



## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Including Amendment # 1 dated 11 April 2007

Governing the races of the

## **LOUIS VUITTON CUP**

### **Challenger Selection Series for AMERICA'S CUP**

5 March – 12 June 2007  
Valencia, Spain

#### **1 Rules**

- 1.1 Races shall be sailed under the Rules as defined in the Notice of Race ("NOR") including any amendments to the NOR.
- 1.2 Information and instructions concerning the Video, Audio and Telemetry equipment that may be required or installed on each ACC Yacht by AC Management are contained in Regatta Notices # 33 and # 56 which are considered a part of these Sailing Instructions.

#### **2 Notices to Competitors**

Notices to Competitors, Jury Notices (including the time and place of protest hearings), Measurement Notices, and changes to the Sailing Instructions, will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Reception Lobby of the Antiguo Edificio Varadero. Notices may also be sent electronically by e-mail, SMS, and/or posted on an electronic notice board. A notice posted on the Official Notice Board will be deemed to have been given to the Competitor concerned.

#### **3 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions made ashore will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 2100 on the day preceding the day it will take effect.

#### **4 Schedule**

- 4.1 The schedule of races of the Louis Vuitton Cup is attached to the NOR.
- 4.2 During the Round Robin stages, the initial Warning Signal for each day's racing conducted on the Romeo Race Committee Circle is scheduled for 1405, and for racing conducted on the Juliet Race Committee Circle the initial Warning Signal is scheduled for 1410. For the Semi-final and Final stages the initial Warning Signal is scheduled for 1450. In the event the schedule is changed as provided in Instruction 3, the initial Warning Signal(s) also may be changed.
- 4.3 Competitor's Meetings are scheduled to be held in Jury Hearing Room of the Edificio Varadero as

follows:

- (a) With the Measurement Committee and Regatta Director at 1900 on Saturday, 3 March 2007 to schedule measurement appointments and to schedule the weighing of broadcast and telemetry equipment;
- (b) with the Race Committee and Umpires at 1900 on Saturday, 14 April 2007; and
- (c) thereafter, as necessary, and before the Semi-final and Final stages.
- (d) At least one representative of each Competitor shall attend the Competitor's Meetings.

## **5 Course Rendezvous Locations**

The Race Committee will provide the intended location of the Starting Area(s) by email and/or the Safety Radio at least ninety (90) minutes prior to the scheduled Attention Signal.

## **6 Course Signals**

- 6.1 The Race Committee will signal the course to be sailed from the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end of the starting line. The approximate magnetic bearing from the Race Committee Signal Boat to the first mark (Mark 1) will be signaled on course boards as three numerals. The approximate distance in Nautical Miles from the Race Committee Signal Boat to Mark 1 will be signaled on course boards giving the distance in miles and decimal miles. The bearing and distance will be signaled on separate boards. These signals will be made at or before the Warning Signal.
- 6.2 Unless a change is made in accordance with RRS 33(a), the leeward mark (Mark 2) will be positioned approximately 0.30 nautical miles upwind of the Race Committee Signal Boat on the same approximate magnetic bearing as signaled in Instruction 6.1. In the event that a change of course for Mark 2 is made under RRS 33(a), the Gate Mark, if set, will be to the left of Mark 2 (looking upwind on the course axis).
- 6.3 In the event of a wind shift during the starting sequence for a flight, the Race Committee may change the course for the second or subsequent matches to a different first mark (Mark 1). This change shall be made at or before the Preparatory Signal for the match(es) involved by displaying Flag "C" and repetitive sound signals. The magnetic compass bearing to the new first mark (Mark 1) and the color of that new mark will be displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat. This alters RRS 27.1.

## **7 Starting Procedures and Signals**

- 7.1 Races will be started in accordance with NOR 2.3(i)(v).
- 7.2 The Louis Vuitton Cup Event Flag provided in NOR 2.3(i)(v) is shown in Attachment 1 to these Instructions.
- 7.3 A yacht shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

## **8 Other Signals**

- 8.1 When the numeral pennant associated with a particular match is displayed in conjunction with any signal, that signal will apply only to the match so identified.
- 8.2 When a signal is displayed alone, the signal will apply to all matches.
- 8.3 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a mast on top of the East Tower of the Antigua Edificio Varadero.

- (a) Flag "AP" displayed ashore means: "All races are postponed".
- (b) Following a postponement signal made ashore, the rescheduled time for the Warning Signal will be posted on the Official Notice Board before the lowering of Flag "AP".

## **9 Marks**

- 9.1 Original Marks of the course will be Orange inflatable tetrahedron buoys.
- 9.2 Change Marks, when used in accordance with Instruction 12, will be Yellow inflatable tetrahedron buoys.
- 9.3 The Starting and Finishing Mark(s) will be a Green inflatable tetrahedron buoy.
- 9.4 The Race Committee may use an Orange inflatable "Cylinder Mark" as an Original Mark 1. The Cylinder Mark is approximately 6 metres in diameter and 3 metres high. If the Cylinder Mark is to be used, it will replace the tetrahedron Original Mark 1, and Competitors will be advised as follows:
  - (a) The Race Committee will display a red placard with a black "X" next to the posted magnetic bearing when the Course Signals are displayed, and
  - (b) will advise Competitors using the Safety Radio.

