

An aerial view of the Cesenatico beach in Italy, showing a large crowd of people, many colorful umbrellas, and buildings along the coast. A white graphic overlay, resembling a stylized sailboat or a speech bubble, is centered on the image. The text 'eat pasta sail fasta' is written in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font within the top part of the graphic. Below it, the event name 'TOPCAT WORLDS '26' and the location 'CESENATICO' with the Italian flag are displayed in a smaller, uppercase, sans-serif font. At the bottom right of the graphic, there are white line-art icons of a sailboat and a sail. The background is a vibrant, slightly blurred aerial photograph of the beach and surrounding area.

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TOPCAT WORLDS 2026

CESENATICO, SEPTEMBER 6-11, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The Organizing Authority is the FIV which delegates the Affiliate Circolo Vela Cesenatico ASD
Nautical base Via Giovanni da Pian del Carpine 26, Cesenatico

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ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations are used in this Notice of Race (and in subsequent Sailing Instructions):

- FIV Italian Sailing National Authority
- ICS International Code of Signals
- NoR Notice of Race
- NSA National Sailing Authority
- OA Organizing Authority
- OC Organizing Committee
- ONB Official Notice Board
- PC Protest Committee
- PRO Principal Race Officer
- RC Race Committee
- RRS WS Racing Rules of Sailing 2024-2028
- RS Regatta Secretariat
- SI Sailing Instructions
- TC Technical Committee
- SPB Support Personnel Boats
- WS World Sailing

Notes:

NP	The notation [NP] in a rule indicates that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This modifies RRS 60.1.
SP	Rules for which the CdR may assign a standard penalty without a hearing (amendment the RRS 63).

1 REGULATIONS

1.1 The regatta will be governed by:

- the Rules" defined in the RRS
- the FIV Regulations for National Organized Sporting Activities in Italy in force
- the class regulations in force
- the rules for BPS which will be attached to the IDRs.

1.2 RRS 60.2(a) "Intention to Protest" is amended to read:

add point (3) with the following text:



“Immediately after arriving, the protesting boat must notify the Race Committee of its intention to protest, communicating the number of the boat(s) it intends to protest.”

1.3 RRS 40.1 is amended as follows:

"When in the water, each competitor shall always wear a personal flotation device (PFD), except for brief periods while changing or adjusting personal clothing or equipment. Sailing suits or drysuits are not personal flotation devices."

1.4 In the event of a conflict between the NoR and the SI, the latter and subsequent Official Notices will prevail, this modifies RRS 63.5(c).

1.5 In the event of a conflict between rules written in different languages, the English version will prevail.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available Official Notice Board (ONB) starting from 10:00 on 6 September 2026.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

3.1 The Official Notice Board will be available only ONLINE on the RegattaQ platform.

3.2 [SP][NP] During the days of the event, boats must not leave their assigned area until the flag “D” (ICS Delta) is displayed, this integrates the Race Signals.

3.3 The warning signal or other signal will be displayed no earlier than 30 minutes after the display of flag D and in any case not before the scheduled time.

3.4 [SP]While racing, the boat must not make voice or data transmissions and must not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats, except in emergency conditions. This restriction also applies to cell phones, tablets, smartphones, and smartwatches.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ADMISSIONS

4.1 The Regatta is open to boats of the Topcat K1, K2, K3 classes compliant with the rating rules.

4.2 All competitors must be in compliance with:

- a. membership of their national sailing authority 2026 with a valid medical certificate.
- b. 2026 Topcat class membership (helmsman and crew).

4.3 Competitors under 18 years must be entrusted to a “Support Person” who will complete the Athlete Assignment Form (Annex A) thus agreeing to be subject to the Rules (RRS 4.1(b)) and who, for the entire duration of the event, assumes responsibility for the athletes entrusted to him/her both on land and at sea.

5. REGISTRATION FEE AND DOCUMENTATION

5.1 Registration for the regatta must be submitted via the RegattaQ platform (<https://regattaiq.com/regattas/topcat-worlds-cesenatico-2026>) uploading the following documentation:

- Third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage as per the FIV Regulations for National Organized Sports Activities in Italy 2026 (not required for FIV Plus cardholders). See also point 16 of this NoR.
- PDF of your valid FIV membership card (or other national federation for foreign competitors).
- Athlete Assignment Form (Annex A), if applicable.
- A receipt for the registration fee, which must be paid with the following details: Topcat Worlds Regatta Registration, name of the helmsman and crew, and sail number. If making a single transfer for multiple boats, please indicate the event, crews, and sail numbers of all boats to be registered. The bank transfer should be made to CIRCOLO VELA CESENATICO Associazione Sportiva Dilettantistica. Bank: Credito Cooperativo Romagnolo di Cesena e Gatteo – Cesenatico branch, IBAN: IT31D0707024001000000422778.

