

NOTICE of RAID of 12, 13, 14 and 15 June 2026

“La Route de l’Odyssée” 3rd Edition from Latina to the Pontine Islands

SAILING RAID:

This is a recreational-sporting-inclusive sail, having all the characteristics of a RAID (long distance towards a destination, with overnight stays), open to anyone who knows how to organize themselves by joining the Fleet and respecting its regulations.

Hobie cat class catamarans (all models) as well as any other type of sailing multihull are admitted. There are no limitations on the use of any sail additional to mainsail and jib, provided that everyone sails together.

ORGANIZATION:

There is NO organizing committee of the event. Each participant must be associated with a Sailing Club or with a Fleet. Solo navigators are not admitted. All participants must navigate in compliance with a regulation which is a function of the Authorizations requested, of the related prescriptions imposed by the Maritime Authorities, of the Navigation Code and of an ethical and seamanship code.

For any behavior out of rule, which entails a violation of navigation and safety rules, the only one responsible will be the crew itself.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Whoever participates by joining the fleet does so under their own responsibility, in particular for their physical fitness for sporting activity, for the safety condition of their boat and for compliance with the rules of this notice.

ESSENTIAL RULES

1 – Each participating Club or Fleet must provide one support dinghy for every 5 catamarans, at their own care and expense;

2 – Each catamaran must necessarily rent a TRACKER device and install it on board (YB Tracking). Contact point Mario 3485648799;

3 – The Fleet must self-finance in order to provide a medical assistance service with AED, which will follow the participants during the entire navigation;

4 – Each participant must pay a registration fee with times and methods described below.

AUTHORIZATION ACTIVITIES:

The planning of administrative activities will be handled by the Benemerita ANSMES Latina. For purely technical, logistical and promotional navigation activities, decisions will be handled by the participating Fleets and Sailing Clubs.

REGISTRATION FEE:

The registration fee is set at €100 per person, to be paid by 30 April 2026 to the current account of ANSMES Committee of Latina (IBAN IT83W 0569 6110 09CC I000 3752 37). Should the RAID be cancelled for reasons of weather-sea impracticability, the registration fee will be refunded.

The registration fee entitles to a RAID T-shirt and a cap, to be worn for promotional purposes.

RAID AREA:

Pontine coastline: from Latina (Foce Verde), course to Capo Circeo (Torre Paola), then straight to Ponza (see "DOC 2_RAID WAYPOINTS AND ROUTE").

DATES:

The navigation dates will be from Friday 12 to Monday 15 June. Based on weather-sea conditions, it will be decided when to set sail for the Pontine Islands. The Sunrise Bay Sailing Club, headquarters of Fleet 340 Costa Pontina Astura Bay, will host the participants' boats free of charge starting from the previous weekend.

SAFETY:

Participants must comply with:

- the CE marking that enables boats for navigation within 20 nm. Obviously, for such a distance from the coast, each crew should have the safety equipment required by the Navigation Code. For the type of RAID event, as already done in the 2024 RAID, it has been agreed with the competent Authorities (Harbour Master's Office), a minimum mandatory equipment (VHF or PMR radio, signal flare, 100N life jacket), relying on further safety measures (tracker and support boats that will follow them at close distance). It is up to each participant the personal responsibility to wear an individual flotation device 100N suitable for the circumstances;
- As a further safety measure, each crew must necessarily be equipped with the geolocator (YB Tracking tracker); the same used during the 2025 RAID. The rental cost of a single tracker is approximately €60 for the entire navigation period. The tracker must be booked and paid in advance so that it can be imported from Southampton UK in time. Crews without a tracker will not be admitted;

