

BALTIC OFFSHORE WEEK 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The BALTIC OFFSHORE WEEK 2017 (Finnish and Estonian championship) is organized by the Kalev Yacht Club and the Merenkävijät RY under the authority of Estonian Yachting Union (EYU), the Finnish Association of Offshore Sailors (Avomeripurjehtijat) and under the overall authority of the Offshore Racing Congress (ORC).

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2. The following rules will also apply:
 - a) IMS Rule
 - b) ORC Rating Systems Rule
 - c) ORC Championship Rules
 - d) World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, category 4 with following exceptions:
 - 4.23.1. -3 red hand flares are mandatory;
 - 4.26. – recommended;
 - 5.01.1. a) – 100N buoyancy is allowed instead of 150N buoyancy;
 - e) Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing is replaced by Part B of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea from 22:00 to 05:00 local time.
- 2.3. Finnish ORC Championship Rules will apply for Finnish Championship.
- 2.4. No national authority prescription will apply.
- 2.5. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

3. CLASSES

ORC A
ORC B
ORC C

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Race Office. Notices will also be posted on the event website.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than 2 hours before it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 21:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed in front of the Race Office.
- 6.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1. Times of the first warning signals are defined as follows:

Day 1,	15.06.2017.	16:00-21:00	Registration and measurement
Day 2,	16.06.2017.	08:00	Skippers meeting
		10:00	1 st warning signal for offshore race
Day 3,	17.06.2017.	09:00	Skippers meeting
		09:45	Parade via Kauppatori and proceed to course through Kustaanmiekka
		11:45	1 st warning signal for inshore race
Day 4,	18.06.2017.	09:00	Skippers meeting
		11:00	1 st warning signal for inshore race followed by coastal race

The Race Committee reserves the right to modify the above programme according to weather conditions and/or other unforeseen reasons.

- 7.2. Eight races are scheduled including:
 - two offshore race
 - six inshore races
- 7.3. There will be no more than 4 races per day. Flag L¹ displayed on the Finishing line means "There will be one more race after the one in progress." The Warning signal for the next race will be given one minute after lowering flag L¹ with one sound.
- 7.4. On the last day of regatta no warning signal will be given after 15:00 unless it follows signal of general recall or postponement (Flag AP) of a race whose first warning signal had been made before 15:00

8. CLASS FLAG

The Class flag(s) will be:

ORC A pennant 1; ORC B pennant 2; ORC C pennant 3

9. THE START

- 9.1. Races will be started in the following class order: ORC A, ORC B, ORC C. The Warning signal of the following class will be displayed at the earliest at the starting signal for the previous class, and may also be given while other classes are still racing.
- 9.2. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her Start signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.1.
- 9.3. After signalling an individual recall, the race committee will attempt to broadcast the sail number or name of boat that has not started and is identified as OCS on VHF channel 11. The failure or delay to broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10. THE COURSE

“Part 3 – THE LONG OFFSHORE COURSE “ and “Part 4 – THE SHORT OFFSHORE COURSE” will be published by 21:00 hours on the day before it will take effect

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 while outside a Zone will be One-Turn penalty – one tack and one gybe. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 11.2. Boats scored OCS in offshore races will receive the 20% scoring penalty. This changes RRS A4.2.
- 11.3. For minor breaches of the Offshore Special Regulations, paragraphs 7.1 or 7.2 of the ORC Championship rules and Sailing Instructions, 14, 17, 18 or 19.2, the jury may impose any penalty different from Disqualification, or not impose a penalty, at its discretion.

