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2026 European Grand Prix Final

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

18ft Skiff

23–25 October 2026

Campione del Garda, Italy

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND CONTACTS
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OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD
The online Official Notice Board is available at:

https://www.campioneunivela.it/regate/2026/european-grand-prix-18-footer-final/

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY
Participants and support persons are encouraged to minimise the environmental impact of their activities during the event.

Competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Particular attention is drawn to RRS 47, Trash Disposal.

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND VENUE
1.1 The Organizing Authority is Univela Sailing ssdarl.
1.2 The event will be held at Univela, Campione del Garda, Italy.

2. RULES

2.1 The event will be governed by:

The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028.
The applicable rules of the International 18foot Skiff Association.
This Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions, including its annexes and any amendments.

2.2 The official language of the event is English. If this document is translated into another language, the English text will take precedence.

2.3 Competitors may be required to display advertising supplied by the Organizing Authority on both sides of the hull throughout the event.

2.4 Boats shall carry a distinguishing mark on each mainsail, approved by the Organizing Authority. This distinguishing mark shall not be changed without prior approval from the Organizing Authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

3.1 The event is open to eligible boats of the 18ft Skiff class.

3.2 Entries shall be submitted online through the event page on the Campione Univela website:
https://www.campioneunivela.it/regate/2026/european-grand-prix-18-footer-final/

3.3 The entry fee is €190 for entries received by 11:00 on Friday, 23 October 2026.

3.4 Entries received after this deadline will be subject to a €60 late-entry surcharge. The total late-entry fee is €250.

3.5 Registration confirmation will take place at the Race Office on Friday, 23 October 2026, from 10:00 to 11:00.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online Official Notice Board.
https://www.campioneunivela.it/regate/2026/european-grand-prix-18-footer-final/

4.2 Amendments to this document, hearing schedules and protest committee decisions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

4.3 Competitors are responsible for checking the Official Notice Board before and after racing each day.

5. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it takes effect.

5.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it takes effect.

5.3 The day selected for the long-distance race and its course will be published by 20:00 on the day before the scheduled day.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal mast in front of Univela.

6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in race signal AP.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1 The event programme is:

Date	Activity	Time
Friday, 23 Oct 2026	Registrations	10:00–11:00
Friday, 23 Oct 2026	Competitors’ briefing	11:30
Friday, 23 Oct 2026	First warning signal	13:00
Saturday, 24 Oct 2026	First warning signal	13:00
Sunday, 25 Oct 2026	First warning signal	13:00
Sunday, 25 Oct 2026	Prize-giving ceremony	After racing

7.2 A maximum of 9 races is scheduled.

7.3 No more than 3 races will be sailed per day.

7.4 One long-distance race is scheduled for either Saturday, 24 October or Sunday, 25 October 2026.

7.5 The long-distance race counts as one race towards both the maximum of 9 races for the event and the maximum of 3 races per day.

7.6 On Sunday, 25 October 2026, no warning signal will be made after 16:00.

8. CLASS FLAG

8.1 The class flag will be International Code Flag K.

8.2 The Long Distance warning signal flag will be International Code Flag T.

9. RACING AREA

9.1 Racing will take place on Lake Garda in the waters off Campione del Garda.

9.2 The long-distance racing area will be specified in Annex B

10. COURSES

10.1 The windward/leeward courses are described in Annex A.

10.2 Mark 1 shall be rounded to port.

10.3 The course doesn't require boats to pass through the central gate.

10.4 The approximate compass bearing of the windward mark will not be displayed.

10.5 A windward/leeward course will not be shortened before the leading boat has rounded or passed the third mark of the course.

10.6 The long-distance course, including its marks, rounding directions and any specific instructions, will be published in Annex B.

11. MARKS

11.1 All marks will be electric, geo-positioned buoys.

11.2 Course marks will be red.

11.3 The starting and finishing mark will be yellow.

11.4 The same yellow mark will be used for both the starting and finishing lines.

11.5 Any additional identification or positioning details for the long-distance marks will be specified in Annex B.

12. THE START

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of the yellow starting mark.

