



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lanzarote

4th to 10th March 2024

The Organising Authority is Club Deportivo Castillo del Aguila and Real Federación Canaria de Vela in conjunction with the International 49er Class Association and under the auspices of the Real Federación Española de Vela.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Penalties: In RRS 44.1 "Two-Turns Penalty" is changed to "One-Turn Penalty"
- 1.3 Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, shall apply, with RRS P2.1 to P2.4 deleted and replaced by: "When a boat is penalised under RRS P1.2, her penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty under RRS 44.2. If she fails to take it she shall be disqualified without a hearing."
- 1.4 The Class Rules will apply except for any that are altered by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions. The Class Race Management Guidelines will also apply, but a failure to follow these Guidelines is not on its own grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 1.5 No National Authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.6 [DP] Penalties for breaches of RRS 41, RRS 50, the Class Rules or the Equipment Inspection Regulations are at the discretion of the International Jury.
- 1.7 For 49er and 49erFX - the bottom two panels of the jib area shall be restricted to Class and Event advertising and all competitors shall place class nominated branding on their jibs according to the World Sailing approved 49er Class jib advertising policy.

2. IDENTIFICATION [DP][NP][SP]

- 2.1 Boats will be required to affix the stickers provided by the Organising Authority on both sides of the jib. Boats shall affix the stickers in accordance with the instructions given by the Organising Authority. See Addendum F.

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- 2.2 Provided two or more Qualifying races have been completed, from Wednesday 6th March onwards, each day while racing, the sailors of the first, second and third boats in series ranking at the beginning of the day shall wear yellow, blue and red lycra bibs respectively. These bibs will be available at the Race Office each day from two hours before the first scheduled warning signal of the day and shall be returned by competitors as soon as possible after the day's racing.

3. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT [NP][SP]

- 3.1 Boats may be required to carry on board cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. Competitors may also use their own camera recording equipment and attachments, but these are to be removable for weighing. A boat shall not be given redress based on a claim involving this equipment. This changes RRS 62.1
- 3.2 When cameras are used, all other boats shall be required to carry dummy weights matching the weight of the camera.
- 3.3 No competitor or support team shall use a drone over the racing area.

4. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board on the World Championships website

<https://49er.org/event/2024-world-championship/#noticeboard>

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than two hours before the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the timing of races, will be posted by 2000 the day before it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagpoles located on the top of the two slip ways, one on each side of the marina. When a signal is displayed over a fleet flag, it applies to that fleet only.
- 6.2 [DP][NP][SP] Flag D displayed ashore with one sound signal this means: "the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed or not before the scheduled time. Boats shall not leave their allocated berth until this signal is made".

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7.1	Friday 1 March	0930 - 1730	Registration/Inspection
		1800	49er Open Forum
	Saturday 2 March	0900 - 1730	Registration/Inspection
	Sunday 3 March	0900 - 1730	Registration/Inspection
	Day 0 - Monday 4 March	0900 - 1100	Registration/Inspection
		1300	Practice Races
		1730	Competitors Briefing
		1800	Opening Ceremony
	Day 1 - Tuesday 5 March	1200	Qualifying Series Races
	Day 2 - Wednesday 6 March	TBA	Qualifying Series Races
	Day 3 - Thursday 7 March	TBA	Qualifying Series Races
	Day 4 - Friday 8 March	TBA	Final Series Races
	Day 5 - Saturday 9 March	TBA	Final Series Races
	Day 6 - Sunday 10 March	TBA	Final Series Races / Medal Races

Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony as soon as possible after the Medal Races

7.2 On Sunday 10th March there will be no warning signal after 1400 for those taking part in the Final Series Races and after 1700 for those taking part in the Medal Races.

8. FORMAT OF RACING - QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

8.1 The regatta will consist of an Opening Series and a Medal Race.

The Opening Series will be divided into a Qualifying Series and a Final Series.

These races are as described in Attachment C. The provisional racing schedule is described in Attachment D

8.2 The Medal Race will be a single, double points race.

9. CLASS FLAGS

9.1 In the Qualifying Series, for 49er and 49erFX the class flags will be the class insignia on a background of the colour of the appropriate fleet, yellow or blue .

9.2 In the Final Series, the class flags will be the class insignia on a background of yellow (gold fleet) and blue (silver fleet).

10. RACING AREAS AND FLEET ASSIGNMENTS

10.1 Attachment B shows the location of the race areas.

10.2 The provisional race schedule including the time of the first warning signals and the assignment of fleets to courses will be as per Attachment D.

