



NOTICE OF RACE

OPEN FINNISH IRC - CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA AUGUST 1- 2. 2009

THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE WELCOMES ALL IRC -CLASS YACHTS AND YACHTSMEN & WOMEN TO THE OPEN IRC CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP IN FINLAND 2009!

ORGANIZING YACHT CLUBS:

Hangö Udds Segelsällskap Rf (HUS) in co-operation with Espoon Pursiseura Ry (EPS)

RULES:

ISAF RRS with additions by the Finnish Sailing Federation (SPL/FSF),
This Notice of Race,
Sailing Instructions,
The IRC Special Rules And Regulations.

Yachts participating in the IRC class must be fully compliant with the IRC Rules Parts 1, 2 and 3.

The organizer preserves the right to require all boats display advertising provided by the event organizer in accordance with ISAF regulation 20.

SAFETY AND INSURANCE:

All participating yachts shall meet the safety regulations of SPL/FSF class 3 or equivalent. However, all responsibility for the safety of the boats, the crew's ability and the condition of the safety equipment lies solely on the person in charge for that vessel.

Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of EUR250.000 for material damage and EUR500.000 for personal damage.

ELIGIBILITY, RATING & RACING CLASSES:

All participating yachts shall have a valid and ENDORSED IRC rating certificate.

The owners/skippers of the yachts shall be members of the Finnish Sailing Federation, or their national equivalents.

Competitors shall provide the organizing authority a copy of their certificate with the registration not later than 24th July 2009. The original or a certified copy of the final rating certificate shall be presented for inspection at the registration at regatta office not later than 09:00 hours 1st of August.

The organizing committee preserves right to divide the yachts to two or more classes.

SCORING:

The ISAF RRS Appendix A Low Point scoring System will be used. The Regatta is designated as a Series under Rule A2.

For all classes, a minimum of 2 completed races is required to constitute a series. If more than 2 inshore races are completed one (inshore) discard will be allowed.

If a race is cancelled or abandoned by the Race Committee, the above minimum may be adjusted accordingly.

SCHEDULE:

- Regatta Office will be open for competitors 15:00-20:00 hours Friday 31st July and 08:00-09:00 hours 1st August 2009.
- Skippers meeting 09:00 hours 1st of August 2009
- Start coastal / distance race 11:00 hours 1st of August 2009
- 3 inshore Windward/Leeward races scheduled for 2nd of August, first start 10:00
- the time limit for the warning signal of the last race is 15:00

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

The final sailing instructions shall be available for registered yachts at HUS clubhouse.

COURSES:

The starting/racing area is outside the Hangö Udds Segelsällskap Rf harbour in Hanko The exact description of these shall be included in sailing instructions.

PRIZES:

The overall winner(s) of the class(es) shall be presented a "IRC Championship Finland" perpetual trophy. Prizes for the overall top finishing yachts are presented according to SPL/FSF recommendations.

The winner(s) of the Offshore/Coastal race and the best Inshore Yacht(s) are presented special prizes.

Other prizes including prizes for individual races and divisional results and line honors may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

REGISTRATION & ENTRY FEES:

Participating yachts shall be registered at organizing yacht club HUS and entry fees paid before 24th of July. Registrations are to be sent to Hangö Udds Segelsällskap. Västfjärdsvägen 1, 10940 Hangö, or e-mail:tavling@husrf.fi.

Entry fee of EUR120,00 are to be paid to Hangö Udds Segelsällskap r.f. bank account Nordea 201218-7734. Skipper's name, boat registration number (sail number) and name and the regatta shall be mentioned in the notices section of the payment.

The organizers preserve the right to accept late entries not later than 09:00 hours 1st August at a special late entry fee of EUR180,00.

RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating in the Open Finnish IRC-Class Championship Regatta any competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the Regatta the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, his/her name and any still or motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her without compensation.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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