

No Play on First Day of SAILING Champions League

Porto Cervo/Italy, 23rd September 2016 – Racing on the first day of the final of the SAILING Champions League was cancelled today due to a total lack of wind on the regatta course off Porto Cervo. The event, organised by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, is taking place through 25th September and plays host to teams representing 32 of Europe’s top yacht clubs from 13 nations.

Edoardo Recchi, YCCS Sports Director, commented on the conditions, which are unusual for Porto Cervo at this time of year: “The Race Committee waited at sea for almost six hours but the conditions never became suitable for racing, the wind was easterly but variable and never got above five knots. Tomorrow is another day and the forecasts are a little better so we hope to get some racing done.”

Racing is scheduled to continue tomorrow, with a maximum of 48 races in programme over the next two days, and defending champions the Royal Norwegian Yacht Club are ready for the challenge. “We are fine with being the favourites. There are really good teams here and we are looking forward to sailing against them. I think this year the light conditions could be good for us, because our crew is lighter than last year”, explained RNYC helmsman Kristoffer Spone.

Although racing hasn’t gotten underway, the social programme at YCCS will commence this evening with an opening ceremony for all the participating teams.

Racing is due to commence tomorrow, Saturday 24th September, with the first starting signal scheduled for 10.00 a.m.. The live broadcasting from partners SAP and *SailTracks* covers four hours of racing from 12.00 a.m. on sailing-championsleague.com. Results will be online in the SAP Live Center: scl2016.sapsailing.com.

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