10.3 [DP][NP] Boats not racing shall not sail in a course area being used by another fleet.

11. THE COURSES

11.1 Attachment A shows the course to be sailed, the order in which the marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left, and the signals indicating the number of rounds to be sailed.

11.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing from the race committee signal vessel to Mark 1.

11.3 There will be a gate at the leeward marks.

11.4 A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.

12. MARKS

Course A

All marks Orange robotic marks

Course B

All marks Yellow robotic marks

Starting marks Race Committee vessels

Finishing marks Race Committee vessels

13. THE START

13.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.

13.2 [DP][NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

13.3 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

13.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with ONE sound signal not less than TWO minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original robotic mark to the new position.

14.2 Any action or non-action by the race committee under SI 14 will not be grounds for

redress under RRS 62.1(a).

15. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the main race committee vessel and another race committee vessel displaying a blue flag.

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 For the Qualifying Series and Final Series the time limits and target times are as follows:

Time limit.....45 minutes

Finish window.....15 minutes

Target time.....30 minutes or less as described in Appendix C

16.2 For the Medal Races the time limits and target times are as follows:

Time limit.....30 minutes

Finish window.....10 minutes

Target time.....20 minutes

16.3 Boats failing to finish within the Finish Window (the time after the first boat sails the course and finishes) will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

17.1 Penalties for breaches of NOR 18 (Insurance), NOR 20 (Media Rights), RRS 41, RRS 50, the Equipment Inspection Regulations, the Class Rules and rules in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions marked [DP], are at the discretion of the International Jury.

17.2 Breaches of rules in the SIs marked [NP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

17.3 For breaches of the SIs marked [SP], the race committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing. A list of these breaches and the associated standard penalties will be posted on the Official Notice Board. However, the race committee may protest a boat when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. A boat that has been penalised with a standard penalty can neither be protested for the same incident by another boat nor can another boat request redress for this race committee action. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and Appendix A5.

18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

18.1 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered via the online official notice board system before the protest time limit. This changes RRS 61.3 The link is: <https://49er.org/event/2024-world-championship/#noticeboard>

18.2 The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the last boat of each fleet has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee and International Jury about incidents they observe in the racing area. This time limit also applies to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

18.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the designated jury rooms. Hearings may start before the scheduled time with the agreement of all parties.

18.4 The Race Committee, Technical Committee or International Jury intending to protest a boat under RRS 60.2, 60.3 or 62.4 will comply with RRS 61.1(b) by informing her by posting a notice before the end of the protest time limit.

- 18.5 A list of boats that have been penalised under RRS Appendix P on the water or have been disqualified by the International Jury will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 18.6 For the purposes of RRS 64.4(b) the 'authority responsible' is the Technical Committee.
- 18.7 RRS 66.2(a) is changed so that it applies to the last day of racing of each series.
- 18.8 On the last day of racing of each series, a request for redress from a decision of the International Jury shall be delivered no later than 20 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 18.9 The time limit for requests under RRS N1.4(b) is 5 minutes after a party is informed of a decision.

19. INTERNATIONAL JURY

Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5

20. SCORING

- 20.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A, as changed below, will apply.
- 20.2 FIVE races are required to be completed to constitute a Championship.
- 20.3 When less than FOUR races have been completed, a boat's overall score shall be the sum of her race scores.
- 20.4 When FOUR or more races have been completed, a boat's overall score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 20.5 For the Qualifying Series, RRS A5.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet
- 20.6 Final Series fleets need not have completed the same number of races.
- 20.7 The Qualifying Series score plus the Final Series score plus the Medal Race score (if applicable) will be the overall points for the Championship.
- 20.8 The boats in the Gold Fleet will be ranked above the boats in the Silver and Bronze fleets.
- 20.9 **Resolving Ties**
- 20.9 For the Qualifying Series ties will be broken in accordance with RRS A8. In the Final Series ties will be broken in accordance with RRS A8 using the Final Series scores.
- 20.10 **Scoring enquiries**
- To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office. Scoring enquiry forms shall be delivered to the race office. A scoring enquiry may be regarded as a request for redress.

