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LOUIS VUITTON 38TH AMERICA'S CUP PREMIER REGATTA

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Under the authority of the Italian Sailing Federation, the Circolo del Remo e della Vela Italia ("CRVI" or "Organising Authority") organize from 28th June to 9th July 2027 the following series of events celebrating the Louis Vuitton 38th America's Cup with the support of America's Cup Event ("ACE"), Yacht Club Italiano, Reale Yacht Club Canottieri Savoia, Yacht Club Costa Smeralda and sponsored by North Sails:

MAXI CLASS 1 REGATTA	28TH JUNE - 2ND JULY
MAXI GP REGATTA	28TH JUNE - 2ND JULY
SUPER YACHTS AND J-CLASS REGATTA	5TH - 9TH JULY
12 METER REGATTA	4TH - 9TH JULY

1. RULES

a. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Other documents under RRS Definition Rule (g) include:
b. World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4;
c. Maxi Yachts - The IMA Class Rule as published on the IMA website;
d. Maxi Yachts - The IRC Rating rules: 2025 IRC Rule, Parts A, B and C;
e. Superyachts (ORCsy) will race under the RRS as changed by Appendix SY.
    i. Under World Sailing Development Rule DR21-01 v3, the definition of Start is changed as follows:
    ii. Start. A boat starts when her hull, having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either:
    (a) at or after her starting signal, or
    (b) during the last three minutes before her starting signal.
    iii. When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition Start, she shall not return to the pre-start side of the starting line, and she shall be penalised by five minutes in addition to the amount of time she was on the course side of the starting line before her starting signal, added to her elapsed time without a hearing. RRS 29.1 will not apply, and RRS A5.1 is changed.
f. International 12 Metre Class Rule in effect at the time of the event.
g. RRS 48.1 does not apply to water used in a water ballast system that is declared and described in a yacht's measurement certificate (changes RRS 48.1).
h. If allowed by class rules, steering, ram and winch systems powered by force other than manual, as well as moveable appendages, trim tabs, water ballast and canting keels are permitted if each feature is declared on the IRC or ORCsy certificate (changes RRS 51 and 52).

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i. Exceptions to RRS 77 may be granted by the Organising Authority upon written request at the close of registration.
j. World Sailing Appendix 3 - Eligibility Code Regulation 19, and World Sailing (WS) Sailor Classification Code WS Regulation 22 shall apply to boats in any Corinthian categories.
k. All classes, except Superyachts, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the "Two Turns Penalty" is replaced by the "One Turn Penalty".
l. For the Superyachts, the Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply.
m. Except for 12 Meter, all other yachts will be required to have their automatic identification system (AIS) operational at all times while afloat, displaying the correct boat name and identification code.
n. [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat and for which the International Jury may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1.
o. No National Authority prescriptions apply.
p. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
q. In accordance with the decision made by World Sailing to suspend participation of Russian and Belarusian competitors, the following are not eligible to take part in this regatta:
    i. Competitors with a Russian or Belarusian passport or representing these countries
    ii. Boats whose owner or person in charge is a national from Russia or Belarus
    iii. Boats registered in Russia or Belarus or with a sail number from these countries.

2. ADVERTISING, BRANDING AND EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED BY THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY [NP]

a. Advertising will be in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20. Boats are responsible for informing their sponsors that no activities advertising any brand will be permitted ashore within the harbour area without written consent from the Organising Authority and ACE at the start of the regatta. No sponsor branding will be allowed where it conflicts with any Partners and Sponsors of the 38th America's Cup event.
b. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and/or supplied by the Organising Authority, including but not limited to the following throughout the period of each regatta, starting one hour after the registration deadline and ending one hour after the finish of the last race of the regatta;
    i. Official Event pennant on the backstay or the recenter back stanchion;
    ii. Official Event flag hoisted on the forestay while moored in the harbour;
c. The Organising Authority may request the installation, at no cost to the competitors, of on-board cameras.
d. Participants shall allow the installation of trackers on their boats and shall be responsible for the trackers while on board. They shall return the trackers to the Race Office as soon as possible after finishing the regatta and will be required to leave a damage deposit of Euro 1,000, by credit card or bank cheque, in case the unit is not returned.
e. Range Finders will be supplied to Superyacht entrants. The rangefinders shall be used to determine distance between yachts (operational instructions will be provided).
f. Competitors and support persons shall handle equipment or place advertising provided by the Organising Authority with care, and seamanship, in accordance with the instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

g. The Circolo del Remo e della Vela Italia burgee and all other associated logos shall not be used by any competitor without the prior written permission of CRVI. The America's Cup and North Sails names, logos and branding may only be used with the prior written approval of ACE and North Sails, as applicable.

