



Saint Tropez, 10-12 October 2025

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – SWAN RATING FLEET

The notation in a rule of the Sailing Instructions:

‘[DP]’ in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

‘[NP]’ in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule and for which the international jury may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 63.1.

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*
- 1.2 Prescriptions of FFvoile RRS 2025-2028 (available [here](#))
- 1.3 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) for Category 4 apply. [DP]
- 1.4 The ORC Rule applies for all classes.
- 1.5 Exceptions to RRS 77 may be granted by the organizer upon written request prior to the close of registration. This changes RRS 77.
- 1.6 Competitors must be at least 12 years old on the first race of the event. Crew members under 18 years of age (but over 12 years old) shall deliver a disclaimer signed by a parent or guardian.
- 1.7 The registration nationality of a boat is indicated by the owner of the boat as set out in the entry form. If not indicated, the sail national letters or the owner's nationality will be used.
- 1.8 The official language is English. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.9 In the event of a discrepancy between the NoR and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

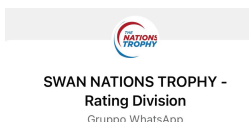
### 2 VENUE & WHATSAPP GROUP

The Race Office and ClubSwan office will be located nearby the Capitanerie. The Official Notice Board (ONB) is online and posted at the following link: [ONB](#).

In addition to the Official Notice Board, a “WhatsApp” group with voluntary sign-up will be used to assist competitors to stay informed of Race Committee intentions and courses.

The following QR code is a direct link to the WhatsApp group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LoV0rXjoxQQKh85uFaHSqe>



### 3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the [ONB](#). Notices may be sent via WhatsApp when practicable. Failure to send or receive a notice via WhatsApp will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

#### **4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the [ONB](#), and sent via WhatsApp, when Practicable, to all competitors before 10.00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2 In accordance with RRS 90.2(c), changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water by hail on the race committee channel. The race committee will display flag L with one sound before making the announcement.

#### **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole at the Regatta Village. The display or removal of signals will be broadcasted on the race committee channel and on WhatsApp Group.
- 5.2 When the AP flag is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

#### **6 SCHEDULE OF RACES / PROGRAM**

- 6.1 The organizing authority and race committee reserve the right to change the schedule at their discretion, taking into account weather conditions and other factors:

##### **Friday 10/10/25**

Skippers briefing	09.30
Warning Signal	11.30
Daily prize giving	At dock in

##### **Saturday 11/10/25**

Warning Signal	11.30
Daily prize giving	At dock in

##### **Sunday 12/10/25**

Warning Signal	11.30
Prize-giving ceremony	At dock in

- 6.2 Three (3) races are scheduled with no discard being allowed.
- 6.3 There will be a daily prize giving after racing at the Regatta Village.
- 6.4 On Sunday, 12 October, the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 13:30.

#### **7 CLASSES AND BOAT IDENTIFICATION**

- 7.1 The class flag is a SWAN FLAG.
- 7.2 A Nautor Swan forestay flag will be given to all attending yachts to be displayed while at the mooring.

#### **8 STARTING AREA**

The Race Committee will advise competitors of the intended starting area initially via WhatsApp before 10.00 each morning and then using VHF radio 45 minutes prior to the first race warning signal. The starting area will be in Golfe de Saint Tropez.

#### **9 THE COURSES**

- 9.1 Courses will be advised by the event WhatsApp group before the class warning signal.
- 9.2 Competitors attention is drawn to RRS Appendix WP – Rules For Waypoints.
- 9.3 When rounding a Waypoint, competitors shall take a photograph of their chart plotter as confirmation. This record must be retained until the end of the series, and may be required to be produced in the event of a protest under RRS 28.

#### **10 MARKS**

- 10.1 Marks will be a combination of yellow inflatable buoys, Waypoints, navigational marks or buoys and landmarks. These will be identified in Addendum A – Marks..

#### **11 THE START**

- 11.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The starting line will be the line between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the Committee vessel and a yellow mark.
- 11.2 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

- 11.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number or the boat's name. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **12 SHORTENED COURSES**

Spare

## **13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

There will be no change of course.

## **14 THE FINISH**

- 14.1 The finish will be between Tour du Portalet and a yellow finishing mark.