5.2 The deadline for online and email registration is 11:59 PM on August 31st.

5.3 The registration fees are as follows:



	Amount (euro) by May 31st		Amount (euro) by August 31st	
	Over 25	Under 25	Over 25	Under 25
Double Crew	€300	€240	€420	€420
Single Crew	€225	€180	€315	€315

- The registration fee includes participation in the events program (see 8.1) for registered crews. A contribution of €100 is required for any additional guests (over 14 years of age). This payment can be included in the registration transfer, specifying the number of guests for whom the payment is being made in the reason for payment.
- A crew is considered UNDER 25 if both members have not yet turned 26 years old on September 6, 2026.

6. EVENT PUBLICITY[SP] [NP]

- 6.1 Individual advertising is permitted in the event. In this case, competitors must produce a license to display advertising issued by FIV or their national sailing authority.
- 6.2 Boats may be required to display advertising selected and supplied by the OA and/or the Topcat Class Association. Boats must display such advertising in accordance with the instructions issued by the Organizing Authority within the limits set by Rule 20 of the WS.

7. FORMAT

- 7.1 A maximum of 12 races is foreseen, a discard in the general classification is foreseen at the end of the fifth trial and a further discard at the end of the ninth trial.
- 7.2 A maximum of 4 races can be held per day.
- 7.3 This event will be valid even with only one race completed.

8. PROGRAM

8.1 The event will take place according to the following program:

Saturday, September 5th	11.00am opening of the secretariat, registration, measurements
Sunday, September 6th	10.00am opening of the secretariat, registration, measurements
Sunday, September 6th	1:00 PM Test Regatta
Sunday, September 6th	6:00 PM Opening Ceremony @CVC Beach
Monday, September 7th	12:00 Regattas
Tuesday, September 8th	12:00 Regattas
Wednesday, September 9th	12:00 Regattas
Wednesday, September 9th	8:00 PM dinner on the beach
Thursday, September 10	12:00 Regattas
Friday, September 11th	12:00 Regattas
Friday, September 11th	6:00 pm awards ceremony and farewell aperitif

- 8.2 The time of the warning signal for the first race of the days following September 7th will be announced via a notice on the Official Notice Board by 8:00 PM on the day before it takes effect. In the absence of a notice, the time established in this Notice will apply.
- 8.3 The Warning Signal for each subsequent race of the day will be given as soon as possible.
- 8.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be displayed after 4:00 PM.

9. MEASURES [SP] [NP]

- 9.1 All boats shall comply with the requirements set out in the Class Rules.



9.2 Equipment inspections will be carried out in accordance with ITCA regulations. Sails, boats, and equipment must be measured before the start of the Championship.

9.3 A boat or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, Equipment Control Regulations, and the Sailing Instructions. While on the water, a boat may be instructed by the measurer to proceed immediately to a designated inspection area.

9.3 Boats must race with the sail number declared on the entry form; any changes must be authorized in writing by the Race Committee.

10. EVENT LOCATION

10.1 The regatta will take place in the waters in front of the organizing club. Obstacles or areas considered to be obstacles or continuous obstacles will be the subject of an official announcement, if applicable.

11. ROUTES

11.1 The courses to be sailed will be upwind/downwind, as detailed in the Sailing Instructions and in accordance with the ITCA rules.

11.2 The distance from the start to Buoy 1 will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 By amending RRS 44.1, "Two-Turn Penalty" is replaced with "One-Turn Penalty".

13. SCORE

13.1 The ranking will be drawn up in application of RRS A4 (minimum score).

14. [SP] [NP] ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Recalling the Basic Principle, which states: "Participants are encouraged to minimize any negative environmental impact of the sport of sailing," maximum attention is recommended to environmental protection at all times during, before, during, and after the event. In particular, attention is drawn to Rule 47 – Waste Disposal – which states: "Competitors and support persons shall not deliberately throw waste into the water. This rule applies at all times while on the water. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be less than disqualification."

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RRS 3 states: "A boat's decision to participate in a race or remain in a race is its sole responsibility." Therefore, participants are aware that sailing falls within the scope of Article 2050 of the Italian Civil Code ("Anyone who causes damage to others while engaging in a dangerous activity, either by its nature or by the nature of the means employed, is required to pay compensation, unless they prove that they have adopted all suitable measures to avoid the damage"). Foreign competitors must meet any requirements of their NSA and have accident coverage, including death and permanent disability, as per current FIV regulations (see paragraph 16 of this NoR).

16. INSURANCE

Each vessel must have adequate insurance coverage, as per the current "FIV Regulations for National Sporting Activities Organized in Italy," with a maximum coverage for damage responsibility of no less than €1,500,000.00 or, alternatively, the FIV Plus membership card. Non-Italian competitors must have an equivalent insurance certificate.

17. PRIZES

The following prizes will be awarded:



Class	Awards
Topcat K1	1st, 2nd, 3rd
Topcat K2	1st, 2nd, 3rd
Topcat K3	1st, 2nd, 3rd

Other prizes may be added at the discretion of the organization.

18. SUPPORT BOATS FOR SUPPORT PERSONNEL [NP] [SP]

All support person boats must be registered no later than August 31, 2026 sending to the organizing club's secretariat:

- The characteristics of your assistance boat with related insurance;
- To have a VHF on board;
- Acceptance of rules for support people;
- Indicating the sail numbers and names of the crews entrusted to them.

