

Umpired Fleet Racing
PRE- NOTICE OF RACE
O'PEN SKIFF EUROCHALLENGE 2024
Italian National Circuit

April 5th – 7st, 2024

TO BE HELD AT



Arco, Lago di Garda, Italy

Regatta organised on behalf of the Italian Sailing Federation at

Circolo Vela Arco ASD

in co-operation with

Take Outdoors France & O'pen Skiff Class Association

Eurochallenge2024.openskiffclass.org

[NP] Denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The OSCA Class Rules will apply.
- 1.3 Any national prescriptions that will apply will be posted on the online Official Notice Board.
- 1.4 Umpired Fleet Racing Appendix UF as approved by WS and adopted by the Class shall apply under RRS 86.2.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6 The current version of Development Rule DR22-01 Rule 18, the preamble to Section C, and Mark-Room shall apply. See Addendum X.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. World Sailing Regulation 20 'Advertising Code' shall apply.

3 DIVISIONS

- 3.1 Eurochallenge divisions shall (boy and girl) be:
 - 3.1.1 UNDER 12 - born in 2013, or not later than 2015.
 - 3.1.2 UNDER 15 - born in 2010, or not later than 2012.
 - 3.1.3 UNDER 17 - born in 2008, or not later than 2009.
- 3.2 National Italian Circuit divisions shall (boy and girl) be:
 - 3.2.1 UNDER 12 - born in 2013, or not later than 2015.
 - 3.2.2 UNDER 16 - born in 2009, or not later than 2012.
- 3.3 A minimum of 5 competitors is required to constitute a division.
- 3.4 U12 Competitors shall use the 3.5 Sail and U15, U16, U17 Competitors shall use 4.5 Sail.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Competitors shall meet the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19-Eligibility Code.
- 4.2 Competitors shall be members of an O'pen Skiff National Class Association recognised by the International Open Skiff Class. The Italian competitors shall have a valid FIV membership card with the medical certification for the current period.
- 4.3 Eligible competitors may **enter online** – Online payment required. Online entry will close on **15 March 2024**.
- 4.4 The entry is limited to the first valid entries of each division as follows:
 - U12 – 120 entries,
 - U15-U16-U17 – 120 entries
- 4.5 An entry is not valid until paid.
- 4.6 Foreign competitors must be in compliance as prescribed by the national authorities to which they belong.
- 4.7 All competitors requiring a charter boat shall first confirm the allocation with OSCA. Go to Additional Information in this NoR for further details of the Charter Service.
- 4.8 The following shall be presented upon registration at the race office:
 - Evidence of valid third party insurance (see also NoR #18)
 - Proof of age
 - Parental Consent Form (**Annex A** - for those under age of 18)

5 ENTRY FEES

- 5.1 The required competitor entry fee for the Eurochallenge 2024 is **120 Euro until 15st of March 2024.**
- 5.2 Late payments received, and late entries accepted, after 15th March 2024, but **not after 25th March 2024,** will be charged an entry fee of **200 Euro.**
- 5.3 Entry fees paid by bank transfer to:
 OWNER: Open Skiff Class Association
 IBAN: CH7909000000160451759
 BIC: POFICHBE
 BANK: PostFinance AG, 3030 Bern
 COUNTRY: Switzerland (CH)
 Please include "EC1" in your payment advice and e-mail confirmation of payment to:
secretary@openskiff.org

6 RACE FORMAT

- 6.1 Number, format, length, of races for all divisions will be settled by Class Representative. Any amendment in SI shall be approved by class representative.
- 6.2 Boys and girls shall race together.
- 6.3 Divisions shall race as one fleet,
- 6.4 Three races are required to validate the championship for each division.
- 6.5 **U15, U16, U17 shall race together in one single starting fleet,**

7 SCHEDULE

7.1

Wednesday 3 April 2024	Arrival day, charter boat distribution, equipment inspection
Thursday 4 April 2024	10 - 16:00 Final registration
Friday 5 April 2024	9.00 – 10:00 Late registration 10:30 Skipper Meeting 12:00 Races
Saturday 6 April 2024	Tbd Races 19:00 Official Dinner
Sunday 7 April 2024	Tbd Races, last possible warning signal: 15:00 17:00. Prize Giving

7.2 The first possible warning signal for each day will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 19:00 of the preceding day.

8 EQUIPMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 Equipment inspections may be made at any time during the event.
- 8.2 Upon completion of registration and until the end of the event, at all times when ashore except when launching and retrieving, all equipment shall be kept in their assigned places at event site. Removal of any equipment from the event site requires prior written approval from the race committee. Access to equipment in the storage area during certain hours, including hours of darkness may be restricted.
- 8.3 Unless otherwise directed by the organizing authority, boats and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area at the event site.

