



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

for the

Open Class Championship in the Solo class

Organized by the Royal Yacht club Sneek (KWS) together with the Dutch Solo Class Organization in conjunction with the Royal Netherlands Sailing Association (RNSA)

from August 29th till 31st, 2014
location: Sneekermeer

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing”

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The 'Rules for Championships Sailing, Windsurfing and Kiteboarding' will apply.
- 1.3 No class rules will be changed.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.5 Every person on board who has its domicile in the Netherlands shall have the required license. This changes the Notice of Race.


2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the regatta office which will be located at “the Starttoren”.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the regatta office which is located at “the Starttoren”.
- 4.2 When flag AP  is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 60 minutes’ in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Dates of racing:



Date	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4
Friday 29th August	11:00	a.s.a.p.	a.s.a.p.	
Saturday 30th August	10:00	a.s.a.p.	a.s.a.p.	
Sunday 31st August	10:00	a.s.a.p.	a.s.a.p.	

5.2 When at the entry closing date there are more than 50 entries, the regatta may consist of a qualifying series and final series. This will be announced Thursday 28th of August, no later than 20.00 hours at the notice board. The first three races of the series will then be treated as qualifying races and Addendum K applies.

5.3 If there are qualifying series the 2nd group will start 5 minutes after a valid start of the 1st group.

5.4 Number of races:
There are in total 9 races programmed. There will be three races per day. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that there will be no more than one race ahead of schedule

5.5 On Sunday 31st August no warning signal will be made after 14:00 hours, if less than 4 races have been finished no warning signal will be made after 16.00 hours.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be flag "W". If there are qualifying series the class flag of the groups will be shown, see addendum K.

7 RACING AREAS

Attachment A shows the location of the harbour, Attachment B shows the location of the racing area.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment C show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 If there are no qualifying series and final series, course A will be sailed. If there are qualifying series and final series, group 1 will sail course A, group 2 will sail course B.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks of the course are red marks with odd numbers and yellow marks with even numbers.

9.2 The starting marks will be orange marks without numbers. The finishing mark will be a blue mark without number.

9.3 The replacement mark in accordance with 34(a) RRS will be a mark of the same color either with a different number or without a number.

10 RESERVED

11 THE START


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

11.2 The starting line will be on the course side of the starboard-end and port-end starting mark.

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



11.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4 and A5.

11.5 If flag U  has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a blue flag on the starting vessel at port end and an blue mark at starboard end.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, may apply. This will be posted on the notice board by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 The length of the course will be set to meet a target time of approximately 60 minutes for the first boat in each race to finish.

15.2 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

15.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office located in "de Starttoren". Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located at the regatta office.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16.5 A list of boats that, under instruction 14.3, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the jury will be posted.

16.6 Breaches of instructions marked with [DP] 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 protest committee so decides.

16.7 On the last day of the regatta, and if applicable after the last qualifying race, 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.

- 16.8** On the last scheduled day of racing, and if applicable after the last qualifying race, a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 16.9** A request for a decision in writing has to be delivered within one hour after the decision is given verbally. This changes rule 65.2.
- 16.10** A request for correction of an error in the published results has to be delivered within the protest time limit of the last scheduled day of racing or within 60 minutes after posting of the results, if this is later. When the request is not granted, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the boat is informed that the request is not granted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 16.11** Decisions of the protest committee in the qualifying races will be final as provided in rule 70.5. The RNSA has granted permission in accordance with rule 70.5(a) and the prescriptions of the RNSA to this rule.

17 SCORING

- 17.1** Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2** (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When from 5 to 9 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** Before the first start of each day, every boat shall sail in upwind direction between the starting vessel and the blue mark on starboard side of the starting vessel. This is to notify the race committee of its presence.
- 18.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.3** Boats not leaving the harbor for a day's race shall inform the regatta office prior to the start.
- 18.4** If any one of the race signals AP over A, AP over H, N over H, or N over A is made on a race committee boat, all boats of the class(es) concerned shall return to the harbor immediately.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.
- 19.2** 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. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the race committee or a measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21 RESERVED



22 SUPPORT BOATS

Committee boats will be marked with a Club flag of the KWS. "Rescue" support boats will be marked with an orange flag with the text: "Standby".

23 [NP][DP] OFFICIAL BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

24 [NP][DP] TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats. A penalty for breaking rule 55 may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. This changes rule 64.1.

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27 [NP][DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

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. VHF will only be used for safety communication.

28* PRIZES

The responsible person of the winning boat of the championship acquires the title "Klassenkampioen" and the Red Pennant of the RNSA.