3. COMMUNICATION

a. The official notice board ("ONB") will be online at www.northsailscup.crvitalia.it ("Event Website").
b. A WhatsApp messaging group will be used. Sign-up details for the WhatsApp group will be provided at registration. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

4. ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY

a. Eligible yachts are invited to enter using the Event Website.
b. Further details on eligibility for each event can be found in **APPENDIX 1** of this Notice of Race.
c. For a yacht to have entered, the online entry form should be completed on the Event Website, the full entry fee paid, and the following documents uploaded online:
    i. policy document for a valid third-party liability insurance of at least Euro 7,750,000 for maxis and SuperYachts, Euro 1,500,000 for 12M;
    ii. liability acceptance form, correctly filled out and signed;
    iii. FIV advertising license, if applicable.
d. Boats may enter until 23.59 hrs. on the 30th November 2026 ("Entry Deadline").
e. The measurement certificate will be presented at the Race Office on the day of registration.

5. ENTRY FEES

a. Before the Entry Deadline, the entry fees (net of any bank charges) are:
    Euro 8,000 for SuperYachts and J-Class
    Euro 5,000 for Maxi Class 1 and GP
    Euro 3,000 for 12M
b. Superyachts: There is an additional fee of €1.100 for non-SYRA members (Superyacht Racing Association www.superyra.com). All SYRA sanctioned superyacht regattas in the 2027 season r equire non-SYRA members to contribute to SYRA for improving the safety of superyacht racing and enhancing fair racing.
c. Entries after the Entry Deadline may be accepted at the Organising Authority's discretion with a 50% surcharge.
d. The cost for each yacht's berth, electricity, water, support vessel and tender berthing, container storage and vehicle parking is not included in the entry fee and will be invoiced separately.
e. The Organising Authority is not responsible for any cost incurred by the non-acceptance of a yacht's entry nor for any cancellation of an event or the series.
f. Entry fees paid will not be refunded if the yacht does not participate in the event.

6. VENUE, FORMAT AND SCHEDULE FOR EACH REGATTA

a. Each regatta will be based at Bagnoli race village within the America's Cup premises.
b. The Race Committee may allocate yachts to, at their sole discretion, classes, divisions or combination of classes.
c. An owner's lounge will be at the CRVI clubhouse at S. Lucia marina.
d. Attendance at the briefing on the first day of racing is mandatory for the Captain, the RRS Afterguard Member, the Communications Officer and the Racing Tactician.

A) Maxi Class 1 and Maxi GP Regatta: 28th June registration, racing 29th June – 2nd July.

i. Subject to availability, berthing for the event will be offered at the America's Cup marina in Bagnoli (see 12. BERTHING), charges for moorings, container space and shoreside facilities to be paid by entrants.
ii. Races will be sailed in the Bay of Naples adjacent to the America's Cup racing area and waters adjacent to Ischia, Procida, Sorrento and Capri. Details of the race area and courses will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
iii. Up to eight inshore races (windward/leeward or coastal) are scheduled.
iv. A maximum of two inshore races may be scheduled each race day.
v. Registration will be at the CRVI clubhouse on Tuesday, 28th June between 10:00 and 18:00 hrs.
vi. There will be a daily briefing at 9:30 hrs. in the Race Village from the first day of racing.
vii. The first warning signal will be displayed at 12:00 hrs. on racing days.
viii. On the final day, no warning signal will be displayed after 15.00 hrs.