9 NOTICE BOARD

- 9.1 The official notice board will be online on Racing Rules of Sailing at the link available at the event website - Eurochallenge2024.openskiffclass.org

10 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions (SI's) will be available upon registration. Any changes to the SI's shall be approved by the Class Representative at the event.

11 COURSES

Courses will be as described in the sailing instructions.

12 INTERNATIONAL JURY

An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with WCR Appendix N. Their decisions shall be final as provided by RRS 70.5.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 Eurochallenge: U12, U15, U17 divisions shall be scored
- 13.2 Italian National Circuit: U12, U16 divisions composed by registered competitors member of the Italian National Open Skiff Class
- 13.3 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A, except for the discard profile. If 4 races have been completed a boat may discard their worst score; if 9 races have been completed a boat may discard their two worst scores.

14 COACHES AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1 Coaches and support personnel may register online (<https://www.circolovelaarco.it/regate-lago-di-garda-2024>) payment will be made at the club by credit card or cash.
- 14.2 The registration fee is 50 euro.
- 14.3 Coach boat charter is available, please contact by mail: info@circolovelaarco.com
- 14.4 All coach boats shall be registered.

Motorboats are forbidden at the north part of Lake Garda in Trentino

YOU CAN ASK FOR A PERMIT FOR THE REGATTA AT THE CLUB OFFICE

Here are listed the documents to get the navigation permit:

- Rib's engine registration document (engine brand name & serial number)
- Rib's engine insurance (valid)
- Driver's identity document
- Navigation license (for motors with 40.8 hp or more)

The yellow Safety-flag (€ 20,00 as deposit) is available at the office.

- 14.5 All Support Persons with assistance boat shall be accredited with the Local Organising Authority and shall have:
- VHF on board.
 - accepted the "rules for support personnel and assistance boats" described in the Sailing Instructions;
 - provided numbers of the accompanied competitors.
- Accredited Support Persons will be subject to the technical and disciplinary directives of the RC and the PC which, in the event of an infringement, will be able to act on the basis of rule 64.5 of the RRS

15 SAFETY

- 15.1 Personal buoyancy is mandatory for every competitor and support boat crew member at all times while afloat except, briefly, while changing clothes.
- 15.2 Every competitor and support boat crew member shall wear a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard of ISO 12402-5 (level 50), or as specified in the SI's. World Sailing Rules 40 shall apply when on water.

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first 5 competitors of each properly constituted division:
- Eurochallenge U 17 division
 - Eurochallenge U15 division
 - Eurochallenge U12 division
 - National Italian Circuit U 12 division
 - National Italian Circuit U16 division
- 16.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

17 EUROCHALLENGE FINAL RANKING 2024

- The final Ranking for a boat in the 2024 OpenSkiff EuroChallengeSeries will be the sum of the final positions in her best 3 Rounds out of 4 planned Rounds.
- In case one Round is not valid or cancelled the final score for the Ranking 2024 will be the sum of the final positions in her best 2 Rounds.
- In case 2 Rounds are not valid or cancelled the final score for the Ranking 2024 will be the sum of the final positions in her best 2 Rounds.
- A boat's final position in a single Round will be as stated in the Round's final results provided by Local Organising Authorities.
- The Prize Giving of Eurochallenge Circuit will take place during the Prize Giving of the fourth Eurochallenge Regatta planned in France Cavailare from the 1° to the 3° of November 2024 .

18 NATIONAL ITALIAN CIRCUIT FINAL RANKING 2024

- 18.1 The Ranking List will be calculated by examining all the single regattas of the 2024 National Circuit as indicated at point 4 of the "Scheda di Classe".
- 18.2 The Fifth O'pen Skiff Champions Cup 2024 will be held on 19 and 20 October 2024, the following competitors will be able to participate:
- ranked from first to eighth place in the Under 12 National Ranking List;
 - ranked from first to eighth place in the National Under 16 Ranking List;
 - up to a further 4 competitors chosen as "wild cards" at the sole discretion of the Technical Commission
- If one or more of the 16 selected Under 12, Under 16 were to withdraw, the Class will proceed to identify the competitors based on the scrolling of the National Ranking List. If, after the first scrolling call, the participants still withdraw, the Class will select the competitors at its sole discretion, or even not select any competitor.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to remain in the race is hers alone."

Therefore: by participating in this event each competitor agrees and recognizes that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity that carries risks. These risks include the possibility of facing strong wind and rough sea, sudden changes in weather conditions, breakdowns / damage to equipment, manoeuvre errors of the boat, poor seafaring by other boats, loss of balance due to boat instability and fatigue with resulting in an increased risk of injury. The risk of permanent and serious injuries or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes is inherent in the sport of sailing.

20 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1,500,000 euro per event or the equivalent. The insurance policy presented at registration shall have an English translation.

