

NOTICE OF RACE

On behalf of 'Watersportvereniging Breskens', 'Royal Yacht Club of Belgium', 'Koninklijke Roei- & Zeilvereniging 'De Maas'', 'Koninklijke Nederlandse Roei- en Zeilvereniging Muiden', 'Koninklijke Antwerpse Watersportvereniging SRNA and under the auspices of the Royal Netherlands Yachting Union (RNYU) competitors are invited to participate

DAMEN BRESKENS SAILING WEEKEND 2017 25-27 August

Open Dutch Championship IRC 1, Open Class Championship IRC 2 and IRC 3

J/111 One Design

CR and ORC classes, Two Handed CR and ORC classes

ONE TON CUP revival 2017 (24-27 August)

1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2** For the IRC measured competitors sailing the Dutch Championship, the 'Rules for Championships Sailing, Windsurfing and Kite boarding' will apply.
- 1.3** Racing rule(s) as mentioned in this Notice of Race (NOR 1.4, 1.6, 11.1, 11.4, 11.5 and 12.2) will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may change other rules as well.
- 1.4** Under RRS 87 the following IRC Rules have been changed:
 - a. *Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by "The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be the Crew Number as printed on her certificate, without weight limit. This crew number may be exceeded as long as the total crew weight does not exceed 85 kg multiplied by the Crew Number printed on the boat's certificate".*
 - b. *Rule 21.1.5(e) A spare mainsail may be used as a racing replacement when the race committee notifies so on the official notice board.*
 - c. *Rule 21.1.5(d). It is not compulsory to carry the spare main sail on board at other days of the regatta.*
 - d. *IRC Rule Part C (advertising permitted) will apply.*
- 1.5** If there is a conflict between languages the text in the English language will take precedence.
- 1.6** Every person on board who has his domicile in the Netherlands shall have the appropriate license.
- 1.7** RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.
- 1.8** The One-Ton Class Rules. These will be published on the website of the event as indicated on www.breskenssailing.org
- 1.9** For the ORC and CR Two-Handed classes the use of automatic or wind-vane steering is permitted. This changes RRS 52.
- 1.10** The WORLD SAILING Offshore Special Regulations 2016 - 2017, Cat. 4, mono-hulls, plus propulsion and VHF, with the common 55 channels, will apply. A trysail and heavy-weather jib are not required to be on board. This changes OSR category 4.

2 ADVERTISING

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

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the IRC, CR and ORC rated classes, the One-Design J/111, the ORC and CR Two-Handed classes and the One-Ton Class.

3.2 Eligible boats may enter before Tuesday 22 August 2017 at the following website:
<http://www.breskenssailing.org>.

3.3 Late entries received after Tuesday 22 August 2017, but before Thursday 24 August 2017, 22:00 hrs will be accepted under the condition of paying an increased entry fee of 150% of the standard fee for its class.

3.4 All boats shall submit a copy of their valid measurement certificate, issued before Saturday, 19 August 2017, to the race secretary via wedstrijden@breskenssailing.org. No alteration in a boat's TCC, GPH or TCF will be permitted after this date, except as result of a rating protest or to correct Rating Office errors.

3.5 IRC and ORC classes rating bands:

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IRC 1:		TCC	>=	1.045	ORC 1:		GPH	<	607		
IRC 2:	1.045	>	TCC	>=	1.000	ORC 2:	607	<=	GPH	<	642
IRC 3:		TCC	<	1.000	ORC 3:	642	<=	GPH	<	707	
					ORC 4:	707	<=	GPH			

IRC 1, 2 and 3 will be combined in starting groups with ORC 1, 2 and 3 / 4 respectively. Boats having valid measurement certificates for both IRC and ORC with the same boat configuration will be scored in both classes.

