

TF35 Trophy - Rules 2023-V1

1. Organisation

- 1.1. The TF35 Trophy is overseen by the TF35 Class Association ("CA"). The CA appoints Yacht Clubs, Marinas or Event Agencies to organize and fund the TF35 Trophy Regattas. The Class Office coordinates the organization of the Events with the Organizer appointed by the CA.
- 1.2. The TF35 Trophy is an annual competition Events listed in point 2 of these rules.
- 1.3. The Organizer shall sign the Event Agreement with the CA and follow the Event guidelines and regulations issued by the CA, including Event Communication Briefing, Sponsorship Regulations and any and all other regulations issued by the CA in respect of the Event organization.
- 1.4. The boat sailed for the TF35 Trophy is the TF35 One Design. The participants are duly paid members of the CA and are bound by the Class Rules, the Class Constitution, The TF35 Trophy Rules (and associated branding rules & appendix) and the TF35 Trophy standard Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5. Changes to the Class Rules for long distance races: see Appendix 4.

2. Official Events Schedule

2.1. Official 2023 schedule:

Date	Event	Venue	Yacht Club	Country
18 - 21 May	TF35 Geneva Cup	Geneva	SNG	Switzerland
2 and 4 June	Realstone Cup for Léman hope	Mies	CNV	Switzerland
3 June	Genève-Rolle-Genève	Geneva	YCG	Switzerland
10 June	Bol d'Or Mirabaud	Geneva	SNG	Switzerland
22 – 25 June	TF35 Nyon Cup	Nyon	SNNy	Switzerland
31 August - 3 September	Malcesine TF35 Cup	Malcesine	FVM	Italy
14 -17 September	Malcesine TF35 Cup	Malcesine	FVM	Italy

- 2.2. Should an event be cancelled, the class office shall sanction an alternative venue.
- 2.3. The CA may add an event to the schedule with the approval of the majority of the owners.
- 2.4. Each event schedule will be defined in the TF35 Trophy Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

3. Entries

- 3.1. The TF35 Trophy competitors shall comply with the following requirements:
 - 3.1.1. Pay the annual Class membership fee and Sail stickers' fee before the 1st regatta of the current year. In case an owner buys a boat during the season, the annual membership fee shall be paid before his 1st race.
 - 3.1.2. Comply with any and all Class regulations, including Class Rules (CR), Class Constitution and TF35 Trophy Rules.
 - 3.1.3. Be eligible in accordance with World Sailing Eligibility Code (WS Regulation Art. 19).
 - 3.1.4. Pay the measurement fee, have a valid One Design measurement certificate and pro-actively maintain the One Design integrity of their boat.
- 3.2. All TF35 boats holding a valid measurement certificate are automatically registered in the TF35 Trophy. Boat owners who wish not to compete in the Championship shall inform the Class office in writing, in order not to be classified. For each event, whether the boat is sailed by the owner, a substitute owner according to CR C.2 or chartered to another owner and/or team, the helmsman and his team shall comply with CR C.2.
- 3.3. There will be a full crew weigh-in before the 1st event of the season and before the Malcesine TF35 Cup. The CA will register the weight of all the crewmembers. The owner doesn't need to weigh-in at the Malcesine TF35 Cup. If there is a crew change during the season, the team, according to the registered weight shall remain under the maximum allowed weight. A new team joining the Tour during the season shall weigh-in before its 1st race.

