

NOTICE OF RACE



KONINKLIJKE WATERSPORTVERENIGING SNEEK

89th Sneekweek

In all recognized open one-design classes

excl. Windsurfer LT, Optimist B, Optimist C and Valk G-sails

organized by

**Koninklijke Watersportvereniging Sneek
(Royal Yacht Club Sneek)**

1 - 6 August 2026

Location: Sneekermeer,
Zoutepoel and Goïngarypster Poelen

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025 – 2028*.
- 1.2 The following rules are changed:
 - NoR 14 changes RRS 44.1.
 - NoR 15 changes RRS A2.1.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text of the RRS will prevail.
- 1.4 Every person aboard resident in the Netherlands must be in possession of the required racing license.
- 1.5 The KWS-Sneek privacy statement in respect of racing can be found at www.sneekweek.nl.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Local Sailing Instructions will be published on www.sneekweek.nl no later than 2 days before the first start.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Information about the regatta can be found on the KWS website: www.sneekweek.nl.
- 3.2 Competitor registration will be on Thursday afternoon 30 July, from 18:00 to 21:00 (ferry is free of charge for competitors) in café-restaurant It Foarûnder on the Starteiland or on Saturday 1 August from 08:30 at the KWS Race Office on the Starteiland.
One set of course diagrams per boat will be provided at registration.
Competitors can also have their Sneekweek (ferry) pass made. A passport photo is required for this. **So don't forget to bring a passport photo!**

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 In order to compete in the series, each class must have **at least 7 boats per day** entered by the entry closing date.
- 4.2 The Flits class may enter in groups A, B or C. A group may only compete in the series, if it has **at least 7 boats per day** entered by the entry closing date. If not enough boats have entered in the Flits class in groups A, B or C, the race committee reserves the right to merge the groups.
- 4.3 The Valk class and O-jol class may enter in group A or B. The board of the Valk class and the board of the O-jol class may rearrange the groups. Entering in the series in group A or B is only possible if at the cut-off time of the close of entry date, at least 40 boats in total have been entered on each day. If not enough boats have entered, groups A and B will be merged into one group.
- 4.4 Boats may enter at www.sneekweek.nl.
- 4.5 Entry fees shall be paid by IDEAL or credit card only.
- 4.6 Entries and payment shall be received by the race secretariat before close of entry date.
- 4.7 In case of withdrawal after close of entry date, entry fees will not be refunded.
- 4.8 **Close of entry date** will be: Saturday 25th of July 2026 at 23:59.
NB: Entry is subsequently closed for any class/group that has not at least 7 boats entered per day at the close of entry date.
- 4.9 Late entries will be charged an extra € 4 **for each registered day**, which will be donated to the KWS youth sailing program.
- 4.10 For questions or changes to entry details please contact inschrijving@kws-sneek.nl.

5 ENTRY FEES

Entry fees are as follows:

Youth boat

One-person boat € 11,25 per day

Two-person boat € 13,00 per day

Adult boat

One-person boat € 16,75 per day

Two-person boat € 23,00 per day

Three-person boat € 29,75 per day

Four-person boat € 36,00 per day

The registration fee includes one entry ticket per crew member for the closing party on Thursday 6 August. Any additional tickets for the closing party are for sale during registration and from the Race Office desk.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Not applicable.

7 ADVERTISING

Not applicable

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

The race committee reserves the right to split any class except the Flits, Valk and O-jol, into qualification groups, if there are 40 entries or more. This decision may be made until the close of entry date.

The final qualification groupings will be made in consultation with the class association. If the race committee decides to split a class into qualification groups, such grouping shall not be grounds for redress.

ADDENDUM K of the Local Sailing Instructions then applies.

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 The starting schedule will be published in the Local Sailing Instructions and will be shown on www.sneekweek.nl no later than 2 days before the first start.

9.2 For all classes 6 races are scheduled, with the exception of the classes Hansa Liberty, O-jol, Solo, Spanker and Regenboog.

The Hansa Liberty sails 4 races: there is 1 race on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The classes O-jol, Solo, Spanker and Regenboog sail a total of 9 races: there are 2 races on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.

9.3 The time of the warning signal for the first race of the first class will be 10:55.

9.4 On the last race day no warning signal will be made after 14:55.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Every boat must have a valid measurement certificate.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Not applicable.

12 VENUE

- 12.1 The Race Office will be open on Saturday from 08:30 and on all other days from 09:00 until at least one hour after the finish of the last boat.
- 12.2 Addendum A shows the location of the Race Office, café-restaurant It Foarûnder and the Roerkoning.
- 12.3 Addendum B shows the location of the race area.

13 COURSES

Races will be sailed on the KWS Sneekweek courses, version 2025.

At registration competitors will receive one free set of course diagrams **per boat**.

Course diagrams are available at registration and from the Race Office desk at € 3.-. The courses can also be viewed online and downloaded at www.sneekweek.nl.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS 44.1: The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2 The right to appeal protest committee decisions with regard to the qualification races is denied with the prior approval of the Watersportverbond in accordance with RRS 70.3(b).

15 SCORING

RRS A2.1:

When fewer than 5 races have been completed, each boat's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3(b), be the total of her race scores.

When 5 or more races have been completed, each boat's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3(b), be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

Not applicable.

17 CHARTERED OR BORROWED BOATS

Not applicable.

18 BERTHING

Not applicable.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Not applicable.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Not applicable.

21 RISK STATEMENT

- 21.1 In accordance with RRS 3 competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

- 21.2 The Koninklijke Watersportvereniging Sneek or any other party involved in the organisation of the races 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.

22 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 1,500,000 per event or the equivalent thereof.

23 PRIZES

- 23.1 In each class there will be prizes per race, as follows:

- 23.2 The number of prizes is determined by the number of entries registered. There are prizes for

In the youth classes (Flits, Splash Blue, Optimist and RS-Feva) up to 7 prizes per race are available: 7-8 entries: 1 prize 9-10 entries: 2 prizes 11-12 entries: 3 prizes 13-15 entries: 4 prizes 16-19 entries: 5 prizes 20-24 entries: 6 prizes 25 and more entries: 7 prizes	For all other classes, up to 5 prizes per race are available: 7-8 entries: 1 prize 9-11 entries: 2 prizes 12-15 entries: 3 prizes 16-20 entries: 4 prizes 21 and more entries: 5 prizes
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both helmsman and crew, with a maximum of 4 per boat. For the Valk class there will be 2 prizes per boat.

- 23.3 Prizes may be collected daily from the Race Office desk after the end of protest time. Prizes can no longer be claimed after the Sneekweek has ended.
- 23.4 In each class there will be one overall prize.
- 23.5 The prize-giving ceremony will take place on Thursday from 20:00 in the party tent, prior to the closing party. Admission to the award ceremony is free.

24 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 24.1 *For information about entries only*, please contact Attie Brouwer: inschrijving@kws-sneek.nl.
- 24.2 *For any other information*, please contact racing secretary Corien Koek: wedstrijdzeilen@kws-sneek.nl or write to KWS, Postbus 100, 8600 AC, Sneek.

NB These email and postal addresses will not accept any entries. Entries can be made solely on www.sneekweek.nl.

ADDENDUM A: the Race Office, café-restaurant It Foarûnder and the Roerkoning



ADDENDUM B: Race area

The race area is formed by the Sneekemeer to the southeast of the Princess Margriet Canal, the Zoutepoel and the Goïngarypster Poelen.

