

LATVIAN OPEN SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP 2017
in Optimist, Laser 4.7, Laser Radial, Laser Standard, 29er and T293 classes
10 - 13 August, "Burasanas Klubs 360"
Riga, Kisezers. Roberta Feldmana Str. 8A

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by:
- *World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing*; further in text RRS;
 - *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;
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages in documents, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4 The term 'boat' in these SI means 'boat' or 'board' as appropriate.

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 30 minutes' in the race signal 'AP'.
- 4.4 For T293 class, during scheduled races, signals made ashore will be displayed at the separate mast, located near the board launching area of "Burasanas Klubs 360".

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Scheduled times of warning signal for the first race of the day are:
- August 11th - 12:00
 - August 12th - 10:00
 - August 13th - 10:00
- 5.2 Scheduled time of warning signal for the first Medal Race on August 13th - 14:00
- 5.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:30, except for the Medal Race (-s).

6 CLASS FLAGS

- Laser Standard - white with class insignia.
- Laser Radial - green with class insignia.
- Laser 4.7 - yellow with class insignia.
- 29er - white with red class insignia.
- Optimist - white with black class insignia.
- T293 U17 - white with class insignia.
- T293 U15 - blue with class insignia.
- T293 U13 - yellow with class insignia.
- T293 3.5 - red with class insignia.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 Racing will take place on the Kisezers lake.
- 7.2 There will be two separate racing areas:
- Racing area A for all boat classes except 29er class.
 - Racing area B for T293 and 29er 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

- 9.1 Course racing area A:
All marks will be a large, cylindrical, yellow buoys.
- 9.2 Course racing area B:
Marks No. 1 - 4 will be a pyramid-shaped, red buoys.
Mark No. 1A will be a large, cylindrical, red buoy.

10 THE START

- 10.1 To alert boats 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 five 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 cylindrical yellow buoy with black stripe.
- 10.3 **(DP)** Boats 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 boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes Rules A4 and A5.
- 10.5 A Race committee boat displaying flag 'G' 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. Boats 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 red cylindrical buoy .
- 11.2 **(DP)** Boat 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.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 Appendix P will apply, but is changed as follows:
- Rule P2.3 will not apply;
 - Rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 12.2 A boat that took one or two turns penalty for breach of part 2 or 3 of the RRS, shall report the penalty to the Race Office. Report shall be made in writing, within a protest time limit.

13 DISCRETIONARY PENALTIES - (DP)

- 13.1 DP are at the discretion of Protest committee, but shall be not worse than DSQ.
- 13.2 A boat 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 boats 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 boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).

14 TIME LIMITS

Boat failing to *finish* within 20 minutes after the first boat of her class sails the course and *finishes* will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 A boat, intending to protest about the incident while *racing* , shall inform Race Committee about her intention immediately after *finishing* by hailing the sail number of boat 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 20 minutes after the end of the protest time limit.
Hearings will be held in the protest room, beginning at the time posted on notice.
- 15.5 Notices of protests by the Race committee or Protest committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).
- 15.6 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

- 16.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series in each class.
- 16.2 When less than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.3 When 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 16.4 For classes with Medal Race, a boat's qualifying series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score in the qualifying series races.
- 16.5 When qualified for Medal Race, a boat's series score will be her qualifying series score plus double number of points in the Medal Race.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS (DP)

- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.2 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. "At all times" covers the period from going afloat until coming ashore. This changes Preamble of Part 4 and Rule 40.

18 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

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

19 EQUIPMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and SI.

20 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:

- Main Race committee boat for in racing area A - light red flag with letters 'RC'.
- Main Race committee boat for in racing area B - light blue flag with letters 'RC'.
- Other Race committee boats - white flag with letters 'RC'.
- Jury boats - yellow flag with word 'JURY'.
- Media boats - white flag with word 'MEDIA'.

21 SUPPORT BOATS (DP)

- 21.1 In the time from preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats 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 75 meters away from any boat *racing*, except when Race committee signals a postponement, abandonment, general recall or when boats shall be given help according to Rule 1.1.
- 21.2 When restrictions of SI 21.1 apply, motoring speed of coach and support boats shall not exceed 5 knots

22 TRASH DISPOSAL

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

23 PRIZES

- 23.1 With medals and diplomas will be awarded:
- boats - first 3 places in each boat class overall and in each scoring group separately
 - in T293 class - first 3 places in each division.
- 23.2 In case of three entries in the scoring group for boats, 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 Rule 4, 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

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Principal Race Officer _____
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