12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1. In addition to complying with RRS 61.1, a protesting boat shall inform the Race Committee of her intention to protest and the identity of the protested boat(s) as soon as possible after finishing or retiring.
- 12.2. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protest shall be delivered there within the time limit which shall be:
 - a) For inshore races: 1 □ hour after the last boat has finished the last race of day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress (except as permitted in c) below. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
 - b) For offshore race(s): 1 □ hour after protestor’s finish. If a boat finishes after 22:00, a protest can be logged from 08:00 □ until 08:30 □ the next day.
 - c) When results are posted after the protest time limit expires, requests for redress upon results may be lodged within 30 minutes after posting. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 12.3. Notices to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses will be posted:
 - a) for windward/leeward races within 30 minutes of the protest time limit
 - b) For the offshore race, within 90 minutes of the finish of all the last boat.
- 12.4. On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing or request for redress for a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered:
 - a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day
 - b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. Windward/leeward race results will be determined by corrected times calculated

- by Performance Curve scoring method.
- 13.2. Offshore race results will be determined by corrected times calculated by Performance Curve scoring method.
 - 13.3. Length of course, directions of leg and wind will be decided by Race Committee and will not be grounds for seeking redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
 - 13.4. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply. Points will be multiplied by the appropriate scoring coefficient.
 - 13.5. Scoring coefficients for all races will be 1.0, except that
 - For the long (10-12 hours) offshore race as described in the Notice of Race 8.1, where the scoring coefficient of that race shall be 1.4.
 - For the short (2-3 hours) offshore race, as described in the Notice of Race 8.1, where the scoring coefficient of that race shall be 1.1.
 - 13.6. The championship is valid if at least 2 inshore races and 1 offshore race are completed. One discard will be allowed if 4 inshore races are completed and 2 discards if 6 inshore races are completed, the discard may be any inshore race. The offshore race may not be discarded.
- 14. SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 14.1. Boats retiring for any reason in any race shall promptly report to the Race Committee. The penalty for breaking this SI will be Disqualification not excludable (DNE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
 - 14.2. Any use of the engine for propulsion purposes for rescuing people, giving help or any other reason shall be reported after arrival in written form to the Race Committee stating reasons for such procedure. If a boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race, the Protest Committee may impose a penalty different from disqualification, or not impose a penalty, at its discretion.
- 15. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**
- 15.1. The Protest Committee may approve crew changes (adding new crew members, replacing or disembarking crew members) by written skipper's request made no later than 2 hours before the scheduled time of the start of the first race of the day. The substituted crew member shall not be aboard on any other competing boat throughout the remainder of the series.
 - 15.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be not allowed unless approved by the Protest Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Protest Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 16. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**
- A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water or after arriving in harbour, a boat may be instructed by the race committee measurer to proceed immediately for inspection.
- 17. OFFICIAL BOATS**
- 17.1. Official boats will display Red  pennant. Failure of any official boat to display

- her pennant will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 17.2. Vessels used by press, photographers, film crews, VIPs etc. are not under the jurisdiction of the Race Committee. Any action by these boats shall not be ground for seeking redress by boats. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 18. SUPPORT BOATS**
All support boats shall keep well clear of the starting area and, after the preparatory signal, are not to approach within 100 meters of any competing boat. A breach of this SI may results with a scoring penalty against the boat connected and/or withdrawal of permission to be in the racing area for one or more days.
- 19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTION**
From 09:00 on 15.06.2017.□yachts shall not be hauled out except for the purposes of repairing damage; and only after written permission from the Protest Committee. While hauled for this purpose, cleaning and polishing of the hull below the waterline will not be permitted. Appendages shall not be removed from the boat during the series
- 20. COMMUNICATION**
20.1. Radio communication with Race Committee during the regatta will be on VHF channel 11. The Race Committee may give verbal confirmation of any race signal over VHF Channel 11. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
20.2. Except when communicating with the race committee, a boat while racing, shall not transmit or receive communication of any information not publicly available to all boats participating. This changes RRS 41.
- 21. TROPHIES AND PRIZES**
21.1. Championship medals issued by the Finnish Sailing Federation will be distributed to the first three boats in classes ORC A; ORC B and ORC C. The number of medals awarded to each boat equals the number of persons sailing on that boat at the same time.
21.2. Championship medals issued by the Estonian Yachting Union will be distributed to the first three boats in each class. The number of medals awarded to each boat equals the number of persons sailing on that boat at the same time.
21.3. Other prizes and trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the organizers. All medals and prizes will be awarded at the Prize Giving Ceremony and all participants are expected to participate in that ceremony.
- 22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
All those taking part in the regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. The organizing authority, Merenkävijät RY, Kalev Yacht Club, ORC and any other party involved in the organization of the Baltic Offshore Week 2017, disclaim any and all responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage injury or inconvenience that

