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## NOTICE OF RACE

**Amended 4<sup>th</sup> June**

# O'PEN BIC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

**31<sup>st</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

TO BE HELD AT

**Arco Lago di Garda, Trentino, Italy**

<http://worlds2017.openbicclass.org>

Organized by:

**Circolo Vela Arco**

in co-operation with the

**Bic Sport & O'pen Bic Class Association**



**GO SAILING!**

## 1 RULES

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- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The OBCA Class Rules -2017 apply.
- 1.3 The 4.5 sqm sail will be used in the u17 divisions. The 3.8 sqm sail will be used in the u13 divisions. **This changes Class Rule G.3.(b).**
- 1.4 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.5 The [Open Bic Addendum Q](#) approved by World Sailing under RRS 86.2 and allowing umpiring on the water for all races, will apply.
- 1.6 RRS Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for breaking Rule 42, applies with the following changes – RRS P2.3 will not apply, and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

## 2 ADVERTISING

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

## 3 DIVISIONS

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- 3.1 **The participating age divisions, which are open to both boys and girls, shall be:**
  - 3.1.1 UNDER 13 - born in 2005, or not later than 2007.
  - 3.1.2 UNDER 17 - born in 2001, or not later than 2004.
- 3.2 A minimum of 5 competitors is required to constitute a division.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

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- 4.1 Competitors shall meet the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19-Eligibility Code.
- 4.2 Competitors shall be members of their O'pen Bic National Class Association, if any, which shall be a paid up member of the international O'pen Bic Class Association.
- 4.3 A competitor shall have participated in their National O'pen Cup, or a National Championship of any World Sailing member class, prior to this event.
- 4.4 A competitor shall participate in the selection races scheduled for Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July.
- 4.5 Eligible competitors may [enter online](#) - credit/debit card or bank transfer payment required. **Online entry will close on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017.**
- 4.6 An entry is not valid until paid.
- 4.7 All competitors requiring a charter boat shall first [confirm the allocation with OBCA](#). 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 Agreement Form](#) - *for those under age of 18*

## 5 ENTRY FEES

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- 5.1 The required competitor entry fee is **190 euro**.
- 5.2 **A discount of 40 euro will be applied to entries, with payment, received by 15<sup>th</sup> June.**
- 5.3 Late payments received, and late entries accepted, after 15<sup>th</sup> June will be charged an entry fee of 190 euro.

- 5.4 Entry fees paid by bank transfer to:  
 Account Name: The International Windsurfing Association  
 Bank Details: Barclays Bank Plc, GB  
 IBAN: GB93 BARC 2008 4452 9772 99  
 SWIFTBIC: BARCGB22  
 Please include "OBCAWC" in your payment advice and e-mail confirmation of payment to: [iwaoffice@internationalwindsurfing.com](mailto:iwaoffice@internationalwindsurfing.com)
- 5.5 Entry fees paid at registration shall be paid in cash – euros.

## 6 RACE FORMAT

- 6.1 The number of races for **both** divisions will be at the discretion of the Race Committee after consultation with the Class Representative.
- 6.2 Boys and girls **shall** race together.
- 6.3 Divisions may race as one fleet or in groups depending upon entry numbers.
- 6.4 Three races are required to validate the championship for each division.

## 7 SCHEDULE

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Sat/Sun 29/30 July		Arrival, training, charter distribution
Sunday 30 July	14:00 – 17:00	Registration & equipment inspection
Monday 31 July	09:00 – 10:30 11:00 13:30 19:00	Late registration Skipper meeting <b>Selection Races – mandatory</b> Opening Ceremony
Tuesday 1 August	13:00	First possible warning signal
Wednesday 2 August		Racing
Thursday 3 August		Team Racing      Freestyle
Friday 4 August	19:00	Racing Social evening including dinner
Saturday 5 August	16:00 18:00	Racing Last possible warning signal Prize giving and closing ceremony
Sunday 6 August		Departure

- 7.2 Participation in the **selection races** is mandatory; a competitor wishing to race in the championship shall participate unless exonerated in writing by the Race Committee or the **selection races** do not take place.
- 7.3 The first possible warning signal for each day will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 20:00 of the preceding day.
- 7.4 The Social Event Programme will be available at event registration.

## **8 EQUIPMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

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- 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 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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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.

## **10 COURSES**

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Courses will be as described in the sailing instructions.

## **11 INTERNATIONAL JURY**

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

## **12 SCORING**

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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.

## **13 SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND COACH BOATS**

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- 13.1 Support personnel may [register online](#) - credit/debit card or bank transfer payment required.
- 13.2 The registration fee is 50 euro.
- 13.3 Coach boat charter is available, please contact [Circolo Vela Arco](#).
- 13.4 Motorboats are generally prohibited. A special permit will be given by the Club if team leaders and coaches agree to the following rules:
- maximum 2 people are allowed on the motorboat;
  - follow all instructions given by the Race Committee;
  - underwriting the proper form by the Secretary Office of the Club.

