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47th BALKAN SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP
Constanta, Navodari, 31 August - 06 September 2014



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1. The 47th Balkan & Open Balkan Sailing Championships will be governed by the Rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing enforced and related Class Rules.
- 1.2. No prescription of the Romanian Yachting Federation will apply.
- 1.3. The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply to the extent that they are referenced into the International Optimist, Laser, Laser Radial, Laser 4,7, FINN, 470, 420 and RS:X classes.
- 1.4. The Official Language of the Championship is English. All documents related to the Event shall be written only in English.
- 1.5. The 47th Balkan & Open Balkan Sailing Championships are open to Optimist Boys, Optimist Girls, Laser, Laser Radial Women, Laser 4,7 (free choice of gender), FINN Senior, FINN Junior, 470 Men, 470 Women, 420 (free choice of gender) RS:X Men, and RS:X Women.
- 1.6. According with the minute of the last Balkan Meeting art. 7, only the classes/categories which will have entered a minimum of 6 (six) boats/boards from 3 (tree) Balkan nations will be validated.
- 1.7. In case of conflict between the NoR and the SIs, SIs shall prevail.

2. BOAT'S IDENTIFICATION

- 2.1. Boats will be identified by their sail numbers. The sail number given for registration shall conform to the sail number on the measurement form, except upon permission of the Measurement Committee.
- 2.2. After registration, if a boat started a race without a legible sail number, or with a different sail number than the one accepted by the Measurement Committee, or the equipment inspector, she may be protested by the Race Committee. Changes in sail numbers may however be authorized by the Race Committee if resulting from damage during races. The boat shall ask permission from the Race Committee within the protest time limit. As far as possible, any such permission will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located close to the Race Office.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any change to the sailing instructions, except the schedule of races, will be posted at least two hours before the first scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect.
- 4.2. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 hrs on the day before the day it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag staff close to the Race Office.
- 5.2. In ISAF RRS Race Signal AP, when flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "Not less than thirty minutes".
- 5.3. When flag Y is displayed ashore, ISAF RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes ISAF RRS Part 4 Preamble.

6. REGATTA FORMAT

- 6.1. The Balkan & Open Balkan Sailing Championships will consist of 12 planned races in each class and Category.
- 6.2. According to the last Balkan Meeting Minutes art. 6, a minimum of 3 races is required to validate the Championships.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1. Racing is scheduled as indicated in Attachment 1.
- 7.2. When flag "L" is displayed on the Race Committee boat at the finishing line, it will mean: "Be ready to sail a new race". This changes ISAF RRS Race Signal "L" afloat. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, flag "L" will be displayed with one sound signal by the Race Committee signal boat at the starting line for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed. Flag "L" will be lowered with one sound signal one minute before the warning signal is displayed.

8. RACING AREAS

- 8.1. Attachment 2 shows the approximate racing area locations.
- 8.2. Race area "Alpha" will be used for Optimist Class.
- 8.3. Race area "Bravo" will be used for RS:X, Laser, Laser RAL, Laser 4,7, Finn, 470 and 420 classes.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. Drawing no 1A, Drawing no 1B and Drawing no 2 describes the courses, including the approximate wind direction, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Length of courses will be adapted according to wind strength in order to have expected race duration for the leading boat of approximately:
 - 40-45 minutes for the Optimist course.
 - 50-60 minutes for the trapezoid course for both loops.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the course signals as follows:
 - white flag with word "Out" for Olympic trapezoid with outer loop;
 - white flag with word "In" for Olympic trapezoid with inner loop;
- 9.3. No later than the warning signal the Race Committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg. Failure of the Race Committee to do so will not be grounds for request for redress. This changes ISAF RRS 62.1(a).
- 9.4. Courses may be shortened according to ISAF RRS 32.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. For course ALPHA: marks 1, 2 and Gate (3S and 3P) will be orange cylindrical inflatable buoys.
- 10.2. For course BRAVO: marks 1, 2, Gate 3S and 3P and Gate 4S and 4 P will be cylindrical inflatable buoys.
- 10.3. The starting and finishing marks are defined in instructions 11.2 and 12.1 respectively.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started by using ISAF RRS 26.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat on its starboard end and a yellow cylindrical inflatable buoy at the pin end on its port end.
- 11.3. The interval of the starts of the Classes on course BRAVO will be at Race Officer's discretion. Competitors will have to watch carefully for the particular signal of their Class.
- 11.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area by keeping clear at least 50m. behind the starting line.
- 11.5. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes ISAF RRS Appendix A 4 and 5.
- 11.6. In case of a general recall, if possible, in addition to the Race Committee signal boat, a RC boat will display flag First Substitute and cross in front of the boats. Failure to do so will not be grounds for request for redress. This changes ISAF RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.7. If possible, the sail numbers of the boats which have failed to start correctly the race by not complying with ISAF RRS 29.1 or 30.1 or 30.3 (as applicable) will be displayed by the Race Committee boat at the finish. Failure to display such sail numbers will not be grounds for request for redress. This changes ISAF RRS 62.1(a).

