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BALTIC OFFSHORE WEEK 2010

12-15.8.2010 Esbo Espoo



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Harbour

NOTICE OF RACE

AKTIA BOW 11.08. -15.08.2010, SPONSORED BY AKTIA BANK

1. ORGANIZING BODIES

Esbo Segelförening and Avomeripurjehtijat ry. – Havskappseglarna rf., that is “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 IMS and the ORC Rating Systems Rules, 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 as required by the organizers.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The regatta is open to all boats having a valid ORCi or ORC Club certificate. Said certificate has to be dated no later than August 7th, 2010. Exceptions to this rule may be approved only if agreed upon 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.

4. CLASSES

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

Class GPH
ORC 1 ->625
ORC 2 625,1 – 665
ORC 3 665,1->

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

5. ENTRY AND ENTRY FEES

Entries should be submitted not later than August 1st, 2010 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 “BOW2010”, the boat’s sail number and the skipper’s name

The entry fee for classes ORC 1 is 160€ and for classes ORC 2 140€ and ORC 3 120€. Harbour fees are included in the entry fees. An additional fee of 70€ will be added for late entries.

Entry fees should be paid to the account of Esbo Segelförening: AKTIA BANK 405549-2145255 , IBAN FI31 4055 4920 1452 55, SWIFT/BIC-code HELSFIHH

6. SCHEDULE

We	11.08	12.00 - 16.00	Registration and Inspection of boats
Thu	12.08	10.00 - 14.00	Registration and Inspection of boats
		15.00	Skippers' meeting
		18.00	Offshore Race, 1 st Warning signal
Fri	13.08		Offshore Race finish
Sa	14.08	09.30	2 Windward/Leeward races, 1 st Warning signal, Coastal Race immediately after Windward/Leeward races Sailors' Party after Coastal Race
Su	15.08	09.30.	3 Windward/leeward races, 1 st Warning signal
		15.00	No Warning signal after this hour After Sail and Prize Giving Ceremony

7. REGATTA VENUE

The base harbours for the regatta are The Admiral's Harbour at Soukanniemi and the Paven Pentala harbour. Boats are requested to stay in the harbours during the regatta. Participating boats should arrive not later than 12.00 on August 12th. At least one representative has to be on or at each boat during Inspection hours.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at the regatta office from 12.00 on Wednesday, 11th of August. 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. Life-raft is recommended.

The numbers in the sails have to correspond to those given in the measurement certificate. Control checks of boats, equipment and crew will be undertaken before the races and after 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 South of Kytö. The Coastal race will start in the course area South of Kytö and then be sailed outside the Finnish coast in the Archipelago. The Offshore Race will start in the area North of Kytö and then be sailed on the Gulf of Finland. In the case of foul weather the starts of W/L and Coastal races may be moved to the area North of Kytö at the discretion of the Race Committee.

11. CHARTS

The Finnish nautical charts 952, 18 and 19 and the Estonian nautical chart 507 are recommended.

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 0-3% of its sailed time, at the discretion of the jury, shall be added to that time.

12.2 Alternative penalties

- For the Offshore and Coastal races 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 boats 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 0-3 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, 21.30 – 05.30, Navigation lights must be used and, the RRS will be replaced by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (as amended), 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

For Offshore and Coastal Races results will be determined by corrected times calculated by the constructed course method. For W/L Races results will be determined by corrected times calculated by fixed wind speed with W/L course.

The maximum time limit for the W/L races is calculated from the course distance to correspond to a speed of 2,5 knots for the fastest boat the class. If 4 or 5 W/L races are sailed the worst result will be excluded. No results in the Offshore or Coastal races will be excluded.

14. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- Championship medals issued by the Finnish Sailing Federations will be distributed to the first three boats in class ORC 2 and ORC 3. The number of medals awarded to each boat equals the number of persons sailing on that boat in the Offshore race. The ORC 1 class is not entitled to Finnish Championship status and championship medals will be replaced by Class Championship medals.
- Trophies of The Finnish Offshore Racing Association and ESF 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.

15. DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta on their own 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, CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION

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