

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Open Class Championship Flying Dutchman

from 16 – 18 May 2014

on the “Sneekermeer”

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority is the Koninklijke Watersportvereniging Sneek (Royal Yacht Club Sneek KWS) in conjunction with the Royal Netherlands Sailing Association and the “Nederlandse Flying Dutchman Organisatie” (NFDO)

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS)
- 2.2. The prescriptions of the Royal Netherlands Sailing Association (RNSA) will apply. The ‘Rules for Championships Sailing and Windsurfing’ will apply. The International FD Class Rules will apply. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 2.3. Every person on board who has his domicile in the Netherlands shall be a member of a Yacht club or other body affiliated to the RNSA and shall have the appropriate license.

3. The Regatta Office

On Friday 16th the Regatta Office is situated at the “Starteiland” at the “Roerkoning”. On the following Saturday and Sunday, the Regatta Office is situated at the “Starttoren” also at the “Starteiland”. The “Starteiland” can be reached by a ferry.

Address: Kolmeersland 3, 8626 GH Offingawier. Phone: +31 515 432375

Or : Paviljoenswei, Offingawier.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the regatta office.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09.00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1. Signal made ashore will be displayed at the signalling mast just outside of the regatta office.
- 6.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in the race signal AP.



7. QUALIFICATION RACES

When at the entry closing date there are more than 45 entries the regatta may consist of a qualifying series and final series. This will be announced Thursday may 15th, 20.00 at the latest on the announcement board.

The first 6 races of the series will then be treated as a qualifying series. In such case Appendix C of these sailing instructions will apply.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

8.1. Racing schedule:

Date	Warning signal		
Friday may 16th	race 1 12.55	race 2 asap	race 3 asap
Saturday may 17th	race 4 09.55	race 5 asap	race 6 asap
Sunday may 18th	race 7 09.55	race 8 asap	race 9 asap

- 8.2. If there are qualification races the 2^e group will start 5 minutes after a valid start of the 1^{ste} group.
- 8.3. The Friday and Saturday will be qualifications races en the Sunday final races (gold and silver).
- 8.4. Three races a day are scheduled. One extra race per day may be sailed.
- 8.5. There are a total number of 9 races scheduled.
- 8.6. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least four minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 8.7. Each race for which the warning signal has not been given by 20.00 will not be sailed on that day.
- 8.8. On Sunday may 18th no warning signal will be made after 15.00, unless there is not realized a valid championship.

9. CLASS FLAG

Class flag will be Code flag 'F'

If there are qualification races at the same time with the class flag, the flag(s) of the groups will be shown. See also attachment C.

10. RACING AREA

The races will be held at the Sneekermeer.

Attachment A shows the location of the racing areas.

The Starting Area is defined as a rectangle covering the area 100 meters to both windward and leeward of the starting line and 100 meters to both port and starboard of either end of the starting line.

11. THE COURSES

- 11.1. The diagram in Attachment B shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2. The course signal will be a yellow board with a black letter.
- 11.3. The marks of the course will be **red marks** with **odd numbers**, and **yellow marks** with **even numbers**.
- 11.4. 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.
- 11.5. The marks of the starting line will be **orange marks without numbers**.



12. THE START

- 12.1. Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2. The starting line will be on the course side of the starboard-end and port-end starting mark.
- 12.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 12.4. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4 and A5.
- 12.5. 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.
- 12.6. When an individual recall is given, flag "X" will be displayed and repeated horn signals will be given. This changes rule 29.1.

13. 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.

14. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end and an orange mark at port end.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1. Time limits are as follows:

<i>target time</i>	<i>time limit</i>
<i>60 minutes</i>	<i>90 minutes</i>

- 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 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the regatta office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2. 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 15 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. Breaches of instructions 12.3, 18, 22, 23 en 24 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.



- 16.6. 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.
- 16.7. On the last scheduled day of racing 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.
- 16.8. 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.
- 16.9. 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.

17. SCORING

Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- (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 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) If more than 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.2. Boats not leaving the harbor for a day's race shall inform the regatta office prior to the start.
- 18.3. 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.
- 18.4. While afloat it is strongly recommended to wear adequate personal buoyancy under all circumstances.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 19.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized 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 a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. OFFICIAL BOATS

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



22. SUPPORT BOATS

Except in case of emergency, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing and shall not communicate with boats from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

Support boats shall be marked with the national flag of the country they represent.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats. A penalty of breaking rule 55 may be less than qualification if the protest committee so decides.

24. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

25. PRIZES

Prizes will be given to the helm and crew of the first three boats.

The title "Klassenkampioen" and the Red Pennant of the RNSA and the Cle Jeltjes Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the crew of the boat with the lowest series score.

26. 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.

27. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 1.500.000 per incident or the equivalent.