The following documents have to be presented to the race office, preferably sent before arriving at the event:

- rib engine registration document (engine brand name & serial number) ;
- current insurance of the engine ;
- driver's identity document or navigation license, if engine is 40.8 HP or more.

## **14 SAFETY**

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- 14.1 Personal buoyancy is mandatory for every competitor and support boat crew member at all times while afloat except, briefly, while changing clothes.
- 14.2 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.

## **15 PRIZES**

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- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first five competitors of each properly constituted division.
- 15.2 The first competitor in each division shall be declared – **“O’pen Bic (division) World Champion”**.

## **16 OFFICIAL CEREMONIES**

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Competitors are requested to attend the event’s social functions; however, the organising authority may refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion – “smart casual” is required. **Prize winners may forfeit prizes for non-attendance at the prize giving ceremony.**

## **17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk, see RRS 4 - Decision to Race. The organising authority or any of their officials or representatives or the sponsors or their officials or representatives will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.

## **18 INSURANCE**

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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.

## **19 RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

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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.

## **20 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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- 20.1 Registration will take place at race office located at Circolo Vela Arco
- 20.2 For further information please contact: Matteo Garniga

Tel: +39 0460 505086

Email: [info@circolovelaaarco.com](mailto:info@circolovelaaarco.com)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### A CHARTER SERVICE

BIC Sport will provide and manage a charter service for participants: **Complete Boat (with sail) Charter Fee: 200 euro.**

Charter boats and sails will be allocated by the International O'pen BIC Class Association, and may be limited to **International competitors only** – ie those travelling from outside of Europe will have priority.

To apply contact - [secretary@openbicclass.org](mailto:secretary@openbicclass.org) - before completing an entry form.

A deposit of 150 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 **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017**.

### B TRAVEL & TRANSFERS

Airports to head for are either Verona, Brescia or Bergamo, all of which can be reached by a number of cheap airlines e.g. Ryanair or EasyJet. The nearest Airport to Arco is the Verona Catullo one, that is 90 Km far away from Arco. On arrival at the airport of Verona the next issue is transport to / from Arco or Riva del Garda. Options include:

- Taking direct buses Verona - Riva del Garda (for more info see <http://www.aptv.it> );
- Taking the railway Verona - Rovereto. From Rovereto to Riva del Garda or Arco there is not railway service but buses connect the two towns nearly every hour (for more info see <http://www.ttspa.it> )

- Taking a taxi. For more info about taxes see the above point taxi service.

- Hiring car for the week (for more info see <http://www.avisautonoleggio.it> ). If driving from the Airport then follow the A4 east to the A22 North signposted Brennero, and exit at the Rovereto Sud exit (toll fee payable). Follow signs to Torbole sul Garda and then Riva del Garda / Arco. If flying to Milano, please take note that particularly the Milano Malpensa Airport is 250 Km far away from Riva del Garda. The Milano Linate Airport is a bit nearer but is always much better to choose flying to Verona. For more info about Italian Airports see <http://www.aereoporti.com>

### C ACCOMMODATION

You can find a booking request form on the organizing club web site ([www.circolovelaarco.it/prenota-hotel](http://www.circolovelaarco.it/prenota-hotel) )

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

Hotel agreement with limited room capacity:

Hotel Roma - [www.hotelromatorbole.com](http://www.hotelromatorbole.com)

(situated 50 meters from the hosting club)

Prices are not including the touristic taxes

€43,00 price per person in double room with breakfast

€35,00 price per person in 3 beds room with breakfast

€30,00 price per person in 4 beds room with breakfast

## 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. This places an emphasis on strong boat handling as well as speed in these conditions. 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 get thunderstorms rolling around the mountains and the clouds and drop in temperature can prevent the “Ora” from kicking in and if the light northerly or “Peler” is in place racing does sometimes take place in the ‘wrong direction’, which emphasises a range of different skill sets.

- Best Wind – Via Gardesana 88 – Malcesine sul Garda – tel +39 045 7400075 – [www.bestwind.it](http://www.bestwind.it)
- Negrinautica Store - Via Matteotti 90 - Torbole - tel +39 0464 710774 [www.negrinautica.com](http://www.negrinautica.com)
- Oradini Sport – Via Gardesana, 23 – Arco – tel +39 0464 505080 – [www.oradinisport.com](http://www.oradinisport.com)
- Seatex - Via Strada Granda 25/25a – Torbole sul Garda – tel +39 0464 506050 – [www.seatexsails.com](http://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](http://www.torbolesails.com)
- Punto Nave – Viale Rovereto 136 – Riva del Garda – tel +39 0464 556846 <http://web.tiscali.it/puntonave/>

Circolo Vela Arco is situated between Riva Del Garda and Torbole sul Garda, which is in the Northern part of Lake Garda in Northern 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 on holiday including mountain biking, windsurfing, hill climbing, canyoning, beach activities (pebbly), canoeing etc. The majority of which are all available within a short drive to the town centre. 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.