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the Race Committee Finishing boat flying a blue flag on the line port end and a yellow cylindrical inflatable buoy on its starboard end. This instruction does not apply when ISAF RRS 32.2 does.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under ISAF RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit of her class.
- 13.2. Appendix P will be in force for all Classes with the exception of RS:X. The alterations by 470, 420 and Finn Class Rules will also apply.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. The time limit for the leading boat after her class starting signal is one hundred minutes for both courses.
- 14.2. Boats failing to finish within fifteen minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing for all Classes. This changes ISAF RRS Appendix A 4 and 5.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

- 15.2. Boats intending to lodge a protest shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line immediately after they have finished.
- 15.3. For each class, the protest time limit is sixty minutes after the last boat of the respective class has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to requests for redress (This change and declarations for retirement (RET)). Every day, the protest time limit for each class will be posted as soon as possible.
- 15.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or the International Jury will be posted to inform boats under ISAF RRS 61.1(b) within the time limit of SIs 15.3.
- 15.5. A list of boats that, under SIs 13.2, have acknowledged breaking ISAF RRS 42 or have been disqualified by the International Jury will be posted within the protest time limit.
- 15.6. Notices will be posted within twenty minutes after the end of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Time schedule of the hearings will be posted within the same time. Hearings will be held in the hearing room of the International Jury.
- 15.7. The International Jury may extend any protest time limit.
- 15.8. Breaches of sailing instructions 2, 5.3, 11.4, 13.1, 17.2, 17.3, 20 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes ISAF RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification, at the discretion of the International Jury.
- 15.9. On the last day of the Balkan & Open Balkan Sailing Championships, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - 15.9.1. within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - 15.9.2. no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes ISAF RRS 66.
- 15.10. The Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in ISAF RRS 70.5.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. The Low Point Scoring System of ISAF RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2. Each series score in Classes or Categories will be established as follows:
 - 16.2.1. when 3 or 4 inclusive races have been completed, a boat's/board's series score is the total of her races score,
 - 16.2.2. when 5 to 8 inclusive races have been completed, a boat's/board's series score is the total of her races score, excluding her worst one.
 - 16.2.3. when 9 to 12 inclusive races have been completed, a boat's/board's series score is the total of her races score excluding her two worst scores.
- 16.3. To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a Scoring Inquiry Form available at the Race Office.
- 16.4. There will be two official final ranking lists for the regatta:
 - a) Official final ranking list of the Balkan Sailing Championships in each Class (only for the Balkan Region countries).
 - b) Official final ranking list of the Open Balkan Championships in each Class (for all participating countries).
- 16.5. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under SIs 15.8 will be DPI.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. Competitors' attention is drawn to the ISAF RRS Fundamental Rules 1 and 4. Especially, competitors will have to estimate their own ability and their boat seaworthiness and make sure that they will be able to start and proceed in a race without risk, after taking into consideration the strength of the wind, water conditions and weather forecast.
- 17.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify as soon as possible some of the Race Committee boats (except in circumstances outside her control) and the Race Office within the protest time limit of her class by signing a retirement declaration form.
- 17.3. A "sign-on/sign-off" procedure will be established. Each racing day the skipper or the member of each crew shall sign personally a list available at the Race Office before going to the racing area, and as soon as possible after coming back ashore. The signature of a representative is invalid.
- 17.4. For each class, the list "sign-on" will be open from one hour before the first scheduled warning signal for the day up to the time of this signal. The list "sign-off" will be open up to the end of the protest time limit for each respective class. However, when the Race Committee asks competitors to wait a shore for further signals between two races and then decides effectively to start a new race, the list to "sign-off" will be open only up to the time the flag AP is lowered ashore. Then a new list to "sign-on" will be open from that time up to the warning signal of the new race and a new list to "sign-off" will be opened up to the end of the protest time limit for each respective class.

