

GULF OF RIGA REGATTA LATVIAN OPEN OFFSHORE SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP 2019 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Regatta will be organized by Latvian Yachting Union, Rojas Sailors School and Saaremaa Merispordi Selts

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2. World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, category 4
- 2.3. ORC Rating Systems Rule
- 2.4. LAT-LYS measurement system rules
- 2.5. Between 22:00 and 05:00 the RRS Part 2 shall in applicable parts be replaced by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) and all boats shall show the required navigational lights
- 2.6. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

3. CLASSES

ORC
LYS 1
LYS 2

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

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,	24.06.2019.	17:00-20:00	Registration & equipment inspection
	25.06.2019.	09:00-11:00	Registration & equipment inspection
		13:00	Opening ceremony
		15:00	1 st start for Roja-Mõntu
Day 2,	26.06.2019.	10:00	Skippers meeting
		11:00	1 st warning signal for Mõntu-Kuressaare
Day 3,	27.06.2019.	10:00	Skippers meeting

		11:00	1 st warning signal for Kuressaare-Ruhnu
Day 4,	28.06.2019.	10:00	Skippers meeting
		11:00	1 st warning signal for Ruhnu-Kuiviži
Day 5,	29.06.2019.	10:00	Skippers meeting
		11:00	1 st warning signal for Kuiviži-Kuiviži inshore race
		A.S.A.P.	Prize giving ceremony

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

- 7.2. Six races are scheduled including:
- four offshore race
- two inshore races
- 7.3. On the last day of regatta no warning signal will be given after 14:00 unless it follows signal of general recall or postponement (Flag AP) of a race whose first warning signal had been made before 14:00

8. CLASS FLAG

The Class flag(s) will be:

ORC pennant 1; LYS1 pennant 2; LYS2 pennant 3.

9. THE START

- 9.1. Races will be started in the following class order: ORC, LYS 1, LYS 2. 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 10 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 72. The failure or delay to broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10. THE COURSE

- 10.1. Description of the courses will be posted on the official notice boards not later than 2 (two) hours before warning signal of first race of each day.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between orange flag on race committee boat and yellow starting buoy.
- 10.3. The finishing line will be between yellow cylindrical mark and blue flag on the race committee boat or ashore between blue flag and assigned finishing buoy.
- 10.4. If flag "O" is hoisted on the race committee boat then additional yellow mark is set 0,8 miles upwind from starting line.
- 10.5. Hoisted flag "O" together with green triangular means to leave yellow mark to starboard.
- 10.6. Hoisted flag "O" together with red square means to leave yellow mark to port.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 while outside a Zone will be One-Turn penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 11.2. Boats scored OCS in offshore races will receive the 20% scoring penalty. This changes RRS A4.2.

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 race: 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 overall 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

- 13.2. For ORC Classes race results will be determined by Time on Time scoring system.
- 13.3. In LYS Classes time-on-time scoring method will apply. Corrected time will be calculated according to LYS scoring coefficient.
- 13.4. For Livonia Sailing Cup:
 - 13.4.1. result is calculated as sum of corrected time of all races;
 - 13.4.2. to qualify for Livonia Cup ranking all races of the regatta should be finished and counted.
- 13.5. 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).
- 13.6. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply
- 13.7. The championship is valid if at least 1 race is completed. No discard will be allowed.

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. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1. The time limit for the Offshore course is +40% of the time of the first finishing boat in the class. Boats, who will be exceeding time limits of course, will be recorded as DNF (did not

finish), except those who are scored DSQ, BFD, OCS, RAF, RDG, DGM or DNE. This changes RRS rule 35

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.

20. COMMUNICATION

- 20.1. Radio communication with Race Committee during the regatta will be on VHF channel 72. The Race Committee may give verbal confirmation of any race signal over VHF Channel 72. 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. Winner of each Class will be awarded with title of Latvian Offshore Champion 2019
- 21.2. Three best scored boats of each Class will be awarded with medals of Latvian Offshore Championship.
- 21.3. The boat of each Class, which has raced the shortest total corrected time of all races of the regatta will be awarded with Livonia Sailing Cup.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All those taking part in the regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. The organizing authority and any other party involved in the organization of the Gulf of Riga Regatta, Latvian Open Offshore Sailing Championship 2019 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.