12.3 If conditions require, the Race Committee signal boat may maintain its position using engine power.

12.4 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13. SHORTENING THE COURSE

13.1 With partial modification of the race signals, a shortened course will be signalled by displaying flag C and flag S. When an RC motorboat will display flag C and flag S near a course mark, the competitors should round the mark next to the RC motorboat and go directly to the finish line.

14. THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee boat and the course side of the yellow finishing mark.

14.2 If conditions require, the Race Committee boat may maintain its position using engine power.

15. PENALTIES AND TOUCHING MARKS

15.1 The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

15.2 The One-Turn Penalty shall include one tack and one gybe.

15.3 RRS 31 applies. No exemption permitting contact with course marks is provided.

16. TIME LIMITS AND FINISHING WINDOW

16.1 The race time limit is 60 minutes. The target time is 40 minutes.

16.2 If no boat sails the course and finishes within the race time limit, the race will be abandoned.

16.3 The finishing window is 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes.

16.4 Boats failing to finish within the finishing window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing.

16.5 A boat scored TLE will receive points equal to the finishing place of the last boat that finished within the finishing window plus one.

16.6 The time limit for the long distance is 120 minutes, the target time is 90 minutes and the finishing window is 20 minutes

16.7 Instructions 16.3–16.5-16.6 change RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

17. HEARING REQUESTS AND PROTESTS

17.1 Hearing request forms will be available at the Race Office.

17.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be submitted on paper at the Race Office within the applicable time limit.

17.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day.

17.4 The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

17.5 Notices informing competitors of hearings, including the parties and named witnesses, will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit.

17.6 Hearings will take place as soon as practicable. Their time and location will be stated in the hearing notice.

17.7 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit or within 15 minutes after the decision has been posted, whichever is later. This changes RRS 63.7(b).

18. SCORING

18.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply, as modified below.

18.2 A minimum of three races shall be completed to constitute a series.

18.3 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

18.4 When four to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score eligible for exclusion.

18.5 When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores eligible for exclusion.

19. PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first five boats in the final event classification.

19.2 The prize-giving ceremony will take place after racing on Sunday, 25 October 2026.

20. CHANGES OF CREW

20.1 Any change of crew requires prior written approval from the Race Committee.

21. SAFETY

21.1 Each crew member shall carry a personal safety knife attached to their trapeze harness.

21.2 An additional safety knife shall be attached to the rudder gantry of each boat.

22. SUPPORT BOATS

22.1 Support boats are permitted.

22.2 Support persons shall comply with applicable navigation requirements and instructions issued by the Organizing Authority and the Race Committee.

23. RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY

23.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to RRS 3, Decision to Race.

23.2 Each owner or skipper is responsible for ensuring that their boat and crew are suitable for the conditions that may arise during the event.

23.3 The provision of race management, safety boats or other assistance does not relieve competitors of their responsibilities for their own safety or that of their boat and crew.

23.4 To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Organizing Authority, the Race Committee, the protest committee and persons acting on their behalf will not accept liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the event.

24. INSURANCE

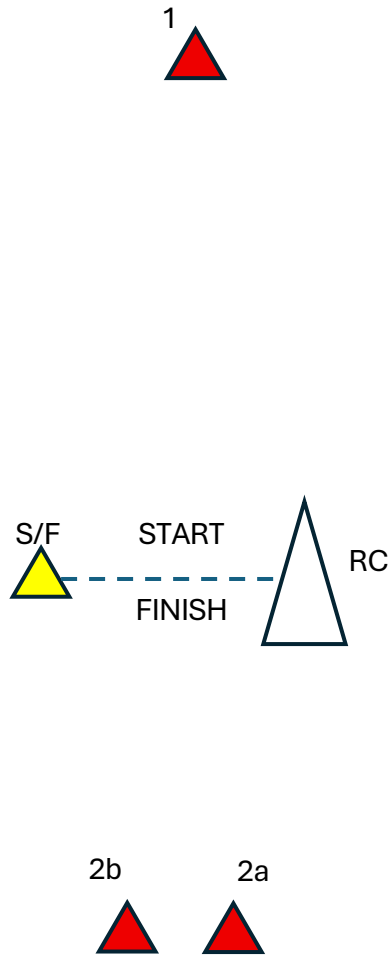
24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,500,000 per incident.