18. REPLACEMENT OF A CREW MEMBER OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1. After final registration, substitution of one of the two members of the crew of double handed boats may be allowed once by the International Jury. A written application shall be lodged at the Race Office not later than two hours before the scheduled time for the first warning signal for the day. As far as possible, any such permission will be posted on the Official Notice Board of the event. The new crew shall sail the remainder of the championship.
- 18.2. After pre-race measurement controls and stamping, substitution of damaged or lost equipment or repaired of damaged equipment may be allowed according to the measurement regulations defined in Attachment 3.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1. Before closure of the final registration and pre-race measurement and control period, each boat shall be inspected and sails stamped by the Measurement Committee. These controls will not release competitors from their responsibility to keep their boats in conformance with the Class Rules during the races. Any boat may be re-inspected by the Measurement Committee at anytime while not racing.

20. SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1. All support boats shall fly their national flag or a flag with their national letters clearly on a staff, or shall be permanently marked with a sticker showing the interational flag or their national letters or name of the national authority on each side of the boat, or of the engine.

- 20.2. After a preparatory signal has been made and while boats are racing, support boats shall:
- not communicate with boats, except in case of emergency and emergency call from the Race Committee.
 - be always located at a distance of at least 50 meters from the nearest racing boat.
- 20.3. Should there be a postponement, abandonment or a general recall, support boats may re-enter the restricted area and resume communication until the next preparatory signal is made.
- 20.4. If a support boat fails to observe these requirements, the assisted boat, or the whole team of the concerned country, may be subject to disqualification or other appropriate actions by the International Jury according to SIs 15.8.















21. TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not intentionally throw trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats, as well as the Jury boats.

22. TITLES AND PRIZES

22.1. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third crews of each event by the Organizing Committee of the Balkan & Open Balkan Sailing Championship.

22.2. The first crew of the final official ranking list of the Balkan Championship will be declared:

-  Laser Class Men's Balkan Champion
-  Laser Radial Women's Balkan Champion
-  Laser 4.7 Junior's (competitors shall not have been born before 1st January 1997) Balkan Champion
-  Finn Class Senior's Balkan Champion
-  Finn Class Junior's (competitors shall not have been born before 1st January 1992) Balkan Champion
-  470 Class Men's Balkan Champion
-  470 Class Women's Balkan Champion
-  420 Class Open's Balkan Champion
-  RS:X Class Men's Balkan Champion
-  RS:X Class Women's Balkan Champion
-  Optimist Class Boy's (competitor shall have been born in 1999 or later) Balkan Champion
-  Optimist Class Girl's (competitor shall have been born in 1999 or later) Balkan Champion
-  Optimist Class Junior Boy's (competitor shall have been born in 2002 or later) Balkan Champion
-  Optimist Class Junior Girl's (competitor shall have been born in 2002 or later) Balkan Champion

22.3. Prizes will be awarded to the first three competitors/crews of the above categories.

22.4. Titles and prizes will be awarded and results validated only if at least three races are completed.

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors will participate entirely at their own risk (See ISAF RRS Fundamental Rule 4 – Decision to Race). The Organizing Authority and all bodies, parties or persons involved in the Balkan & Open Balkan Sailing Championships Organization will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after 47th Balkan & Open Balkan Sailing Championships.

24. INSURANCE

Each participating boat/board including coach or support personnel boats shall be insured with a valid third party liability insurance for material damage of max 10.000 Euro and others with a minimum cover of 540.000 Euro or equivalent for the 47th Balkan & Open Balkan Sailing Championships.

