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Summary: Sergio Michel Perpetual Trophy - South European Championship D.o.G.: total number of races

Affects:

Constitution	By-Laws	Class Rules
Deed of Gift X	Rules of Conduct	NoR or SI Template
Other		

Objective: total number of races assuming a 2-day regatta or a 3-day regatta

Proposal (include current & proposed changed wording- changes to be shown in red): Example: By Laws: **Section 1. Racing Season**

The official racing sailing season of this Association shall extend for the full twelve months of the year starting on January 1st and ending on December 31st.

Regatta Conditions:

1. Held every year in a South European country
2. The "Rules for Conducting National and International Championship Regattas" are specific instructions furnished by the International Rules committee and approved by the SCIRA Board of Governors. These instructions must be followed in all respects.
3. ~~4 or 6~~ Six races shall be sailed of the official SCIRA courses shall be scheduled.
4. If 5 or 6 races are completed, the worst race shall be excluded. If 4 or fewer races are completed, all shall be counted. ~~Two~~ Three races shall constitute a regatta.
5. The Championship shall be sailed in waters selected by the European National Secretaries
6. The hosting organization, one year prior to the regatta, must send a letter with specific instructions covering all details of the regatta to the European General Secretary assuring them of the organization and compliance with this Deed of Gift. Some countries are not able to accommodate these rules, and the European Board may have discretion to enforce the rules depending on the circumstances.

¹ Proposals can be made by the Board, Technical Committee, National Secretaries or 5 fleet captains up to 1st March.



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Reasons:

Traditionally the South European Championship could be a 3-day regatta or a 2-day regatta.

The original D.o.G. - written by the Donor and SCIRA Italy - stated: "Six or seven races shall be sailed".

At that time, according to the "old" Rules of Conduct for International Championships, it was possible to sail no more than three races per day.

So, the typical schedule was:

- a) in case of 3-day regatta: i.e. 2+3+2= total 7 races
- b) in case of 2-day regatta: i.e. 3+3= total 6 races

In the recent past, the 2015-2016-2017-2018 editions were sailed in 2 days. The other editions were sailed in 3 days.

Now, the new D.o.G., approved in 2020, states: "Six races should be sailed".

Also, the 2021 Rules of Conduct for International Championships allow to sail no more than 2 races per day.

This means that the South European Championship can be only a 3-day regatta (2+2+2= total 6 races), and no more a 2-day regatta.

We believe it is appropriate to ensure flexibility to host clubs and countries by allowing them to choose between two options (3 days of racing with 6 races; or 2 days of racing with 4 races). In fact, in a very full regatta calendar it is difficult to find free spots and to find clubs willing to submit bids for 3-days regattas, as well as easier for sailors to participate in a 2-day regatta than a 3-day one.

Consequently, with a 2-day regatta, it is also necessary to change the number of races to consider the championship valid: two races (instead of three) shall constitute a regatta. In this way, if, one day, the weather conditions are not favorable for racing, hopefully it could be possible to sail and complete two races the other day.

We specify that this proposal, submitted by SCIRA Italy, is also supported by the Michel family, donor of the Sergio Michel Trophy.