

49erFX Open Series

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Sailing Instruction

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 The Class Rules will apply except for any that are altered by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

1.3 For 49erFX - the bottom two panels of the jib area shall be restricted to Class and Event advertising and all competitors shall place class nominated branding on their jibs according to the World Sailing approved 49er Class Jib Advertising Policy. All boats shall place the Class nominated stickers on their boom

2. IDENTIFICATION [DP][NP][SP]

2.1 Boats will be required to affix the stickers provided by the Organizing Authority on both sides of the forward 25% of the hull, 200mm from the bow. Boats shall affix the stickers in accordance with any instructions given by the Organizing Authority and will not be cut in any way.

3. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT [NP]

3.1 Boats may be required to carry on board cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organizing Authority. Competitors may also use their own camera recording equipment and attachments, but these are to be removable for weighing. The boat shall not be given redress based on a claim involving this equipment. This changes RRS 62.1.

3.2 When cameras are used, all other boats could be required to carry dummy weights matching the weight of the camera.

3.3 No competitor or support team shall use a drone over the racing area.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board on the website:

<https://www.campioneunivela.it/en/regattas/2025/49er-fx-open-series/>

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 30 minutes before flag D is displayed (SI 6.2), except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 hours on the day before it will take effect. Up to FOUR races a day may be sailed for each fleet without the need for a change in Sailing Instructions

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located on the lawn in front of the clubhouse.

6.2 [DP][NP][SP] Flag D displayed ashore with one sound signal this means: “the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed or not before the scheduled time. Boats shall not leave their allocated berth until this signal is made”.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Day 0	15th October
	14.00 - 16.00 Registration
Day 1	16th October
	09.00 – 11.00 Registration
	11.30 Competitors Briefing
	13.00 Races
Day 2	17th October 13.00 Races
Day 3	18th October 13.00 Races
Day 4	19th October 13.00 Races

7.1 Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony as soon as possible after the final races. On 19th October 2025 there will be no warning signal after 16.00.

8. FORMAT OF RACING

The Event will consist of a Single Series.

9. CLASS FLAGS

49FX: code „F” (Foxtrot)

10. RACING AREAS

10.1 Attachment B shows the location of the race areas.

11. THE COURSES

11.1 Attachment A shows the course to be sailed, the order in which the marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left.

11.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing from the race committee signal vessel to Mark 1.

11.3 A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.

12. COURSE MARKS

12.1 Red inflatable buoys triangular robotic.

12.2 Start and Finish marks are yellow triangular robotic

13. THE START

13.1 The starting line will be between staff displaying orange flags and the starting yellow triangular and robotic mark.

13.2 [DP][NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

13.3 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

13.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with ONE sound signal not less than FIVE minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original marks.

15. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the main race committee vessel and a finishing mark that will be yellow triangular and inflatable.

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The time limits and target times are as follows:

Time limit	45 minutes
Finish window	15 minutes
Target time	30 minutes

16.2 Boats failing to finish within the Finish Window (the time after the first boat starts, sails the course and finishes) will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

17.1 Penalties for breaches of NOR 18 (Insurance), the Media Rights, RRS 41, RRS 50, the Equipment Inspection Regulations, the Class Rules and rules in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions marked [DP], are at the discretion of the Jury.

17.2 For breaches of the SIs marked [SP], the race committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing. A list of these breaches and the associated standard penalties will be posted on the Official Notice Board. However, the race committee may protest a boat when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. A boat that has been penalized with a standard penalty can neither be protested for the same incident by another boat nor can another boat request redress for this race committee action. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and Appendix A5.

17.3 Breaches of rules in the SIs marked [NP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

18.1 Protest forms are online and available at the following url:

<https://www.campioneunivela.it/en/regattas/2025/49er-fx-open-series/> . Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

18.2 The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the last boat of each fleet has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee and International Jury about incidents they observe in the racing area. This time limit also applies to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

18.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the designated jury rooms. Hearings may start before the scheduled time with the agreement of all parties.

18.4 The Race Committee, Technical Committee or International Jury intending to protest a boat under RRS 60.2, 60.3 or 62.4 will comply with RRS 61.1(b) by informing her by posting a notice before the end of the protest time limit.

18.5 A list of boats that have been penalized under RRS Appendix P on the water or have been disqualified by the International Jury will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

18.6 For the purposes of RRS 64.4(b) the 'authority responsible' is the Technical Committee appointed by the Organizing Authority.

18.7 On the last day of racing of each series, a request for redress from a decision of the International Jury shall be delivered no later than 20 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

18.8 The time limit for requests under RRS N1.4(b) is 5 minutes after a party is informed of a decision.

19. INTERNATIONAL JURY

Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5

20. SCORING

20.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A, as changed below, will apply.

20.2 At least 2 races are required to be completed to constitute the 49erFX Open Series.

20.3 When less than four races have been completed, a boat's overall score shall be the sum of her race scores.

20.4 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's overall score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

20.5 Resolving Ties will be broken in accordance with RRS A8.

20.6 Scoring enquiries: to request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall submit a completed scoring enquiry form available online at the following url
<https://www.campioneunivela.it/en/regattas/2025/49er-fx-open-series/> .

21. SAFETY [DP][SP]

21.1 Competitors shall always wear a personal flotation device while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

21.2 Boats not leaving the shore for the day's races shall notify the race office as soon as possible.

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

21.4 The Race Committee radio channels for purpose of RRS 37 are: VHF 77

22. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

22.1 Replacement of helm or crew shall require written approval of the Race Committee. The request form may be found here.