21. SAFETY [DP][SP]

- 21.1 Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 21.2 Each competitor shall, before going afloat each day, check out with their tracker unit, keep while on the water and check back in immediately on returning to shore and at the latest by the end of protest time.
- 21.3 Boats not leaving the shore for the day's races shall notify the race office as soon as possible.
- 21.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 21.5 When the race committee displays flag V with one sound, all support vessels shall monitor the race committee communication channel for rescue instructions.

22. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 22.1 Replacement of helm or crew shall require written approval of the PRO.
- 22.2 Requests for replacement of helm or crew shall be made to the PRO at the first

reasonable opportunity. On Sunday 10th March any replacement of helm or crew shall be submitted no later than the protest time limit.

- 22.3 Replacement of equipment shall require written approval of the Technical Committee.
 22.4 Requests for replacement of equipment shall be made to the Technical Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. On Sunday 10th March any replacement equipment shall be submitted no later than the protest time limit.

23. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 23.1 Any boat or equipment may be checked for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions at any time. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the Technical Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for measurement checks.
 23.2 Limitations of equipment
 i) Only one set of sails shall be used during the regatta. The sails shall be noted on the form at registration.
 ii) Only one forestay shall be used during the regatta.
 23.3 All boats, when not afloat, shall be placed in the official dinghy park.
 23.4 All boats shall comply with RRS 78.1 from 1300 on the day before their first scheduled race (hereinafter referred to as "Day Zero") onwards. Non-compliance from 1300 on Day Zero until the start of the first race shall be reported, protested and penalized as if it were discovered after racing on the first day on which races for that boat have been completed. This amends RRS 78.1

24. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be identified as follows:

Race committee boats.....	White flags with letter "A" White flags with letter "B"
Jury boats.....	White flags with JURY
Technical Committee boats.....	White flags with M
Media boats.....	White flags with MEDIA
Safety boats.....	White flags with SAFETY

25. SUPPORT VESSELS [DP][NP]

- 25.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the area where boats are racing or within 100 metres of any boat racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. This SI does not apply during rescue operations.
 25.2 At all times while on water, support vessels shall display either their national flag on a staff with the top of the hoist minimum 1.5 m above water level or their national code letters (minimum height 200mm) on the outside of the hull or on the side of the outboard motor cover.
 25.3 Support vessels shall comply with the Class Support Vessel Regulations enclosed in Attachment E.
 25.4 Support vessels that are motoring at more than 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat that is racing.
 25.5 All support vessels are at all times subject to the Organising Committee and Race Authority and must comply with any instructions given by these authorities.
 25.6 The International Jury may direct the Organising Authority to revoke privileges from any boat or person found to be in breach of SI 25.
 25.7 Support vessels shall always be on the outside of the media boats (away from the fleet side) so that the media boats can capture images without coach boats in the

image. This does not apply during any safety incident.

- 25.8 For safety purposes, support vessels should monitor the race management channels Course A VHF channel 69 and Course B VHF channel 72 but shall not transmit on these channels except in the case of an emergency.

26. CODE OF CONDUCT [DP][NP]

Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official or a member of the Organising Authority.

27. TRASH DISPOSAL [DP][NP]

As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our waters. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

28. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP][NP]

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

29. PRIZES

- 29.1 Prizes for the Championships will be announced and awarded at the end of the Medal Races for the first three places overall and for the Silver Fleet winners.

The winners will receive medals -

- World Champions - 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- Silver fleet winners

- 29.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority

30. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is her's alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