19. DATA PROTECTION

19.1 By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant the OC and their sponsors the right in perpetuity, without compensation, to make, use and display, at their discretion, any live, recorded or filmed film and television reproductions and other reproductions of the athletes during the competition period.

19.2 Competitors may be asked to be interviewed during the event.

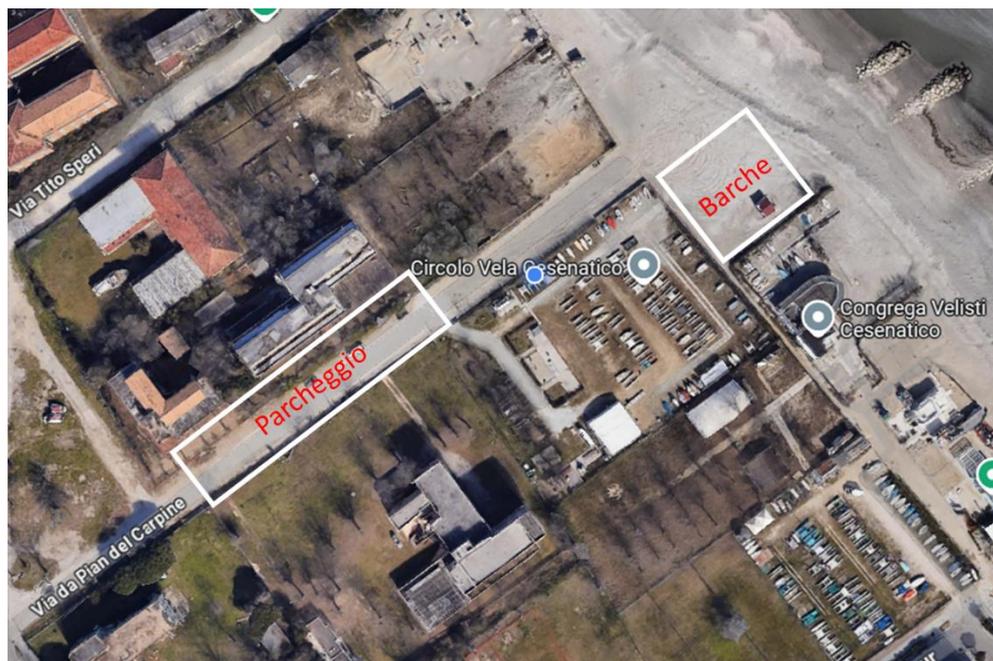
20. [SP][NP] CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

20.1 The OA may require boats to carry cameras, sound equipment, or position recording equipment. Information derived from the presence of such equipment may not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing (amends RRS 63.6. to)).

20.2 The equipment supplied, once installed on board according to the OA's instructions, must not be manipulated in any way by the competitor or a support person, unless requested to do so by the OA itself.

21. LOGISTICS - USEFUL INFORMATION - PARTNER HOTELS

21.1 Cars and trailers will be parked in via Pian Del Carpine which will be closed for the event starting from 10:00 on 5 September 2026. Registered boats will be hosted on the beach in front of the Circolo Vela.



21.2 Cesenatico is a very popular holiday destination. For this reason, we recommend that regatta participants search for accommodations early. To make it easier for our guests, we offer an efficient service that can be contacted to meet any accommodation needs:

Email: direzione@mceventandtravel.it
 Tel.: +39 366 2150964



Our staff will help you choose the solution that best suits your needs, offering you a special rate for the occasion. Remember to mention that you will be attending the Topcat Worlds, which will take place from September 6th to 11th, 2026.



ANNEX A - ATHLETE RELEASE FORM (EN VER.)

The undersigned (name-surname) _____
 born in _____ on ___/___/___ resident in _____
 _____ n, _____ ZIP Code _____ mobile _____

Identity Document:

Type _____ Number _____ Place and date of issue _____

as a parent or person exercising parental authority by completing this form

I authorize the registration

at the sailing event **Topcat Worlds** which will take place on the 7th-11th September In Cesenatico, Italy

of the minor Surname _____ Name _____

Date and place of birth _____

THE MINOR WILL BE ENTRUSTED TO

Surname _____ Name _____

born in _____ on _____ resident in _____

street _____ n, _____ ZIP Code _____ cell. _____

Identity Document: Type _____ Number _____ issued on _____

Sailing Club _____

Place and date _____

Signature of the person exercising parental authority _____

Authorization to process personal data

I declare that I am informed, pursuant to and for the purposes of Article 23 of Legislative Decree 196/03 and EU Regulation No. 679/2016 GDPR. The person exercising parental authority authorizes the processing and communication to the organizing associations of the personal data contained in this form, for the purposes related to the organization of the sporting event and for the possible publication of the race results. The Participant consents to the processing specified in the information, authorizing the sending of informative material relating to subsequent events or various initiatives proposed by the organizers, and authorizes any photographic and filming for the production of videos, or publication in print and online.