3.6 CR classes rating bands:

CR 1 + 2:		BARAT	>	29,0	
CR 3 + 4:	29,0	>=	BARAT	>	24,0
CR 5 + 6:		BARAT	<=	24,0	

3.7 Two-Handed ORC is considered as one class and will be scored as such only. Two-Handed CR is also considered as one class and will be scored as such only. Both ORC and CR Two-Handed classes will be combined in one starting group. Two-Handed boats having valid measurement certificates for both ORC and CR with the same boat configuration will be scored in both classes.

3.8 At registration a completed crew list shall be submitted filled with boat name, sail number and all crewmembers including their license number to race if appropriate. Change of crew during the regatta is subject to approval by the race committee. Approval will not be given when the required license cannot be shown.

4 FEES

4.1 Required fees are as follows:

(there is introduced an Early Bird reduction of entries received before 30 June 24hrs of 50,- €)

Class	Fee (Entries entered and paid after 30 June 24:00hrs)	Early Bird Fee (Entries entered and paid before 30 June 24hrs)
One-Ton Class	€ 300,-	€ 250,-
J/111	€ 250,-	€ 200,-
IRC 1 and ORC 1	€ 240,-	€ 190,-
IRC 2 and ORC 2	€ 220,-	€ 170,-
IRC 3 and ORC 3 and 4	€ 200,-	€ 150,-
CR 1 and 2	€ 210,-	€ 160,-
CR 3, 4, 5 and 6	€ 190,-	€ 140,-
Two-Handed	€ 210,-	€ 160,-

The entry fees for IRC, ORC, One-Ton Class and OD J/111 are inclusive the coloured class flags, which will be provided at registration. € 10,- will be refunded if the coloured class flag is delivered at the regatta office after the last race.

CR class boats will fly their appropriate class flags,

CR 1,2 – flag W_{hiskey}

CR 3,4 – flag K_{ilo}

CR -5,6 – flag V_{ictor}

The ORC and CR Two-Handed yachts will fly the international code flag F_{oxtrot}.

- 4.2** The entry fee must be received ultimate Tuesday 22 August 2017. The required fee shall be transferred to the following bank account: IBAN: NL11 ABNA 0475973542, BIC: ABNANL2A, in the name of 'Stichting Breskens Sailing'. Please state class and sail number mentioned on the measurement certificate.

- 4.3** Boats with 2 measurement certificates and eligible for double scoring have to pay their entry fee only once.

- 5** N/A (Reserve)

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1** Registration:
Registration takes place at the Regatta Office of Watersport Vereniging Breskens (WVB) situated at Breskens Marina:
For the One-Ton Class on Wednesday 23 August: from 10:00 till 18:00 hrs

For all other classes on:

Thursday 24 August: from 13:00 till 22:00 hrs.

Friday 25 August: from 08:00 till 09:00 hrs.

- 6.2** Equipment inspection and event measurement:

For the One-Ton Class on:

Wednesday 23 August: from 13:00 till 17:00 hrs.

For all other classes on:

Thursday 24 August: from 13:00 till 22:00 hrs.

Friday 25 August: from 08:00 till 09:00 hrs.

- 6.3** Programmed dates of racing:

Thursday 24 August (One-Ton Class only)

A skippers briefing with local weather information in the tent at 09:00 hrs

Fleet B: One-Ton Class:

First warning signal 10:55 hrs, (Offshore 11:55).

This day 2 races may be sailed

Friday 25 August

A skippers briefing with local weather information in the tent at 09:00 hrs

Fleet A: IRC, ORC and J/111:

First warning signal 10.55 hrs, (Offshore 11:55).

Fleet B: CR handicap classes and TwoHanded classes ORC and CR and One-Ton Class

First warning signal 11.25 hrs, (Offshore 11:55).

Saturday 26 August and Sunday 27 August

A skippers briefing with local weather information in the tent at **08:00 hrs**

Fleet A: IRC, ORC and J/111:

First warning signal 09.25 hrs, (Offshore 10:25).

