



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

GOVERNING THE FLEET RACES OF VALENCIA LOUIS VUITTON ACT 11

19 - 21 May 2006

VALENCIA, SPAIN

1 Rules

- 1.1 The races shall be sailed under the Rules as defined in the Notice of Race ("NOR") including any amendments to the NOR.
- 1.2 Further to NOR 2.1(e), the Fleet Races will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by Addendum F of these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 Information and instructions on 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 # 37 which are considered a part of these Sailing Instructions.

A protest under this Sailing Instruction may only be initiated by the Race Committee, the Measurement Committee, or the Jury. This changes RRS 60.1.

- 1.4 Only the Race Committee or Measurement Committee may protest an ACC Yacht for failure to display the event signage required by Protocol 10.3 and supplied by AC Management. This changes RRS 60.1.

2 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 Notices may also be sent electronically by e-mail, SMS and/or posted on an electronic notice board. However, a notice posted on the Official Notice Board will be deemed to have been given to the Competitor concerned. Failure for such electronic notices to be received by a Competitor will not be grounds for redress.

3 Amendments to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any amendment 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.
- 3.2 Any amendment to the Sailing Instructions made at sea will be advised to all Competitors by the Safety Radio. Flag "Third Substitute" will be displayed from the Race Committee Signal Boat until all affected Competitors have acknowledged receipt of the amendment.

4 Schedule

- 4.1 The schedule of races is contained in NOR 5, 10.1, and NOR Attachment 2.
- 4.2 The initial Warning Signal for each day's racing is scheduled for 1400, however in the event that the schedule is changed in accordance with Instruction 3, the initial Warning Signal also may be changed.
- 4.3 A Competitor's Meeting will be held at 1900 on Tuesday, 9 May in the Jury Hearing Room of the Edificio Varadero. At least one of the nominated and accredited representatives of each Competitor shall attend the Competitor's Meeting.
- 4.4 NOR 5, 10.1 and NOR Attachment 2 are subject to change by the Race Committee.

5 Course Rendezvous Locations

The Race Committee will broadcast the intended location of the Starting Area approximately 1 hour prior to the scheduled Attention Signal. The broadcast will be made on the Safety Radio.

6 Course Illustration

Courses will be as described in NOR 8 and the Course Illustration.

7 Course Signals

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 Unless a change is made in accordance with RRS 33, 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 7.1.
 - (a) A "gate" may be set, consisting of Mark 2 and a Gate Mark. The Gate Mark will be placed to the left of Mark 2 (looking up wind from the Race Committee Signal Boat). The Race Committee will place the gate as described above without signaling a change as outlined in RRS 33.
 - (b) In the event that a change of course for Mark 2 is made under RRS 33, the Gate Mark, if set, will be to the left of Mark 2 (looking up wind from the Race Committee Signal Boat).

8 Starting Procedures and Signals

- 8.1 Races will be started in accordance with NOR 2.4(d)(vi).
- 8.2 A yacht shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

9 Other Signals

- 9.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a mast on top of the East Tower of the Antiguo Edificio Varadero.
- (a) Flag "AP" made ashore with two sound signals, 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". The Warning Signal will be made not less than 90 minutes after the lowering of Flag "AP".

10 Marks

- 10.1 Original Marks of the course will be Orange inflatable tetrahedron buoys.
- 10.2 Change Marks, when used in accordance with RRS 33, and Instruction 13, will be Yellow inflatable tetrahedron buoys.
- 10.3 The Starting and Finishing Mark will be a Green inflatable tetrahedron buoy.
- 10.4 The Race Committee may experiment with an Orange inflatable cylinder as an Original Mark 1. The Cylinder is approximately 6 metres in diameter and 3 metres high. If the experimental mark is to be used, it will replace the tetrahedron Original Mark 1. Competitors will be advised using the following procedure. The Race Committee will:
- (a) display an orange placard next to the posted magnetic bearing when the Course Signals are displayed, and
 - (b) advise Competitors using the Safety Radio.

11 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 buoy at the port end.

12 Individual Recalls

Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The sound signal will be a horn. The Race Committee will endeavour to hail the sail number of a Competitor violating RRS 29.1 by using the Safety Radio. Failure of the radio advice to be given or received will not be grounds for redress.

13 Change of Course after the Start

- 13.1 Any change of course after the start will be made in accordance with RRS 33. In the event that a change of course is signaled for the position of Mark 1, refer to NOR 8.1. In the event that a change of course is signaled for Mark 2 (gate) and the gate is not in place, yachts are to round the existing changed Mark 2 to port.
- 13.2 Change Marks will be as described in Instruction 10. 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.

