

ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

SOLING ITALIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
SPRING TROPHY
5-7 April 2007

NOTICE OF RACE

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Title, place and Organising Authority

The Soling Spring Trophy and Italian Open Championship 2007 will take place in Castiglione della Pescaia, Italy, from 5 to 7 April 2007.

The host club for the Championship is the Club Velico Castiglione della Pescaia on behalf of the Italian Soling Association.

1.2 Programme

Thursday 5 April racing day

Friday 6 April racing day

Saturday 7 April racing day and Prize Giving

2. RULES GOVERNING THE EVENT

2.1 Main Rules

This will be an event governed by the ISAF 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (including Appendix A3), the prescriptions of the National Authority (modifications to the RRS will be specified in English), the Class Rules of the International Soling Class and the Sailing Instructions. In case of ambiguity the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2.2 Variations from the racing rules

Rule 42.3(b) is modified by Soling Class Rule C.9.1 as follows: "On a free leg of the course, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the leeward side of a wave) or planing is possible, the crew may, in order to initiate surfing or planing, pump the sheets and/or any or all of its parts and the guy, controlling any sail, but not more than twice for each wave or gust of wind. In addition, unrestricted pumping of the spinnaker guy is permitted."

3. ELIGIBILITY

ISA Individual Membership is obligatory for all crew members. The Championship is open to all yachts of the Italian and International Soling Associations.

4. ENTRIES

The entry fee, payable to Club Velico Castiglione della Pescaia, is Euro 200. The fee includes boat mooring, craning in and out, before, during and after the championship, the thursday evening dinner and the Saturday prizegiving buffet.

Preentries shall be send to Club Velico Castiglione della Pescaia by fax or e mail before 1 April 2007.

Entries, together with full payment of entry fees shall be registered at the Club Velico Castiglione della Pescaia before 11 am of 5 April 2007.

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Castiglione della Pescaia lies in southern Tuscany, in front of Elba Island and 15 kilometers south of Punta Ala.

5. EVENT SCHEDULE AND SCORING

5.1 Schedule

7 races are scheduled from which 3 shall be completed to constitute a valid championship. A maximum of 3 races per day may be sailed.

5 April

1 pm Warning Signal Race 1

Following Races according to notices on the Official Notice Board or flag signals on Race Committee Boat

No warning signal will be given after 3:30 pm on Saturday, 7 April.

5.2 Scoring

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2 will apply. The Championship will if possible consist of seven races of which the best six will count. A throw out will be allowed after the completion of four races.

6. REGISTRATION

For a boat to be eligible to race, her valid Measurement Form (the original, or a copy of the original) shall be presented by each helmsman at registration. The Sailing Instructions will be issued at the CVCP during registration.

10. COURSES, JURY & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The courses will be used and detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

11. PRIZES

The CVCP will provide overall prizes for the first three boats overall in the championship, prizes for the top three Italian boats in the championship.

14. LIABILITY

Competitors sail at their own risk. The Organising Authority and all parties involved in the Organisation of the Spring Trophy Italian Soling Open Championship 2007 accept no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage or injury which may occur to any person or property, whether ashore or afloat, as a consequence of participation in the Championships or otherwise.

It is a condition of entry into the Championships, that the boat owner/competitor has third party liability insurance cover to a minimum value of EURO 725.000. Such insurance should cover all risks arising whilst the competitor is participating in any way in the Championships, whether ashore or afloat. Such cover should note the interests of the Organising Authority. The owner/competitor may be required by the CVCP to produce evidence of such insurance.

16. SAFETY AND LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT

All competitors shall carry on board personal floatation devices that are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications issued by the class rules or approved by a national authority affiliated to the ISAF.