Fleet B: CR handicap classes and TwoHanded classes ORC and CR and One-Ton Class

First warning signal 09.55 hrs, (Offshore 10:25).

Fleet A: IRC, ORC

Three races per day may be sailed, except on the day of the medium distance race.

A maximum of 7 races will be sailed overall.

Fleet A: J/111

The medium distance race will be replaced by Windward-leeward courses (10.1(a))

Fleet B: CR handicap classes and Two-Handed classes ORC and CR and One-Ton Class

Each day 2 races, mainly around hydrographical marks are planned.

6.4 *N/A (Reserve)*

6.5 *N/A (Reserve)*

6.6 On the last day of the regatta no first warning signal will be made after 15:00 hrs.

7 MEASUREMENTS

Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate.

7.2 According to the WORLD SAILING Offshore Special Regulations, Cat. 4 and on the rules and regulations of the IRC handicap system, respectively the regulations for ORC and CR rated boats and on the J/111 one design class rules, each boat shall have a crewmember available on Wednesday 23 August between 13:00 and 22:00 hours for the One-Ton Class and on Thursday 24 August between 13:00 and 22:00 hours for all other boats for inspections on their safety equipment.

Boats may propose a specific period of time for inspection on their entry form.

7.3 In addition each boat may also be inspected before and after the races during the event. Boats are required to follow the instructions of the measurers.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be published on the website www.breskenssailing.org on Friday 18 August 2017. The regatta office will only have a restricted number of copies available for reference purposes. So please make sure to print or save your own copies from our website and carry them with you.

9 VENUE

9.1 The race office is located at the Breskens Marina, Oosthavendam 1, 4511AS Breskens. Harbourmaster: tel. +31 117 38 19 02.

9.2 *N/A (Reserve)*

9.3 Attachment A shows the possible starting areas and the racing area. Coastal races may be sailed South of the latitude 51°40,0' N and in between the longitudes of Ostend and Terneuzen.

10 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be as follows:

10.1 For Fleet A the race committee shall make a choice for the following courses, depending on the circumstances:

- a. Windward-leeward courses of approximately 1.5 h. on the Sluissche Hompels and the Walvischstaart, West of the anchor area Wielingen Noord.
The starting area (offshore) can be situated at a distance of up to 6 NM of the Breskens harbour depending on the wind direction.
- b. Coastal courses mainly around the existing navigational buoys of the Westerschelde and the Southern North Sea.
The starting area can be offshore, West of the anchorage area Wielingen Noord on the Sluissche Hompels and the Walvischstaart, as well as inshore, close to the entrance of Breskens harbour. See 10.1.c, d and e here below.
For the Open Dutch and Class Championships IRC 2017 the length of the medium distance coastal course will be at least 15 NM. To shorten the course is possible, however only after 3 hours of sailing.
- c. If required, due to particular circumstances or conditions, an inshore course will be set around the shoals of the Westerschelde.
In this case the start near the entrance of Breskens harbour.
- d. The starting areas offshore or inshore for fleet A and fleet B shall be announced as indicated in the Sailing Instructions by flag signals ashore on the flagpole of the Breskens Marina in the early morning and during the daily skippers briefing in the tent.

10.2 Fleet B will sail coastal races mainly around the navigational buoys of the Westerschelde, either offshore or inshore and either medium or short distance, same as described for fleet A in respectively NOR 10.1(b), 10.1(c) and 10.1(d).

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1** RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 11.2** An international jury will be appointed. Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5. The Royal Netherlands Yachting Union has granted permission under RRS 70.5(a) or RRS 70.5(b) and the prescription of the Royal Netherlands Yachting Union to this rule.
- 11.3** If a protest requires the protested boat to be hauled out for re-measurement, it must be accompanied by a cash deposit covering the costs of hauling out. The Breskens Sailing Organising Committee will determine the amount of cash deposit.
- 11.4** RRS 44.1 is changed to permit a boat to take a 30% scoring penalty as described in RRS 44.3(c) during the arbitration hearing.
- 11.5** RRS 60 is supplemented as follows:
On the last day of the regatta it is not possible to lodge a measurement protest against deviations in measurement rules, which could have been protested earlier in the series.

