

LIGHT VESSEL & SHIELMARTIN RACE

Local SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3th July 2021

Since Corona still determines a part of our lives and things we can and should not do, the organizing team of the Royal Belgian Sailing Club and the race committee will do everything possible to make it a fantastic event for you, but this will only work with mutual respect, cooperation and commitment. We would like to thank you in advance for respecting the applicable rules during the event for hand hygiene, social distancing and the wearing of face masks. The organizing authority will refund the entry fee if the event should be cancelled due to a COVID-19 situation.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

All times in this notice of race are in Belgian summertime GMT+2 24-hour format.

1 RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the INDUMAR OPEN NORTH SEA CHAMPIONSHIP 2021 ALL EVENTS NOTICE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS, available at <https://www.onzk.be/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2021-INDUMAR-OPEN-NORTH-SEA-CHAMPIONSHIP-GSI.pdf> and the local notice of race.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 h on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 h on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at www.lightvesselrace.be and the harbour office.
- 3.2. The race office is located at the harbour office from the RBSC Zeebrugge, +3250544903, email nathalie@rbsc.be.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- 3.4. The following communications may be made by the race committee on VHF channel 72.
X ray / Shortened course / and all other communication.
- 3.5. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flag staff located near the clubhouse Alberta.
- 5.2. Code Flag "L" will be displayed if any Notice to Competitors or Change to Sailing Instructions has been posted.
- 5.3. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore with two (2) sound signals (one when lowered) means: "The race is postponed", "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 90 minutes" after "AP" is lowered. Boats are requested not to leave the harbour until this signal is removed.
- 5.4.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. Dates and number of races:

Date	Class CR	Class IRC
3 JULY 2021	1 long distance race	1 long distance race

- 6.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is:



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Date	Class	First warning signal
3 JULY	Warning Signal Light Vessel Race IRC 1 – 2 (TCC \geq 1,000) IRC 3 (TCC < 1,000)	11:00
3 JULY	Warning Signal Shielmartin Race CR 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6	11:10
	The order of the starting groups can change at the discretion of the race committee	

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. [See "all events sailing instructions" § 7]

7.2. [The class flags are:]

Class	Flag
IRC 1 (TCC \geq 1,045)	White Class Flag
IRC 2 (1,000 \leq TCC < 1,045)	Yellow Class Flag
IRC 3 (TCC < 1,000)	Purple Class Flag
CR 1 TCF > 1.0400 CR 2 TCF \leq 1.0400 and TCF > 1.0000	Class Flag "W"
CR 3 TCF \leq 1.0000 and TCF > 0.9700 CR 4 TCF \leq 0.9700 and TCF > 0.9300	Class Flag "K"
CR 5 TCF \leq 0.9300 and TCF > 0.8900 CR 6 TCF \leq 0.8900	Class Flag "F"

7.3. In case of insufficient entries classes may be combined

7.4. All yachts must display their class flag on the backstay at least 1,80 m. above deck.

8. RACING AREA

8.1. The racing area is The Racing Area is the North Sea; starting line in front of the coast of Knokke-Heist in the area between WK14 and MOW2.

8.2. The starting vessel will be recognised by its RBSC club pennant.

8.3. The Regatta site is the RBSC Zeebrugge, Rederskaai 1 8380 Zeebrugge

9. COURSES

9.1. Addendum 1 shows the courses including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be rounded.

9.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10. MARKS

10.1. Coastal race for the CR will be sailed around existing navigational buoys and mark 1 (a yellow inflatable buoy).

10.2. Coastal race for the IRC will be sailed around existing navigational buoys and mark 1 (a yellow inflatable buoy).

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1. See the local Sea Charts for obstructions.

12. THE START

12.1. To inform boats that a start, or sequence of starts, will be given, an orange flag will be shown for at least 5 minutes.

12.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end of the starting line, and a black buoy at the port end.

12.3. Boats whose warning flag has not been displayed shall keep clear of the starting line between the warning and starting signals of the other fleet's start.

12.4. The RC Signal boats may use their engines to stay in position if needed, this cannot be used as ground for protest or redress by a boat.

12.5. In addition to RRS 29.1, the Race Committee may also announce individual recalls on VHF, using the words "X-Ray". Individual recall details such as "sail numbers" and/or "boat names" may subsequently be given, but not necessarily immediately after the start. It always remains the individual responsibility of a boat to start correctly under RRS 29.1 and RRS 30.1.

12.6. In addition to RRS 29.2, the Race Committee may also announce general recalls on VHF, using the words "General Recall".

12.7. Starting groups :

IRC 1 – 2 (TCC \geq 1,000)

IRC 3 (TCC < 1,000)

CR 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6

The order of the starting groups can change at the discretion of the race committee

12.8. A boat that does not start within 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13. SPARE

14. THE FINISH

14.1. The finishing line for the Light Vessel Race - IRC and the Shielmartin Race will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel at the starboard end and a white buoy at the port end.

14.2. The location of the finishing line will be the same as the start line.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1. See "all event notice" § 14

15.2. A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 44.1 or retired under RRS 31.2 shall complete and file an acknowledgement form at the Regatta Office.

