



RS500 World Championship 2025

Follonica ITALY
Saturday 2nd to 8th August 2025

The Organising Authority is FIV (Federazione Italiana Vela) that empowers LNI Follonica in conjunction with the International RS 500 Class Association.

Notice of Race (NoR)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the National Authority apply.
- 1.3. The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that a discretionary penalty may be applied by the International Jury.
- 1.5. RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 1.6. RRS 35 is changed so that after the first boat has finished, boats may be finished based on their observed position on the course.
- 1.7. RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. [DP].
- 1.8. RRS 63.5(c) is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions and Official Notices shall prevail.
- 1.9. The RRS changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available online at: <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/10560>, at least three days prior to the event.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board is located at: <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/10560>
- 3.2. From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP].

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the RS500 class where both crew members (helm and crew) have membership of RS500 International Class Association for 2025 or of their RS500 National Class Association.



- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter online at <https://www.lnifollonica.com>
- 4.3. To be considered an entry for the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4. All competitors under 18 years of age on the first day of the event are required to complete the Parent/Guardian Consent details as part on the online entry process. Further information regarding the supervision of the competitor will be requested prior to the event.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fees are as follows and shall be paid in full by the relevant date:
 - 5.1.1. **€ 400,00** per boat for early bird entries up to midnight on Sunday 16th March 2025.
 - 5.1.2. **€ 450,00** per boat for standard entries from Monday 17th March up to midnight on Saturday 17th May 2025.
 - 5.1.3. **€ 500,00** per boat for late entries from Sunday 18th May up to midnight on Saturday 12th July 2025.
- 5.2. Fees should be paid at the bank account:
IBAN UNICREDIT: IT70U0200872241000102476037
- 5.3. The closing date for entries is midnight on Saturday 12th July 2025.
- 5.4. Entries after the 12th of July 2025 are at the discretion of the Organising Authority, contact regate@gvlnifollonica.it to request a late entry. If permission is granted there will be an additional late entry fee of €60 per boat.
- 5.5. If a competitor cancels their entry, the refund will be as follows, provided that the competitor gives details for the related bank account:
 - 5.5.1. A full refund of the entry fee paid less €60 administration fee for cancellations up to midnight on Sunday 20th April 2025.
 - 5.5.2. A refund of 50% of the entry fee paid if cancelled by midnight on Sunday 29th June 2025.
 - 5.5.3. No refund for cancellations after Sunday 29th June 2025.
- 5.6. Should the Organising Authority cancel the event a refund of at least 85% of the entry fee will be made. This will be dependent on the expenditure committed to by, and at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. See World Sailing Advertising Code.
- 6.2. ITALIAN COMPETITORS ONLY:
gli equipaggi italiani che espongono pubblicità individuale dovranno essere in possesso della licenza FIV per la pubblicità in corso di validità.
(Italian crews who display individual advertisements shall hold a valid FIV advertising licence).

7. FORMAT OF RACING

- 7.1. The event will be run as single series for each fleet, or, with a large number of entries in a fleet, it may be divided into groups and racing will consist of a qualifying series and final series for that fleet.



8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1. Registration will be at the LNI Follonica which is open daily from 10:00 to 17:00 on Saturday 2nd August 2025, from 10:00 to 15:00 Sunday 3rd August 2025 and from 8:00 to 10:00 on Monday 4th August 2025. All competitors shall be registered by 10:00 on Monday 4th August 2025.
- 8.2. There will be a competitor briefing at 10:00 on Monday 4th August 2025.
- 8.3. The schedule is as follows:

Date	First Warning Signal	No. of Races
Mon 4 th Aug	13:00	3
Tue 5 th Aug	TBA	3
Wed 6 th Aug	TBA	3
Thu 7 th Aug	TBA	3
Fri 8 th Aug	TBA Prize Giving at the end	2

- 8.5. The event will consist of 14 races. The intention is that there will be no more than three races a day. However, additional races may be sailed either in advance or arrears in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate.
- 8.6. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:30.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1. The International RS500 Class Association reserve the right to nominate a representative to scrutineer competing boats before and during the regatta to ensure compliance with the class rules. [DP].
- 9.2. Boats shall comply with RRS 78 when presented for inspection. [DP].

