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1.5 KM FROM S3 - TO S6
3 KM FROM S7 TO S10
3 KM FROM S11 TO S14



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1. ABOUT SARDINIA

Sardinia is the second largest island in the Mediterranean after Sicily, with an area of 24,100.02 km².

With its 1,897 km of coastline, it is the Italian region with the greatest coastal development. It has organized one of the most special and important open water events of the Italian Paralympic Swimming Federation for over 11 years: the Italian Open Water Para Swimming Championships.

Sardinia is a cradle surrounded by the sea where, eight thousand years ago, a mysterious and original civilization was born, brought by sea from the other side of the ancient Mediterranean, which is why it was open to innovations and cultural influences. The Sardinians built nuraghi (typical ancient megalithic buildings) along the coast with moorings for boats, joined together to guard the sea and connected to those built inland. The island's location is strategic: it is a bustling crossroads of trade routes frequented by seafaring peoples, including the highly evolved and peaceful Phoenicians who made their base in Sardinia. They founded what would be the most beautiful, cultured and wealthy cities of their time Sulci, Bithia, Nora, Tharros and Karaly. Goods, ideas and knowledge circulated freely among the Phoenician cities and Nuragic villages until the arrival of imperialist populations eager for new domains.

First came the Carthaginians, then fell the Romans and the Phoenician cities. The Sardinians reacted heroically, as in the "lost city" of Cornus, which was defended to the last breath by the Romans. For this, it was punished, destroyed and rebuilt. The most poignant of sunsets over the sea originates from its ruins, overlooking the Gulf of Cuglieri and the cliff of Santa Caterina di Pittinurri. The Romans expanded and built their city overlooking Asinara: beautiful and imperious emerged Turrus Libisonis, today the center of Porto Torres. This is an area of La Sardegna where the early Sardinian and Nuragic civilization is best preserved. Here, a short distance from the sea, stands the ziggurat of Monte d'Accoddi. It is one of the oldest and most unusual monuments of European culture. The Romans built paved roads to better govern the territory and connect the conquered cities. One of them connected Nora to Bithia on the coast, and today it is a scenic tour through unspoiled landscapes, as it was when people traveled in ancient times.

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2. INTRODUCTION

The World Para Swimming, the Italian Para Swimming Federation and the AlbatroSS Sporting Association have the honor and pleasure to invite you to the World Para Swimming Open Water Cup 2025 in Alghero - Sardinia (ITA). Alghero is honored and proud to host this beautiful event. The following are useful information for the National Federations that wish to participate in this event.

3. EVENT CONTACTS

For any queries regarding the information provided in this document please feel free to contact the following contact persons:

Italian Para Swimming Federation

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4. EVENT KEY DATES

<i>May 05th</i>	Entries and Accreditations Opening
<i>May 19 th</i>	Deadline to send the Preliminary Accommodation Form (Form n. 1) and payment of 50% deposit
<i>June 03rd</i>	Deadline Final Entry, deadline Accommodation form (Form n.2) roominglist ,payment of the balance
<i>June 09th</i>	Deadline for VISA Application and for late entries with a penalty fee of € 20!
<i>June 09 th</i>	Deadline to send travel details and transportation Form (Form n. 3)!
<i>June 20th</i>	Team Leader Meeting – h. 17.00
<i>June 20th</i>	Official Training – h. 15.00!
<i>June 21st</i>	Competition – h. 8.30: Km 1,5 from S3 to S6 h. 10.00: Km 3,0 from S7 to S14
<i>June 22nd</i>	Option B to compete in case of bad weather

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5. OFFICIAL SCHEDULE AND COMPETITION PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, JUNE 19th

Arrival of the national teams, transfer to the hotels

FRIDAY, JUNE 20th

15.00 training in the competition field

17.00 Technical Meeting

SATURDAY, JUNE 21st

09.00 competition start - 1.5 km from S3 to S6

10.00 competition start – 3.0 km from S7 to S10 and from S11 to S14

12.30 prize award ceremony

SUNDAY, JUNE 22nd

Reschedule of the race in case of bad weather

Departure

MONDAY, JUNE 23rd

Departure

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6. RACE & PRICE AWARD CEREMONY

