

500 MILE

NORTH SEA RACE



Den Helder Whitby
Scarborough IJmuiden

28th June 2020

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Organizing authorities

- Committee 500-MILE NORTH SEA RACE
- Scarborough Yacht Club (www.syc.org.uk)

Objective and concept

The event is intended to promote all aspects of sailing with shorthanded crews and to provide a qualifier and training course as well as a stepping stone for long-distance shorthanded races.

Notice of Race (v 1.1)

1. Rules

1.1 The event will be held in compliance with the following documents and regulations:

- a. Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), subject to the exceptions in NoR 1.2
- b. 2020-2021 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Monohulls Category 2 races, subject to the exceptions in NoR 1.3 and the Sailing Instructions.
- c. The International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS).
- d. Local regulations (Ports of IJmuiden and Scarborough) and instructions by harbour authorities.
- e. For IRC classes, IRC rules 2020 (Part A, B and C) will apply.
- f. The 500-Mile North Sea Race Sailing Instructions, which will be published on or before 1st May 2020 (www.500mile.nl)
- g. The 500-Mile North Sea Race Notice of Race.
- h. Offshore sailing can be hazardous. The attention of crew and particularly the skipper is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to race or continue racing is hers alone" and to Special Regulation 1.02.1 which begins: "The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge" (= the skipper of each yacht)

1.2 The following 2017-2020 RRS have been amended:

- a. RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall): amended for the first leg of the race in the Sailing Instructions.
- b. RRS 40 (Personal Flotation Devices): not applicable. Wearing life vests and using life lines is the responsibility of the crew and is highly recommended.
- c. RRS 42.2 (Prohibited Actions), addition (f.): "repetitive movement of the keel and/or mast and/or ruder that are unnecessary for the progression of the boat".
- d. RRS 51 (Moveable Ballast) not applicable. Replace with: "All moveable ballast shall be properly stowed, and the boat meet the safety requirements of the Offshore Special Regulations Category 2". (Also see 1.4.a)
- e. RRS 52 (Manual Power) should read: "A boat's standing rigging, running rigging, spars shall be adjusted and operated only by manual power. If not, a time penalty will be applied. Boats are allowed to use electrical energy to fill and/or empty ballast tanks and/or adjust keels and/or any other system devised to increase stability."
- f. RRS 61, 62, 63, 64 (Protest, Redress, Hearings, Decisions): not applicable, and replaced by the Sailing Instructions.

1.3 The following 2020-2021 ISAF OSR for category 2 have been amended

- a. ISAF SpeReg 4.22.1 b An AIS personal crew overboard beacon for each crew member is highly recommended.
- b. ISAF SpeReg 6.01.4 Training: a general Maritime survival training is highly recommended. (E.g Get Wet - Maasvlakte, Aquaplanning)

- c. ISAF SpeReg 6.05 Medical Training: skipper shall sign a declaration that he/she is capable of and has experience in applying First Aid assistance and has successfully followed a First Aid course recently.
- d. 4.26.I Storm sails: a trysail may be replaced by a reefed main sail as long as the luff of the reef is less than 40 % of the main luff.

1.4 500-Mile North Sea Race Special Rules.

- a. Equipment checks: participating boats shall be available for equipment and safety checks. A list of Mandatory Equipment shall be signed by Skipper. Schedules of the checks are to be announced.
- b. Engines - No means of mechanical propulsion may be used during the event other than the power of the wind in the boat's sails. An internal combustion engine, which may be the auxiliary engine of the boat, may be used as an energy source to generate the necessary electricity for the boat's equipment.
- c. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules. If there is a conflict with the Notice of Race the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. Classes to Race

3.1 The event is open to any type of IRC rated monohull sailing yacht with a minimum LOA of 30ft (9.15 mtr) with a doublehanded crew. LOA excludes bowsprits, stern fittings, self-steering and external hung rudders.

3.2 The classes to race will be as follows.
Class I: IRC Doublehanded

3.3 The Race Committee may at its discretion allocate divisions of the above classes according to handicap rating and performance characteristics.

3.4 Additional classes may be added to the foregoing by the Race Committee.

3.5 A minimum of four entries are required for a Class to receive separate prizes.

4. Eligibility

4.1 Each boat shall hold adequate insurance and in particular hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least € 3.000.000

4.2 An entry form shall be completed and any entry fee paid.

4.3 Crew: 2 persons.

5. Entry & Fees

5.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form at www.500mijl.nl and paying the entry fee prior to 31st May 2020. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee. The 500-Mile Doublehanded Race is run entirely by volunteers and late entries do cause additional work and sometimes cost. It is at the discretion of the Race Committee to add an additional fee for late entries to cover those cost.

5.2 The entry fee is € 195, = The fee includes supper in Scarborough, race shirts, presentation diner in Hoorn and tracker in the SYC North Sea Race.
If competing as a sponsored team, an additional € 150, = will be charged.

5.3 An IRC boat shall send a copy of her IRC Rating Certificate when completing the Entry Form.

6. Qualifying Series and Final Series

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7. Schedule

7.1 Entries, together with the Entry Fee, shall reach the RC by 31st May 2020

7.2 All entered boats shall be berthed in Den Helder by 10.00 (CEST) 27th June 2020

7.3 Safety Checks will take place 27th June 2020 (or 28 June 2020 by appointment).

7.4 The starts will be:

Leg I : 28th June 2020 -1200 CEST (provisional)

Leg II : 1th July 2020 - 1200 BST (provisional)

Leg III: 6th July 2020 - 1200 BST (provisional)

7.5 Time limits

Leg I : 30th June 2020 -1800 BST

Leg II : 1th July 2020 -1900 CEST

Leg III: 6th July 2020 - 1900 CEST

8. Rating

Each boat shall produce a valid IRC certificate issued prior to 31st May 2020

9. Sailing Instructions

The 500-Mile Doublehanded Race Sailing Instructions, which will be available from the web site after 1st May, 2020

10. Venues

Leg 1: Marina Seaport IJmuiden, IJmuiden, The Netherlands.

Leg 2: Whitby Marina

Leg 3: Scarborough Yacht Club, Scarborough, United Kingdom

11. Course

11.1 The race consists of three legs:

1. Den Helder – Whitby

2. Whitby-Scarborough

3. Scarborough-IJmuiden = SYC North Sea Race

11.2 Start and finish details to be confirmed in the Sailing Instructions

12. Penalties

a. Time penalties may be applied for Rule infringements.

b. Time allowances may be awarded for any time lost when going to the aid of other seafarers in distress.

13. Scoring

To be announced

14. Support Boats

To be announced

15 Berthing

See 7.2

16. Haul-out Restrictions & 17. Diving equipment

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18. Radio Communication

18.1 All boats competing shall have a serviceable VHF radio capable of receiving safety information and course instructions on VHF Channels 16, 37, 72 and 77.

19. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded in each Class.

20. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

20.1 Each owner/competitor is entirely responsible for the boat's safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.

20.2 It is for each owner/competitor to decide whether the boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching, or going to sea, each owner/competitor confirms that the boat is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

20.3 Each owner/competitor is responsible to ensure that the boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather, that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather, and that safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know how to use it.

20.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of each owner/competitor nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the Race. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the Organising Authority, the Race Committee and Race Officers

21. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 3.000.000 Euro per event or the equivalent.

22. Further information

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