25. RIGHTS-of-USE

All the participants in the Championship automatically accept that the Organizing Authority and the Sponsor(s) of the regatta reserve indefinitely the right to produce, use and show at their discretion, motion pictures and live broadcasts in film or video, including their reproduction, during and after the regatta, without any financial claim.

ATTACHMENT 1
SCHEDULE OF RACES

31 / 08 / 2014	10:00-20:00	Official Arrival Day
01 / 09 / 2014	10.00-19.30	Registration and pre-race measurement inspection
	20:00	Opening Ceremony
02 / 09 / 2014	09:30	Skippers and coaches briefing
	12:00	1 st racing day, first possible race start time
03 / 09 / 2014	11.30	2 nd racing day, first possible race start time
04 / 09 / 2014	11.30	3 rd racing day, first possible race start time
05 / 09 / 2014	11:30	4 th racing day, first possible race start time
	20:00	Price giving & Closing Ceremony.
06 / 09 / 2014		Official Departure Day

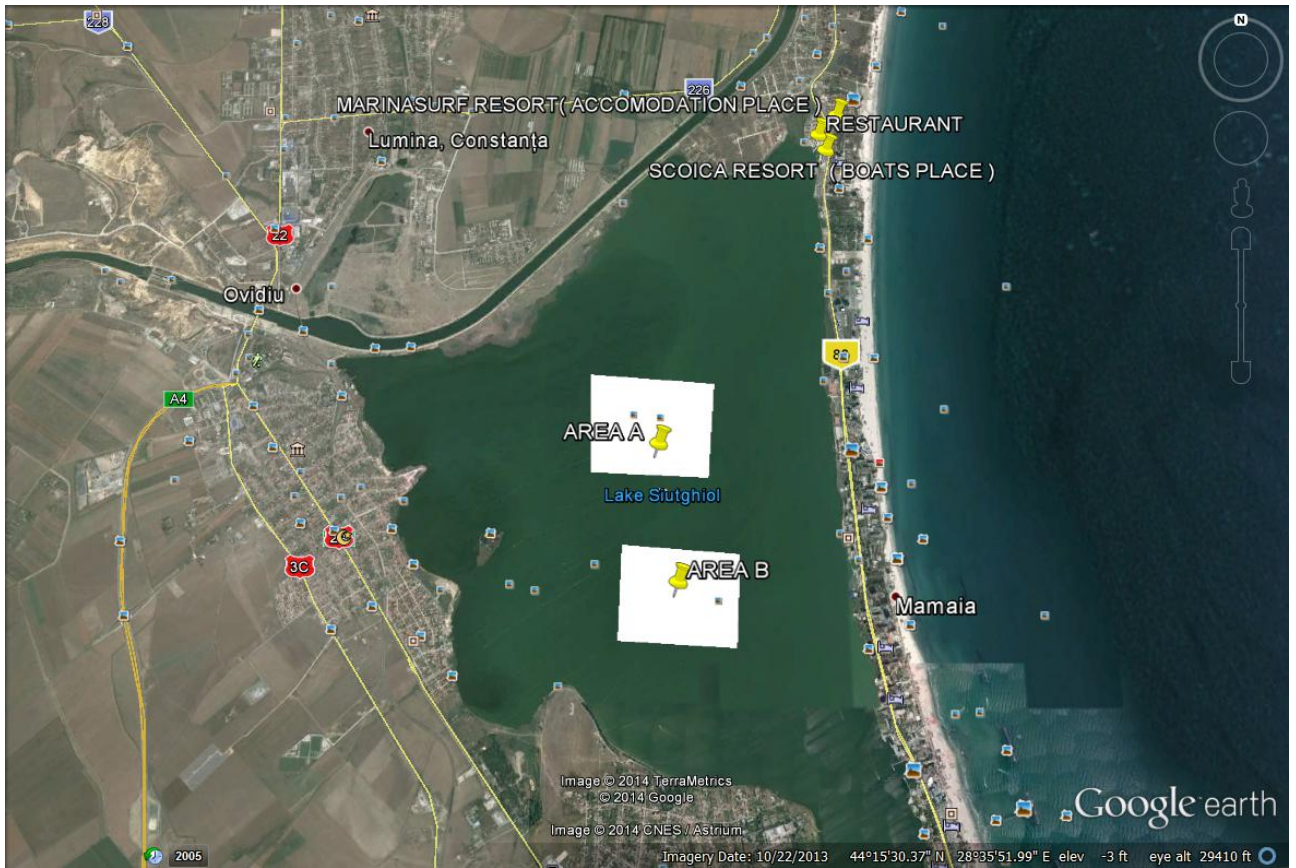
For all classes no more than three races can be sailed per day.