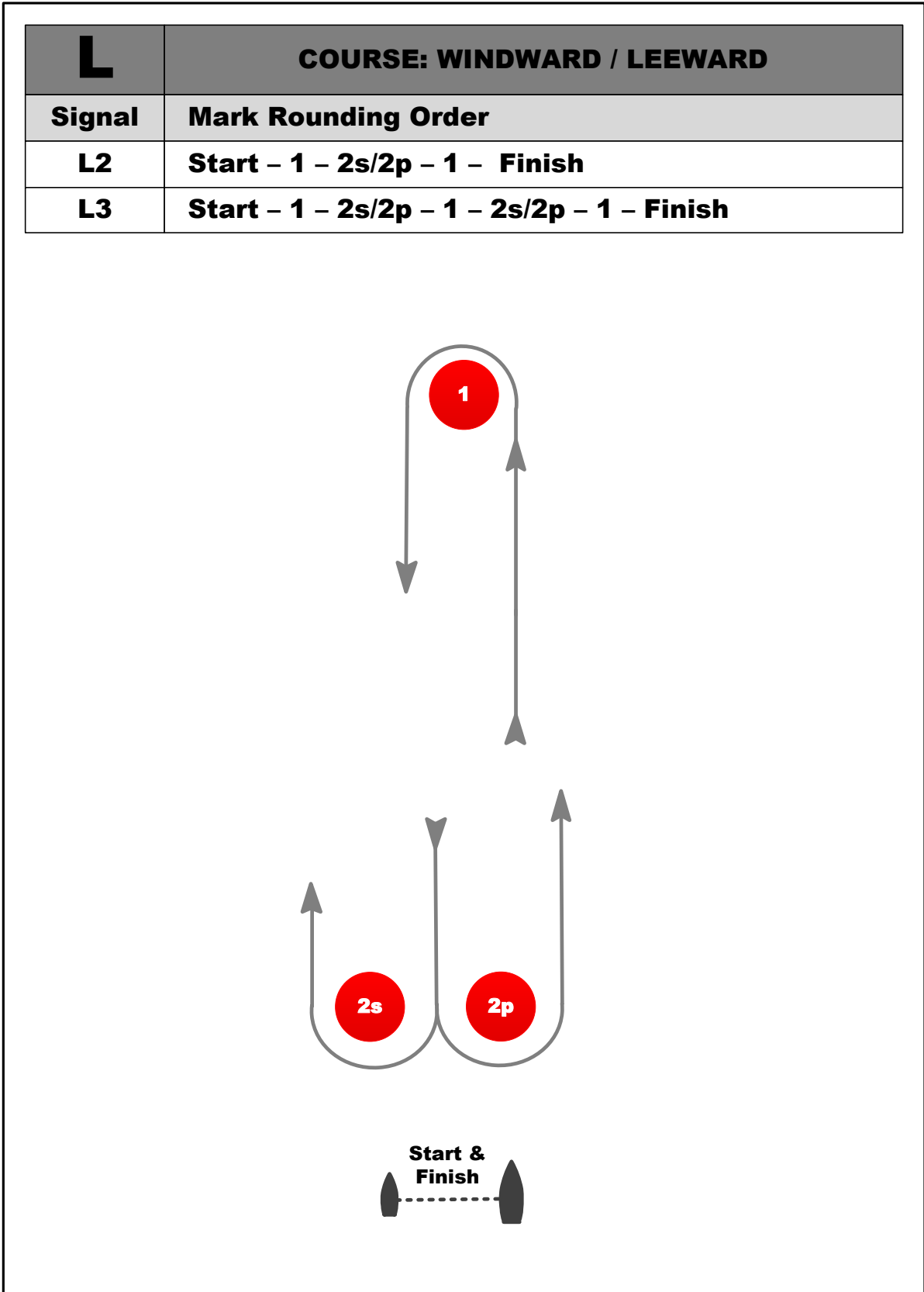
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for this event and to attend any competitors' meetings held for this event.

31. INSURANCE [DP][NP]

Each participating boat shall have valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of at least Euros 1,500,000 (or equivalent) per incident.

Attachment A

Course Diagram



Attachment B

Course Locations and Venue Map



Attachment C

Format of Racing

For 49er and 49erFX

The Opening Series will be in two series:

1. Qualifying Series
2. Final Series

1. Qualifying Series (Days 1, 2 and 3)

- 1.1 The boats will be split into TWO fleets for 49er of approximately equal numbers of boats. The Qualifying Series will consist of a maximum of NINE races. However, if less than SIX races have been completed by all fleets by the end of Day 3, the Qualifying Series will continue.
- 1.2 The Organising Authority will make initial fleet assignments on the basis of the top 50 ranked boats from the 2023 European Championship. with the remainder being taken in numerical order of sail numbers. The method of assignment to fleets will be as per 1.3 below. The ranking will remain in force until the end of the day during which the 2nd Qualifying Race is completed by all fleets.
- 1.3 If all fleets have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned to fleets on the basis of their Qualifying Series scores as detailed below. If all fleets have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the fleets with fewer races will continue racing the following day until all fleets have completed the same number of races. However, the reassignments will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by all fleets. Reassignments will be made as below.
- 1.4 If at the end of the Qualifying Series some boats have more race scores than others, scores for those boats' most recent races will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of race scores.

<u>Place in Qualifying Series</u>	<u>Fleet assignment</u>
First.....	Yellow
Second.....	Blue
Third.....	Blue
Fourth.....	Yellow
and so on	

Fleet assignments will be based on the ranking available at 2000 that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided. However at the end of the Qualifying Series, the fleet assignments will be made no later than 0700 on the day they take effect.

