

ESTONIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
September 5 - 6, 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Sailing Center in conjunction with the Estonian Match Racing Union.

2 VENUE

The venue will be Haven Kakumäe marina, Tallinn, Estonia (havenk.com/en/).

3 EVENT GRADING

The event will be a World Sailing Grade 3.

This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

4.1 Schedule

- (a) Race office open from 09:00 on September 5.
- (b) Registration from 09:00 to 10:00 on September 5.
- (c) Crew weighing as above.
- (d) Practice from 15:00 to 19:00 on September 4. Practice sessions are from 15:00 to 17:00 and from 17:00 to 19:00 (please book in advance via email pomerantspiret@gmail.com).
- (e) First briefing at 10:00 on September 5.
- (f) First meeting with umpires will follow the first briefing.
- (g) Racing days from September 5 to September 6.
- (h) Time of the first attention signal will be 11:15 on September 5 and 10:15 on September 6.
- (i) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 16:00.
- (j) Prize giving immediately after racing on September 6.

4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) Initial briefing, for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers.
- (c) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

5.1 12 (twelve) skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.

5.2 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

5.3 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing (e-mail is acceptable), to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.

5.4 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.

5.5 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.

6 ENTRIES

6.1 Entering

The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by local currency (EUR).

6.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of 300€ shall be paid at registration.

6.3 Withdrawal

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2)

6.4 Damage deposit

An initial damage deposit is not required at registration, the "Damage charges" agreement shall be signed instead. The charges in the agreement are all applicable where it is obvious that damage/loss was caused due to misuse by the user. The definition of damage is decided by person in charge of Match support. If the damage requires involvement from the insurance company, the deposit of 500€ will be charged from the skipper.

7 RULES

- 7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
- (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- (c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.

7.2 Major Alterations to the RRS

- (a) Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- (b) RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in BluSail24 type boats.
- 8.2 Six boats will be provided.
- 8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker.
- 8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the race committee.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 4 (four) or 5 (five) for all crews. All registered crew shall sail all races.

9.2 Crew Weighing

The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 350 kg, determined at the time of registration.

- 9.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10 EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.
- 10.2 The event will consist of the following stages:
- Stage 1 – A full round robin
 - Stage 2 – Semi finals
 - Stage 3 – Petit finals and finals
- 10.3 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

11 COURSE

- 11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- 11.2 The intended course area will be in Kopli bay as close as possible to Kakumäe Harbour.

12 ADVERTISING

- 12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, World Sailing regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 12.2 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams.
- 13.2 The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

- 14.1 If required by the OA:
- (a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
 - (b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
 - (c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.
- 14.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
- 14.3 The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

14.4 By participating in the Estonian Open Championship 2020, a competitor automatically grants to the Organizing Authority and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity, to make use of, publish and exhibit, at their sole discretion, any motion pictures, live or taped film or video, television productions and other reproductions, photographs etc of him/her taken during the period of the competition, in which the competitor participates, without compensation. The Organizing Authority has the right to make public the competitors full names and representing countries in documents and listings related and relevant to the competition.

15 COACH BOATS

- 15.1 Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.
- 15.2 The OA will provide berths for coach boats. Conditions will be agreed with the OA.
- 15.3 Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the IJ to the associated skipper or team.

16 SPARE

17 DISCLAIMER

All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

18 INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please mail to pomerantspiret@gmail.com.

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