In extraordinary circumstances, being behind the schedule, the Race Committee may decide to run four races per day, but this decision will be posted according SIs 4.2 on the previous day.

On the last day of the event, no warning signal for the first class will be made after 15:00 hrs except after a general recall of a race whose first warning signal had been given before 15:00 hrs.

ATTACHMENT 2

APPROXIMATE RACING AREA LOCATIONS



ATTACHMENT 3
MEASUREMENT REGULATIONS

1. PRE-RACE MEASUREMENT INSPECTIONS

- 1.1. Pre-race measurement inspections are regulated by the Notice of Race and by the document "Measurement Regulations", posted on the Official Notice Board. This document will clearly inform where the inspections will be made.

2. PRE-RACE MEASUREMENT INSPECTION PROCEEDINGS

- 2.1. Pre-race measurement inspection proceedings shall be performed as follows:
- a) Measurement certificate of the boats will be checked.
 - b) Position, and the water tightness of the buoyancy tanks or double bottoms to be checked.
 - c) Towing ropes to be checked (Except for the Laser classes in which the mainsheet is used as towing rope).
 - d) Control of the lifejackets.
 - e) Control of the sails to be used and stamping of the sails.
 - f) Mast-Boom-Spinnaker boom to be marked with permanent marker.

3. CHANGES TO INSPECTED BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 3.1. After the boats, spars, sails and equipment have passed through pre-race measurement inspections and been marked/stamped, they shall not be removed from the regatta area without the written permission of the Measurement Committee.
- 3.2. Alterations:
After the boats have completed pre-race measurement inspections, no alteration shall be made except for the normal designed adjustment of fittings and equipment.
- 3.3. Repairs:
Any crew wishing to make repairs to their boat, her sails or equipment after she has passed through pre-race measurement inspections shall make a written application to the Measurement Committee. If permission is granted, the concerned crew can proceed on.
- 3.4. Substitutions:
Any application for substitution of boat, sails, spars or equipment to be used shall be submitted to the Measurement Committee. Approval can only be given when it can be satisfactorily demonstrated that the sails, spars or equipment are severely damaged, were not deliberately mistreated, and cannot be repaired satisfactorily. New pieces of equipment shall be inspected by the Measurement Committee before use. However, when a piece of equipment is lost or damaged immediately prior to a race and is replaced or repaired, the crew shall notify the Race Committee or the International Jury prior to a start of the race, and then make an application to the Measurement Committee, as soon as they arrive ashore after the race has finished, and within the protest time limit of their Class.