ANNEX A — WINDWARD/LEEWARD COURSES

All course marks are red. The starting/finishing mark is yellow.

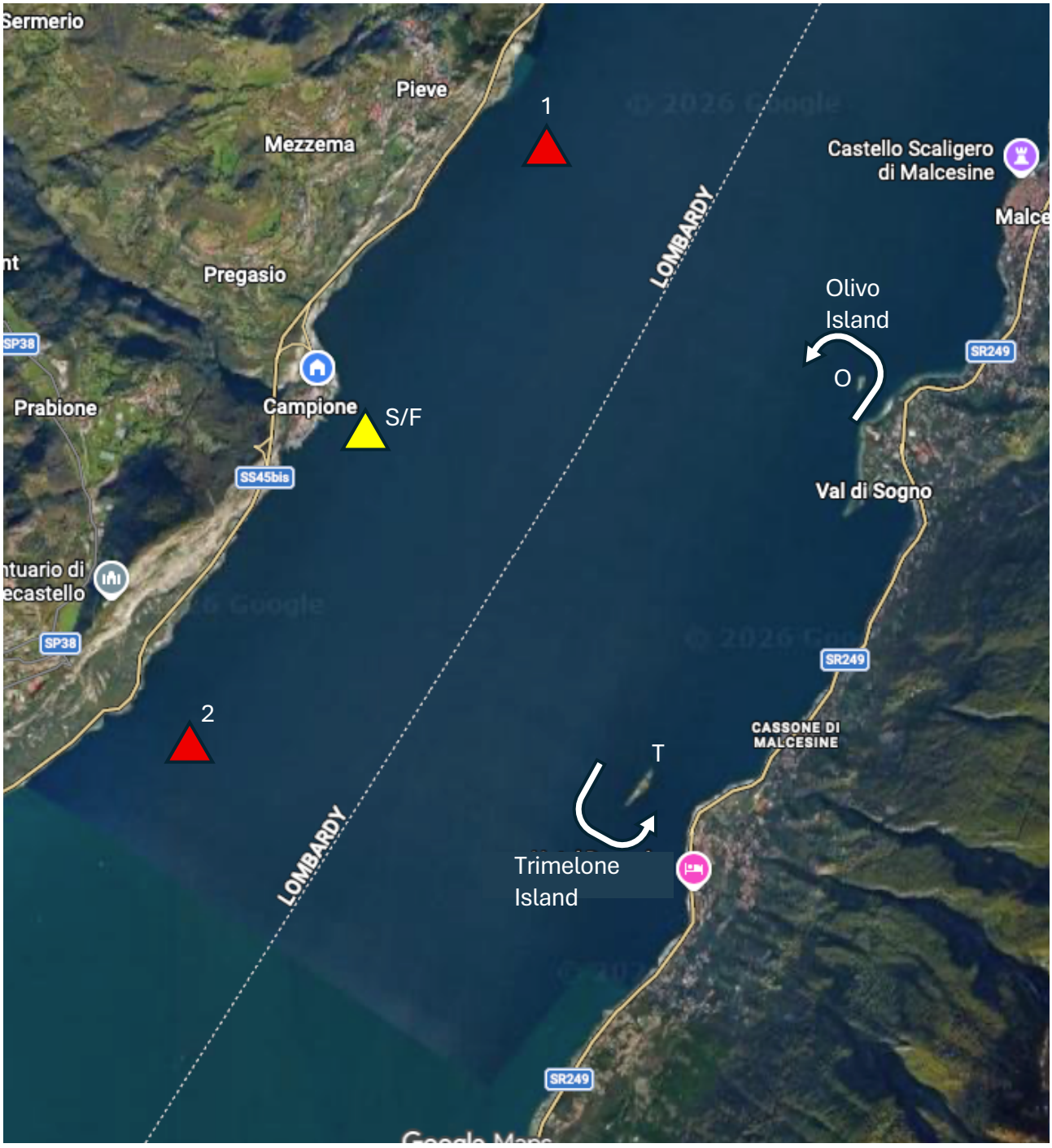
Pennant 1: Start → 1 → 2a/2b → 1 → 2a/2b → Finish

