

2024 EUROPEAN GRAND PRIX FINALS

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising authority (OA) is Yacht Club Imperia in association with Class Italian Dragone, with the cooperation with Assonautica e GoImperia and in conjunction with the International Dragon Association (IDA).

In all rules governing this regatta the notation:

(a) [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the Jury with a hearing. This changes RRS

63.1 and A5.

(b) [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024.
- 1.2. The Rules and Regulations of the International Dragon Association and the rules for grade 1 European Grand Prix Cup will apply
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising is only allowed under World Sailing Regulation 20.4. IDA rules do not permit any individual advertising.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to carry stickers or other advertising supplied by the OA in accordance with the Sailing Instructions and IDA Class Rule 1.24.

3. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

- 3.1. Places in the Finals will be awarded to the 20 top scoring helms (i.e. those with the lowest points) in the four European Grand Prix (Grade 1) regattas – with one discard allowed from the four events. Any ties will be broken according to RRS rules (Appendix A Scoring). The final in 2023 will immediately follow the fourth Grade 1 in Imperia
- 3.2. Participation in the Italian Grand Prix event is compulsory.
- 3.3. Out of the 20 finalists, there will be a quota for non-Corinthian and Corinthian sailors, based on the proportion of Non-Corinthians/Corinthians participating in all 4 Grade 1 events. For example, if the total entries for all 4 events are 160, and Corinthian entries total 40, and Non-Corinthian total 120, then the Corinthian quota for the Final will be 5, and the non-Corinthian will be 15.
- 3.4. If there are insufficient entries from either quota, then the spaces will be filled from those attending the final Grade 1 event in Imperia. To follow the example above, if only three Corinthian entries qualify under 3.2, then the other two Corinthian places will be taken from entries at the Imperia event.
- 3.5. Final entry list will be published by the IDA on November 1st as soon as PTL expired.
- 3.6. There is no entry fee for the Grand Prix Finals
- 3.7. The Entry Form for the fourth and last Grand Prix event (Imperia) will be deemed to be a valid entry for the Finals – if the helm qualifies – and the documents submitted with that entry will apply to the finals, namely:

- The Completed Entry Form (<https://ycimperia.it/2023/11/30/imperia-grand-prix-2024/>)
- Measurement Certificate.
- Boat Membership Certificate (or letter) from the Dragon National Association.
- A policy form signed underneath a statement which says :’By signing this form I declare that I have in place a current insurance policy to the value of €1.500.000,00.
- Crew changes must be notified to the Race committee .

4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1. World Sailing Sailor Classification Code, Regulation 22 shall apply. All entered crews must be in possession of a valid classification that does not expire before the last day of the event. Unclassified sailors will be deemed to be Group 3. Details of the World Sailing Sailor Classification Code and information on how to apply can be found at WS website: www.sailing.org
- 4.2. The entered crew list will be posted on the Official Notice Board and/or the event website.
- 4.3. The Classification Protest Time Limit is till the end of protest time limit on the first day of racing.

5. SUPPORT BOAT

- 5.1. Team leaders, Coaches and other support personnel may use “support boats” to assist their competitors on the water. They shall:
- 5.2. register at the regatta office
- 5.3. display an identification which shall include a White flag showing the national 3 letter code in black of the MNA or shall carry a sticker of their three national code letters.
- 5.4. Coach / coach boats shall not tow competitors to the race area (except at the request of the Race Committee) and may only tow the boats ashore after the last competitor has crossed the finish line at the last race of the day.
- 5.5. Team leader, coaches and other support boats shall stay more than 150 meters to leeward of the starting line and from the leeward marks and from any racing Dragon from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished the last race of the day, or all races are abandoned.

6. SCHEDULE

The racing schedule is as below:

Date	Stage	Event	Time
1 th November	Qualifications	Skipper's meeting	10.00
		First possible warning signal	12.00
2 th November	Finals (Quarter/Semi/Finals)	Skipper's meeting	TBA
		First possible warning signal	TBA
		Closing Ceremony	17.30

There will be no Warning signal after 15:00 on November 2th

7. MEASUREMENTS AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 7.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate.
- 7.2. A maximum of 8 sails can be declared at registration and previously measured will be admitted.

Sails declaration and crew weight form will be available at the Race Office.

8. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD and SAILING INSTRUCTION

Notices and all communications to the competitors and between the competitors to OA or RC or Jury shall be done exclusively, also in compliance with sanitary regulations en force, using the site web: www.racingrulesofsailing.org , included Official Notice Board (ONB) which will be reachable by the link: <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/8289>, or by the QR Code:



All communications will be executed by e-mails and by SMS, so to guarantee such communications, the entry form has to be completely filled included the phone number and the mail address of each crew member. This data will be automatically deleted from the system at the end of the event. All communications between the competitors and OA, RC or Jury (i.e. protests and demands of redress, acknowledgement of penalty, demands to change equipment or crew, etc.) shall be done by such web site: its use don't change the obligations of RRS. Will be responsibility of each competitor to adapt himself to the use of such system.

The Sailing Instructions will be available during registration and on Online Official Notice Board.

9. VENUE

The races will take place in Imperia. See Addendum A.

10. THE COURSES

Courses will be of windward/leeward

11. FORMAT

11.1. The Regatta Format will consist of a Qualifying Series and a Finals ("Knockout") Series.

11.2. The Qualifying Series will consist of:

12.2.1. a maximum of three (3) races for all 20 boats,

12.2.2. At least one (1) race must be completed to enable qualification to the Final ("Knockout") Series (except see 12.3.11)

12.2.3. The scoring system is the Low Point System of RRS A

12.2.4. There will be one (1) discard if all four (4) races have been completed.

12.2.5. The winning boat of the Qualifying Series receives a bye directly to the Final Round.

12.2.6. The second-place boat of the Qualifying Series receives a bye directly to the Semi-Final.

12.2.7. Boats placing from 3rd to 10th place in the Qualifying Series qualify for the Quarter-Final.

The Final ("Knockout") Series will consist of:

12.2.8. One (1) race Quarter Final.

12.2.9. The teams ranked 3rd to 10th in the qualifying series compete in the Quarter-Final.

12.2.10. The top five (5) crews qualify for the Semi-Final.

12.2.11. One (1) race Semi Final.

12.2.12. The runner-up of the Qualifying Series and the top 5 crews of the Quarter-Final compete in the semi-final.

12.2.13. The top three (3) teams qualify for the final.

12.2.14. One (1) race FINAL.

12.2.15. The winner of the Qualifying Series and the top three (3) crews of the Semi-Finals compete in the Final.

12.2.16. The winner of the Final will be the winner of the event and will receive the title of the

12.2.17. "Dragon European Grand Prix Champion 2023"

12.2.18. Target time for each race is 45 min.

12.2.19. If there are no races completed on day one, then day two will consist of normal fleet racing and even one race is sufficient to declare the winner.

12.2.20. If there are no races completed on day two - the winner is the winner of qualification on day one.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM & JURY

12.1. All Final Series (Quarter, Semi and Final) will be conducted with on the water Umpiring.

12.2. RRS Appendix P, special procedures for RRS 42 will apply for the qualifying series.

12.3. For the Qualifying Series, RRS 44.1 and P.2.1 are changed so that the two turns penalty is replaced by the oneturn penalty.

12.4. Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

12.5. An International Jury shall be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b)

12.6. Decisions of the International jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

13. BERTHING

13.1. Boats will be moored at Imperia pier, identified in the venue map..

13.2. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the marina.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTION

Boats shall not be hauled out during the Regatta except with a prior written permission of the Race Committee

15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

16.1. VHF is allowed on board. Information on the progress of the races may be transmitted by the Race Committee

16.2. [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

17. PRIZES

17.1. The winner of the European Grand Prix Finals will receive the perpetual "FLOW TROPHY". The winner is responsible for the engraving and insurance of the trophy, and for bringing it to the next Finals in 2025

17.2. The crew of the first three boats in the Finals will be awarded with prizes.

18. RISK DECLARATION

18.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and

acknowledges that:

- 18.2. 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;
- 18.3. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 18.4. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 18.5. By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- 18.6. The provision of a race management team, patrol vessels, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- 18.7. The provision of patrol vessel cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 18.8. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

19. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1.500.000,00 per the equivalent event or equivalent.

20. RIGHTS TO IMAGES

By participating in the Italian Portals Grand Prix, all competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and Sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, and without compensation, any pictures and live taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the boat and crew during the period of the competition.

21. INFORMATION

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