- 13.3 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, the Race Committee vessel will display an orange or yellow colored placard to indicate the color of the next mark to be rounded. If the leg to be changed is to the Finishing Line, no colored placard will be displayed. The Race Committee may broadcast the approximate new magnetic compass bearing and distance to the changed mark via the Safety Radio. Failure of the radio advice to be given or received will not be grounds for redress

14 Finishing Line

The Finishing Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the course-side edge of a Green inflatable buoy. The Race Committee boat marking the Finishing Line may be a different boat from the Race Committee Signal Boat that marked the Starting Line.

15 Protests

- 15.1 Flag "Y" used in accordance with Instruction Addendum F6.1(a) shall be not less than 60cm on the hoist and 60cm on the fly.
- 15.2 The red protest flag used in accordance with RRS 61.1 and Instruction Addendum F6.1(b) shall be not less than 40cm on the hoist and 40cm on the fly.
- 15.3 Written protests shall be lodged at the Jury Office in the Antiguo Edificio Varadero. The protest time limit shall be 90 minutes after the time the last yacht finishes its last race of the day.
- 15.4 Protest Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board each day within 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 electronically. Failure to receive the notice electronically shall not constitute grounds for redress. A Protest Notice posted on the Official Notice Board will be deemed to meet the requirement of RRS 63.2.
- 15.5 The Jury will hear protests in the approximate order of receipt and hearings shall begin at the time posted with the Protest Notices.
- 15.6 A party bringing evidence that requires electronic or other special equipment shall provide such equipment.
- 15.7 Delete RRS 64.1(c) is deleted and replaced with: "If a yacht has broken a rule while not racing, the Jury may apply her penalty in any manner it deems equitable."
- 15.8 Unless otherwise determined by the Jury, two representatives of each yacht involved in a protest shall have the right to be present as parties to the hearing. This alters RRS 63.3(a).

16 Scoring

Scoring shall be in accordance with NOR 20.

17 Identification

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.

18 Support & Weather Boats

18.1 Attention is drawn to Article 13.13 of the Protocol and NOR 16. All of the 6 support boats associated with Competitors as permitted in Article 13.13 shall carry a team flag and marking not less than 20cm in height on both sides of the vessel identifying the vessel with its Competitor. In addition, the Chase Boat permitted into the Race Diamond and the tender allowed at the Perimeter of the Race Diamond shall carry a flag issued by the Race Committee.

18.2 Weather Boats (“Weather Boats”)

- (a) Boats whose primary purpose is the collection of meteorological data are Weather Boats.
- (b) Weather Boats shall not be longer than fourteen (14) metres in length.
- (c) Weather Boats shall not operate within the Starting Box area.
- (d) Until the Preparatory Signal of each race, Competitor Weather Boats may operate in and around the Race Diamond, subject to the limitation of Instruction 18.2(c).
- (e) At or before the Preparatory Signal, Weather Boats shall begin to remove themselves to a position outside the Race Diamond perimeter designated by the Course Marshal.
- (f) At or before the Starting Signal, Weather Boats shall be clear of the Race Diamond perimeter, and shall remain clear until the conclusion of the race.
- (g) Weather Boats shall not approach or interfere with any yacht while racing.
- (h) This privilege may be revoked at any time for cause by the Principal or Senior Race Officer.

18.3 After the Preparatory Signal of a race and until the finish of that race, no ACC Yacht other than an ACC Yacht scheduled to compete that day, and its accompanying Chase Boat, shall enter or be on the Race Diamond area designated by the Course Marshal.

19 Disclaimers

19.1 Attention is drawn to NOR 17.

19.2 Neither ACM nor its 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.

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The Race Committee
For Valencia Louis Vuitton Act 11

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Addendum F for ACC Fleet Racing

The fleet races of Act 11 shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this Addendum. This Addendum is based upon RRS Appendix C - Match Racing Rules. Whenever rules of Appendix C have been changed or deleted (except for change from C to F) this will be stated after the rule. Races shall be umpired unless the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions state otherwise.

F1 RRS C1 is deleted.

F2 CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS AND THE RULES OF PARTS 2 and 4

F2.1 The definition *Finish* is changed to: 'A yacht *finishes* when any part of her hull, crew or equipment in normal position, crosses the finishing line in the direction of the course from the last *mark* after completing any penalties'. This also changes RRS C2.1.