B) Superyacht and J-Class Regatta: 5th July registration, racing 6th - 9th July.

i. Subject to availability, berthing for the event will be offered at the America's Cup marina in Bagnoli (see 12. BERTHING), charges for moorings, container space and shoreside facilities to be paid by entrants.
ii. Superyachts will race under the RRS as changed by Appendix SY, with a staggered start sequence.
iii. Races will be sailed in the Bay of Naples and waters adjacent to Ischia, Procida, Sorrento and Capri. Details of the race area and courses will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
iv. Up to four coastal races are scheduled.
v. Registration will be at the CRVI clubhouse on Tuesday, 5th July, between 10:00 and 18:00 hrs.
vi. There will be a daily briefing at 9:30 hrs. in the Race Village from the first day of racing.
vii. The first warning signal will be displayed at 12:00 hrs. on racing days.
viii. On the final day, no warning signal will be displayed after 15.00 hrs.

C) 12 Metre Regatta: 4th July registration, racing 5th – 9th July.

i. Subject to availability, berthing for the event will be offered at the America's Cup marina in Bagnoli (see 12. BERTHING), charges for moorings, container space and shoreside facilities to be paid by entrants.
ii. Races will be sailed in the Bay of Naples, adjacent to the America's Cup racing area. Details of the race area and courses will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
iii. Up to ten windward/leeward races are scheduled.
iv. A maximum of three races may be scheduled each race day.

v. Registration will be at the CRVI clubhouse on Monday, 4th July, between 10:00 and 18:00 hrs.
vi. There will be a daily briefing at 9:30 hrs. in the Race Village from the first day of racing.
vii. The first warning signal will be displayed at 12:00 hrs. on racing days.
viii. On the final day, no warning signal will be displayed after 15.00 hrs.

7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

a. All boats must be available in Bagnoli for inspections by the Technical Committee prior to each regatta.
b. Inspection times may be arranged before arrival in Bagnoli or when attending registration at the CRVI clubhouse.
c. At any reasonable time throughout the regatta, the Race Committee or Technical Committee members may undertake random inspections and measurement checks on any boat. The fact that race officials may inspect a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor as set out in the rules.
d. A list of the boat ratings will be posted on the event ONB before the registration period. The Protest Time Limit for rating protests by boats, except relating to changes made during the regatta, will expire at 18:30 hrs. on the day of registration.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

a. The Sailing Instructions will be available 7 days before each regatta, on the Official Notice Board.

9. INTERNATIONAL JURY

a. An International Jury will be appointed in compliance with RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in 70.3.
b. Penalties for breaches of a rule other than a rule of Parts 1 or 2 of the RRS may be less than disqualification if the International Jury so decides.
c. In compliance with FIV Prescription 91(b)-PR3, one member of the International Jury may participate remotely (online), subject to prior approval by the *Federazione Italiana Vela* (FIV).
d. Redress Limitation:
    i. Redress shall not be given to a yacht for a greater number of races than she completed during the regatta; this changes RRS 61.4.
    ii. Actions by official boats, drones or helicopters shall not be grounds for requesting redress by a boat. This adds to 61.2(b)(1).

10. SCORING AND PRIZES

a. For each regatta the “Low Point” scoring system of Appendix A shall apply, except that no races will be discarded.
b. One race shall be completed to constitute a series for each event.
c. Superyachts, J-Class, Maxi 1 and Maxi Grand Prix will be scored using ‘Time on Distance ‘.
d. For the 12 Metre Class, the calculation system will be ‘Real Time’.

e. Details of all trophies and prizes to be awarded will be published before the end of registration for each event.
f. The North Sails Cup Trophy will be awarded at the prize-giving, which will be held on the main stage in the America's Cup village, Bagnoli, at approximately 17:00 hrs. on the last scheduled day of racing.

11. SUPPORT TEAM AND SUPPORT VESSELS

a. All support personnel shall be registered at the Race Office. By registering as a support person, each support person agrees to be governed by the Rules.
b. All support vessels shall be registered at the Race Office during registration.
c. The Organising Authority may provide identification flags and shall always be visibly displayed whilst afloat.
d. Support personnel or their representatives shall not fly drones over the racing area during training or race days unless prior approval from the Organising Authority and ACE is granted, and without complying with Italian Law. At all times, the risk and responsibility for flying any drone rests with the person flying it. Images made within the racing area shall be shared with the Organising Authority, the International Jury, and competitors at reasonable request.

