



**Avomeripurjehduksen yhdistetyt Suomen
ja Viron avoimet ORCi - mestaruuskilpailut**

**The combined open Finnish and Estonian
ORCi Championship**



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BALTIC OFFSHORE WEEK 2009

26. – 31.7.2009 Hanko

KEISARI BALTIC OFFSHORE WEEK. HANKO 26TH TO 31ST JULY 2009

In 2008, the Estonian and Finnish offshore sailing championship events were combined into the Baltic Offshore Week. The first edition of the new regatta was arranged by Kalev Jahtklubi in Pirita, the sailing center of Tallinn.

As originally planned the 2009 Baltic Offshore Week will take place in Finland and the town of Hanko has been selected as the venue for the event. Nokian Panimo, producers of the Keisari beer have agreed to sponsor the event that is thus called **Keisari Baltic Offshore Week**.

The regatta will be sailed under the ORCi rating system. All classes qualify for the Estonian championship title. Finnish championship medals are awarded to the winners in classes 1 and 2 while class 3 counts as a class championship in Finland.

The organizing club for Keisari Baltic Offshore Week is Hangö Segelförening in cooperation with The Finnish Offshore Racing Association. The event takes place from 26th to 31st July 2009.

Hangö Segelförening and The Finnish Offshore Racing Association welcome you to Keisari Baltic Offshore Week.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZING BODIES:

Hangö Segelförening and Avomeripurjehtijat (The Finnish Offshore Racing Association)

2. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012, the Rules for the Finnish Offshore Championship, the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, the ORCi rules and regulations and this Notice of Race (except as any of these is altered by the Sailing Instructions) and the Sailing Instructions. All participating boats may be required to carry advertisements supplied by the organizers.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The regatta is open to all boats having a valid ORCi measurement certificate. Said certificate has to be dated not later than 20th July 2009. Exceptions to this rule may be granted only if agreed before that date. The skipper and the crew members of participating boats have to be members of a member club of the Finnish or the Estonian Sailing Federation or of another national authority. The skipper or the owner or the owner's representative, if he is part of the crew of the boat, has to be a member of the class organization The Finnish Offshore Racing Association or a similar foreign association. All participants in the long offshore race are required to carry a valid passport or an official EU identity card.

4. CLASSES

Participating boats are divided into classes according to ORCi Rule 003 as follows:

Class GPH

ORCi 1 ->610

ORCi 2 610,1 – 650

ORCi 3 650,1->

Classes may be combined at the Race Committee's discretion.

5. ENTRY AND ENTRY FEES

Entries should be submitted not later than July 9th, 2009 using the entry form available at the www.avomeripurjehtijat.fi website. An entry is considered valid only when the entry fee has been fully paid. When submitting the payment, the following information should be given in the "comments" field: the mention "BOW2009", the boat's sail number and the skipper's name. The entry fee for classes ORCi 1 is 200€ and for classes ORCi 2 and ORCi 160€. Harbour fees are not included in the entry fees. An additional fee of 100€ will be added for late entrès.

A special harbour rate package has been negotiated with the harbour operator. If paid in advance together with the entry fee, the harbour fee incl. shore power from 26th to 31st July is 90€ per boat.

Entry fees should be paid to the following account of Hangö Segelförening:
AKTIA BANK 405584-510805 , IBAN: FI93 4055 8450 0108 05, SWIFT/BIC-code: HELSFIHH

6. SCHEDULE

Su 26.7	12:00 - 20:00	Registration
Mo 27.7	09:00 - 15:00	Registration
	16:00	Skippers' meeting
	18:00	Offshore Race
Tue 28.7		Finish, Offshore Race
We 29.7	11:00	1-2 Windward/leeward races
		Coastal Race
		Crew Party including buffet dinner. Cost approximately 15€/person.
Thu 30.7	11:00	2 - 3 Windward/leeward races
		After Sail and Price Ceremony
Fri 31.7		Spare Day. No races will be held on the Spare Day if the offshore race and two or more other races have been completed.

7. REGATTA VENUE

The base harbour for the regatta is the Eastern harbour in Hanko.
Boats are requested to stay in the Eastern Harbour or at Itämeren Portti/Östersjöns port during the regatta. Participating boats should arrive not later than 10.00 on July 27th. At least one representative has to be on or at each boat.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at the regatta office from 12.00 on Sunday July 26th. The following documents are required:

- measurement certificate with appendices
- valid boat certificate issued by National Authority or Sailing Club
- crew list and list of sails to be used. Forms available at event website
- insurance certificate

9. SAFETY

Boats are required to be equipped as specified in the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Category 3 without life raft with the following exceptions:

- Spare navigation lights do not have to meet the requirements for main navigation lights but they must have a separate power source (3.27.4).
- A functioning VHF telephone is required. Exception (3.29.1 ii): The antenna must be installed at least 2 m above deck level. The VHF communication must be on continuously during races. A hand-held VHF telephone is not required.
- White hand flares and orange smokes are not required.

The organizers emphasize that the skipper is always responsible for the safety of the boat and its crew. The numbers in the sails have to correspond to those given in the measurement certificate. All sails need to be measured and stamped before the races. Control checks of boats, equipment and crew will be undertaken after the individual races. Boats have to be insured for third party damages up to 500.000€

10. START AND RACING AREA

The starts and the windward/leeward races will take place on the course area „A” (East of Russarö). The coastal race will be sailed outside of the Finnish coast and the offshore race on the Gulf of Finland.

11. CHARTS

The Finnish nautical charts 952, 21 and 22 or corresponding paper charts are required.

12. CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES OF SAILING

12.1 Addendum to RRS 64.3: “Compliance with Class Rules”: If a boat has broken any ORC rule or regulation to a non significant extent, an amount of time corresponding to 1-3% of its sailed time shall be added to that time.

12.2 Alternative penalties

- For the offshore race, scoring penalties according to 44.3 will be applied
- In the Windward/Leeward races rule 44.2 will be applied so that the two turns (720 deg.) penalty is replaced by a one turn (360 deg.) penalty
- If a boat breaks any rule in Part 4 or Part 6, the protest committee may replace the disqualification penalty by a scoring penalty worsening her position by 1-3 places. This will not be applied when the rule 41 or 42 has been broken. This changes Rule A 4.1.

12.3 Sailing during the dark hours.

During the dark period, RRS will be replaced by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, COLREGs

13. SCORING

Results are to be calculated using the ORC approved method where wind conditions are taken into consideration. Scoring is based on ISAF's low point system modified to give the first finisher 0.75 points instead of 1 point.

The weight coefficient for the various race types are as follows:

- Offshore race 1.4
- Coastal race 1.2
- Windward/Leeward races 1.0

If 4 or 5 W/L races are sailed the worst result will be excluded. No result in the offshore race or coastal race will be excluded.

14. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- Championship medals issued by the Finnish and Estonian Sailing Federations will be distributed to the first three boats in class ORCi 1 and ORCi 2. The number of medals awarded to each boat equals the number of persons sailing simultaneously on that boat. The ORCi 3 class is not entitled to Finnish Championship status and championship medals will be replaced by other corresponding prizes. Estonian championship medals will be distributed in class 3.
- Trophies of The Finnish Offshore Racing Association to be awarded as will be specified in the Sailing Instructions .

All prizes will be awarded at the prize giving ceremony and those awarded are therefore expected to participate in that ceremony.

15. DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta on their own sole responsibility in accordance with RRS rule 4. The organizers do not accept any responsibility for any material or personal damages or deadly accidents that happen in connection with the regatta or before, during or after the regatta.

16. ORGANIZERS, MORE INFORMATION

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