The responsible person of the winning boat of the championship will also receive the "Zilveren Solo". This prize can only be taken home by sailors with a Dutch residence.

Prizes will be given to the helm of the first six boats.

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 1.500.000 per event or the equivalent.

31 ORGANISATION

The race officer is: Auke van der Werf

The chairman of the protest committee is: Leo Pieter Stoel

The by the RNSA appointed measurer is: K. Plaatje

32 WIND LIMITS

If the constant wind force is under 5 knots or over 21 knots, measured at deck level of the starting vessel for 5 minutes, and there is not a race in progress, there will be a postponement.

If the constant wind force is under 5 knots or over 27 knots, measured at deck level of the starting vessel for 5 Minutes, and there is a race in progress, the race will be abandoned.



ADDENDUM K; Qualifying Races

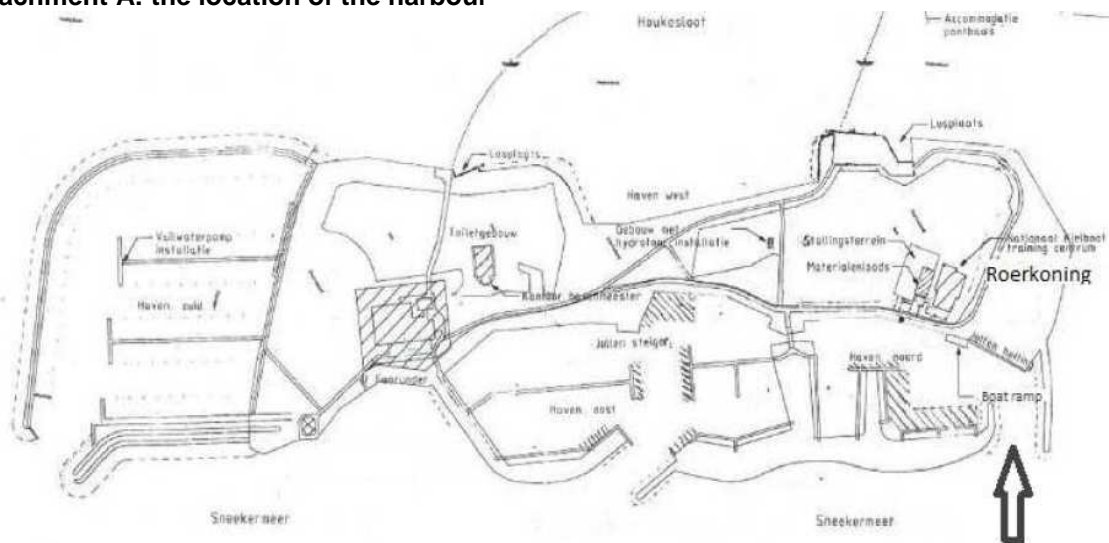
If stated in the Sailing Instructions qualifying races will be scheduled according to sailing instructions Addendum K.

- a. In the qualifying races is the start of Group II- the amount of boats as stated in the Sailing Instructions- 5 minutes after a valid start of Group I. In the final races is the start of the Silver fleet the amount of boats as stated in the Sailing Instructions- 5 minutes after a valid start of the Gold fleet.
- b. The Sub Groups are sailing qualifying races according to this schedule:

