

NOTICE OF RACE

2025 TOPCAT EUROCUP LAKE COMO

Gravedona ed Uniti

September 6th September 7th 2025

The Organizing Authority is the Italian Sailing Federation (FIV) delegating its affiliate AVAL Associazione Velica Alto Lario in accordance with the International Topcat Class Association.

PC: Protest Committee or International Jury
NoR: Notice of Race
OA: Organizing Authority
RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing
SI: Sailing Instructions
RC: Race Committee
WS: World Sailing
ONB: Official Notice Board

In this document the notation in a rule:

[NP] means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.
This changes RRS 60.1.

[DP] The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. Guidelines for discretionary penalties are available on the World Sailing website.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.

Location:

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1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 International TOPCAT Class Rules will apply.
- 1.4 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. Sailing instructions

The sailing instructions will be available
after Friday September 5th 9.00 hrs at registration desk.

3. Notices

- 3.1 The ONB will be showed on the Notice Board situated outside of the club house. If possible the notices will be posted in the Whatsapp group of the event.
- 3.2 [DP] While the boat is racing she shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications which are not available to all boats except in emergency conditions. This restriction also applies to mobile phones, tablets and smartphones.

4. Eligibility and entry

- 4.1 The Eurocup is open to all boats of the TOPCAT and Dart 18 Class
- 4.2 Each competitor (helmsman and crew) shall be a member of ITCA or IDA through their National Class Association or their National Fleet and of their National Authority or his Sailing Club, which is a member of their National Authority and have paid the membership fee before August 31th.
- 4.3 All entries shall be made online at the website of the organizing authority (<https://avalsailing.com/it/modulo-iscrizione-online/>) before August 01th:
- 4.4 All helmsmen are required to show the original version of their valid third-party liability insurance certificate and the measurement certificate at the registration office. Copies of thoses documents will not be accepted.

5. Entry Fees

Entry fee per boat:

Doublehanded 85,00 €

Singlehanded 60,00 €

Entry fee shall be paid to Associazione Velica Alto Lario in EUR until August 15th 2025 by SEPA transfer to:

Aval Associazione Velica Alto Lario A.s.d.

su Intesa Sanpaolo

IBAN: IT 56 C 030 6909 6061 000000 15191

BIC: BCITITMM

6. [DP] Advertising

6.1 Advertising is free, within the limits of the class rules.

6.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

6.3 FIV-registered crews displaying individual advertising must be in possession of valid FIV license for advertising.

6.4 Conflicting advertising shall be removed, or otherwise obscured, to the satisfaction of the organizing authority, from hulls, spars, sails and competitors clothing and equipment.

7. Schedule

7.1 Registration:

Friday, September 5th 10.00 hrs - 18.00 hrs

Saturday, September 6th 09.00 hrs - 10.00 hrs

7.2 Dates of racing:

Saturday, September 6th racing

Sunday, September 7th racing

7.3 Number of races = 6:

Races per day 3

7.4 The scheduled time of the start signal is at 12.00 hrs except for wind reasons it is possible to start early, this will be announced the day before.

Any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the official notice board by 20.00 hrs on the day before.

8. Equipment inspection

Each Topcat boat shall have a valid measurement certificate. Each measurement certificate shall be registered in the ITCA register.

The measurement certificate is not required for the dart class.

Only one boat and one set of sails will be allowed. Any changes of crew and equipment shall be authorized by the RC. Random checks may be made any time during regatta.

9. The courses

Course according to the valid ITCA Championship Rules.

10. Scoring

10.1 The low point system of RRS appendix A will apply.

10.2 One drop is allowed after the 4th valid race is completed.

10.3 Rule 90.3(e) is applied.

11. Support Boats

11.1 Support boats shall register with the Organizing Authority on arrival and will be required to comply with all local safety regulations (Addendum A). Team support boats/coach boats shall complete registration form. By registration, team support boats/coach boats will

receive the OA Flag and ID flag number.

11.2 If called upon, support boats will be required to act as rescue boats.

11.3 [DP] [NP] When afloat, all persons on board of a support vessel shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) and, as soon as their engine is running, drivers shall be using a kill-cord to their engine contact.

12 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Each participant has to sign an exclusion of liability at the registration.

13 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 3,000,000.00 per event or the equivalent.

14 Prices

Prizes will be given to the first three teams in each class. All participants will receive a memento. Special prizes by ITCA will be awarded to the Champions of the TOPCAT EuroCup 2025 for Topcat classes.

15 MEDIA CONSENT

By signing an Entry Form, all competitors agree to and grant the Organizing Authority, the ITCA, and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to photograph and/or videotape participation in the regatta, or at the regatta facilities, and to the use of their name, likeness, and images, without compensation and without the competitor's prior approval.

16 Social Programm

Friday, Sept. 5th	10:00 – 18:00	Registration
Saturday, Sept. 6 th	09:00 – 11:00	Registration
	10:00	Competitors briefing
	12:00	Racing
		Pasta Party after race
Sunday, Sept. 7 st	12:00	Racing
	15:00	last possible start
	TBD	Closing ceremony

Addendum A - SUPPORT VESSEL REGULATIONS

Support Vessels must 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
- Adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth
- Tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick)
- Knife

Support Vessel Regulations

- Support Vessels must be registered with the Organizing Authority and must be marked with their applicable national sail letters clearly displayed, the minimum height for these letters is 200mm.
- Support Vessels must comply with all local regulations
- Support Vessels must 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 must be worn at all times when afloat (by all persons on board)

Support vessels may not be positioned, except during rescue operations

- Closer than 100 meters of any boat racing.
- Within 100 meters 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 meters of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark.
- Within 100 meters of the finishing line while boats are finishing.
- In addition, support vessels that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 meters from any boat racing

. Support vessels will be part of rescue operations, monitored / controlled by Race Committee