F2.2 Add to the definition *Proper Course*: 'A yacht taking a penalty or maneuvering to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.'

F2.3 RRS C2.3 is deleted.

F2.4 RRS 13 is changed to

13 While Tacking or Gybing

13.1 After a yacht passes head to wind, she shall *keep clear* of other yachts until she is on a close-hauled course.

13.2 After the foot of the mainsail of a yacht sailing downwind crosses the centerline she shall *keep clear* of other yachts until the bottom one-third (1/3) her mainsail has filled.

13.3 While 13.1 or 13.2 applies, RRS 10, 11 and 12 do not. However, if two yachts are subject to RRS 13.1 or 13.2 at the same time, the one on the other's port side or the one astern shall *keep clear*.

This changes RRS C2.4.

F2.5 RRS 16.2 and 17.2 are deleted.

F2.6 RRS 18.3 is changed to: 'If two yachts were on opposite *tacks* and one of them completes a tack within the *two or three-length zone* to pass a rounding *mark*, and if thereafter the other yacht cannot by luffing avoid becoming *overlapped* inside her, the yacht that tacked shall *keep clear* and RRS 15, 18.2(a), 18.2(b), 18.2(c), and 18.2(e) do not apply. If the other yacht can by luffing avoid becoming *overlapped* inside her then RRS 18.2(c) shall apply as if the yacht were *clear ahead* and *clear astern* at the *two or three-length zone*.' This changes RRS C2.6.

F2.7 When RRS 19.1 applies, the following arm signals by the helmsman are required in addition to the hails:

(a) for 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and

- (b) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other yacht and waving the arm to windward.

F2.8 RRS 20.2 is changed to: 'A yacht taking a penalty shall *keep clear* of one that is not.'

F2.9 RRS 22.1 is changed to: 'If reasonably possible, a yacht not *racing* shall not interfere with a yacht that is *racing* or an umpire boat.'

F2.10 Rule 22.2 is changed to: 'Except when sailing a *proper course*, a yacht shall not interfere with a yacht taking a penalty or sailing on another leg.'

F2.11 RRS C2.11 is deleted.

F2.12 RRS C2.12 is deleted and replaced with:

"F2.12 Add to the preamble of Part 4: 'Rule 42 shall also apply from 1 minute before the Preparatory Signal.'"

F2.13 RRS C2.13 is deleted.

F3 RRS C3 is deleted.

F4 RRS C4 is deleted.

F5 SIGNALS BY UMPIRES

F5.1 A green and white flag with one long sound signal means: 'No penalty.'

F5.2 RRS C5.2 is deleted.

F5.3 A red flag with one long sound signal means: 'The identified yacht shall take a penalty by complying with Addendum F7.3(d).' This changes RRS C5.3.

F5.4 A black flag with one long sound signal means: 'The identified yacht is disqualified.' This changes RRS C5.4.

F5.5 One short sound signal means: 'A penalty is now completed.'

F5.6 RRS C5.6 is deleted.

F5.7 RRS C5.7 is deleted.

F6 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

F6.1 A yacht may protest another yacht

- (a) under a rule of Part 2, except RRS 14, by clearly displaying flag "Y" immediately after an incident in which she was involved.
- (b) under any rule not listed in Addendum F6.1(a) or F6.2 by clearly displaying a red flag as soon as possible after the incident.

F6.2 A yacht may not protest another yacht under

- (a) RRS 14, except in accordance with NOR 2.4(d)(i) and (ii); This changes RRS C6.2(a)
- (b) a rule of Part 2, unless she was involved in the incident;
- (c) RRS 31 or 42; or
- (d) Addendum F7; or
- (e) RRS 50.5 as added by the Notice of Race.

F6.3 A yacht intending to request redress because of circumstances that arise before she *finishes* or retires shall clearly display a red flag as soon as possible after she becomes aware of those circumstances, but not later than two minutes after *finishing* or retiring.

F6.4 (a) A yacht protesting under Addendum F6.1(a) shall remove flag “Y” before or as soon as possible after the umpires’ signal.

- (b) A yacht protesting under Addendum F6.1(b) or requesting redress under Addendum F6.3 shall, for her *protest* or request to be valid, keep her red flag displayed until she has so informed the umpires after *finishing* or retiring. Written protests and requests for redress shall be lodged in accordance with the Sailing Instructions. This changes RRS C6.4(b).