## **10 Starting Line**

The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line and the course-side edge of a Green inflatable tetrahedron buoy at the port end.

## **11 Individual Recalls**

Flags displayed in accordance with RRS C3.2(a) will be on the course side of the orange starting line flag. The sound signal will be a horn. The Race Committee will confirm the color of the yacht's identification flag via the Safety Radio.

## **12 Change of Course after the Start**

- 12.1 Change Marks will be as described in Instruction 9. If the position of Mark 1 is changed, the color of Mark 1 will alternate between an Original Mark and a Change Mark. If the position of Mark 2 (gate) is changed, the color of Mark 2 (gate) will alternate between an Original Mark and a Change Mark.
- 12.2 For subsequent course changes, the marks will alternate between Change Marks and Original Marks.
- 12.3 A change of course will be signaled by a Race Committee vessel in the vicinity of the mark commencing the leg to be changed. Along with the requirements of RRS 33 as amended by NOR 2.3(e)(iv), the Race Committee vessel will display a placard to indicate the color of the next mark to be rounded, and will broadcast the approximate new magnetic bearing via the Safety Radio. If the leg to be changed is to the Finishing Line, no colored placard will be displayed.

## **13 Finishing Line**

The Finishing Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat at the starboard end of the line (looking upwind on the course axis) and the course-side edge of a

Green inflatable tetrahedron buoy at the port end. The Race Committee boat marking the Finishing Line may be a different boat from the Race Committee Signal Boat that marked the Starting Line.

## **14 Protests**

- 14.1 Flag "Y" used in accordance with RRS C6.1(a) shall be not less than 60cm on the hoist and 60cm on the fly.
- 14.2 The red protest flag used in accordance with RRS 61.1 and C6.1(b) shall be not less than 40cm on the hoist and 40cm on the fly.
- 14.3 Written protests shall be lodged at the Jury Office in the Antiguo Edificio Varadero, by hand or email (email may include the ECAF system if so specified by the Jury). The protest time limit shall be ninety (90) minutes after the time the last yacht finishes its last race of the day.
- 14.4 Protest Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board each day within thirty (30) minutes after the protest time limit to inform Competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or named as witnesses. Protest Notices may also be sent to the appropriate parties by email. A Protest Notice posted on the Official Notice Board will be deemed to meet the requirements of RRS 63.2.
- 14.5 A party bringing evidence that requires special equipment not already available to the Jury in the Jury Hearing Room shall provide such equipment.

## **15 Identification**

- 15.1 The yellow and blue identifying flags required by RRS C4.1 shall be not less than 60cm on the hoist and 60cm on the fly and conspicuously displayed near the stern or transom.
- 15.2 The Race Committee Signal vessel on station at the Starting Line prior to the Attention Signal, and the Race Committee vessel on station at the Finishing Line may display a race committee flag with a blue field. Other race committee vessels will display a race committee flag with a yellow field. The Race Committee will give notice of how official vessels, spectator Course Marshal and Security vessels, and any other official support craft will be identified.

## **16 Prescription for an 18<sup>th</sup> Person**

Pursuant to ACC Rule 37.2(a), the following procedure is adopted for approval of an 18<sup>th</sup> person:

- (a) A Challenger may submit to the Jury the names and sailing resumes of prospective persons to race as the 18<sup>th</sup> person. If no Challenger objects to a prospective 18<sup>th</sup> person within 72 hours of such information being made available by the Jury to all Challengers, the person shall be permitted to race as the 18<sup>th</sup> person regardless of whether or not that person has "acknowledged technical or tactical skill".
- (b) A Challenger may submit to the Jury the names and sailing resumes of prospective 18<sup>th</sup> persons [whether or not submitted under (a) above], and ask the Jury to decide if the person has "acknowledged technical or tactical skill" and is therefore not qualified to race as the 18<sup>th</sup> person. In making its determination the Jury shall consider any guidelines approved by the Challenger Commission for determining whether a person has "acknowledged technical or tactical skill", and whether to impose restrictions on the number of days or races that a person may race as the 18<sup>th</sup> person. If a Challenger submits a name and resume to the Jury by 0830 on a race day, the Jury shall give its answer by 1030 that day. In addition to answering in the affirmative or negative, the Jury may answer that it could not make a determination in the time permitted.

- (c) In performing its responsibilities under this prescription, the Jury shall determine its own procedures, quorum requirements, and the means of notification of Challengers.

## **17 Disclaimers**

17.1 Attention is drawn to NOR 17.

17.2 Neither AC Management nor the Race Committee shall have any responsibility:

- (a) for the seaworthiness of a yacht or the sufficiency or adequacy of its crew and equipment; or
- (b) to provide rescue or medical services, at sea or ashore, or to provide any other form of assistance to the participants. The Consorcio Valencia 2007 has arranged for these services to be available.

15 February 2007 & Amended 11 April 2007  
The Race Committee  
For the Louis Vuitton Cup

Wm. H. Dyer Jones, Chairman  
Peter Reggio, Principal Race Officer  
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### **Attachment 1**

Louis Vuitton Cup Event Flag  
(size approx. 80cm x 120cm)