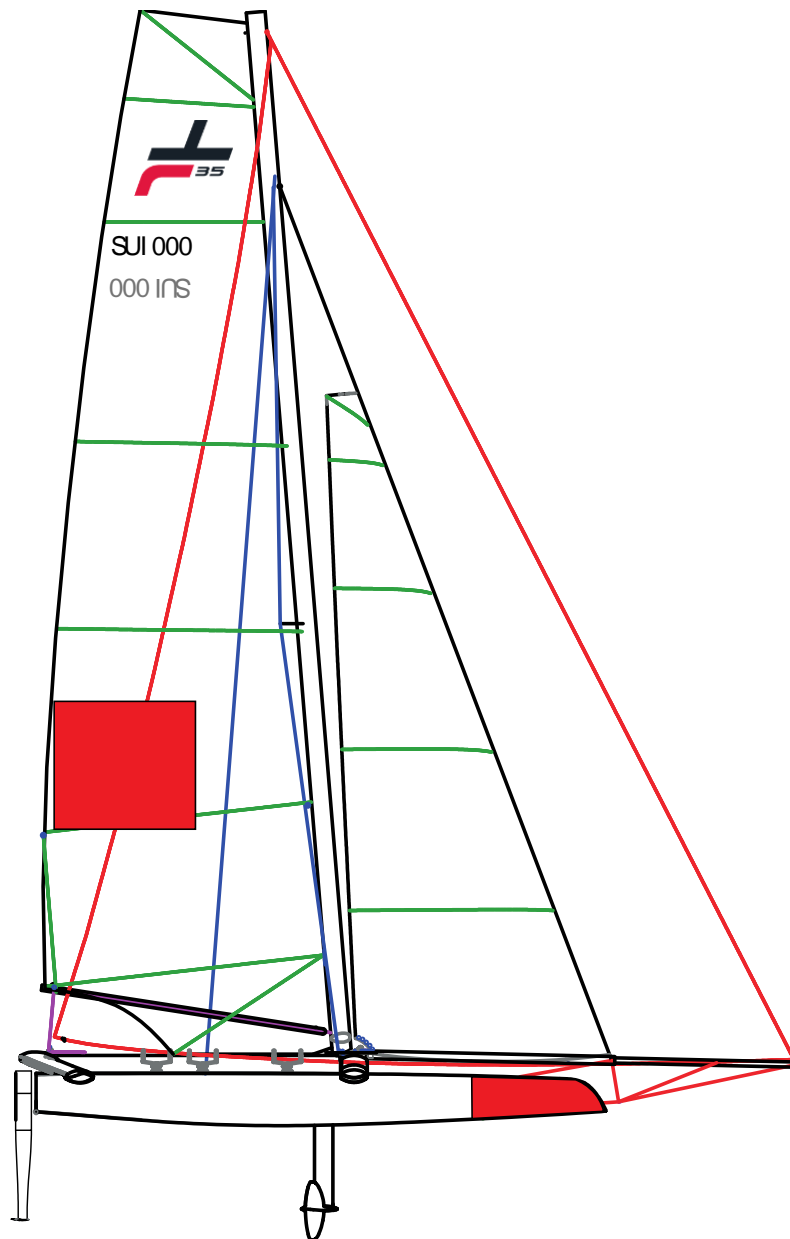
4. On board Hospitality

- 4.1. On board Hospitality approval:

All owners taking part in the TF35 Trophy agree to allow media and guests on board during the series. Guest sailing session will happen before or after racing. There will be no guests or media onboard during a race.

- 4.2. Hospitality Coordination: CA shall appoint one Hospitality Coordinator to manage the hospitality program, including spectator boats and on-board hospitality. It is the responsibility of the Organizer to adopt appropriate safety facilities in order to transfer guests on and off the boats and to ensure that their sailing experience is safe.
5. Scoring system
 - 5.1. Event classification:
 - 5.1.1. For each Event, the Organizer shall issue a Fleet Racing ranking. In the TF35 scoring system, the points are attributed to a Team. A Team is composed by an owner who will organize his crew. A Team can sail on different boats.
 - 5.1.2. Fleet Racing series: standard World Sailing "low point system" RRS A4 shall apply. In case of a tie, RRS A8 shall apply.
 - 5.1.3. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series. This rule does not apply for the 2 long distance races.
 - 5.1.4. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 5.2. TF35 Trophy Annual ranking
 - 5.2.1. After each regatta, each Team will receive the number of points corresponding to their TF35 ranking in the regatta.
 - 5.2.2. The scores of the 2 long-distances will be added to become a single long-distance race in the annual raking. The result of the Bol d'Or will break the ties.
 - 5.2.3. The final ranking will be a sum of all the points collected during the events of the TF35 Trophy, with one discard.
 - 5.2.4. A team who is not taking part in an event shall be ranked DNS.
 - 5.2.5. The Class Office will issue the official TF35 Trophy Annual ranking after each regatta, by addition of the points gained by each team according to 5.2.1.
 - 5.2.6. The result of the last event will break the ties.
 - 5.2.7. After the last Official Event, the Class office will issue a final TF35 Trophy annual ranking. The team with the lowest score will be the winner of the TF35 Trophy.
6. Award
 - 6.1. The final prize giving will take place during the last Event of the season.
7. Sails and sail limits
 - 7.1. During TF35 Trophy regattas, a full sail inventory (CR C.11.2.a) shall be used. One jib may be carried on the team support boat. A team can choose his sails for each racing day.
 - 7.2. Appendix 3 describes the sail stickers rules.
8. Safety
 - 8.1. Wind limit: No starting procedure shall be initiated if the wind is stronger than 24 knots for a constant period of two minutes. This rule shall not be protestable by competitors.
 - 8.2. Life jackets: All competitors shall carry life jackets when on the water.
 - 8.3. The competitors shall carry on board the safety equipment listed in Class Rules C.4 and C.5 and maintain it in good order. The Class and the Organizer may check this material at any time before, during or after the races.
 - 8.4. The competitors shall carry on board 2 handheld marine VHF. This VHF shall be fully operational anytime during the racing days.
 - 8.5. TF35 teams are required to have their own support boat capable of providing assistance and righting in the event of a capsized. Support boats shall carry a minimum crew of two and be clearly identified with a team flag.
9. Branding
 - 9.1. Team, Class and Organizer signage: The branding on boats shall be placed in accordance with Appendix 1. It is the responsibility of the Owner to ensure that his material is branded according to the Class regulations, as per Appendix 2. The CA Executive Committee may change the branding displayed in the Appendix 1, upon confirmation of Class Sponsorship and provided that a majority of owners vote to allow the change.
 - 9.2. Any breach of rule 9 may be reported to the Jury, who will consult the CA and shall advise the boat to apply the rule or penalize her. A second breach of the rule may lead to the exclusion of the boat from the Event. Additional breaches of the rule may lead to the exclusion of the boat from the TF35 Trophy.