21 RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said Event as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

22 TRASH DISPOSAL (DP)

22.1 The Basic Principle says: "Participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing". Therefore all sailors are asked to follow RRS 47 – Trash disposal - before, during and after the event :

"Competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water (and ashore) . This rule applies at all times while afloat. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be less than disqualification".

23 FURTHER INFORMATION

22.1 Final Registration will take place at race office located at Circolo Vela Arco.

ADDRESS: Via Lungo Sarca, 20 Arco TN -Italy

22.2 For further information please contact: +39(0)464.505086

Email: info@circolovelaaarco.com

Arco 24th January 2024

Annex A

2024 Open Skiff Euro-challenge Championships

Arco- Italy (5-7 April 24)

Parent / Guardian consent form

Sailor name: _____

Sail number: _____

U12 U15 U16 U17 Male Female.



Member of the Italian Open Skiff Class

Date of birth: _____

In the event of an accident, please inform

Legal guardian: _____ Emergency phone: _____

Declaration: LIMITATION OF LIABILITY COGNOVITS CLAUSE

The responsibility for the decision to participate in a race or to continue with it is solely with the skipper. The skipper is responsible for the qualification and the correct nautical conduct of the crew as well as for the suitability and the transport-safe-condition of the registered boat. In cases of force majeure or on grounds of administrative orders or for safety reasons, the organizer is entitled to make changes in the realization of the event or to cancel the event. This does not constitute any liability by the organizer towards the participant, if the reasons for the changes or the cancellation do not result from a willful or grossly negligent behaviour of the organizer. In case of a violation of obligations that do not constitute primary or material contractual duties (cardinal obligations), the liability of the organizer for financial and property damages incurred by the participant during or in connection with the participation in the event and resulting from a conduct of the organizer, its representatives, servants or agents, is restricted to damages that were caused willfully or grossly negligent. When a violation of cardinal obligations occurs due to minor negligence, the liability of the organizer is limited to foreseeable, typical damages. To the extent that the liability for damages of the organizer is excluded or restricted, the participant also relieves the staff - employees and representatives, agents, servants, sponsors and individuals who provide or drive salvage, safety or rescue vessels or assist with their use - from the individual liability for damages, as well as all other individuals who were instructed to act in connection with the realization of the event. The effective racing rules of World Sailing, the administrative regulations regatta-sailing, the class rules as well as the regulations of the invitation to the competition and the sailing instructions are to be complied with and are expressly recognized.

Privacy Policy

Reference is made to data protection of personal information and data. Any personal information and data given to the organizers will be used only as follows: All data regarding participating athletes, coaches and their boats will be processed and archived for the purpose of this sporting event. Personal information contains the participant's real name, date of birth, club, sail number and address data. In particular, results, calculatory and visual analyses, position monitoring and race analyses will be published with reference to the competitors' names. In order to achieve this, the data will be transferred to our service providers and to such governing bodies like World Sailing and local organizers. It cannot be ruled out, that your data will be processed outside of the EU. Our service providers and governing bodies have been or will be committed by us, to exclusively use your data for the event and its preparation and post-processing, including ranking lists and global multi event scorecards. The commercial use of your data is prohibited.

Being the parent / legal guardian I approve the sailors entry to this event and confirm that I have read, understand and agree to the terms of the Notice of Race.

Permission is also granted for drug testing to be performed in accordance with World Sailing Anti Doping Code. This form does not constitute therapeutic exemption of a prohibited substance. Please contact your National Sailing Federation for obtaining such exemption when necessary.

(Date /City)

signature of parent / legal guardian

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (not part of the Notice of race)

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1) CHARTER SERVICE

Take Outdoors France will provide and manage charter service for participants

Complete Boat (with sail) Charter **Fee: 150 euro.**

Charter boats and sails will be allocated by the International O'pen SKIFF Class Association, and may be limited to European competitors only – i.e. those travelling from outside of Italy will have priority.

To apply contact - secretary@openskiff.org - before completing an entry form. Applications shall be received before February 15th 2024.

A deposit of 100 Euro shall be paid to cover any damage to the equipment. This deposit will be collected when charter is issued, and reimbursed to the competitor upon the return of the charter equipment in good condition at the end of the event. Charter boats will be available from Thursday 4th April 2024.

COACH RIB RENTAL

Please contact the sailing club office Circolo Vela Arco. Email: race-office@circolovelaarco.com

A) THE CLUB

Circolo Vela Arco is situated between Riva Del Garda and Torbole, which is in the Northern part of Lake Garda in North-Italy. The town of Arco is particularly attractive and has a wide range of shops, bars and interesting restaurants. For non-sailing friends there's a lot to do, including mountain biking, windsurfing, hill climbing, canyoning, beach activities, sup, canoeing etc. The majority of which are all available within a short drive to the town center. One of the features of this end of the lake (in Trentino) is that no motorboats are allowed (other than ferries or rescue boats) which helps to keep the noise levels down and the dreaded jet-skiers out of the picture. So if you have friends or relatives interested in "sharing" your holiday – bring them along.

