

DAMEN

BRESKENS SAILING WEEKEND 2016

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FLEET B

CRUISER RACER (CR) Classes TWOHANDED Classes (ORC and CR)

Organised by the Committee Breskens Sailing
on 26, 27 and 28 August 2016

Location: Westerschelde Estuary

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS)..
- 1.2 The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Cat. 4 mono hull, plus propulsion and VHF with the common 55 channels will apply, except for the trysail and heavy weather jib, which are not required to be on board. This changes OSR category 4.
- 1.3 **The following Racing Rules will be changed as follows:**
 - Flag AP by SI 4.2
 - RRS 31 by SI 9.4
 - RRS 35 by SI 15.1 and 15.2
 - RRS 44.1 by SI 14.1
 - RRS 55 by SI 24
 - RRS 60.1(a) by SI 16.4
 - RRS 62.2 by SI 16.6
 - RRS 64.1 by SI 16.4
 - RRS 66 by SI 16.5
 - RRS App A4 and A5 by SI 11.7, 15.1 and 15.2.
- 1.4 The General Sailing Instructions of the ONZK of Belgium, except as changed or amended by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS


Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the Race Office.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08.00 hrs. on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 hrs. on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole of the Breskens Marina. Signals only applicable to **Fleet "B"** will be displayed over the white square fleet flag with the **black letter "B"**.

4.2 When **flag AP**  is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal flag "AP". This changes RRS Race Signals, **Flag AP**.

4.3 **2nd substitute**  : **Starts offshore:**

Today's race will be started in the anchorage "WIELINGEN-NOORD" or in the area "RAAN", to the west of the anchorage "Wielingen-Noord".

4.4 **3rd substitute**  : **Starts inshore:**

Today's race will be started at the buoy VH6, 0.9 nm SE of the Breskens breakwater.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Friday, 26 August, 2016:

A briefing for the skippers, navigators/tacticians will be conducted at 09.00 hrs. in the tent and will be followed by a weather briefing.

First Warning Signal inshore 11:25 hrs, offshore 11:55 hours.

Saturday, 27 August 2016:

Briefing and weather info at 08.00 hrs. in the tent.





First Warning Signal inshore: 09:55 hrs., offshore 10:25 hrs.

Sunday, 28 August 2016:

Briefing and weather info at 08:00 hrs. in the tent.

First Warning Signal inshore 09:55 hrs., offshore 10:25 hrs.

5.2 STARTING SEQUENCE, CLASS AND BACKSTAY FLAGS

Group	Classes Fleet B	Class flag	Backstay flag
1	TwoHanded ORC and CR	V 	black
2	CR 1, 2, 3 en 4	W  K 	dark blue
3	CR 5 and 6	U 	orange

5.3 Either a medium distance race or two short races around the hydrographical buoys of the Westerschelde will be sailed per day.


6 Reserve

7 STARTING AND RACING AREAS

7.1 **2nd substitute**  : starts offshore

Sluissche Hompels, Walvischstaart, Vlakte van de Raan and Southern North Sea West of the island of Walcheren.

Starting area **WIELINGEN-NOORD** or **RAAN** on the added chart. See also Signals Ashore, SI 4.3.

- 7.2** 3rd substitute  : starts inshore.
Westerschelde Estuary or Westerschelde inwards of Breskens and Flushing.
Starting area **BRESKENS** at buoy VH6, 0.9nm SE of Breskens in Vaarwater langs Hoofdplaat. See also Signals Ashore S.I. 4. 4

8 THE COURSES

Starts offshore and inshore:

Both the medium long distance course and the short courses will be raced around hydrographical buoys.

The course description will be announced on **VHF channel 17**, 30 and 20 minutes before the starting signal and will finally be repeated after the display of the orange flag.

If the windward mark 1 has been laid, then not later than the warning signal and until the starting signal, the starting vessel will display the appr. magnetic bearing from the start to mark 1..

9 MARKS

- 9.1** Hydrographical buoys as stated in the Attachment Courses for Fleet B.
- 9.2** A mark 1, which is an inflatable yellow buoy, may be laid approximately 1 nm to windward of the starting line or as otherwise announced in the course description.
- 9.3** The starting marks will be the starting vessel **or** the orange inflatable inner limit buoy, if laid near the starting vessel, and either an orange inflatable buoy (Starts offshore) or the red can VH6 (Starts inshore).
The finishing marks are the finishing vessel **or** the orange inflatable inner limit buoy, if laid near the finishing vessel, and the hydrographical mark as announced in the course description.
- 9.4** In the vicinity of a shoal as a mark of the course then rule 31 RRS is not applicable.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Ferry Harbour of Breskens. Competitors must stay out of the line between the light structures on the breakwaters and shall be aware that the Western breakwater extends 25 meters further seawards than the position of the light structure.