12. BERTHING

a. Following ACP directive, entrants will be offered the best berthing options available, trying to accommodate in Bagnoli all the racing yachts but also offer alternative options when and if so required. The discounted daily berthing rate approved by ACP is Euro 2.30/sqm plus VAT.
b. Berth reservations are available by email to AC38@bwayachting.com.
c. There will be separate information provided for each event about shoreside logistics for any containers, owners' tenders and support vessels at Bagnoli.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

a. Boats shall not be hauled out during the event, except to repair damage and only after written permission from the Technical Committee. While hauled for the above purpose, cleaning and polishing of the hull below the waterline will not be permitted.
b. Appendages shall not be removed from the boats during the event period.
c. In accordance with Italian law, diving inside the harbour is forbidden unless authorised by the harbour authority.

14. MEDIA RIGHTS

a. By entering the event competitors, support person and owners grant absolute right and permission without compensation to the Organising Authority, North Sails and ACE for any photography and video footage taken of persons and boats during the event, both ashore and sailing, to be published and/or broadcast in any media whatsoever, including but not limited to TV advertisements, for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used for editorial, promotional and commercial purposes in any media.

15. MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION NATIONALITY

a. Italian crews shall have a valid FIV membership card, inclusive of a medical prescription.
b. Non-Italian crews must comply with the rules of their National Authorities.
c. The registration nationality of a yacht is indicated by the owner of the yacht as set out in the entry form. If not indicated, the sail national letters on the mainsail or the owner's nationality will be used.
d. Competitors must be at least 12 years old on the first day of the event. Crew members who are less than 18 years old shall present a declaration form, available on the event website, at registration, to be signed by their parents or a legal guardian, who must provide consent.

16. INSURANCE

a. Participants shall be insured with third-party insurance valid for racing with a minimum cover of Euro 7,750,000.00 for maxis and SuperYachts, Euro 1,500,000 for 12M or any other larger amount that owners consider appropriate, taking into account the value of the boats and the type of racing.
b. The responsibility to hold adequate insurance cover for Tort Liability and Third-Party Insurance (Property and Persons) rests solely with the owner or the skipper.
c. The Organising Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of insurance certificates.

17. RISK STATEMENT

a. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". Therefore, the participants are aware that sailing falls within those activities governed by Article 2050 of the Italian Civil Code and that all participants must have a valid federal membership card that guarantees accident coverage, including death and permanent disability.
b. It is therefore the responsibility of the Competitors and their Support Persons to choose whether to participate in the event, continue or give up, based on their capabilities and those of their crew, the strength of the wind, the state of the sea, the weather forecast and everything else that a skilled sailor must foresee.
c. The Organisers, the Race Committee, the International Jury, ACE, North Sails, the Sponsors and all parties involved in the event, decline any responsibility for damages that people and/or things may suffer, both ashore and sailing, as a consequence of their participation in this event.

18. DATA PROTECTION

a. Personal data provided by competitors will be processed by the Organising Authority solely for the administration and conduct of the event, including scoring and publication of results, in accordance with applicable data protection laws. Further information is available in the Organising Authority's Privacy Policy.

19. AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

a. This Notice of Race may be changed. Amendments will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

OTHER INFORMATION

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APPENDIX 1

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASSES:

MAXI 1 AND MAXI GRAND PRIX CLASSES:

1. Monohull Maxi yachts as defined by IMA class rules with LH > 18.29m and < 30.50m and a rating for Maxi 1: IRC TCC greater than or equal to 1.700, and Maxi Grand Prix: IRC TCC lower than 1.700 and greater than or equal to 1.600.
2. The IMA Rule C.2.1.(a).2 (OWNER DRIVER) and IMA Class Rules C2.2 to C2.5 apply to helmsmen.
3. For Owner Drivers from the age of 75, the conditions of IMA Rule C.2.2 are relaxed as follows:
   (a) WL races: Owner Driver or Charterer Helm only from the preparatory signal. Per hour, a 10-minute break is permitted. The Owner Driver or Charterer Helm shall drive the first and final mile of the race. The break(s) shall take place between mark rounding's and avoid imminent manoeuvres (tack/gybe).
   (b) Coastal Races (any non-WL race up to 60 miles): Owner Driver or Charterer Helm only from the preparatory signal. The first hour, a 10-minute break is permitted; thereafter, a Relief Helm may helm up to a total of 30 minutes per hour and after four hours up to a total of 45 minutes per hour. The Owner Driver or Charterer Helm shall drive the final two miles of the race.
4. [NP] The IMA Class Rule C.2.6 Guests applies. Guests may vary per race day but shall all be applied for no later than the close of registration using the IMA Guest Application Form. The Organising Authority may set additional rules, refuse guests, or cancel the approval in case of abuse of the arrangement.
5. The IRC Rating rules: 2026 IRC Rule, Parts A, B and C;
6. For IRC Rules 21.1.5 (d) and (e), this regatta is on consecutive days, and the sails carried on board need to remain the same for each day of racing, but not for the duration of the whole event. For this rule, the day begins when a boat leaves the harbour for the first time each day and ends when the boat returns to the harbour after racing.
7. IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced with: "The maximum number of crew members on board shall be the crew number printed on her certificate. There is no weight limit."
8. A boat shall race with the entire crew declared on the crew form for the entire inshore series. Any changes to the crew shall have a proper reason and shall be submitted to the Technical Committee by 09.30 hrs. for its approval. Only substitutions approved by the Technical Committee will be accepted.
9. Boats are eligible to enter the event based on the IRC REDUCED CREW rating calculation. The IRC REDUCED CREW application deadline is 18.00 hrs. on 16th May 2027; the IRC REDUCED CREW rating shall be recorded on the IMA Certificate and shall apply for all races.

INTERNATIONAL 12 METERS:

1. All International 12 Meter Class Grand Prix Division yachts shall hold a valid ITMA-endorsed Measurement Certificate at the time of the event. Other Divisions may hold a valid certificate or a provisional certificate issued for the event.
2. Each boat must be a current member of the ITMA and up to date with their ITMA/12mR class fees.

3. During the inspection period, all yachts may have their flotation checked, their rig dimensions checked, and their sail inventory checked for evidence of previous measurement.
4. Depending on the number of entrants in the divisions, some may be grouped. Based on the number of registrations, boats may be divided into the following divisions:
   a. Grand Prix Division
   b. Modern Division
   c. Vintage Division

SUPERYACHTS:

1. The event is open to Superyachts in excess of 30.5 meters with a valid ORCsy rating certificate. The required ORC information and handicapping fee must be received by the rating authority no later than 30 days before racing. For a 2027 Rating Application, application instructions, and a complete description of the ORC certificates, visit www.orc.org or email orcsy@orc.org
2. [NP] RRS Afterguard Member & Communications Officer: Yachts shall designate an RRS Afterguard Member in accordance with SYRA Addendum. The role is to interact closely with other members of the afterguard on rules, tactical and safety issues.
5. Yachts shall also designate a Communications Officer (who may also be the RRS Afterguard Member), who has a good understanding of the RRS and Appendix SY (as well as radio protocol).
6. The role is to monitor the VHF safety channel continuously and to communicate promptly with other yachts.
7. Captains should not be the designated RRS Afterguard Member or Communications Officer due to their responsibility for the overall safety of the yacht.
8. The following RRS Afterguard credentials are required:
   a. A thorough understanding of the RRS and Appendix SY.
   b. Racing tactics (preferably as a tactician).
   c. The event's racing documents (including the notice of race, sailing instructions and amendments).
   d. VHF radio protocol.
   e. Currently active as an afterguard member (helmsman, racing tactician, navigator), preferably on superyachts.
   f. Conversant in English.
9. The following RRS Afterguard credentials are recommended:
   a. Experience with and knowledge of the manoeuvring characteristics and limitations of their yacht, and the other yachts in the race.