Competition from S3 to S6 - **distance 1,5 km**

Competition from S7 to S10 + S11 S12 S13 + S14 – **distance 3,0 Km**

Competition field A

Alghero's most famous beach, located in one of the most beautiful natural landscapes of the Mediterranean Sea, can be reached on foot from the northern part of the town. Lido San Giovanni stretches for 5 km of fine white sand, gently sloping down to the crystal-clear blue sea. The beach is scented with the fragrances of juniper, sea lily, and helichrysum, which adorn a pristine yet often crowded landscape. Its seabed is shallow and crystal clear, making it a favorite among families with children, young people, and nature lovers. Lido San Giovanni offers stunning views of the sea, overlooking the iconic promontory of Capo Caccia, with its majestic cliffs rising above the bay. Thanks to its environmentally conscious surroundings, this is a wonderful corner of biodiversity where relaxation and adventure blend seamlessly.

COMPETITION FIELD A



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Competition field B

Spiaggia di Mugoni, a wide and stunning beach, stretches for about a kilometer and is characterized by fine, soft, white sand, dotted with junipers, mimosas, thistles, and sea lilies. The crystal-clear water reflects the sun's rays, bringing out beautiful shades of blue and green. The seabed is shallow and sandy, making it particularly suitable for children, and the beach gently slopes down to the sea. It's a peaceful and scenic spot, perfect for relaxing and enjoying the natural beauty of Alghero.

COMPETITION FIELD B



The three first male and female athletes competing in the distance of 1.5 Km will awarded a medal. Also the three first male and female athletes competing in the distance of 3 Km will awarded a medal for each class group (S7 – S10 and S11 – S14), according to the weighted point table (hereby attached).

The athletes with N status can compete but they will not receive any medal.

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7. ORGANIZATION

Since 2014, the AlbatroSS sports club has been organizing, in cooperation with the Italian Para Swimming Federation, the Italian Paralympic Open Water Swimming Championships. Such event, at the national level, will take place within the international one, as usual, this year as well. The close cooperation with the Federation has led the LOC, year after year, to offer an increasingly professional standard up to an international organizational level. The experience gained, in synergy with Aquatic Team Freedom in Water and the Italian Swimming Federation, has resulted in an ideal competition field for open water events.

The organization would guarantee:

- Organizational costs
- Transfer to and from the airport, from the hotel to the competition venue
- Accessibility to the competition venue
- International finish with touch and chip timing
- Live event
- Hospitality local Judges
- Direct relationship with the GUG (Race Officials Group of the Italian Swimming Federation)
- Teams
- Gadgets of the event
- Authorizations, competition venue with buoys,
- Safety and assistance for athletes
- Medical service
- Post race refreshments
- Prize award ceremony
- Filming of the race with 3 cameras and 1 drone
- Broadcasting on a big screen placed on the beach
- Volunteers (they don't include guide athletes)

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8. LOCATION

Alghero, located in the northwestern region of Sardinia, is a charming town with just under 45,000 residents year-round, which swells with thousands of tourists during the summer months. Founded in the 12th century, Alghero still retains its distinctive Catalan character—a legacy of the Aragonese rule—reflected in its architecture, language, and local



traditions. The area has been inhabited since ancient times, as evidenced by the nearby Nuragic remains, such as the Palmavera complex. During Roman times, the region was already populated, and many archaeological finds are now preserved in the Alghero Archaeological Museum, offering a glimpse into the town's rich and layered history.

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9. EVENT BROADCAST

We are working to ensure live coverage of the event. Details will be shared in the Technical Meeting. We believe that the World Para Swimming Open Water World Cup can reach large numbers of participants after the games and can only grow!