22.2 Request for replacement of helm or crew shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

22.3 Replacement of equipment shall require written approval of the Race Committee. The request form may be found here.

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23. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

23.1 Any boat or equipment may be checked for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions at any time. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the Technical Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for measurement checks.

23.2 Limitations of equipment i) Only one set of sails shall be used during the regatta. The sails shall be noted on the form at registration. ii) Only one forestay shall be used during the regatta.

23.3 All boats, when not afloat, shall be placed in the official dinghy park.

23.4 All boats shall comply with RRS 78.1 from 18.00 on the day before their first scheduled race (hereinafter referred to as "Day Zero") onwards. Non-compliance from 18.00 on Day Zero until the start of the first race shall be reported, protested and penalized as if it were discovered after racing on the first day on which races for that boat have been completed. This amends RRS 78.1

24. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be identified as follows:

Race committee boats Yellow flags with S

Jury boats Yellow flags with J

Media boats Yellow flags with P

25. SUPPORT BOATS [DP][NP]

25.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the area where boats are racing or within 100 meters of any boat racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. This SI does not apply during rescue operations.

25.2 At all times while on water, support boats shall display either their national flag on a staff with the top of the hoist minimum 1.5 m above water level or their national code letters (minimum height 200mm) on the outside of the hull or on the side of the outboard motor cover.

25.3 Support boats shall comply with the Class Support Boat Regulations enclosed in Attachment E.

25.4 Support boats that are motoring at more than 5 knots shall remain at least 150 meters from any boat that is racing.

25.5 All support boats are at all times submitted to the Organizing Committee and Race Committee authority and must comply with any instructions given by these authorities.

25.6 The International Jury may direct the Organizing Authority to revoke privileges from any boat or person found to be in breach of SI 25.

25.7 Support vessels shall always be on the outside of the media boats (away from the fleet side) so that the media boats can capture images without coach boats in the image. This does not apply during any safety incident.

26. CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP][NP] Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official or a member of the Organizing Authority

27. TRASH DISPOSAL [DP][NP][SP]

27.1 As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our waters. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

27.2 Competitors shall keep the area around their boats clean and shall not leave any rubbish or leftover duct tape near where they keep their boat in the boat park

28. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP][NP]

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones

29. PRIZES

Prizes for the Series will be announced and awarded at the end of Racing for the first three places overall.

30. RISK STATEMENT

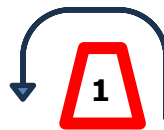
RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is Her's alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.

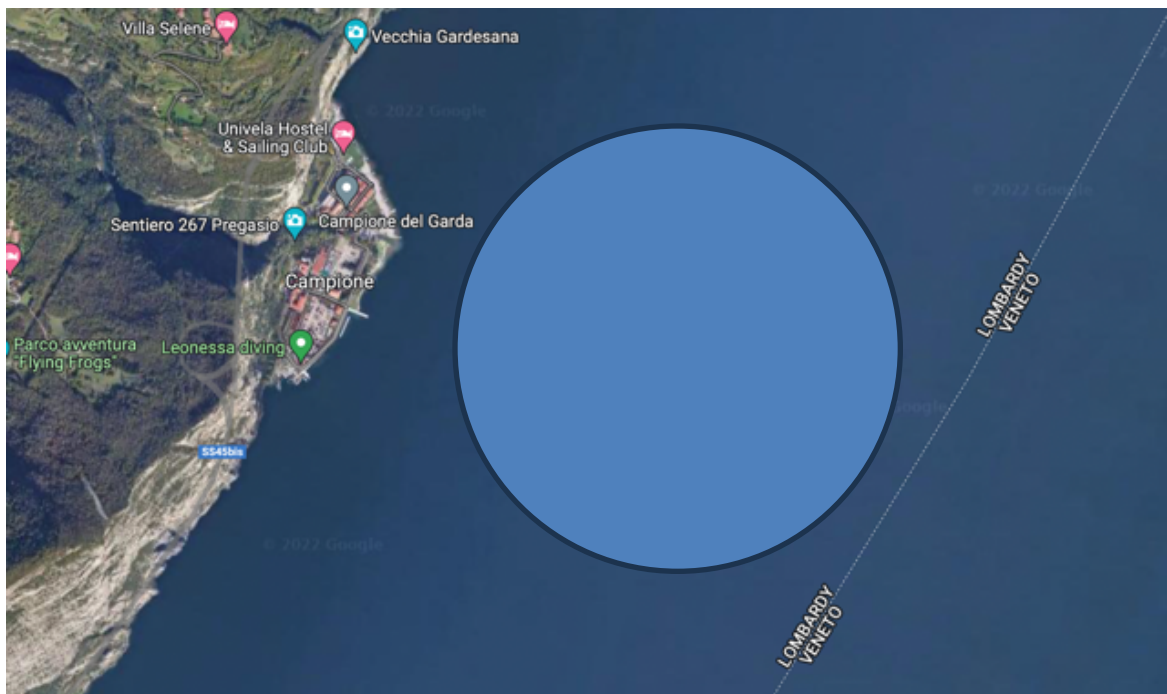
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission.
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for this event and to attend any competitors' meetings held for this event.

Attachment A - Course Diagram 49erFX

COURSE: START – 1 – 2A/2B – 1 – 2A/2B – 1 - FINISH



Attachment B – Racing Area



[>>> LINK TO THE OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD <<](#)