

Kieler Woche 2019

June 22 - 30

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS OFFSHORE General Rules

The event is organized by:

- Kieler Yacht-Club
- Norddeutscher Regatta Verein
- Verein Seglerhaus am Wannsee

Introduction

These Sailing Instructions (SI) consist of two sections.

1. This document, – **General Rules** –, contains overall rules that affect WELCOME RACE, KIEL CUP, DOUBLE HAND OFFSHORE CHALLENGE, SENATSPREIS and SILBERNES BAND.
2. The second document, – **Regatta Specific Rules** –, provides additional details of rules that apply to one particular race in the above list. To complete the set of Sailing Instructions additionally obtain a copy of the Regatta Specific Rules for the Regatta the boat competes in.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[DP] denotes that the penalty for a breach of this rule is at the discretion of the international jury and may be less than disqualification.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the international jury as a result of a hearing. A list of these breaches and the associated standard penalties will be posted on the Official Notice Board. However, the race committee may protest a boat when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. This changes RRS 63.1 and Appendix A5.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. If there is a conflict between the languages the English text shall prevail.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, may apply.
- 1.4. Applicable prescriptions of the German Sailing Federation (DSV) will be published on the Notice Board.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board as described in Regatta Specific Rules Section B "Locations". Notices may be posted on the web site or through electronic displays.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. All races except Silbernes Band: Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hrs. on the day it will take effect. Any change to the format or schedule of races will be posted before 2100 hrs. on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2. Silbernes Band only: Any change to the Sailing Instructions, including changes to the format or schedule, will be posted before 1630 hrs. on the day it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpoles at the locations as shown Regatta Specific Rules Section B "Locations".

- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 90 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes race signals AP.
- 4.3. When a visual signal is displayed over a class/event or fleet flag, the signal applies only to that class/event or fleet. This changes the preamble of race signals.
5. **SCHEDULE OF RACES**
The schedule is described individually in Specific Rules Section C "Schedule".
6. **FORMAT**
All Races are medium or long Offshore Races
7. **CLASS FLAGS**
 - 7.1. Every Class is assigned to a Starting Group. All Rules and Regulations mentioned for Classes apply for Starting groups.
 - 7.2. Class Flags flags are numeral pennants.
 - 7.3. [SP] When racing, the appropriate class flag shall be prominently displayed from a backstay, or at the stern of a boat with no backstay.
8. **RACING AREAS**
See Regatta Specific Rules Section F "Regulations of courses".
9. **THE COURSES**
See Regatta Specific Rules Section F "Regulations of courses".
10. **MARKS**
See Regatta Specific Rules Section F "Regulations of courses".
11. **THE START**
 - 11.1. Please see Regatta Specific Rules Section F "Regulations of courses" for a description of the start in the applicable race.
 - 11.2. [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as a rectangle 50 meters from the starting line and marks in all directions.
12. **COURSE CHANGES**
See Regatta Specific Rules Section F "Regulations of courses".
13. **THE FINISH**
See Regatta Specific Rules Section F "Regulations of courses".
14. **TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**
See Regatta Specific Rules Section E "Time and wind limits".
15. **PENALTY SYSTEM**
See Notice of Race
16. **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
 - 16.1. Protest forms are available at the jury office.
 - 16.2. The protest time limit is as shown in Regatta Specific Rules Section E „Time and wind limits“.
 - 16.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings may be scheduled to begin before the end of protest time. Hearings will be held in the jury rooms, beginning as posted.
 - 16.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
 - 16.5. On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
 - 16.6. Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
17. **SCORING**
 - 17.1. The corrected time is calculated by using the formula: Corrected Time = Elapsed Time x ToT, where ToT is the "Offshore Coastal/Long Distance" Time-on-Time factor.

- 17.2. RRS A3 last sentence is modified to read: However, when a handicap or rating system is used a boat's corrected time, rounded to the nearest second, shall determine her finishing place.
- 17.3. The length of the course, directions of legs and wind directions will be decided by the Race Committee and will not be ground for seeking redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

18. [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. Boats not leaving the harbour for a scheduled race, shall promptly notify the Race Office.
- 18.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as practicable and personally the race office.
- 18.3. Boats shall avoid commercial traffic.
- 18.4. In case of a critical weather situation the race committee will give the following signal: three guns with green signal ammunition from a race committee vessel. The signal will be given after all races in the racing area are abandoned. This means:
- 18.4.1. For boats: Safety first for all crews. Sail in the safest way to the next harbour.
- 18.4.2. For all support boats, coach and spectator boats: Observe and escort competitors leaving the racing area the course and support the race committee in rescuing crews and boats.
- 18.4.3. All boats shall monitor VHF channel 16 for search and rescue instructions.
- 18.4.4. The Race Office telephone number is listed in the Specific Sailing Instructions.
- 18.4.5. First aid station: +49 (0) 431 240 15-23, after 1800 hrs.: +49 (0) 176 559 103 08

19. [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee and shall comply with any restrictions in the Notice of Race.
- 19.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment limited by the class rules will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee.

20. [DP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or its equipment or crew may be inspected by the Race Committee at any time for compliance with a class rule *and or World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations*. When instructed on the water, a boat shall promptly proceed to a designated area for inspection.

21. [DP] [NP] IDENTIFICATION AND EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising and bow numbers chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

22. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:

Race Committee	white flag with "RC"
Jury	white flag with "Jury"
Technical committee	white flag with "M"
Rescue/First aid/Medical	pink flag with numbers and "Wasserwacht" or "DLRG"
TV Operating	yellow flag with "TV"
Media level Gold	green flag with "Press"
Media level Silver	red flag with "Press"

23. [DP] SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats are not allowed to follow the fleet, except up to 60 minutes after the starting signal.

24. [DP] TRASH DISPOSAL AND BERTHING

- 24.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park or harbour.
- 24.2. RRS 55 (Trash Disposal) is changed by adding the sentence: „However, discarding wool bands when setting a sail is permitted.”

25. [DP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTION

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

26. [DP] DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

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

27. [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 27.1. 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.
- 27.2. The race committee may use VHF for race information, courses to be sailed, recalls and to announce boats identified as OCS, UFD or BFD. Failure to hear or receive such broadcasts, timeliness of broadcast or the order of sail numbers announced, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). The VHF channel will be 71.

28. [DP] [SP] MEDIA AND POSITIONING EQUIPMENT

[SP] If trackers are to be used for this race, notices and instructions will be published before 2100hrs. at the notice board.

29. PRIZES

- 29.1. Prizes see Notice of Race
- 29.2. Special Prizes and perpetual trophies for the individual classes have been listed on the Kieler Woche website.
- 29.3. Prizes, not claimed at the Prize Giving Ceremony will remain with the Organizers.
- 29.4. Whoever has received a perpetual trophy undertakes to keep it in his or her safe custody and to return it to the Organizers without delay latest by 31 December 2019 or on request. He or she shall be responsible for any damage or loss. It is therefore recommended to cover this risk by adequate insurance.

30. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, 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

31. [DP] INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid (and for the racing area suitable) third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 3,000,000 € per incident or the equivalent.