



VALENCIA
LOUIS VUITTON
ACT 12

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

GOVERNING THE MATCH RACES OF VALENCIA LOUIS VUITTON ACT 12

11 June – 3 July 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 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 # 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.

- 1.3 Only the Race Committee or Measurement Committee may protest an ACC Yacht for failure to display the event signage required by Protocol Article 10.3 and supplied by AC Management.

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 for Act 12 is contained in NOR 5, 10.1, and NOR Attachment 2.
- 4.2 The initial Warning Signal for each day's racing conducted on the Romeo Race Committee Circle is scheduled for 1400, and for racing conducted on the Juliet Race Committee Circle the initial Warning Signal is scheduled for 1405, however in the event that the schedule is changed as provided in Instruction 3, the initial Warning Signals 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 at 1900 on Saturday, 10 June 2006 to schedule measurement appointments, and
 - (b) with the Race Committee and Umpires at 1900 on Tuesday, 20 June 2006.
 - (c) At least one of the nominated and accredited representatives of each Competitor shall attend the Competitor's Meeting.
- 4.4 The Pairing List for the Round Robin is contained in Appendix A of these Sailing Instructions.
- 4.5 NOR 5, 10.1, NOR Attachment 2, and Appendix A of these Sailing Instructions are subject to change by the Race Committee.

5 Course Rendezvous Locations

The Race Committee will broadcast the intended location of the Starting Area(s) 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).
- 7.3 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 Boat Signal Boat. This alters RRS 27.1 and RRS 33.

8 Starting Procedures and Signals

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

9 Other Signals

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 When a signal is displayed alone, the signal will apply to all matches.
- 9.3 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 Finish 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, 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.

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 tetrahedron buoy at the port end.

12 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. 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 Mark 2 (gate) and the gate is not in place, yachts are to round the existing changed Mark 2 to starboard.

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. The Race Committee will broadcast the approximate new magnetic compass bearing 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 RRS C6.1(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 C6.1(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 by email. Failure to receive the notice via email shall not constitute grounds for redress. A Protest Notice posted on the Official Notice Board will be deemed to have been given to the Competitor concerned.

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). Substitute: "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

- 17.1 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 above the stern or transom.
- 17.2 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 Finish 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) Weather Boats may perform their duties anywhere in the Race Area until the Race Diamond(s) is established by the Race Committee and Course Marshal. The Course Marshal or Race Committee will advise when a Race Diamond is established.
 - (e) After the Race Diamond is established and until the Preparatory Signal of the first match on that Diamond, no more than two (2) Weather Boats of each Competitor that is assigned to start on that Diamond may operate within the Diamond. No other Weather Boats may operate within that Race Diamond.
 - (f) After the first Preparatory Signal, Weather Boats may conduct weather assessments inside the Race Diamond only if they confine their activity to the upper 40% of the

anticipated course area toward Mark 1.

- (g) At or before the Preparatory Signal for their respective match, Weather Boats shall begin to remove themselves to a position outside the Race Diamond perimeter.
 - (h) At or before the Starting Signal for their respective match, Weather Boats shall be clearly outside of the Race Diamond perimeter.
 - (i) Weather Boats shall not approach or interfere with any yacht while racing.
 - (j) This privilege may be revoked at any time for cause by Luigi or Harold.
- 18.3 After the Preparatory Signal of the first scheduled match of a flight, 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 AC Management 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.

22 May 2006
The Race Committee
For Valencia Louis Vuitton Act 12

Wm. H. Dyer Jones, Chairman
Peter Reggio, Principal Race Officer
Harold L. Bennett, Senior Race Officer
Javier Escolano, Race Officer
Rafael Gonzalez, Race Officer

APPENDIX A

Round Robin Pairing List

This Pairing List shall apply for Act 12 based upon 12 Competitors. Should the number of entered yachts or the schedule change, the Race Committee may revise the Pairing List.

It is the intention of the Race Committee that Flights will be sailed consecutively, e.g. Flight 3 after Flight 2. In the event that a Match in a Flight is not completed, the Race Committee may reschedule that Match as time permits.

12 Competitors

Flight→	1		2		3		4		5		6	
Match↓	B	Y	B	Y	B	Y	B	Y	B	Y	B	Y
1	5	1	9	4	3	10	2	6	12	8	12	2
2	9	8	1	12	6	11	10	11	3	2	8	3
3	4	12	8	5	2	7	7	3	6	10	6	9
4	2	10	10	7	4	8	8	1	7	11	11	5
5	6	7	3	6	12	5	12	9	1	4	7	1
6	11	3	2	11	9	1	5	4	9	5	10	4

Flight→	7		8		9		10		11	
Match↓	B	Y	B	Y	B	Y	B	Y	B	Y
1	10	1	7	4	9	7	11	9	6	5
2	11	4	5	10	11	8	7	12	4	3
3	5	7	11	1	10	12	8	10	1	2
4	3	9	3	12	4	6	5	3	12	11
5	8	2	2	9	5	2	1	6	9	10
6	12	6	6	8	1	3	4	2	8	7

Current 2006 Louis Vuitton ACC Championship Ranking through Act 11

Team / Yacht Club	Current Rank
Alinghi, Société Nautique de Genève	2
BMW Oracle Racing, The Golden Gate Y.C.	3
+39 Challenge, Circolo Vela Gargano	9
Team Shosholoza, Royal Cape Y.C.	6
Emirates Team New Zealand, Royal NZ Yacht Squadron	4
Luna Rossa Challenge, Y.C. Italiano	1
Areva Challenge, Cercle de la Voile de Paris	10
Desafío Español 2007, Real Federación Española de Vela	7
Victory Challenge, Gamla Stans Yacht Sällskap	8
Mascalzone Latino - Capitalia Team, Reale YC Canottieri Savoia	5
United Internet Team Germany, Deutscher Challenger Y.C.	11
China Team, Qingdao International Y.C.	12