BALTIC CHALLENGE CUP 2024

in Raceboard, Formula foil, and T293 windsurfing classes

16th-18th August, "Sailing club 360"
Riga, Kisezers. Roberta Feldmana Str. 8A

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)**

**1 RULES**

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by:
• *the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing - Windsurfing Fleet Racing Edition (WCR).*
• *World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing*; further in text ERS;
• Class Rules of respective boat and board classes;
• Notice of Race of this Championship; further in text NOR;
• These Sailing Instructions; further in text SI;

1.2  No National prescriptions will apply with the exception of Techno 293 U3,5 and U13 divisions:

Competitors in the Techno U13 (under 13) division may use either the 5.8 OD sail/rig OR any sail of 5.0 sqm, or less, as the change-down from the 5.8 OD. Any aluminium boom or carbon mast (not exceeding 75% carbon) may be used with the 5.0 change-down sail. This change NoR point 1.3.3

1.3  If there is a conflict between languages in documents, the English text will take precedence.

1.4. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions (SI) and any other document governing the event, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes WCR 63.7.

**2  NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board located near the Race Office.

**3  CHANGES AND ANNEXES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change or annex to the SI will be posted not later than 1 hour before scheduled time of the first warning signal on the day it will take effect.

**4  SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1.  Signals made ashore will be displayed at the mast located near the Race Office.

4.2. When a signal is displayed over a class flag it applies to that class only.

4.3.  When flag ‘AP’ is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 20 minutes’ in the race signal ‘AP’. This changes WCR Race Signals.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1  Scheduled times of warning (displayed ashore) signal for the first race **11:40.**

5.2  On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 5:00PM.

**6  CLASS FLAGS**

* Formula Foil FW letters on white flag
* Raceboard RB letters on white flag
* Techno 293 Open, U17 and U15 Techno class logo on red flag
* Techno 293 U13 & 3.5 Techno class logo on yellow flag

**7  RACING AREA**

7.1  Racing will take place on the Kisezers lake.

7.2. Racing area will be one for all board classes.

**8 THE COURSES**

8.1  Annexes to SIs will show the courses to be sailed, the order in which marks shall be passed, and on which side they shall be left.

8.2  Annexes with courses to be sailed will be published on each day separately.

**9 MARKS**

Course racing area marks will be

* 1., 2. - a large, triangle RED;
* 3a,3p - triangle YELLOW;
* start and finish line pins - cylindric RED buoys.

**10 THE START**

10.1 To alert boards that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, a staff with the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least three minutes before a warning signal is made.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race committee boat and cylindric dark red float (pin).

10.3 **[DP]** Boards whose warning signal has not been made shall position themselves at the reasonable distance from starting line during the starting sequence for other classes.

10.4 A Board starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes WCR A4 and A5.

10.5 A Race committee boat displaying flag **'N'** may pass to windward of the fleet in the event of an abandonment, postponement or general recall, which means:
“The Race committee has signalled an abandonment, postponement or general recall. Boards are to return to the starting area immediately.”

**11 THE FINISH**

11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying blue flag on the Race committee boat and a tall dark red cylindric float (pin).

11.2 **[DP]** Boards that has finished shall leave the finishing line as soon as possible and she shall not be on the course side of the finishing line until:
• all classes have finished their races, or
• the warning signal for the next race of her class has been made.

**13 DISCRETIONARY PENALTIES - [DP]**

13.1 DP are at the discretion of Protest committee, but shall be not worse than DSQ.
13.2 A board breaching SI 10.3; 11.2 or 17 may be penalized by DP.
13.3 If a coach boat or a support boat breaches SI 21; all boards connected with that boat may be penalized by DP.
13.4 Breaches of SI 10.3; 11.2 and 17 will not be grounds for a protest by a board.

This changes rule 60.1(a).

**14 TIME LIMITS**

Boards failing to finish in course race within **15 minutes after the first finisher** in their respective division shall be scored DNF except those who are scored DSQ, BFD, UFD, OCS, RET, RDG or DNE. This changes WCR 35, A4 and A5.

**15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1 A board, intending to protest about the incident while *racing*, shall inform Race Committee about her intention immediately after *finishing* by hailing the sail number of board being protested and receiving Race Committee confirmation. This changes Rule 61.

15.2 Protest forms are available at the Race office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.3 Protest time limit is 30 minutes after flag ‘A’ has been displayed ashore.
15.4 Notices on hearings will be posted not later than 30 minutes after the end of the protest time limit.

15.5 Hearings will be held in the protest room, beginning at the time posted on notice (for Friday races - Saturday at 10.00, Saturday races – Sunday at 10.00).

15.6 Notices of protests by the Race committee or Protest committee will be posted to inform boards under Rule 61.1(b).

15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest committee decision shall be delivered not later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes Rule 62.2

**16 SCORING, RACING, CLASSES and DIVISIONS**

 16.1 **3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series in each class.**

 16.2 The Raceboard and Techno293 class Open, U17 and U15 shall race a maximum 4 races per day, in a maximum 12 race series.

 16.3 The Techno Class U13 and U3,5 shall race maximum 3 races per day, in a maximum 9 race series.

 16.4 The Formula Foil shall race a maximum 5 per day, in a maximum 15 race series.

16.5 The participating classes and divisions shall be:

16.5.1 Raceboard

16.5.2 Techno 293 Open, U17 and U15

16.5.3 Techno 293 U13 & 3.5

16.5.4 Formula Foil

**17 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]**

 17.1 A board that retires from a race shall notify the Race committee as soon as possible.

 17.2 Competitors under age of 18 years and over 60 years shall at all times whilst afloat wear a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5 (level 50).

**18 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be allowed only if authorized by the Race committee.

**19 EQUIPMENT CHECKS**

 A board or equipment may be inspected by Jury representative at any time for compliance with class rules and SI.

**21 SUPPORT BOATS (DP)**

 In the time from preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boards in all classes have finished or retired or time limit stated in SI 14 for all classes have expired, all coach and support boats shall stay at least 50 meters away from any board *racing* , except when Race committee signals a postponement, abandonment, general recall or when boats shall be given help according to RRS,WCR Rule 1.1.

**22 TRASH DISPOSAL**

 Trash may be placed aboard coach, support or official boats.

**23 PRIZES**

 23.1 With cups and diplomas will be awarded: boards - first 3 places in each class overall and in each scoring group or division separately

 23.2 In case of three or less entries in the scoring group for boards, only the first place will be awarded. In case of four entries - the first two.

**24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

 24.1 Competitors participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk. See WCR 3, Decision to Race.

 24.2 The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Championship.

**25 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation

 August 15, 2024

 Principal Race Officer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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