

BALTIC MATCH RACE 2023

Estonian Match Racing Union - Organizing Authority

September 21th -24th 2023

Pirita Top Harbour

Purje 8, Tallinn, Estonia

Notice of Race

The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

PC: Protest Committee or International Jury

NoR: Notice of Race

OA: Organising Authority

RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing

SI: Sailing Instruction

RC: Race Committee

TD: Technical Delegate

[NP]: A boat may not protest as per NoR 1.3

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including RRS Appendix C
- 1.2 The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions, will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4 Estonian national authority prescription will apply: Based on the recommendations of the International Olympic Committee and World Sailing, the participation of Russian and Belarusian sailors and officials in Estonian regattas is excluded. The exclusion does not include sailors from Russia or Belarus who are residents of Estonia and members of EJM member organisations. The persons in question must be registered for the competition or other event as a representative of the Estonian club. Exclusion shall be in accordance with RRS 76.1.
- 1.5 The event is a World Sailing Grade 2. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.
- 1.6 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91.B and RRS Appendix N.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on September 20th at the Race Office.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 12 skippers will be invited.

- 3.2 Skippers wishing to receive an invite may register their request with the OA by filling out [this request form](#).
- 3.3 Only skippers invited by the OA, and who confirm acceptance of the invitation, will be eligible to enter this event.
- 3.4 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.4.
- 3.5 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering at World Sailing [webpage](#). Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.
- 3.6 The skipper shall complete registration, pay any entry fee and shall ensure that all crew complete crew weighing, all between 10:00 and 13:00 on 20th September unless extended by the OA. To be considered an entry in the event, a crew shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 3.7 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 27.2.2(d))
- 3.8 Entry fee is 850 € and shall be transferred to:
Name: Eesti Match Race Liit
IBAN: EE202200221047896933 Swedbank
SWIFT: HABAE2X
Description: Skipper's name
Payment due date: 1st September 2023

4 DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 4.1 Each supplied boat is insured by the OA for third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1000€ per incident. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident.
- 4.2 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC.

5 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 5.1 The number of crew (including the skipper but excluding persons placed on board by the OA) shall be 4 (four) or 5 (five) sailors. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 5.2 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.
- 5.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 5.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.
- 5.5 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 or such time as required by the RC.
- 5.6 Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. When crew weight was checked prior to racing, at any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10 kg. Any crew weighing in excess of

this increased limit shall not be penalised, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.

5.7 The OA may place a person on each boat as either a guest, cameraman, or umpire observer.

6 EVENT FORMAT

6.1 The OA intends to provide 6 (six) J/70 type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib, Gennaker.

6.2 Boats will be allocated as decided by the Race Committee. The intention of the RC will be to allocate boats by draw, either daily or for each round. The RC may also require boats to be exchanged in a knock-out stage.

6.3 The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC. Competitors may be requested to exchange sails during a series to satisfy sponsorship commitments.

6.4 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

6.5 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC with the intention of the RC to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight.

6.6 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.

6.7 The intended racing area will be Tallinn bay.

6.8 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.

After the First Stage the following will apply:

- (1) Skippers will be paired based on ranking in the First Stage with the highest ranked skipper paired with the lowest and the other skippers paired accordingly, unless the stage specifies a different arrangement.
- (2) In reference to RRS C4.1, the highest ranked skipper from the first stage shall choose their end for the first match and boats shall alternate every odd match.
- (3) Crews will exchange boats after odd matches of the series, unless otherwise agreed by both skippers.
- (4) Further matches in the series will not be sailed once the first skipper scores the points required for that stage.

6.9 The event will consist of the following stages:

First Stage - Round Robin(s)

- (1) All skippers will sail a round robin.
- (2) The four highest scoring skippers shall qualify for the next stage.

Second Stage - Knock-Out Semi-Finals

- (1) The skipper finishing first in Stage One shall select his opponent when requested by the RC to do so. The remaining two skippers shall race each other.
- (2) The first skipper of each series to score at least 3 points shall proceed to the Final Stage, the losing skippers shall proceed to the Third and Fourth Place Stage.

Third Stage – Knock-Out Third and Fourth Place

- (1) The losing semi-finalists shall race to determine third and fourth place.

- (2) The first skipper to score at least 2 points shall be awarded third place, the losing skipper awarded fourth place.

Fourth Stage – Knock-Out Final

- (1) The first skipper to score at least 3 points shall be awarded first place, the losing skipper awarded second place.

6.10 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

9 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

9.1 Schedule

21th September	1400-1700 1400-1600/1600-1800	Registration and crew weighing Practice sessions
22th September	0900-1000 1000 1100	Registration and crew weighing Initial briefing for skippers First attention signal
23rd September	0900 1900	Daily briefing for skippers Racing day Social event*
24th September	0900 1600	Daily briefing for skippers Racing day Latest time for the last attention signal Prize giving immediately after racing

- (a) Please book a practice session via email annaliisatalts@gmail.com).
- (b) Time of the first Attention Signal each day will be announced at the daily briefing.
- (c) The OA leaves the right to call off Social event, if needed.

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

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing for skippers.
- (d) Social event at 19:00 on September 23th, for skippers and crews.
- (e) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

10 ADVERTISING

10.1 [NP] Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

11 [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

11.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall behave so to not bring the event into disrepute.

11.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment and place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

12 [NP] SUPPORT PERSON

12.1 Support person vessels shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.

12.2 Support persons shall stay approximately 100m from the racing area while boats are racing or comply with reasonable requests from the officials.

12.3 The OA will provide berths for support person vessels. Conditions will be agreed with the OA.

13 [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES, and SOUND

13.1 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.

13.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

14 DATA PROTECTION

14.1 The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

14.2 By participating in the Baltic Match Race 2023, 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 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

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