

BALTIC OFFSHORE WEEK 2014

21.-24.08.2014.

Tallinn, Estonia

1 Organizing Authority

The **BALTIC OFFSHORE WEEK 2014** is organized by the **ESS Kalev Yacht Club** under the authority of **Estonian Yachting Union (EYU)** and under the overall authority of the **Offshore Racing Congress (ORC)**.

2 Rules

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 2.2 The following rules will also apply:
 - a) IMS Rule
 - b) ORC Rating Systems Rule
 - c) ORC Championship Rules
 - d) ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, category 4 with following exceptions:
 - 4.23.1.- 3 red hand flares are mandatory;
 - 4.26. - recommended;
 - 5.01.1. a) - 100N buoyancy is mandatory instead of 150N buoyancy;
 - 5.01.1. c) – recommended.
 - e) 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.
- 2.3 No national authority prescription will apply.
- 2.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

3 Advertising

- 3.1 ISAF Advertising Code will apply. Boats displaying their personal advertising shall own the Advertising Certificate required by the National Authority of the Person in Charge.
- 3.2 Boats are required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.
- 3.3 The Organizing Authority may also require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of onboard video cameras and position devices.

4 Eligibility

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats with valid ORC International or ORC Club certificate dated no later than 07.08.2014.
- 4.2 The skipper and the crew members of participating Finnish boats have to be members of a member club of the Finnish Sailing Federation. 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 Finnish Offshore Racing Association.

5 Classes

Participating boats are divided into Classes as follows:

Class	GPH
ORC 1	< 615
ORC 2	615,1-645
ORC 3	645,1-700
ORC 4	> 700

6 Entries and Entry Fee

- 6.1 Eligible boats may enter by filling in the online registration form at www.bow.fi and sending a copy of the yachts rating certificate to the:

Kalev Yacht Club, Pirita tee 17, 11911, Tallinn, Estonia

indrek@kjk.ee

www.bow.fi

Indrek Ilves GSM +372 5052526

- 6.2 The non-refundable entry fees are as follows

	By 31.05.2014.	By 21.07.2014.	After 21.07.2014.
ORC 1	160€	250€	400€
ORC 2	160€	250€	400€
ORC 3	160€	250€	4000€
ORC 4	130€	200€	350€

per boat and should be forwarded to:

ESS Kalev Yacht Club

Swedbank

Liivalaia 8, 15040, Tallinn, Estonia

SWIFT/BIC HABAE2X

IBAN EE652200221002100774

Description: **BOW2014, Boat Name, Sail Number**

- 6.3 A boat is considered to be pre-registered if the following documents are received before 21.07.2014.
- Completed and signed official entry form
 - Current ORCi or ORC Club Certificate
 - Entry fee payment confirmation
- 6.4 The organizer is not responsible for any costs incurred by the non-acceptance of a boat's registration.

7 Registration

- 7.1 Each Owner or Skipper must personally register in the Race Office located in Kalev Yacht Club marina. from 10:00, 21.08.2014. until 21:00, 21.08.2014.
- 7.2 The following documents shall be presented at registration:
- Valid ORCi or ORC Club certificate issued before 07.08.2014.
 - Valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of 500 000€
 - If advertising is displayed, a respective National Authority permission
 - Crew list with name, surname and weight for each crew member
 - Contact phone number both on boat and land, including the name of contact person
 - Liability acceptance form, duly filled out and signed
 - Sails declaration, with a list of all identifiable sails which will be used during the event
This changes RRS 78.2.
- 7.3 Measurement protests by the boats shall be accepted up to two hours after the posting of the final ratings.
- 7.4 Crew lists may be amended up to 21:00, 21.08.2014. by filling a new form showing the changes. After this time, changes in crew may be made only with the written permission of the International Jury.

8 Schedule

- 8.1 Day 1, 21.08.2014. – 10:00-21:00 Registration and measurement
Day 2, 22.08.2014. – 10:00 offshore race
Day 3, 23.08.2014. – up to 4 inshore races
Day 4, 24.08.2014. – up to 2 inshore races followed by coastal race
On the last day no races are scheduled after 15:00
- One offshore race approximately 10-12 hours duration for the slowest boat. The scoring coefficient shall be 1.4. Offshore race may be re-scheduled when required by weather conditions.

- b) One coastal race approximately 2-3 hours duration for the slowest boat. The scoring coefficient shall be 1,1.
 - b) Inshore races shall be of approximately 1.5 hours duration, and shall have a scoring coefficient of 1.0.
- 8.2 Eight races are scheduled including offshore race and seven inshore races. Inshore races will be windward/leeward races.
- 8.3 The championship is valid if at least 2 inshore races and offshore race are completed. One discard will be allowed if 4 inshore races are completed. The discard may be any inshore race. The offshore race and coastal race may not be discarded.

9 Measurement

Each boat shall be available for the measurement inspection from 10:00, 21.08.2014. Measurement and rules compliance inspections will be carried out throughout the championship before or after each race with emphasis on boats well placed in the scoring. The inspection will also include freeboards whenever possible.

10 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available for each entrant at completion of the registration formalities.

11 Scoring

- 11.1 Windward/leeward race results will be determined by corrected times calculated by Performance Line Inshore scoring method.
- 11.2 Offshore race results will be determined by corrected times calculated by Performance Line Offshore scoring method.
- 11.3 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A. Points will be multiplied by the appropriate scoring coefficient.

12 Protest committee

A Protest Committee will be appointed according to RRS 91(a).

13 Nautical charts

The following nautical charts of the Estonian Maritime Administration are utilized as a reference in the Sailing Instructions: Charts of Estonia Vol. 1, Gulf of Finland 2007.

14 Moorings

Participating boats will have moorings free of charge in the regatta harbours for the period 21.-24.08.2014. and for the period 16.-20.08.2014 for 6€ per 24h.

16 Media rights

Competitors, owners and their guests give absolute right and permission to the Organizing Authority for any photography and video footage taken of persons and boats during the event, to be published and/or broadcast in any media, including but not limited to TV advertisements, whatsoever for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information.

17 Communication

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.

The Race Committee uses VHF channel 11.

18 Trophies and Prizes

- 18.1 Championship medals issued by the Finnish Sailing Federation will be distributed to the first three boats in classes ORC1, ORC2 and ORC3. The number of medals awarded to each boat equals the number of persons sailing on that boat at the same time.
- 18.2 Championship medals issued by the Estonian Yachting Union will be distributed to the first three boats in each class. The number of medals awarded to each boat equals the number of persons sailing on that boat at the same time.
- 18.3 Other prizes and trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the organizers. All medals and prizes will be awarded at the Prize Giving Ceremony and all participants are expected to participate in that ceremony

19 Disclaimer of Liability

All those taking part in the regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Organizing Authority, ORC and any other party involved in the organization of the Baltic Offshore Week 2014 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 ISAF Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing.

20 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of 500 000€ per event. Regardless, it is the responsibility of the owners to hold adequate insurance cover for Tort Liability and Third Party Insurance (Property and Persons). Competitor can purchase the insurance at the Race Office.

21 Further information

For further information please contact: Mr. Indrek Ilves, ESS Kalev Yacht Club, Pirita tee 17, 11911, Tallinn, Estonia or indrek@kjk.ee