28. ORGANIZATION

The race officer is: Piet van der Zwaag

The chairman of the protest committee is: Bouke Oostenbrug

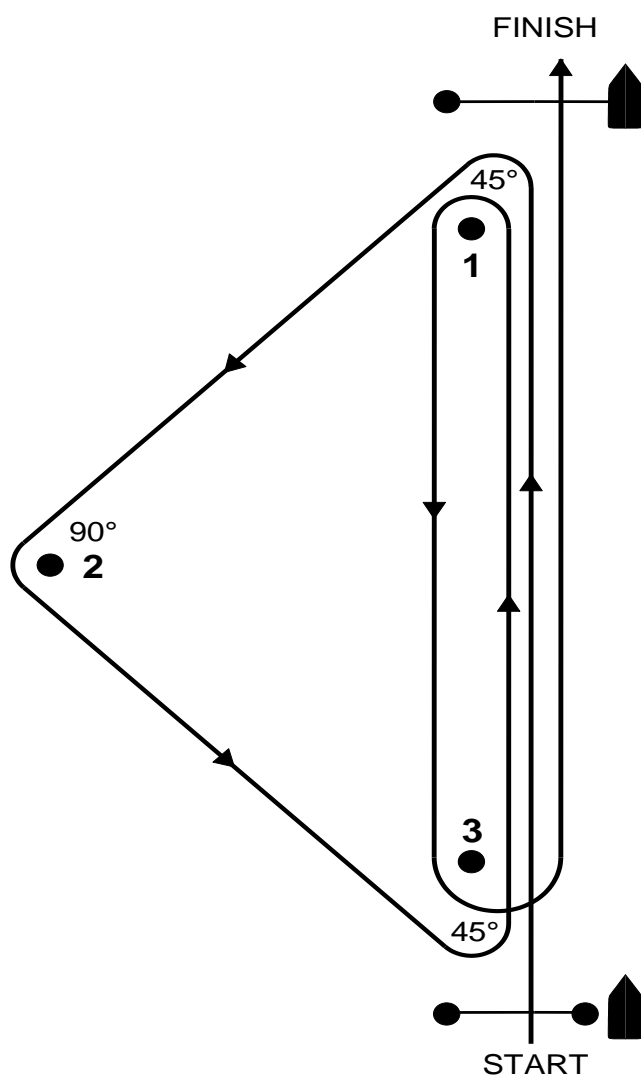


Attachment A: The race area

- A1 The race area will be the Sneekermeer south east of the Prinses Margriet channel.
- A2.1 While racing, competitors shall not sail in the buoyed off shipping channel through the Sneekermeer. This shipping channel, which is indicated by a line formed by the channel markers is an obstruction in the sense of the Definitions RRS.
- A2.2 In addition, competitors shall not be in the buoyed off shipping channel through the Sneekermeer, **when not racing**, except to completely cross the channel at a right angle.



Attachment B: Coarces & Marks



Coarse A Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish

Coarse B Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish

Coarse C Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish

Attachment C: PROCEDURE FOR SPLIT FLEETS

1. FORMAT OF RACING

The format is a Qualifying-Series with six races scheduled, and a Final-Series of three scheduled races.

Boats will be assigned to one of four groups: Red, Green, Yellow or Blue, of approximately equal size and ability. Assignments will be made by the Championship organizing committee in conjunction with the race committee and guided by current ranking list positions and championships placing. The assignments will be posted by 1800h on the day before the first scheduled race.

2. QUALIFYING-SERIES:

For races the fleet is split into two starts. Two groups race together but the group pairing shall change as follows:

If all fleets have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the fleets with fewer races will continue racing the following day until all fleets have completed the same number of races. All boats will thereafter race in the new fleets.

Final Series:

Boats will be assigned to Gold and Silver fleets on the basis of their ranks in the Qualifying-Series. The Final-series Gold and Silver fleets will have, as nearly as possible, equal size.

Any recalculation of Qualifying-Series ranking after boats have been assigned to Final-Series fleets will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to the Gold fleet.

3. CLASS FLAG

In lieu of the class flag Coloured flags will be raised at the warning signal to indicate the groups racing in that start.

4. SPLIT FLEET SCORING

A boats score will be the sum of its score in the Qualifying and the Final-series. In the event that one group does not have the same number of races as another group, boats will be assigned their average score from the Qualifying-Series for the missing Qualifying-Series race and their average score from the Final-Series for the missing Final-Series race.

For split fleets if five or six qualifying series races are completed there shall be one (temporary) discard of a qualifying race score

A Gold fleet boat's score will be the sum of her score in the Qualifying-Series plus her score in the Gold-Fleet series, for her "final score".

For a Silver-Fleet boat her "Silver fleet score" will be the sum of her score in the Qualifying-Series plus her score in the Silver-Fleet series.