12 SCORING

- 12.1** For the 'Open Dutch and Class Championships IRC 2017' the 'Rules for Championship Sailing, Windsurfing and Kiteboarding' will apply:
- a. a minimum of 4 races,
 - b. one of these races must be a medium distance course,
 - c. the score of the medium distance race will be multiplied by 1.5,
 - d. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - e. When 5, 6 or 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score, except that her score in the medium distance race cannot be discarded.
- 12.2** For the calculation of the corrected times of the IRC handicap classes and the One-Ton Class the IRC TCC correction factor will be used.
- The corrected time for ORC will be calculated according to the Time on Time Triple Number System. Any decision taken by the race committee in connection with the application of the Triple Number System will be no ground for redress. This changes RRS 62.1a.
- The windward/leeward races will be scored using the inshore handicap, races around the cans will be scored using the offshore handicap.
- For the calculation of the corrected time in the CR handicap class the CR TCF correction factor will be used.
- The TwoHanded classes will be scored with either the TOT Double Handed Offshore Single Number handicap (Double H.OSN) for boats with an ORC certificate and participating in the Dutch TwoHanded competition or with the CR TCF for boats with a CR certificate.
- The J/111 boats will be scored in their finishing order.
- 12.3** All races sailed will score for the overall trophies of the DAMEN Breskens Sailing Weekend.

13 COMMITTEE VESSELS

The starting vessels for fleet A and B can be recognized by their white square fleet flag with respectively either a black letter A or B.

The Jury can be recognized sailing the banner 'JURY'.

Their orange flag will recognise other committee vessels.

14 BERTHING

Berthing is foreseen in Breskens Marina during the event. Boats shall be kept in their assigned berths in the Breskens Marina.

15 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

16 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

17.1 Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

17.2 For information to competitors the VHF procedures of the Noordzee Club (marifoon protocol) will be used as a guideline. See www.noordzeeclub.nl.
The position of the starting vessel, the courses to be sailed when sailing around the cans and the countdown to a starting procedure shall be announced on VHF.

Fleet A, VHF Ch. 72

Fleet B, VHF Ch. 17.

18 PRIZES

Helmsman and crew of the winning boat of the championship in IRC 1 acquire the title "Dutch Champion" and receive the accompanying medal(s) of the RNYU.

The responsible person of the winning boat acquires the Blue Pennant of the RNYU.

Helmsman and crew of the boats that are placed second and third acquire also medal(s) of the RNYU.

Helmsman and crew of the winning boats of the Class championship IRC 2 and IRC 3 acquire the title "Class Champion".

The responsible person of the winning boat acquires the Red pennant of the RNYU.

Other trophies and overall prizes:

De Maas Trophy

Ricus v.d. Stadt Trophy

Challenge Tonnerre de Breskens

John Brown Trophy

Prof. Jelle Gerritsma Trophy

Challenge Hestia

On Friday 25 and Saturday 26 August there will be a prize giving for the daily winners after dinner in the evening. The time will be announced on the notice board.

The final prize giving will take place on Sunday 27 August as soon as possible after the finish of the last race. We strongly invite you to take present the price giving ceremony with your full crew.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and account. See RRS 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 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of Euro 2.000.000 per event or the equivalent.

21 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

By participating in the DAMEN Breskens Sailing Weekend, a competitor automatically grants the Committee Breskens Sailing and her sponsors, in perpetuity, make use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any (still) motion pictures, live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the competitor and its material, during and after the DAMEN Breskens Sailing Weekend without compensation.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

For all other race information you may contact:

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Attachment A: the location of the racing area