, or BFD on the VHF channel 77 using either bow numbers, sail numbers, or boat names. This is in addition to any changes to RRS 29.1, 30.3, and 30.4.

17 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move original windward marks 1 and 1A or move the finishing line to the new position.

18 THE FINISH

- 18.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag at RC vessel on the port-end of the line and the course side of the finishing mark at starboard-end of the line.
- 18.2 The RC vessel at the finish line may maintain its position by using the engine.

19 PENALTY SYSTEM, PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 19.1 Attachment C – WS Appendix UF, Belt & Road Regatta (Croatia) 2024 Edition applies.
- 19.2 A boat shall be exonerated for breaking RRS 31 if the umpires are satisfied that the breach is entirely due to self-positioning mark adjusting its position.

20 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

20.1 [NP] Time limits and target time is shown in the table below:

Race	Mark 1	Finish	Target
90 min.	30 min.	20 min.	45 min.

- 20.2 [NP] The race will be abandoned if no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit.
- 20.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sailed the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.

21 SCORING

- 21.1 Six (6) races are scheduled. One (1) race has to be completed for the event to be valid.
- 21.2 When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

22 [DP] SAFETY REGULATION

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

23 [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 23.1 All requests must be in writing by using online forms at ONB.
- 23.2 Replacement of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.

24 [DP] LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

- 24.1 All boats shall be afloat by the end of registration period.
- 24.2 All boats shall be kept in their assigned docks at the club/marina.

25 [DP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus (excluding snorkels) and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

27 RISK STATEMENT

- 27.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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.

- 27.2 The OA will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, before, during, or after the events.

28 INSURANCE

Each participating team shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1.500.000 € per event or the equivalent.

29 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 29.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall behave so to not bring the event into dispute.
- 29.2 Competitors and Support Persons shall handle any equipment provided by the OA with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

30 [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

- 30.1 If required by the OA:

- a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
- b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA.

Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.

- 30.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied equipment.
- 30.3 All those who take part in the event as competitors as well as support persons or spectators agree to be overflowed by drone during the duration of the event, this includes person and person's property.
- 30.4 By participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants to the OA and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at the discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for this event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the this event without compensation.

31 PRIZES

- 31.1 The first three teams will be awarded prize money. First: 5000 €; Second: 3000 €; Third: 2000 €.
- 31.2 Additional Prizes may be given at the discretion of the OA.

32 FURTHER INFORMATION

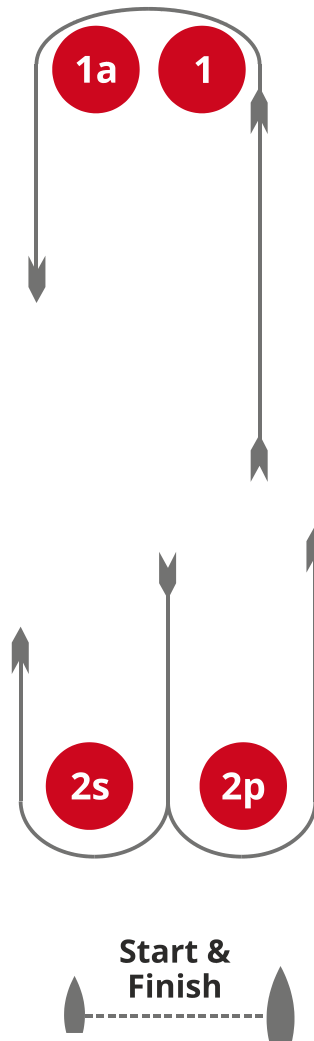
For further information, please contact OA at jspgz2008@gmail.com



Attachment A

COURSE

LA	COURSE: WINDWARD/LEEWARD with spreader mark
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish



Attachment B

THE RULES FOR HANDLING OF BOATS

B1 [SP] GENERAL

The technical committee can check the boats for any changes that are in breach of NoR B2 or B6 on a random basis. If they find such a change, they will inform the PC. PC may penalize the boat with one additional point without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A5.1 and A5.2.

B2 [NP] PROHIBITED ACTIONS

In order to prevent damages and injuries:

The following actions are prohibited unless in case of emergency or directed by RC or umpires:

- a) Sailing in a manner that could cause serious damage or injury.
- b) Tying in, binding or dropping the jib.
- c) Any additions or alterations to the equipment supplied.
- d) Use of equipment for a purpose other than that intended.
- e) Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used as intended.
- f) Replacement of any equipment. Exception: damage. In this case, the replacement may be carried out only by the repair service.
- g) Marking of sails, boat or arranged equipment, perforation of sails or attachment of further tell-tails to the sails.

B3 [NP] REPAIRS

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment and repairs may only be done by the repair service of the OA, or under their management.

B4 [NP] CREW POSITIONING

B4.1 The crew shall not hang, push or pull on the standing rigging to promote the manoeuvre or to project weight outboards. It is allowed to use the mast or the companionway for promoting the manoeuvre.

B4.2 The cockpit lines may be used with the exception that hanging on to the cockpit lines from the outside is prohibited.

B4.3 The crew shall not stand, sit on the cockpit lines or the pushpits.

B5 [NP] BOWSPRIT

B5.1 Having the bowsprit extended, except when in the process of setting, flying or taking down the gennaker is prohibited. The bowsprit shall be fully retracted at the first reasonable

opportunity after taking down the gennaker. A boat that does not retract the bowsprit fully may be warned and given an opportunity to correct the error.

- B5.2 Extending the bowsprit before getting on the new leg of the course, after entering the zone of a rounding mark without a gennaker set is prohibited.

B6 [DP][NP] SHROUDS AND FORESTAY

It is prohibited to adjust shroud and forestay tension at all times while afloat. Backstay tension may be adjusted while racing.

Attachment C

WS APPENDIX UF

Belt & Road Regatta (Croatia) 2024 Edition

Version 1 October 2024

Umpired fleet races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix. Races shall be umpired. The rule changes in UF1 have been approved by World Sailing under Regulation 28.1.5(b) on the condition that only the provided options are used. This appendix applies only when it is referred to in the Notice of Race and made available for all competitors.

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 [Spare]

UF1.4 When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails: for room to tack, repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

UF1.5 Rule 70 is deleted.

UF1.6 [Spare]

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 Yankee 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] breaks course limits instructions if any and NoR B2, B4 or B5.
 - [7] fails to comply with rule UF2.1 (rule 28.2) an umpire shall disqualify her under rule UF3.5(c),an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose a penalty or more, each signaled 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.

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 After boats have finished, the race committee will inform competitors about the results on the official notice board.

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 *[Spare]*

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:

call the race committee via radio VHF channel 77 not later than two minutes after *finishing* or retiring.

UF5.4 The time limit defined in rule UF5.3 also applies to protests under rule UF5.10 and UF5.11. 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.

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.

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 decides that a boat or personal equipment does not comply with the class rule, 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.'