

Organizing Authority Merenkävijät & Espoon Merenkävijät

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.1 The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2017-20), Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The following documents will be in effect: - ORC Rating Rules; - International Measurement System (IMS); First 31.7 class Rules with Finnish Class Association amendments - World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, category 4 with the following exceptions: p.4.26 – recommended; p.5.01.1 a) - does not apply, 100N buoyancy is mandatory instead of 150N buoyancy; p.5.01.1 c) - recommended.

1.3 If there is a conflict between language versions of the Sailing Instructions, English version shall prevail

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board www.merenkavijat.fi. Organizers aim to post all notices also to the physical notice board at Särkkä

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 2 hours before the warning signal of the race in which it will take effect.

3.2. Any changes to the schedule of races will be posted before 20:00 on the previous day it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole situated near the southside of the Särkkä island, visible from the race harbor.

4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore means: „All races not started are postponed. Don't leave the harbor prior further information

4.3. Also “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals 4.4. Flag L means: “A notice to competitors has been posted.”

5. SCHEDULE

5.1

Friday 24.8. - 16:00-21:00 Boat mooring to Särkkä

Saturday 25.8. - 11:00 Skippers meeting at Särkkä

12:00 First warning signal of the day for ORC-class, First 31.7 warning signal at the same time as ORC starting signal. Following races will be started as soon as reasonably achievable.

Sunday 26.8.

11:00 First warning signal of the day for ORC-class, First 31.7 warning signal at the same time as ORC starting signal. Following races will be started as soon as reasonably achievable.

5.2. On Saturday max 5 and on Sunday max 5 races will be sailed.

5.3. On Sunday 26.8 last warning signal no later than 15:00.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Class and flags:

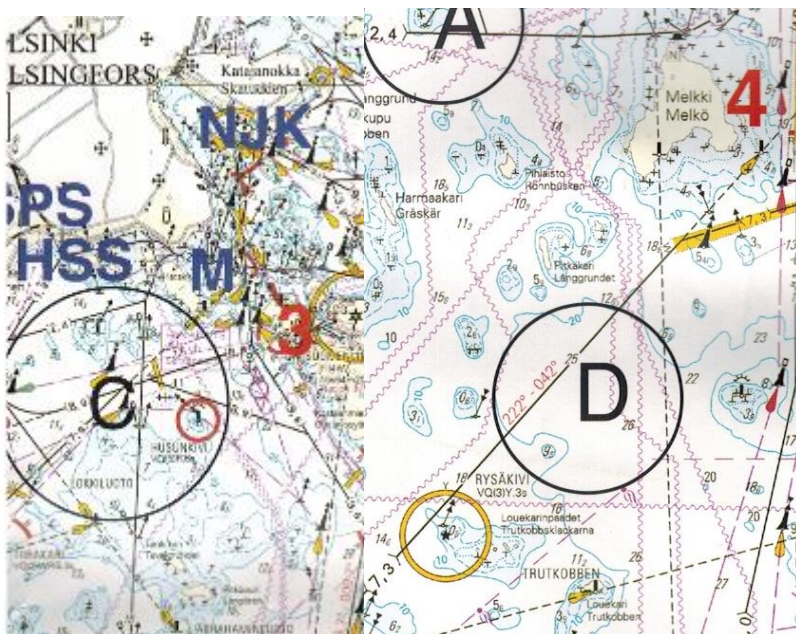
ORC: **D**

First31.7: **F**

7. THE COURSE

7.1 The course area will be located in the Race-course C, reserve area D. Areas can also be found here:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=168OAArR0QVG1ACs2igst5wp7s2k&hl=en_US



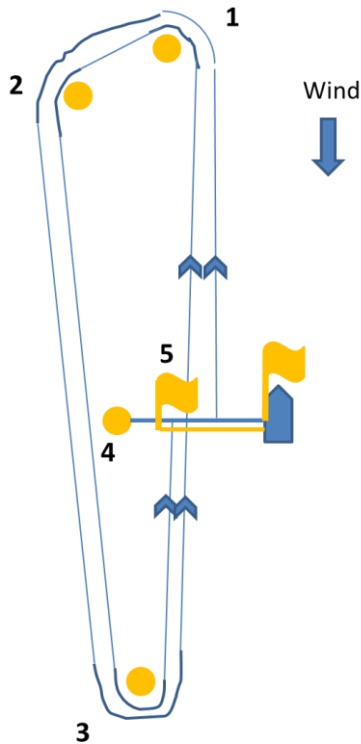
Race area C and D.

Race Committee shall notify the use of reserve area, if applicable, by 09:00 for each racing day.

7.2. Illustration of the course will be as follows, starting and finishing lines are separated vertically for sake of visibility:

Race course

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Race course: **Start** (blue line) **1-2-3-1-2-3-Finish** (orange line). Marks 1,2, 3 and 4 shall be orange buoys, mark 5 is a floating orange flag. All marks on the race course are to be left on the port side of the boat (note! After starting, Mark4 is not a mark at the race course). Start and Finish defined in detail in sections 8. and 9.

8. THE START

8.1. The starting procedure will be in accordance with RRS 26.

8.2. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and an orange buoy on the water on the **port side** of the Race Committee boat.

8.3. The starts will be given in the following order ORC, First 31.7.

8.4. The start of each group will be open for 4 minutes after its group starting signal.

8.5. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

9. FINISH

9.1. The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and an orange flag on the water on the **port side** of the Race Committee boat.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1. If a boat breaks any of the RRS rules of Chapter 2, rules 44.1 and 44.2 are amended so that only one turn, consisting of one tack and one gybe, is required.

10.2. For other breaches, point penalty or adding 1-10% of corrected time can be applied.

11. TIME LIMIT

11.1. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat in each class are scored as DNF.

12. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1. RRS 61 will apply, including following amendment: a boat shall inform the race committee of her intention to protest immediately after she finishes or retires. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

12.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. Protest forms can be found at Särkkä.

12.3. The same time limit applies to request for redress. This changes RRS 62.2.

13. SCORING

13.1 In ORC groups, Triple Number Time on Time scoring system will be used.

13.2. In First31.7 class, Low-point scoring (RRS Appendix A) shall be used.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1. The competitors shall pay attention to the RRS general rules 1 and 4. The competitors need to evaluate their capability, boat conditions to be certain, that they are able to start and compete without any risk caused by the wind strength and wind or weather conditions.

14.2. Boats retiring for any reason in any race shall promptly report to the race committee.

15. REPLACEMENT OF CREW

15.1. To replace a crew member a boat shall have a written permission from the measurer or PRO.

16. EQUIPMENT CHECKS

16.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with rules and sailing instructions.

17. PRIZES

17.1 The prizes will be awarded to the three best-scored boats of each group. First 31.7 Class championship trophy shall be awarded to the winner of First 31.7 class.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.

18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Part 1, rule 4, Decision to Race. 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 regatta.

19. INSURANCE

19.1 Each participating boat shall have a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 200 000 EUR. Copy of the Insurance Policy must be left at the Race Office.

20. COMMUNICATION OFF-SHORE

20.1 Race Committee shall inform competitors regarding race activities on VHF channel 77. Information received, or information not received via the VHF channel shall not be basis for redress. This changes RRS 60.1b

21. RACE OFFICE

PRO

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Event Management:

Notice to competitors, included in the race fee, salmon soup and beverage will be served outside the fort at "jollapiha" after Saturday's races. For further details and practical arrangements at Särkkä contact:

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