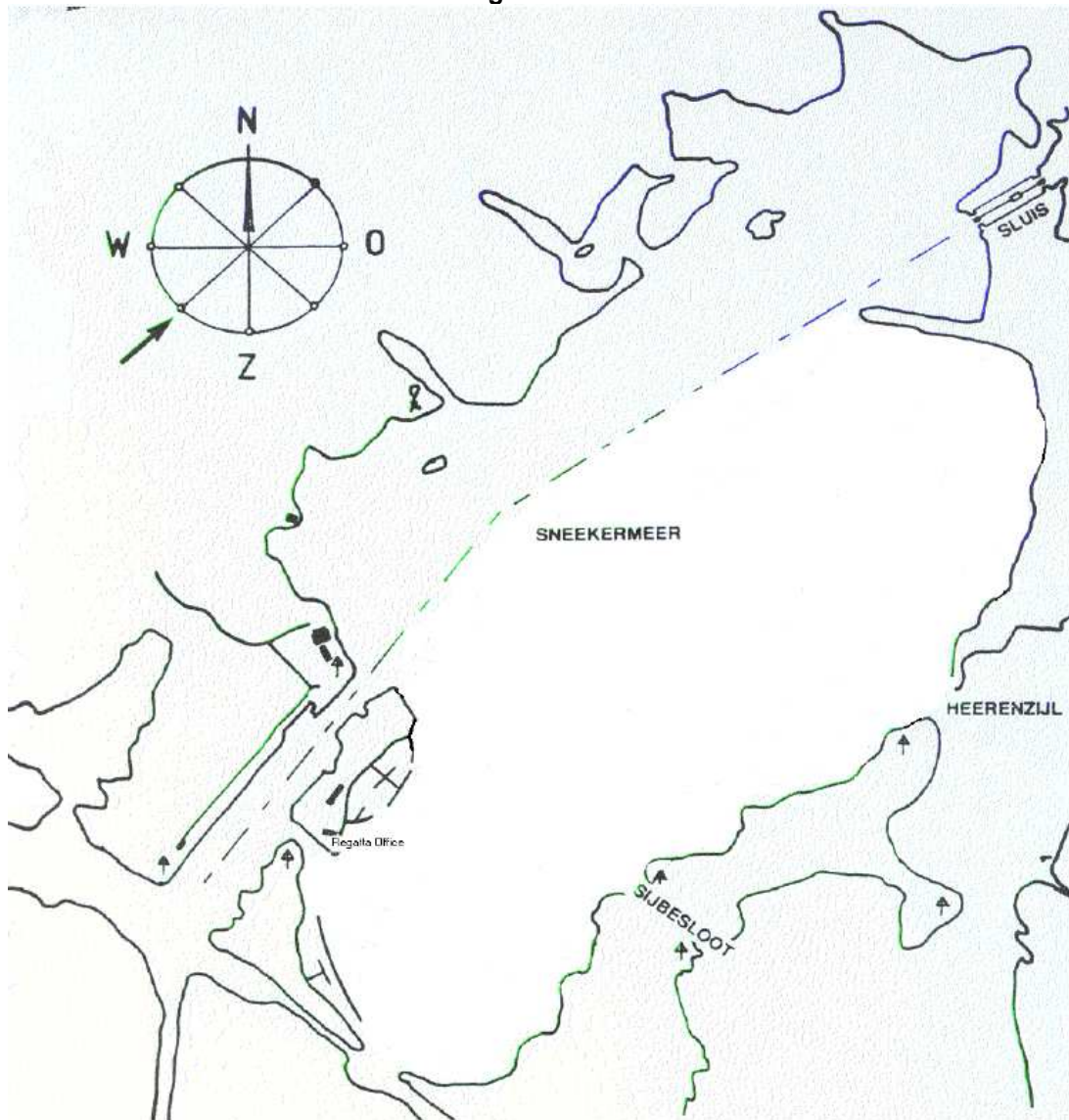
Qualifying Race	Group I	Group II
1	Sub Groups a and b	Sub Groups c and d
2	Sub Groups b and d	Sub Groups a and c
3	Sub Groups a and d	Sub Groups b and c

- c. After the qualifying races boats will be assigned to final-series fleets Gold and Silver.
- d. There will be the same number of fleets in the final series as in the qualifying series. The final-series fleets will have, as nearly as possible, equal size but so that the Silver fleet is not larger than the Gold fleet. Boats with the best qualifying-series ranks will race all final-series races in the Gold fleet, boats with the next-best qualifying-series ranks will race in the Silver fleet.
- e. As long as three qualifying races are completed, the assignment to Gold- and Silver fleet will be posted on -the date stated in the Sailing Instructions- at 2100. If at that time only two or less qualifying races are completed, the races on the next day are also qualifying races until three races are completed.
- f. If after one racing day only two qualifying races are completed, the assignment to the Gold and Silver fleet will be made after the first day on the basis of two qualifying races.
- g. Scores in the qualifying series are carried forward to the final series.

Attachment A: the location of the harbour

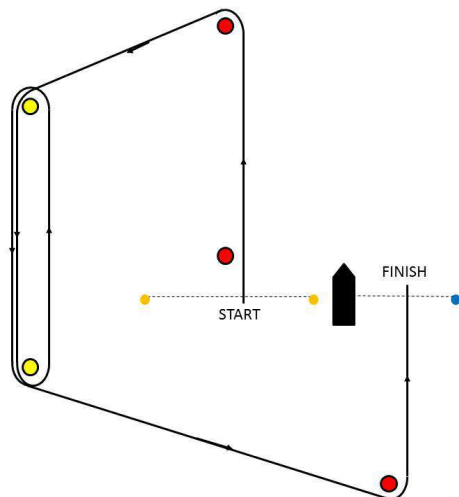


Attachment B: the location of the racing area



Attachment C – Courses

Course A – Trapezium outer loop



Course B – Trapezium inner loop