B) TRAVEL & TRANSFERS

Airports to head for are Verona Catullo Airport (80 km) - Bergamo Airport Orio (130 km) - Milano Linate Airport (150 km) - Milano Malpensa Airport (160 km) – Venice Marco Polo Airport (190 km) – Treviso Airport (200 km) - Innsbruck Airport in Austria (220 km), all of which can be reached by a number of cheap airlines e.g. Ryanair or EasyJet. The nearest Airport to Arco is "Verona Catullo".

On arrival at the airport of Verona the next issue is transport to / from Arco or Riva del Garda. Options include:

- Bus Verona – Garda - Riva del Garda. For more info see:

<https://www.atv.verona.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/EN/IDPagina/77>

- Railway Verona - Rovereto

From Rovereto to Riva del Garda or Arco there is no railway service but buses connect the two towns nearly every hour (for more info see: <https://www.trentinotrasporti.it/en/#find-a-bus-stop>)

If driving from the Airport Verona then follow the A4 direction east to the A22 North - Brennero, and exit at the Rovereto Sud exit (toll fee).

Taxi services:

- Taxi Alto Garda - Riva del Garda - Tel 0039 (0)464 557044
- Eugenio FAVA – Arco - Tel 0039 333 1493219
- Shuttle transfer & taxi FLORIN - Tel 0039 327 5312555 or 0039 347 0797895

C) ACCOMMODATION

You can find a booking request form on the organizing club web site <https://www.circolovelaarco.it/prenota-hotel> . Your request will be sent to all the near hotels, campings, B&B and other accommodation services and they will answer you directly with their offer.

We suggest you to book your accommodation with very large advance, as the championship will be held in the touristic high season.

You can also check the tourism office website:

https://www.visittrentino.info/en/trentino/resorts-towns/riva-del-garda_md_271

D) VENUE

Thanks to the lake Arco benefits summer weather conditions from a Mediterranean climate. In August temperature can reach 30°/33° degrees during the day.

Wind / Racing: Northern Lake Garda is well known for being a **“sailing” Mecca**, largely due to the thermally generated **“Ora” wind** that kicks in from the south usually around 12-1pm, and builds regularly up to a F4 and occasionally up to a F6-F7. During the morning from the North arrives from 6am to 10/11am a regular and strong “Pelèr” Wind. Conventional theory is that “there’s more breeze nearer the cliffs” but that only holds true some of the time and also depends on the racing area you use. Occasionally you can get thunderstorms rolling around the mountains and the clouds and lower temperature can prevent the “Ora” from kicking in. Then the racing with the North Wind can be a good alternative.

E) NAUTICA SUPPLIERS

- Negri Nautica Store - Via Matteotti 90 - Torbole - tel +39 0464 710774 - www.negrinautica.com
- Oradini Sport – Via Gardesana, 23 – Arco – tel +39 0464 505080 – www.oradinisport.com
- Best Wind – Via Padova, 5 – Riva del Garda – tel +39 0464 755070 – www.bestwind.it
- Seatex - Via Strada Granda 25/25a – Torbole sul Garda tel +39 0464 506050 - www.seatexsails.com
- Raf Wind – Via Strada Piccola – Torbole sul Garda - tel +39 340 7757978
- Torbole Sails – Via San Nazzaro, 2 – Riva del Garda – tel +39 346 2888625 www.torbolesails.com

ARRIVAL AT THE CLUB :

In order to speed up and simplify the arrivals we ask you NOT to offload the boats in the car park:

- 1 - Come to the office to register your arrival and to get the stickers to be applied on boats/road trailers/ribs/cars.
- 2 - Offload the boats in the area indicated by the staff. (FIELD BEHIND THE OFFICE or FIELD IN FRONT OF THE ENTRANCE)
- 3 - Apply the stickers before pulling the sailing boats inside the "Boats Park".
- 4 - Ask for directions to launch the motorboat.

OUR BASIC RULES:

Sailors have to take care of their boats & equipment.

Boats have to be rigged on the given boat place.

Please NEVER ride with the car /trailer on the "Regatta" field

The beach area is only for transit and hauling boats,

You always have to keep clear the cycle path and the beach!

Trolleys have to be left on the TROLLEY AREA, do not leave them on the beach or on the ramp!

NEVER leave your boat alone on the beach, but keep it inside the given boat place, also during the lunch break.

Respect, order and cleanliness are fundamental, but mostly important is your Fun;

ENJOY YOUR STAY!