10. VENUE

- 10.1. The venue is Gruppo Vela LNI Follonica, Viale Italia, 321, 58022 Follonica (GR)
Further information is available online at <https://www.lnifollonica.com/>.
- 10.2. Racing area will be in front of GV LNI Follonica (Northern part of Gulf of Follonica)

11. COURSES

- 11.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward course or inner and outer trapezoid depending on the number of boats.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. RRS Appendix P will apply. RRS P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted. RRS P2.1 will apply to all Appendix P penalties and the penalty will be a One-Turn Penalty according to RRS 44.2.
- 12.2. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.



- 12.3. The penalty for breaches of rules other than RRS Parts 1 and 2, including Class Rules, may, at the discretion of the International Jury, be less than disqualification and will be stated as [DP] in the NOR and SI. This does not change RRS 69.
- 12.4. The intention is to appoint an International Jury according to RRS N1.
- 12.5. The right of appeal from the International Jury decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.3(a).

13. SCORING

- 13.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2. The total score of each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:
 - 13.2.1. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 13.2.2. When from four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 13.2.3. When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 13.3. The scoring system to be used if a qualifying series and final series is used will be detailed in the sailing instructions.

14. SUPPORT PERSONS VESSELS [DP]

- 14.1. All support boats will register with the LNI Follonica Secretary filling the online Event Support Boat Registration Form at <https://www.lnifollonica.com> . Once submitted, payment of €80 shall be paid online or at registration as per **APPENDIX ONE – SUPPORT VESSELS REGULATIONS**.
- 14.2. All support persons vessels will be required to comply with the Support Boat Regulations in Appendix One.

15. CHARTERED BOATS

- 15.1. Charter boats might be available to book. Details will be available at the website <https://www.lnifollonica.com>.

16. BERTHING

- 16.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces whilst in the boat park. [DP] [NP].

17. DATA PROTECTION

- 17.1. The personal information you provide to the Organizing Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organizing Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with racingrulesofsailing.org, RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.



18. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

- 18.1. Competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

19. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 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 hers 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 property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (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 the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held for the event.

20. INSPECTIONS

The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

21. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,500,000 per incident or the equivalent.



22. PRIZES

22.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

1st – 5th Overall

1st – 3rd Silver Fleet if applicable

1st – 3rd Junior (Youth (helm and crew aged 22 on 31st December 2025 or under)

1st – 3rd Female (helm and crew both female)

1st – 3rd Masters (helm and crew with combined age of 90 or more years)

Spot prizes may be awarded at daily prize-giving

23.2. Titles will be awarded as follows:

RS 500 World Champion

First Ladies Boat (helm and crew both female)

First Junior Boat (helm and crew both aged 22 on the 31st December 2025 or under)

First Master Boat (helm and crew aged 35 on 1st January 2025 or above with combined age of 90 or more years)

24. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact

Italian Class Segreteria@rsfeva500.it

International RS 500 Class Secretary info@rs500.international



APPENDIX ONE – SUPPORT VESSELS REGULATIONS

1. Support vessels will be required to register and pay €80 online (IBAN: IT70U0200872241000102476037) or at LNI FOLLONICA Registration Office before launching their vessel.
2. On registration coaches will be required to confirm the sail numbers of the boats they are supporting.
3. All support boats are required to display an identification flag whenever on the water during the event. Flags will be assigned when registering and a €20 cash deposit is required for the flag. The deposit will be returned when the flag is returned to the Secretary Registration desk at the end of the event.
4. RRS 37 will be used. Except when responding to the signal in RRS 37, support boats, coaches and other support persons shall stay at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start on that course until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
5. During the event, support boats shall not tow boats participating in the event unless the race committee have signalled that towing is allowed or there is no racing.
6. Kill cords shall be worn at all times whilst engines are running. The Course Safety Leader (CLS) will be looking out for compliance on this issue, there are no excuses and boats will be requested to leave the race area immediately if kill cords are not being used appropriately.
7. Personal floatation devices shall be worn by all persons in a support boat at all times, except briefing while adjusting clothing, while on the water.
8. Where possible support boats should agree to carry drinks and small bags for sailors without support boats.
9. All Support Boat drivers shall attend the Support Boat Briefing. Details will be advised in the Sailing Instructions.
10. Support boats shall carry the following equipment on board
 - a. Life jackets / buoyance aids for the driver and all passengers,
 - b. Engine kill cord (also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobilizer) with a spare kill cord on the support boat
 - c. VHF radio - capable of receiving international as well as UK marine channels 37a/M1 (157.850MHz) and P4/M2 (161.425MHz)
 - d. First-aid kit
 - e. Device for making a sound signal
 - f. Compass
 - g. Adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth
 - h. Tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick)
 - i. Knife
11. Each support boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,500,000 per incident or the equivalent.