might occur to persons and materials, both ashore and at sea as a consequence of participation in the event. Each boat owner or his representative accepts these terms by signing entry form. The attention of competitors is drawn to World Sailing Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing.

23. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of 500 000€ per event. Regardless, it is the responsibility of the owners to hold adequate insurance cover for Tort Liability and Third Party Insurance (Property and Persons).

PART 2 – INSHORE COURSE

24. THE COURSE

- 24.1. Attachment 2 shows the course areas, course area for that day will be posted on Notice Board latest 2 hours before first warning signal of the day.
- 24.2. The diagram in Attachment 1 shows the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed.
- 24.3. No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

25. MARKS

- 25.1. Marks 1, 1a, and 3S/3P will be orange inflatable buoys, mark 2 yellow inflatable buoy.
- 25.2. New mark as provided in instruction 26.1 will be red inflatable buoys.
- 25.3. A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 26.2

26. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 26.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. A new windward mark will be placed without the offset mark 1a.
- 26.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1

27. STARTING LINE

The starting line will be between staff displaying orange flag on RC boat at the starboard and staff displaying orange flag on a buoy at the port-end.

28. FINISHING LINE

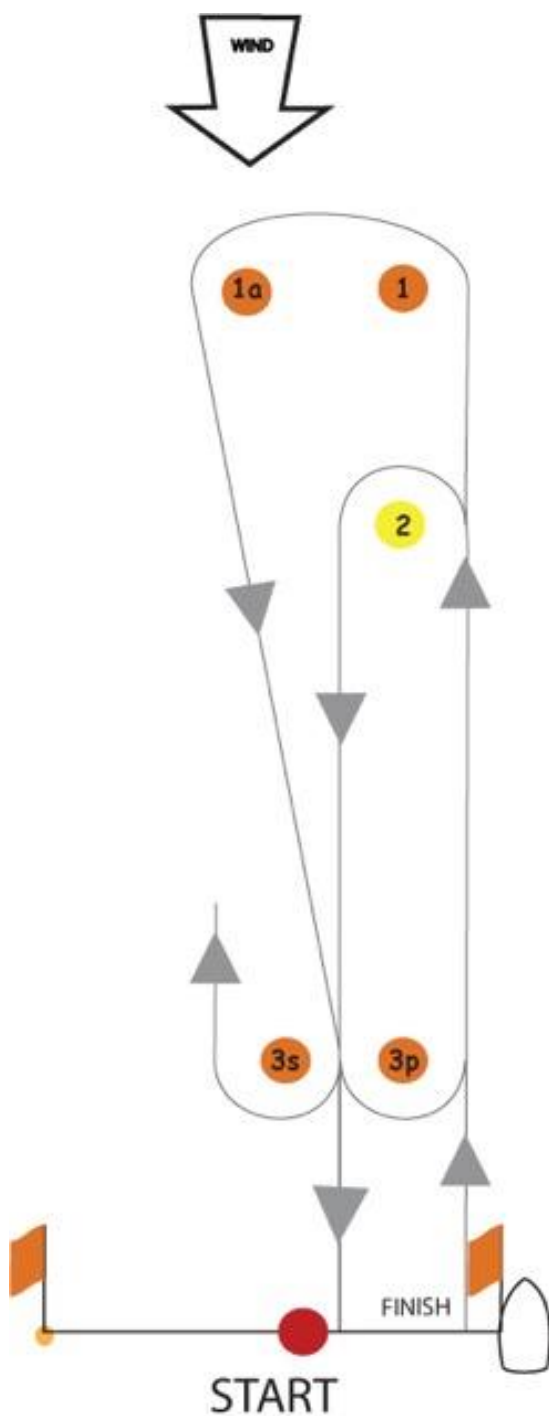
The finishing line will be between staff displaying orange flag on RC boat and red

buoy.

29. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat to finish will be 120 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes ☐ after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

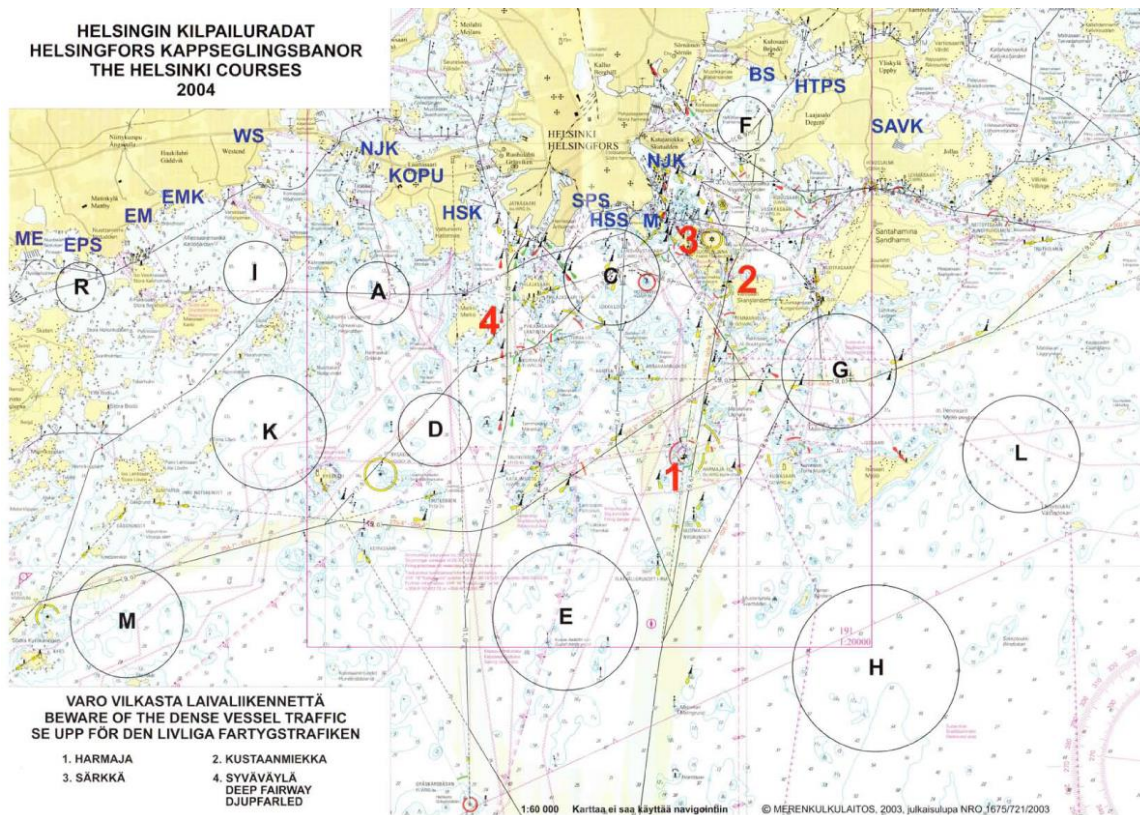
ATTACHMENT 1



The Course: ORC A & B START-1-1a-(3s-3p)-1-1a-FINISH
ORC C START-2-(3S-3P)-2-FINISH

ATTACHMENT 2

RACE AREAS



ATTACHMENT 3

PARADE COURSE