- Each crew must refer to the support boat made available by its Fleet or Sailing Club of belonging. One support boat every 5 crews. The support boat must be suitable for open sea navigation, fast and with a pilot and at least one assistant (no other passenger);
- Each Fleet or Sailing Club must self-finance its own support boats and related personnel;
- One support boat will be dedicated to Medical Emergency with BLS/D operator and related defibrillator for basic rescue;
- A Committee boat (24m Caicco) will follow the route and maintain contacts with the authorities and control the route of individual participants;
- All radio communications among crews will take place on VHF channel 8 (eight) only for important communications and PMR channel 9 (nine) for any other communication;
- Support boats with pilots holding RTF license may use VHF frequencies according to the Navigation Code rules;
- In case of extreme criticality, a crew must give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger;
- Communications between support boats and sailing craft, therefore in a restricted space, will take place using PMR radios on free frequencies. This will avoid interference on marine frequencies;
- The use of VHF radios will be limited to support boats only by personnel holding a license;
- On a support boat there will be a “liaison officer” who will coordinate transmissions with the competent Authorities on a pre-established VHF channel;
- Each Sailing Club or Fleet must verify the condition of the boats that will participate in the RAID under its aegis;
- The RAID will be covered by stipulation of a self-financed third-party liability insurance policy, for damages caused to third parties not participating in the specific event.
- With the registration to the RAID, each participant declares to be covered by a certification of fitness for non-competitive sporting activity with valid medical certification and that their boat is in condition to navigate safely. The list of boats participating in the RAID will be delivered to the Maritime Authorities. Those not on the list will not benefit from the facilities made available for the RAID and will therefore be subject to control by the Maritime Authorities.

GENERAL PROGRAM:

Starting from the weekend before departure from Latina, crews who wish may store their catamarans at the Sunrise Bay Sailing Club Latina headquarters of Fleet 340 (Via Valmontorio snc, Borgo Sabotino, Latina 04100). Storage is free of charge,

Thursday 11, first skipper’s meeting in the evening, for those already at the departure location.

Friday 12, from Sunrise Bay Latina, crew registration at 09:00, skipper’s meeting at 10:00 and departure at 10:30 with boats arranged off the shoreline and start line at 250m from the beach. A 24m Caicco will act as Committee and Control boat.

RB 139° for 13 NM, way point Torre Paola (Capo W Circeo), with arrival in about 2 hours.

Fleet regrouping, without beaching, lingering in front of Torre Paola. To avoid waiting too long, it is recommended to avoid exaggerated stretches.

RB 179° for 18 NM, way point Gavi-Zannone passage, with arrival in about 3 hours.

Fleet regrouping, without beaching. To avoid waiting too long, it is recommended to avoid exaggerated stretches.

RB 224° for 4 NM, destination Ponza Tourist Port, Sant'Antonio beach, with arrival in about 1 hour.

Overnight in Ponza.

Saturday 13, at 11:00 skipper's meeting to define the program of the day and crew registration.

Among the possibilities, half circumnavigation of Ponza, course to Palmarola (Spiaggia del Francese), race on short tacks.

Overnight in Ponza or Palmarola.

Sunday 14, at 11:00 skipper's meeting to define the program of the day and crew registration.

Among the possibilities, return to Latina, or half circumnavigation of Ponza or Palmarola.

Monday 15 (possible), at 10:00 skipper's meeting and crew registration, to define the return to Latina.

This is a general program, based on experience gained in previous years. Any deviation may be evaluated, it being understood that the holder of the Authorizations (ANSMES) will have the final word at its unquestionable judgment.

ROUTE TO FOLLOW (see "DOC 2_RAID WAYPOINTS AND ROUTE"):

The marked route has been agreed with the Harbour Master's Office and on this basis the Ordinance and the Notice to Mariners have been obtained. Therefore, the fleet must remain within the agreed route track without ever abandoning it.

CALL TO START:

The start time or its cancellation is decided on the basis of weather-sea conditions. Representatives of Fleets and Sailing Clubs may meet for a joint evaluation, it being understood that the final word belongs to the holder of the obtained Authorizations (ANSMES).

Consequently, crews will be free to decide autonomously whether to participate or withdraw. In case of withdrawal, crews will have nothing to claim against ANSMES.

START LINE:

The start line placed in front of Sunrise Bay is between two yellow Osculati buoys with diameter 80 cm and height 150 cm.

FINISH LINE:

Not determined. Arrival will be at Sant'Antonio beach at the Ponza tourist port.

START SIGNALS:

Not necessary. For purely scenic effect, boats will gather close to a "jury" boat which will give the start signal with an acoustic device.

NOTICES TO PARTICIPANTS:

These unquestionable rules are issued by the "Committee of Fleets and Clubs" which reserves the right to modify them, repeal them or add others at any time, until departure, giving notice by announcement at least 30 minutes before departure.

LOGISTICS:

For food and accommodation, each participant will organize independently.

FAIR SAILING:

A boat and its owner/skipper must sail in compliance with principles of sportsmanship and fairness.