15.3. RRS 42.1 will be applied. As foreseen in the Fundamental Rule of World Sailing (assistance) or to recover a person who fell overboard, the RRS 42.3 (f) (propulsion) allows to use the engine or other means of propulsion. Such an incident must be declared at the finish of the race and shall be reported on the race declaration. In case of unforeseen circumstances, a yacht may be in a position whereby she is bound to use the engine or other means of propulsion, so as not to infringe the International Regulations For Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCS) or the governing right-of-way rules applicable to the area. Such an incident must be reported on the race declaration. In this case, the Jury may announce a disqualification if it is convinced that the involved yacht gained a significant advantage.

15.4. An infringement of the IRPCAS or local harbour rules will be scored DSQ without a hearing, this changes Appendix A5.

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1. The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Class	Time limit	Finishing window
CR	18:00	120 minutes
IRC	18:00	90 minutes

16.2. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat of her class sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1. For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

17.2. Hearing request forms are available from the race office at the harbour office.

17.3. Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at harbour office, beginning at the time posted.

18. SCORING

18.1. See local notice of race § 15

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1. See "all event sailing instructions" § 19

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1. See "all event sailing instructions" § 20

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1. See "all event sailing instructions" § 21

22. SPARE

23. [NP] OFFICIAL VESSELS

23.1. Official vessels will be identified as follows:

23.1.1. Race committee boat: RBSC pennant

24. [NP] [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

24.1. Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels, shall comply with the support team regulations of the notice of race.

24.2. Support person vessels shall be identified as requested in the notice of race.

25. [DP] TRASH DISPOSAL

25.1. For COVID-19 reasons, trash may not be placed aboard official vessels

26. BERTHING

26.1. See notice of race § 18

27. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

27.1. See notice of race § 19

28. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS



28.1. See notice of race § 20

29. PRIZES

29.1. See notice of race § 24

30. RISK STATEMENT

30.1. See notice of race § 22

31. INSURANCE

31.1. See notice of race § 23

32. ORGANISATION

32.1. The principal race officer is: Paul Charlier

32.2. The chairman of the protest committee is

SI Addendum 1 / Course to Sail

For both classes IRC and CR

- The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting vessel at the starboard end and a black buoy at the port end. The finishing line (at the same place of the starting line) will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel at the starboard end and a white buoy at the port end.
The starting and finishing line are in front of the coast of Knokke-Heist in the area between WK14 and MOW2.
- Approximately 0,5 NM before the finishing line, boats must report on channel 72 to the race committee boat “race committee Light Vessel” announcing their approach. In case VHF fails, the participants can communicate with the Race committee over mobile phone, the number is +32 497 47 80 03.
- To alert boats that the race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed. The course of the inshore race to sail will be indicated by a pennant number flag on board of the starting vessel “GIF”, the number of the pennant number flag will show the course to sail.
- A green flag displayed means that the Buoy 1 mark (inflatable yellow buoy) has to be rounded to starboard .
Absence of green flag means that the Buoy 1 mark (inflatable yellow buoy) has to be rounded on port.
- All marks have “to be rounded” on Port or Starboard as indicated in the course to sail
- The use of AIS is mandatory, when the boat is equipped with. Boats who are not using their AIS will be considered as non-participating and non-starting.

Course to sail class CR

Course 1 (pennant 1)

Start, mark 1 yellow buoy* , BVH stb, W stb, WK14 port, W1 stb, W3 stb, CADW stb, MOW2 stb, BVH stb, W stb, WK14 port, W1 stb, MOW2 stb, Finish (at the same place of the starting line) between the blue flag on the finishing ship at starboard and the white buoy at port from the direction of the previous mark **+28,20'**

Course 2 (pennant 2)

Start, mark 1 yellow buoy* , BVH stb, W stb, WK14 port, W1 stb, W3 stb, CADW stb, MOW2 stb, BVH stb, W stb, WK14 port, Finish (at the same place of the starting line) between the blue flag on the finishing ship at starboard and the white buoy at port from the direction of the previous mark **+22,00'**

*mark 1 is a yellow inflatable buoy.

Course to sail class IRC

Course 1 (pennant 1)

Start, mark 1 yellow buoy* , BVH stb, W stb, WK14 port, W1 stb, W3 stb, CADW stb, MOW2 stb, BVH stb, W stb, WK14 port, W1 stb, MOW2 stb, BVH stb, W stb, W1 stb, MOW2 stb, Finish (at the same place of the starting line) between the blue flag on the finishing ship at starboard and the white buoy at port from the direction of the previous mark **+37,00'**

Course 2 (pennant 2)

Start, mark 1 yellow buoy* , BVH stb, W stb, WK14 port, W1 stb, W3 stb, CADW stb, MOW2 stb, BVH stb, W stb, WK14 port, W1 stb, MOW2 stb, Finish (at the same place of the starting line) between the blue flag on the finishing ship at starboard and the white buoy at port from the direction of the previous mark **+28,20'**

*Mark 1 is a yellow inflatable buoy.

Important notice for leaving and entering the harbor

When leaving the harbor, the race committee boat GIF will contact and inform Port Control for all boats that leave the harbor to the racing area! Do not one by one contact Port Control.

However it's mandatory to be standby on VHF channel 71 for eventually further notice given by Port Control after you have left your berth.

To enter the harbor after the race, it is mandatory to follow the instructions given by Port Control.

Please read carefully the following document [link](#).

Marks on chart (**this information is no ground for protest**)