## **15 TIME LIMITS**

The time limit for coastal courses is 16.30. Boats failing to finish within 100 minutes after the first boat of her class sails the course and finishes, will be scored 1 more point than the last boat finishing within the time limit. This changes RRS 35 and A5. The scoring abbreviation for this will be "TLE" (Time Limit Expired).

## **16 PENALTY SYSTEM [NP]**

- 16.1 The Scoring Penalty as provided in RRS 44.3 shall apply, except that RRS 44.3(c) is deleted and replaced with the following: "44.3 (c). The elapsed time for a boat that takes a Scoring Penalty shall be the elapsed time she would have been allocated without that penalty increased by 2%. If she takes more than one Scoring Penalty in a race, her elapsed time will be increased by 2% for each Scoring Penalty taken. A boat takes a Scoring Penalty by complying with RRS 44.3(a) and (b). However, the score of the boat shall be worsened by a minimum of one point for each penalty, but shall not be worse than equal to DNF."
- 16.2 Penalties for breaches of a rule other than a rule of Parts 1 or 2 of the RRS may be less than disqualification if the Jury so decides. The notation [DP] in a rule in this SI or in the NoR supports identifying these rules.

## **17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS [NP]**

- 17.1 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 17.2 Protest forms will be available at Race Office. Protests and requests for redress, shall be delivered within the protest time limit.
- 17.3 The first sentence of RRS 66.2 is changed to read: "A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening in writing and identify the reason for it no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision."
- 17.4 Post-Race Penalties
- (a) Provided that RRS 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
- (b) A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c). However, RRS 44.1(b) applies.
- 17.6 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in class has finished the last race of the day.
- 17.7 Notices will be posted on the ONB later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit has expired to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located in the Control Tower. Hearings may be scheduled to begin up to 30 minutes before the end of the protest time limit. All persons involved in the hearing shall remain in the vicinity of the jury room.
- 17.8 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted on the ONB to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.9 Breaches of RRS 47 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## **18 RATING OR MEASUREMENT PROTESTS**

- 18.1 A list of all competing boats' ratings will be posted on the ONB as soon as practical before the skippers briefing.
- 18.2 Boats may not protest another boat with respect to an allegation that a measurement stated in that boat's measurement certificate is wrong unless the technical committee certifies that such measurement can be checked without delay. Any other such question shall only be resolved through the procedure set out in the ORC rules. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 18.3 Subject to SI 18.2, protests by competitors regarding a boats' ratings and measurement shall be lodged within 4 hours after posting of the final rating list and class assignments. Rating and measurement protests shall be

accompanied by a deposit of €1.000,00 for each protested boat. The protest shall indicate the matters to be examined. If the protest has no basis the deposit will be forfeited towards the inquiry expenses. If the protest is well-founded the deposit will be refunded and any expenses will be paid by the protested boat.

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.2 Crew list changes shall be communicated with the race office by email ([secretariatclubswanracing@nautorswan.com](mailto:secretariatclubswanracing@nautorswan.com)) by 09.30 each day of racing. Crew shall remain the same for the day other than in case of emergency if communicated with the race committee as soon as reasonably possible and in writing with the race office within the protest time limit. [DP]
- 19.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee or the race office as soon as practicable. A boat not leaving the harbour or not joining the racing shall inform the race committee or the race office before 10.00. [DP]
- 19.4 Boats that cannot reach the harbour on their own or return to shore to their assigned marina slip should report to the race committee or race office as soon as practicable. [DP]
- 19.5 Boats shall not sail inside the harbour. [DP]
- 19.6 PERSON OVERBOARD [DP]
- 19.6.1 A boat's 'man-overboard' (MOB) procedure shall be practiced aboard each boat at least once by the crew racing in the regatta prior to the first race of the series.
- 19.6.2 A boat that has a MOB incident shall immediately stop sailing the boat to the next mark and either recover the person or coordinate the recovery of the person with another boat or tender. If the person is recovered by another boat, the boat that had the MOB incident shall stand by in the vicinity of the incident. The captain and the operator of the boat that recovered the person may agree to delay the transfer of the person to the boat that had the MOB incident for safety reasons. The transfer then may occur at any time during the race, after the boat finishes or retires, or ashore. If the transfer is delayed, the boat that had the MOB incident may resume sailing the boat to the next mark once the person is safely on board the recovery boat. This changes RRS 41 and RRS 48.2.
- 19.6.3 A boat shall notify the race committee as soon as practicable after racing. The circumstances of the recovery, whether by the boat or another vessel, will be reviewed by the race committee and the jury.