2. Final Series (Days 4, 5 and 6)

- 2.1 The Final Series will consist of a maximum of SEVEN races for Gold fleet and EIGHT races for Silver fleet.
- 2.2 For 49er and 49erFX the top **25 boats** based on their Qualifying Series scores after Day 3 will race in the Gold fleet (unless the Qualifying Series has been extended under section 1.1 above).
- 2.3 The remaining boats will race in the Silver fleet.
- 2.4 Days 4 and 5 THREE races are scheduled per day for each fleet.
- 2.5 Day 6 ONE race is scheduled for Gold fleet and TWO races for Silver fleet
- 2.6 On Sunday 10th March there will be no warning signal after 1400

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3. **Medal Race** (Day 6)
 - 3.1 No warning signal for the Medal Races will be made after 1700 on Sunday 10th March.
 - 3.2 The Medal Race will be for the top 10 boats overall in the Gold Fleet.
ONE race, target time 20 minutes, non-discardable, double low points scoring.
 - 3.3 The points for each boat carried forward into the Medal Race will be as SI 20.4 after the Opening Series.
 - 3.4 Medal Race boats shall be made available for equipment inspection no later than 60 mins before the Medal Race warning signal. A quarantine area may be set aside for the competing Medal Race boats. Boats shall comply with any instructions of the Technical Committee concerning inspection or quarantine.

Attachment D

Provisional Racing Schedule

2024 World Championship - Lanzarote		
Warning signal		
Day 0 – 4 March	Course A	Course B
Practice Day		
12.55	Practice Race - 49er FX	Practice Race - 49er
Day 1 – 5 March	Course A	Course B
Qualifying		
10.55	49erFX 3 races	49erFX 3 races
Not Before 12.55	49er 3 races	49er 3 races
Day 2- 6 March	Course A	Course B
Qualifying		
10.55	49er 3 races	49er 3 races
Not Before 12.55	49erFX 3 races	49erFX 3 races
Day 3 – 7 March	Course A	Course B
Qualifying		
10.55	49erFX 3 races	49erFX 3 races
Not Before 12.55	49er 3 races	49er 3 races
Day 4 – 8 March	Course A	Course B
Final Series		
10.55	49erFX Gold 3 races	49erFX Silver 3 races
Not Before 12.55	49er Gold 3 races	49er Silver 3 races
Day 5 – 9 March	Course A	Course B
Final Series		
10.55	49er Silver 3 races	49er Gold 3 races
Not Before 12.55	49erFX Silver 3 races	49erFX Gold 3 races
Day 6 – 10 March	Course A	
Final Series		
09.55	49erFX Gold 1 race	49er Gold 1 race
Not before 10.25	49erFX Silver 2 races	49er Silver 2 races
Not before 13.55	49erFX Medal Race	
Not before 14.40	49er Medal Race	

Attachment E Support Vessel Regulations

Support Vessels shall carry the following Equipment on board

- Life jackets / buoyance aids for the driver and all passengers,
- Engine kill cord (also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobiliser) with a spare kill cord on the support vessel
- VHF radio capable of receiving instruction from Safety or Race Committee
- First-aid kit
- Device for making a sound signal
- Compass
- Adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth
- Tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick)
- Knife

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- Support Vessels shall be registered with the Organising Authority and shall be marked with their applicable national sail letters clearly displayed, the minimum height for these letters is 200mm.
- Support Vessels shall comply with all local regulations
- Support Vessels shall follow Race Committee instructions on the designated VHF channel
- **Kill cords shall be worn at all times when the engine is running**
- Life jackets / buoyance aids - it is recommended that they are worn at all times when afloat and **shall** be worn in winds of over 10 knots or when motoring at more than 10 knots
- Support vessels shall not be positioned, except during rescue operations
 - Closer than 100 metres of any boat racing
 - Within 100 metres to leeward of the starting line and its extensions from the warning signal until all boats have left the starting area or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment
 - Within 100 metres of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark
 - Within 100 metres of the finishing line while boats are finishing
 - In addition, support vessels that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat racing

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Attachment F Positioning of Advertising logo on Jib

The advertising sticker of the Organising Committee shall be placed, on both sides of the jib, as stated in the class rules, between the third and fourth batten, 250 mm above the trim line near the fourth batten and parallel to the trim line and 250 mm from the leech.