Pennant 2: Start → 1 → 2a/2b → 1 → 2a/2b → 1 → 2a/2b → Finish

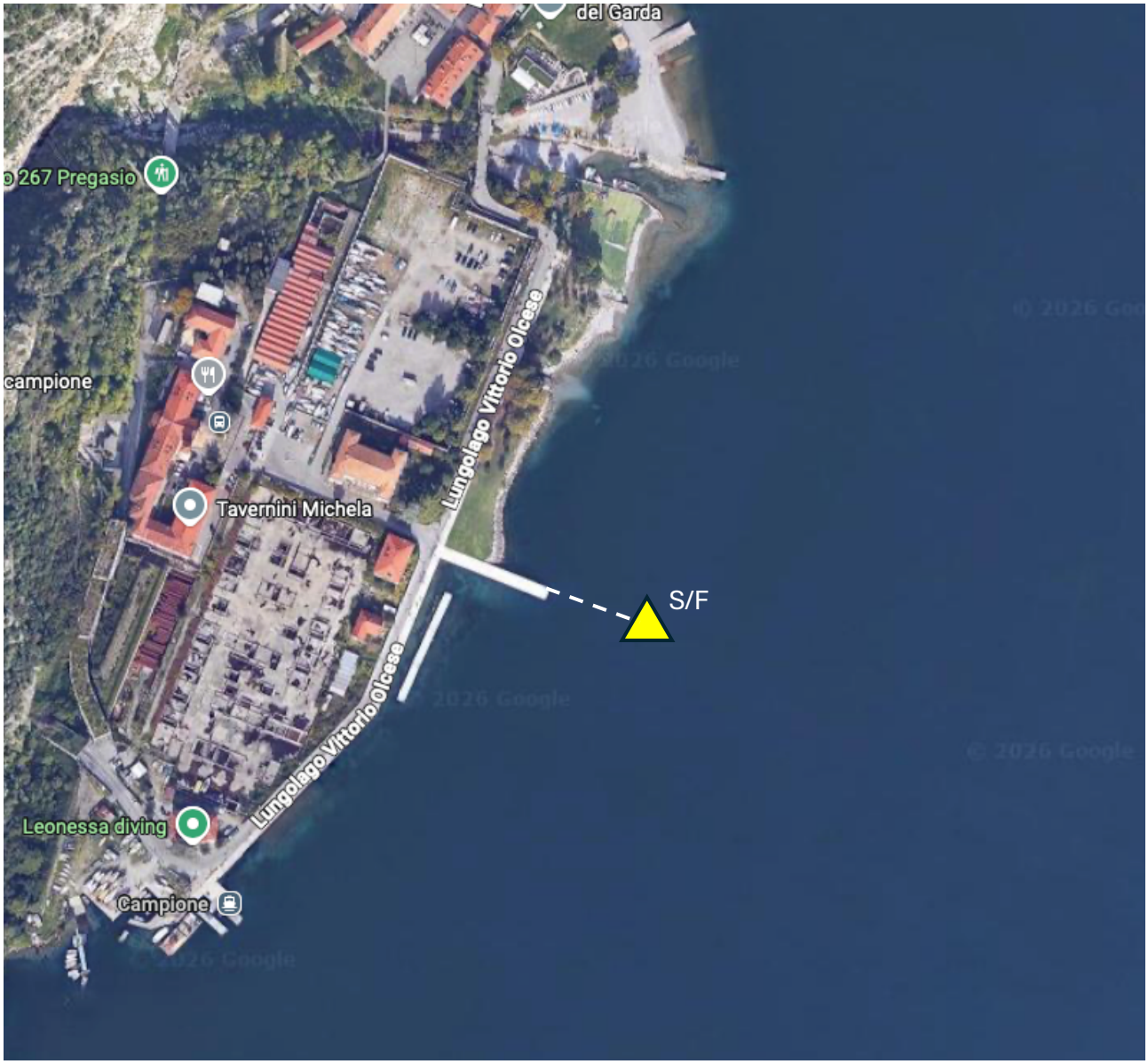


ANNEX B — LONG DISTANCE COURSES

Pennant 3: Start → 1 → T → O → 2 → Finish
Pennant 4: Start → 2 → O → T → 1 → Finish



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