F6.5 Umpire Decisions

After flag “Y” is displayed, the umpires shall decide whether to penalize any yacht. They shall signal their decision in compliance with Addendum F5.1, F5.3, or F 5.4. This changes RRS C6.5.

F6.6 RRS C6.6 is deleted

F7 PENALTY SYSTEM

F7.1 Rule Changes

RRS 31.2 and 44 are deleted.

F7.2 All Penalties

- (a) A penalized yacht shall take a penalty within the limitations of Addendum F7.3 and shall take it as follows:

- (1) When on a leg of the course to a windward *mark* (or before *starting*), she shall gybe and, as soon as reasonably possible, luff to a close-hauled course. This changes RRS C7.2(a)(1).
- (2) When on a leg of the course to a leeward *mark* or the finishing line, she shall tack and, as soon as reasonably possible, bear away to a downwind course.

- (b) Add to RRS 2: ‘When *racing*, a yacht may wait for an umpire’s decision before taking a penalty.’

- (c) A yacht completes a leg of the course when her bow crosses the extension of the

line from the previous *mark* through the *mark* she is rounding, or on the last leg when she *finishes*.

- (d) A penalized yacht shall not be recorded as having *finished* until she takes her penalty and sails completely to the course side of the line and then *finishes*. This changes RRS C7.2(d).
- (e) RRS C7.2(e) is deleted.
- (f) RRS C7.2(f) is deleted.

F7.3 Penalty Limitations

- (a) A yacht taking a penalty that includes a tack shall have the spinnaker head below the main-boom gooseneck from the time she passes head to wind until she is on a close-hauled course.
- (b) No part of a penalty may be taken within two or three (as appropriate) of a yacht's hull lengths of a rounding *mark*. This changes RRS C7.3(b).
- (c) RRS C7.3(c) is deleted.
- (d) When the umpires display a red flag, the penalized yacht shall take a penalty as soon as reasonably possible. This changes RRS C7.3(d).

F7.4 Taking and Completing Penalties

- (a) When a yacht with an outstanding penalty is either on a leg to a windward *mark* or has not *started* and gybes, or is on a leg to a leeward *mark* or the finishing line and passes head to wind, she is taking a penalty. This changes RRS C7.4(a).
- (b) When a yacht taking a penalty either does not take the penalty correctly or does not complete the penalty as soon as reasonably possible, she is no longer taking a penalty. The umpires shall signal this as required by Addendum F8.2.2. This changes RRS C7.4(b).
- (c) RRS C7.4(c) is deleted.

F8 PENALTIES INITIATED BY UMPIRES

F8.1 Rule Changes

- (a) RRS 60.2(a) and 60.3(a) do not apply to *rules* for which penalties may be imposed by umpires.
- (b) RRS 64.1(b) is changed so that the provision for exonerating a yacht may be applied by the umpires without a hearing, and it takes precedence over any conflicting rule of this Addendum.

F8.2.1 When the umpires decide that a yacht has broken RRS 31, 42, 50.5 (as added by the Notice of Race) or Addendum F7.3(d) she shall be penalized by signaling her under Addendum F5.3. This changes RRS C8.2.

F8.2.2 Add new rule: When the umpires decide that a yacht taking a penalty does not complete the penalty as soon as reasonably possible, or does not comply with Addendum F7.3(a) or

F7.3(b), that penalty shall be cancelled and the umpires shall penalize her again under Addendum F5.3 or F5.4.

F8.3 When the umpires decide that a yacht has

- (a) gained an advantage by breaking a *rule* after taking a penalty,
- (b) deliberately broken a *rule*, or
- (c) committed a breach of sportsmanship, she shall be penalized under Addendum F5.3 or F5.4. This changes RRS C8.3.

F8.4 If the umpires or jury members decide that a yacht may have broken a *rule* other than those listed in Addendum F6.1(a) or F6.2, they shall so inform the jury for its action under RRS 60.3 when appropriate. This changes RRS C8.4.

F8.5 RRS C8.5 is deleted.

F9 REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENINGS, APPEALS, OTHER PROCEEDINGS

F9.1 There shall be no request for redress or an appeal from a decision made under Addendum F5, F6, F7 or F8. This changes RRS C9.1.

F9.2 A Competitor may not base a request for redress on a claim that an action by an official boat was improper. The jury may decide to consider giving redress in such circumstances but only if it believes that an official boat, including an umpire boat, may have seriously interfered with a competing yacht.

F9.3 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by the umpires, except as permitted in Addendum F9.2.

F10 RRS C10 is deleted.

F11 RRS C11 is deleted.