## **20 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

- 20.1 A technical committee will be appointed to conduct measurement and other checks and, if appropriate, may protest the boat concerned.
- 20.2 The technical committee may undertake random inspections and measurement checks on any boat throughout the registration period and regatta. Boats will be available for inspection at any reasonable time and may be boarded on the way to and from the race area when conditions allow. In the event of a protest, access for inspection may be requested at any time.
- 20.3 A cross section of competing boats will be checked soon after each race. The technical committee may require sails to be delivered ashore for measurement check.

## **21 RACE COMMITTEE AND EVENT BOATS**

- 21.1 The committee vessel will be identified by a SNST burgee. The committee vessel will normally be the signal/starting boat.
- 21.2 Service boats will be identified by a light blue flag with 'OFFICIAL'.
- 21.3 Technical committee members may board race boats as described in SI 20.2, from service, jury or measurer boats.
- 21.4 The Safety Boat will be identified by a White flag with red "+".
- 21.5 Boats used by media, photographers, film crews or VIP's are not under the jurisdiction of the race committee but may be identified displaying a white flag with the letter 'P' or the event flag.

## **22 COMPETITOR SUPPORT BOATS**

- 22.1 Support boats shall register with the organizer before the start of the first race and shall display the flag supplied. [DP]
- 22.2 Support boats shall not interfere with any boat racing and shall stay clear of areas where boats are starting from the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have started, the race committee signals a postponement, a general recall or an abandonment, or until the boat being supported has retired. Requests or instructions given to support boats by the race committee, technical committee or the jury shall be followed. [DP]

## **23 COMPETITOR DRONES**

- 23.1 Teams or their representatives shall not fly drones over the Rolex Swan Cup shore base or over the race area during training or racing days without complying with local legislation unless prior written

approval by the organizing authority has been obtained. [DP]

- 23.2 The approval granted at sole discretion of the organizing authority may impose similar limitation as applicable to support boats (SI 22.2).
- 23.3 At any time the risk and responsibility for flying any drone is with the person flying the drone and images made inside the race area shall be shared with the organizing authority, race committee or jury at reasonable request.

#### **24 HAULING OUT, DIVING AND REPAIRS [DP]**

- 24.1 Repairs and replacement of sails, equipment and hull parts damaged during a regatta shall not cause a boat to be re-measured until after the regatta is completed. Applications to replace or repair sails must be made to the organizer sending a request to the race office by email ([secretariatclubswanracing@nautorswan.com](mailto:secretariatclubswanracing@nautorswan.com) ). No repair shall be carried out or replacement made after registration without the written consent of the technical committee.

#### **25 RADIO COMMUNICATION AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

- 25.1 Boats must be equipped with a VHF radio transceiver of at least 25 watts of power. The following channels are mandatory: 09, 16, 74, 72, 71, 8
- 25.2 The race committee will use the following VHF channel for communication: 8
- 25.3 A time check will be broadcast approximately 30 minutes before the first warning signal each day.
- 25.4 With the exception of communicating with the race committee or for safety or emergency related reasons, a boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. When racing, competitors shall not use any device to communicate in any way beyond the boat other than to send or receive communication or data available to all boats.
- 25.5 Electronic navigation aids, including radar and GPS, are permitted when racing.
- 25.6 Boats might be issued with a GPS tracking unit and charger at registration. The tracking unit shall be attached to each boat. It is mandatory for each boat to bring back to Race Office to recharge the unit every evening. Failure to do so will be reported to the race committee who may take action. The GPS tracking unit and charger shall be returned to the race office after the last race of the event.
- 25.7 Except for weather forecasts, a boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. Competitors shall not use any electronic device (including scanners), with the exception of cell phones, which can receive UHF frequencies from 10.30 until the boat has finished on each of the race days. See RRS 41. No competitor shall make radio, cell phone or computer transmissions, or receive radio, cell phone or computer communications during that time frame, except in the case of an emergency. The only other exception is that a crew member may place or receive a cell phone call of a personal nature that does not involve the exchange of information that could affect the boat's outcome in the race. The Skipper/Owner shall be responsible for all communications activity aboard his/her boat. Not complying with this instruction may be considered a gross breach of sportsmanship and will be dealt with accordingly. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent internal communications by radio between crew members.