11 THE START

Races will be started by using rule 26 RRS with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

- 11.1** An attention sound signal with the display of the orange flag on the starting vessel will be given 5 minutes before the first warning signal.

11.2 Reserve

- 11.3** The starting line.


Offshore -The starting line will be between the mast with the orange flag on the starting vessel at the starboard end and the course side of an orange inflatable buoy at the port end.


Inshore – The starting line will be between the mast with the orange flag on the starting vessel and the course side of the hydrographical mark VH6.

Inner limit mark – Both offshore and inshore an orange inflatable inner limit buoy may be laid close to the starting vessel on or near the starting line and is a mark of the starting line.

Boats are **not allowed** to pass in between the starting vessel and this inner limit buoy.

11.4 The starting vessel can be recognised by the white square fleet flag with black letter “**B**”.

11.5 In addition to rule 29.1 RRS , 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 the rules 29.1 and 30.1 RRS.

11.6 In addition to rule 29.2 RRS , the Race Committee **may** also announce general recalls on VHF, using the words “General Recall”.

11.7 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rules A4 and A5 RRS.

11.8 Before the first warning signal of the first race of the day, each boat shall pass the starboard end extension of the starting line within 2 boat lengths of the race committee starting vessel. Each boat shall have her sail number recognized by the Race Committee.

12 Reserve

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between the blue flag on the finishing vessel and the hydrographical mark as announced in the course description.

An orange inflatable inner limit buoy may be laid close to the finishing vessel on or near the finishing line and is a mark of the finishing line.

Boats are **not allowed** to pass in between the finishing vessel and this inner limit buoy.

13.2 Reserve

13.3 A race declaration, fully completed and signed, must be presented to the Regatta Office within 1 (one) hour after finishing the last race of the day off BRESKENS and within 2 (two) hours after finishing the last race of that day in the RAAN area.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Rule 44.1 RRS is changed so that for infringements of RRS Part 2 only one turn is required, including one tack and one gybe.

14.2 For breaches of rules other than part 2 RRS, a penalty may be imposed that is less than disqualification, if the Jury decides so. The scoring penalty will not be less than 10% of the total number of the boats entered for the series, with a minimum of 1 place.

14.3 Reserve

14.4 As mentioned in the Fundamental Rules of the I.S.A.F. (assistance), to recover a person who fell overboard, the rule 42.3 (f) RRS (propulsion) permits the use of the engine or other means of propulsion.

Such an incident must be reported on the race declaration.

In case a boat is in a position whereby she is bound to use the engine or other means of propulsion, so as not to infringe the Westerschelde Rules, rule 42.3(h) RRS applies. Such

an incident must be reported on the race declaration. The Jury may impose a penalty when they consider the involved boat has gained a significant advantage.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 For a medium distance race (if sailed):

On Friday 26th August	18:00 hrs.
On Saturday 27th August:	18:00 hrs.
On Sunday 28th August:	17:00 hrs.

Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored as Did Not Finish without a hearing. However, if the first boat of their class finishes within the time limit, all boats in this class which finish after the time limit but within 60 minutes after the first boat in her class, will be scored. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5 RRS.

15.2 For the short races:

Boats failing to finish within 40 minutes after the first boat of her group sails the course end finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5 RRS.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Regatta Office and lodged before the end of the protest time, which is two (2) hrs. after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later, in the "RAAN" area and one (1) hour (60 minutes) when finishing off "BRESKENS" after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

The end of the protest time will be posted on the official notice board.

16.2 The International Jury will hear a protest as soon as practicable, approximately in the order they were received. Parties involved in protests (including witnesses) shall remain in the vicinity of the Jury room until the protest has been heard.

After the final race on the last day of the regatta, protests which may affect the awarding of a prize, will be dealt with as soon as possible after they are lodged. Protests which do not affect the awarding of a prize, may be heard after the prize giving ceremony, such at the discretion of the International Jury.

16.3 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or International Jury will be posted on the official notice board within the protest time to inform boats under rule 61.1(b) RRS.

16.4 Breaches of instructions 6, 18, 21, 24, 25 en 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the International Jury so decides. This changes rule 64.1 RRS.
The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

16.5 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66 RRS.

16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from an International Jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2 RRS.

16.7 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5 RRS.

17 SCORING

17.1 For the calculation of the race results of the CR classes, including TwoHanded, the TCF correction factor is applicable, Corrected time = elapsed time x TCF.

17.2 For the calculation of the race results in the TwoHanded ORC class the TOT Double Handed Offshore Single number is applicable.

17.2 For the total score of the DAMEN Breskens Sailing Weekend at least 3 (three) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.3 (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be total of her race scores.