The channels to promote the event are:

- Press conference
- Designated web site
- WPS web site
- FINP web site
- Organizers' web site
- Live on TV
- Live on streaming
- Interviews
- Regional and national press organizations
- International Federation web sites
- Local, national and international press
- TV reports
- Highlights
- Social media
- Photo

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10. TECHNICAL & TEAM LEADERS MEETING

The Technical Meeting (TM) will take place on June 20th at 17.00h

11. ENTRIES

Entries will only be accepted through the WPS entry system: <https://db.ipcservices.org/sdms/app/login> by June 3rd

All the athletes should hold a valid WPS license for 2025 and classification (status Confirmed, Review, Review with and without fixed date and New, however please note athletes with New status will not be eligible for medals). This event is open to athletes who are 15 years or older.

The entry fee is € 75,00 per athlete (late entries will be charged € 20). It should be paid to the following bank details: (IBAN) **IT16M0306909606100000077838** in the name of Albatross SSD Srl specifying the name of the participating athlete. No fees will be charged for staff members. Coaches are responsible for representing their swimmers at the Tehnical Meeting. The Technical Delegate of World Para Swimming together with the Head Referee will accept entries and register only swimmers accompanied by their respective coaches who are responsible for recognizing the swimmers during the competition.

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12. VENUE & COURSE INFORMATION



13. ACCREDITATIONS & EVENT INFORMATION DESK

The Accreditations for all swimmers and staff members can be done through the SDMS accreditation system. Only accredited persons will be allowed access to certain areas of the venue. All accredited persons are asked to carry their accreditation cards with them at all the time and show them upon request.

Accreditation cards will be handed out at the official hotels/competition field.

We are going to create a whatsapp group in order to facilitate the communication, if you want to be included, please send Silvia Fioravanti your mobile phone number (including the country code)

14. VISA INFORMATION & TRANSPORTATION

The Italian Para Swimming Federation will facilitate the process of obtaining a visa to enter Italy by issuing a letter of support to be presented at the Italian Embassy in your country.

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All the participants who need a Visa are asked to contact us Valentina Barbera (v.barbera@finp.it) no later than May 29th, 2025.

For more information on the need for a visa for entry into Italy, please visit:

<https://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en>

Free transfer service will be provided only to Teams arriving at Alghero Airport. Local transportation between the hotels and the training/race venue will also be arranged. In order to book your transportation service, please fill in the attached form.

The LOC will facilitate airport reception and transportation services upon completion of travel information through the relevant transportation form to be sent to the LOC by the deadline of June 09th 2025.

Transfers from other airports can be arranged upon request. We will send you a quote as needed.

15. ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

10. ACCOMODATION





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<https://www.smyhotels.com/>

Registrations payment and hotel reservation must be made by June 3rd
Any delays will not guarantee hotel accommodations by the organization.

Below you find the deadlines to book the accommodation for your teams:

May 19th 2025:

Preliminary Accommodation Form and payment of 50% deposit. Please fill in the attached preliminary accommodation form

June 3rd 2025:

Final Accommodation Form, rooming list and payment of the balance. Please fill in the attached final accommodation form

In order to book your accommodation, please fill out the accommodation forms and send them to: events@smeraldaexperience.com and openwater.wps.sardinia@gmail.com

***Rates by night per person per day in Full Board:**

200,00 € in single room

150,00 € in double room per person

140,00 € in triple room

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PRELIMINARY ACCOMMODATION FORM

ALGHERO, Sardinia - Italy

September 21 June 2025

NAME AND SURNAME _____

Email Address _____

Phone No. _____

Country _____ **Country Code** _____

Name of National Federation _____

ROOMING LIST

NAME	GENDER	FUNCTION (coach/athlete companion)	In dd-mm	Out dd-mm	Room Type Twin/single

Date:

Signature and Stamp:

**Please return this form back to our office to
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 before May 19th**

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ALGHERO, Sardinia - Italy
September 21 June 2025

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Email Address _____

Phone No. _____

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