4. MEASUREMENT INSPECTIONS DURING THE REGATTA

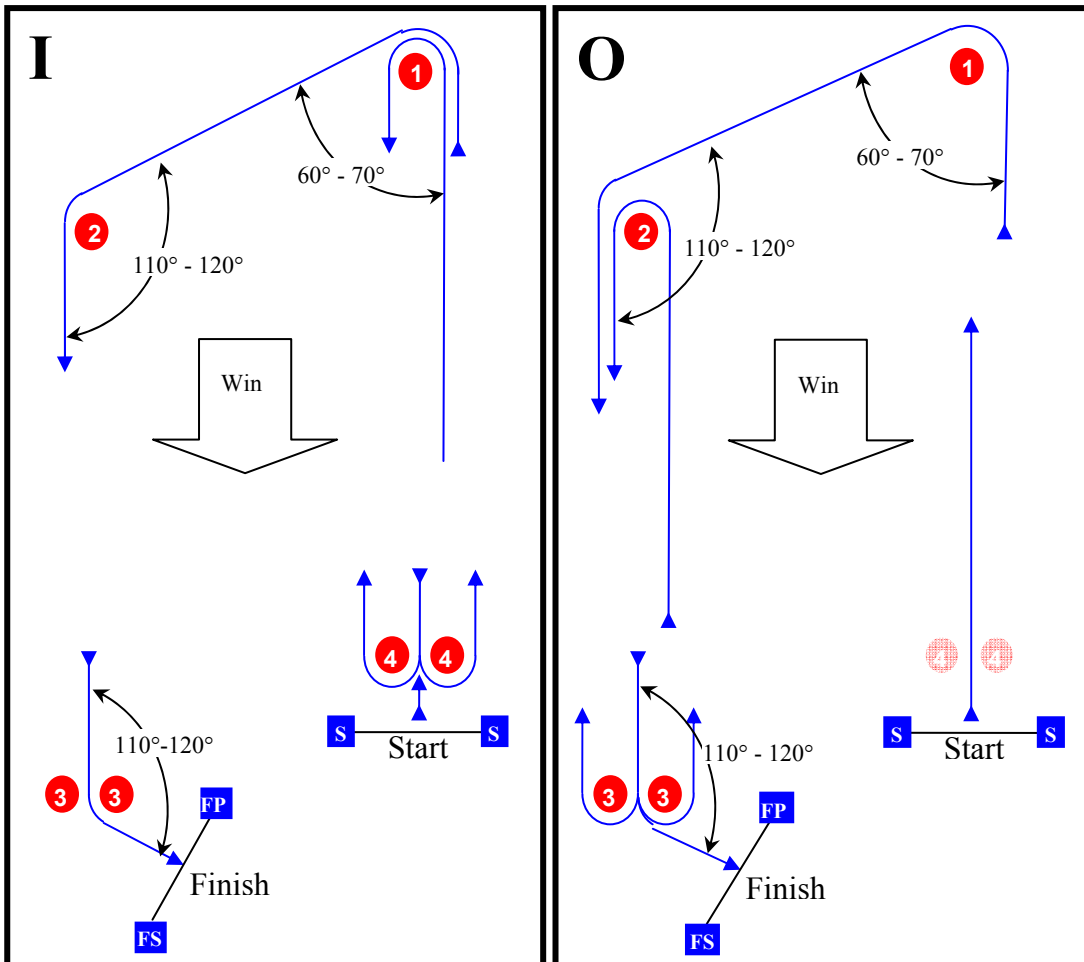
- 4.1. Anyboat, her spars, sails and equipment may be inspected at anytime during the Balkan Sailing Championships by the Measurement Committee while not racing.

- 5. NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THE CLASS RULES OR WITH THE MEASUREMENT REGULATIONS OF THE BALKAN SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS**
- 5.1. When the Measurement Committee has reason to believe that anyboat, her spars, sails and equipment have been altered, repaired or replaced without prior approval, or when a boat or her crew does not comply with this attachment, the Race Committee, on measurement Committee's request, reports the matter to the International Jury for hearing and decision.

DRAWING No. 1 A

COURSE ILLUSTRATION

OLYMPIC TRAPEZOID COURSE



Course: Inner Trapezoid

Course: Outer Trapezoid

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
12	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish
13	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish
14	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish

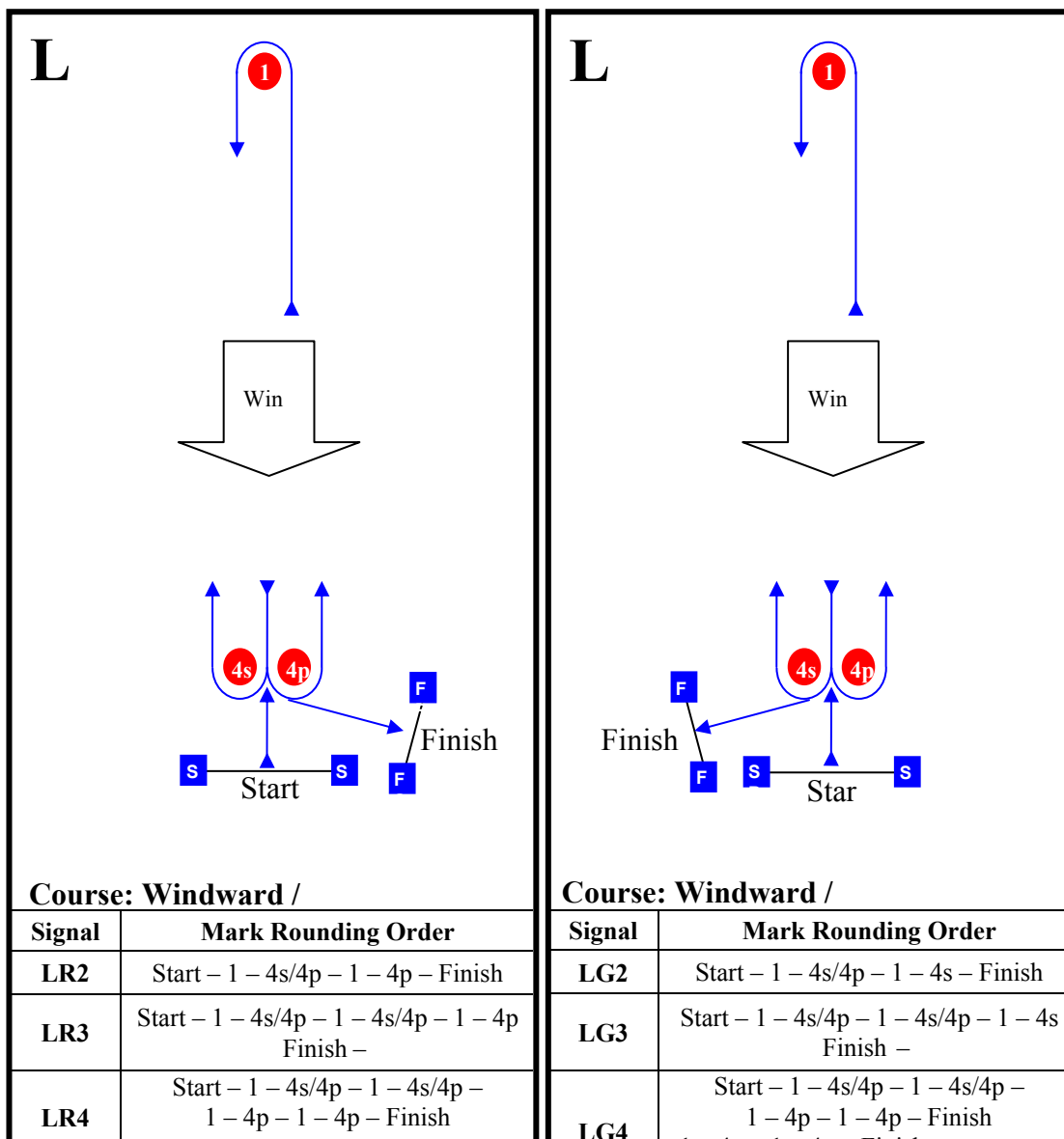
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
02	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish
03	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish
04	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish

Mark	Description
1 2	Large Orange Cylindrical Buoys
3 3	Orange Cylindrical Buoys
4 4	Orange Cylindrical Buoys
S Starting mark starboard end	Committee Boat
S Starting mark port end	Committee Boat
F Finishing mark starboard end	Committee Boat
F Finishing mark port end	Committee Boat

DRAWING No. 1 B

COURSE ILLUSTRATION

WINWARD – LEEWARD WITH REACHING FINISH



Mark	Description	
1	Large Orange cylindrical Buoy	
4s 4p	Orange Cylindrical Buoys	
S	Starting mark starboard end	Committee Boat
S	Starting mark port end	Committee Boat
	LR	LG
F	Finishing mark starboard end	Committee Boat
F	Finishing mark port end	Committee Boat

DRAWING No. 2 STANDARD OPTIMIST COURSE

Course marks 1, 2 and 3 shall be rounded to port.
Numerical values of angles on the diagram are indicative.

Standard Optimist Course Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Gate – Finish