- 9.3. The class sponsor branding, according to Appendix 1, including stickers, flags, boom cover, will be provided by CA. The competitors shall be responsible to keep them clean and tidy, as per Appendix 2.
10. Communication
- 10.1. Each Team shall participate in the communication and promotional events, as requested by the Organizer including all official dinners & prize-giving ceremonies. At least one member of each team shall attend the press conferences, briefings and Event public conferences when requested by the Organizer.
- 10.2. During the TF35 Trophy, boats may be requested to carry a GPS tracker or a camera provided by the Organizer. The GPS tracker or cameras enable the transfer of necessary performance information for media and spectator viewing ashore. Teams are responsible for any material provided by the Organizer or the CA.
- 10.3. Only 1 team drone per day is allowed on the water. A team willing to use a drone in the racecourse area shall ask the CA the permit to do so. The team allowed to fly a drone shall make all its footage available to the CA. Drone pilots shall have the necessary licence, authorizations and insurance.
11. Rules modification
- 11.1. The TF35 Trophy Rules shall not be modified between the first regatta and the final prize giving ceremony unless by unanimous vote by the Executive Committee. This rule doesn't apply for: rule 2 and 9.
12. Jury and Sailing Instructions
- 12.1. Umpiring and Sailing Instructions: The Jury shall be composed according to RRS and the Event Agreement between the Class and the Organiser. Standard TF35 Trophy Sailing instructions shall be used for the Fleet Racing series. The SI specifies that direct umpiring may apply.
- 12.2. TF35 Trophy Rules argument: Issues regarding the TF35 Trophy Rules shall be sent in writing to the Class Office. The Executive Committee of the Class will study the request and provide the competitors with an official answer.
- 12.3. By taking part in the TF35 Trophy, an owner commits himself to use no other rights of appeal, other than those described in the World Sailing RRS and the TF35 Trophy Rules.
13. Logistic and assistance
- 13.1. Team container bigger than standard 40HC box high cube are not allowed. Teams are not allowed to transport more than 2 40HC containers.
- 13.2. The teams shall use the logistic solution provided by the CA to move their cargo between the different venues of the TF35 Trophy.
- 13.3. Single used plastic bottles are not allowed
- 13.4. All chase boats shall be clearly identified with a team flag.
- 13.5. Diving to clean the hull between races during a sailing day is forbidden.
14. Insurance and disclaimer of liability
- 14.1. For all Events, the boat is required to hold adequate third-party insurance (minimum requested cover is 10 million CHF), and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate.
- 14.2. It is the owner's responsibility to provide insurance for his crew and his boat, including all land and sea transportation.
- 14.3. Competitors participate in the Events and in the TF35 Trophy entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, race officials, umpires and the CA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Events and the TF35 Trophy.



Venue and Class Sponsors (red)

- Bow: 200 cm from the front of the hulls on all sides.
- Mainsail: 250 x 250 cm square, positioned above the reef line to the leech.
- Mast, full length
- Flags on the jib halyard while ashore

Team Sponsors

- Free, except for the space reserved for the venue and class partners, see above
- No restrictions on crew branding.

Appendix 2: Owners and Skippers liability

- Teams are responsible to comply with the sponsorship and signage regulations contained in the TF35 Trophy Rules and any and all regulations issued by the Class.
- Teams may submit a diagram of their Branding layout to the CA for approval.
- Branding shall be kept in a clean and tidy condition and stickers shall be properly applied and maintained. Teams shall maintain the marketing material provided by the Class and the Organiser.
- Competitors attention is drawn to rule 9 and Appendix 1. If the branding does not comply with the Class regulations the Jury may be notified and may apply a penalty to any non-complying boat.
- the Class Office may penalize any non-complying boat
- Competitors shall maintain their container ID number as per international shipping regulations and regularly verify the validity of their container certification.

Appendix 3: Sail stickers

- a. Sail stickers will be distributed by the Class Office according to CR C.11.2
- b. When a team uses a new sail for the 1st time, the sail sticker number shall be announced to the CA.
- c. A replacement sail sticker can only be asked for a sail sticker of the same calendar year (as per year written on the sail sticker).

Appendix 4: Class Rules amendment for long-distance races

- a. CR C.2.1 (a) is deleted,
- b. CR C.2.2 (a): the minimum crew weight is deleted,
- c. When sailing with C-boards, CR C.2.3 (b) and (c) are deleted,
- d. CR C.5.2: teams are allowed to move equipment and drinking water to increase righting moment,
- e. CR C.9: The standard T foils can be replaced by one-design supplied C-boards. When using the C-boards, the rudder elevators can be removed.
- f. C.10.9 (b) is deleted,
- g. CR C.11.2. (b): all sails described in the CR and their related hardware, halyard and control lines can be used during the long-distance races.
- h. CR C.12: when sailing with the C-boards, the flight assistance system components may be removed from the boat.