(b) When five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 A boat which retires from a race shall immediately show her national ensign and shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

19.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

21 ADVERTISING

Boats shall display advertising supplied by the organizing authority.

22 Reserve

23 Reserve

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

A penalty for breaking rule 55 RRS may be less than disqualification if the International Jury so decides. This changes rule 64.1 RRS.

25 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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

26 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

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

27 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 27.1** While racing, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. The use of mobile telephones is only allowed if not in infringement with rule 41 RRS (outside assistance).
The starting vessel and the Race Committee boats are using VHF **channel 17** for information to the participants.
- 27.2** In case of a start in or to the west of anchorage Wielingen-Noord, starting area “**RAAN**”, the starting vessel may give her position on VHF 17 at 60 and 30 minutes before the starting signal and may give a time signal.
Boats are not allowed to transmit on this channel except in case of an emergency and to report retirement.
- 27.3** The course description will be announced on VHF channel 17, at 30 and 20 minutes before the starting signal and will finally be repeated after the display of the orange flag. See also SI 8.
- 27.4** When sailing and crossing the shipping lanes of the Westerschelde, either before, during or after the race, boats shall keep a continuous listening watch on the appropriate channel. Depending on the sailing area, VHF channel 14, 64, 65 or 69.

28 PRIZES

- Marcel Leeman Trophy : best boat in Class CR 1 and 2
- Westerschelde Trophy : best boat in Class CR 3,4,5 and 6
- Windmolen Trophy : best boat in Two Handed ORC
- Proctor Mast Trophy : best boat in Two Handed CR

DAY PRIZES

On Friday 26th August and Saturday 27th of August, after dinner has been served, there will be a prize giving for the Cups of the events of the day..

29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See 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.

30 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.

ATTACHMENT COURSES for FLEET B

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DAMEN BRESKENS SAILING WEEKEND 2016 – ATTACHMENT COURSES for FLEET B, the CR and the TWOHANDED CLASSES.

Courses are around hydrographical buoys, except mark 1 if indicated in the course description. Mark 1 is a yellow inflatable buoy appr. 1 nm to windward of the starting line as shown in SI 9.2.

Below hydrographical buoys, as are indicated on the Dutch nautical charts, the BA charts and the Belgium charts, can be used as racing marks.

As a guide to the course description announced on VHF channel 17 the abbreviation as indicated on the charts and as mentioned in the course description means the following:

VH are the lateral buoys in Vaarwater langs Hoofdplaat, East of Breskens.

PP are the lateral buoys in Pas van de Paulinapolder further to the East.

TG are the lateral buoys in the Thomaesgeul even further to the East.

A are the yellow buoys of the anchorage area Springergeul.

15A is the North cardinal buoy in the main shipping fairway southeast of the Hooge Springer. Listed below.

SS are the lateral buoys in the Schaar van de Spijkerplaat, North of the shoal Hooge Platen.

ARV are the yellow buoys of Ankergebied Rede Vlissingen (Achorage area Flushing Roads).

Het Veer is the North cardinal buoy just W of the Ferry Harbour of Breskens. Listed below

W are the lateral buoys in the main shipping fairway Wielingen, West of Breskens.

S are the lateral bouys of the main shipping fairway West of the Wielingen

NP are the yellow buoys of the shoal Nolleplaat, West of Flushing.

SP are the yellow buoys in the Spleet, Northeast of the Nolleplaat.

WN are the yellow buoys of the anchorage area Wielingen Noord.

Trawl is the South cardinal buoy at the NW limit of the anchorage area Wielingen Noord. Listed below.

GvW are the lateral red buoys in the Geul van de Walvischstaart, going NW from the Trawl buoy.

Segre is the South cardinal buoy South of the shoal Walvischstaart. Listed below.

Off laying buoys and their approximate coordinates are as follows:

Name	colour	Latitude North	Longitude East
Botkil N	BY	51-34.20	03-20.70
Botkil W	YBY	51-32.45	03-19.10
Grauw	YBY	51-33.10	03-17.35
Het Veer	BY	51-24.58	03-32.15
MOW 4	pillar	51-25.10	03-17.80
NE Akkaert	BYB	51-27.30	02-59.35
OG 1	G	51-36.15	03-19.90
Rabsbank	RW	51-38.25	03-09.92
Samselbu	YBY	51-24.85	03-11.10
Segre	YB	51-26.15	03-22.15
Trawl	YB	51-26.25	03-28.20
VR	pillar	51-30.20	03-14.55
Westpit	RW	51-33.65	03-09.95
WK 9	YBY	51-27.30	03-04.25
WK 11	YBY	51-25.25	03-06.15
WK 27	YBY	51-30.55	03-19.05
ZSB	YBY	51-36.60	03-15.65
15A	BY	51-22.85	03-42.90