

OPEN BELGIAN F18 & F16 NATIONALS

OCTOBER 3rd and 4th 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Open Belgian F18 & F16 Nationals 2015 will be organised by the Ostend Sailing and Racing Club vzw (OSRC), Vuurtorenweg 2, 8400 Oostende, Belgium.

2. RULES

The Open Belgian F18 & F16 2015 will be governed by :

- The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS) and any amendments.
- The F18 Class rules.
- The F16 Class rules.
- The Notice of Race.
- The Sailing Instructions.

3. DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY/RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states : "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

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 open Belgian F18 & F16 Nationals 2015.

Any competitor under the age of 18 years will be required to obtain parental/guardian consent prior to commencement of the Open Belgian F18 & F16 Nationals 2015.

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor, each parent, present or not, each coach agrees and acknowledges that :

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, crew and their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extend caused by their own actions or omissions;



- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically in the circumstances;
- g) Their boat is adequately insured.

4. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising of the event sponsor on the forward 25% of each side of the hull. Such advertising, if any, shall be fixed in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

Boats carrying publicity on sails, boat, boom shall be in the possession of a publicity certificate. Boats may be required to present a valid publicity certificate delivered by their National Authorities.

5. SAIL NUMBER

RRS art. 77 stipulates that every boat shall carry a sail number. A boat which does not carry a sail number, **shall not be recorded** at the finish. In the case of a scoring inquiry, the responsible sailor shall prove by picture his boat carries a sail number.

6. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

The Open Belgian F18 & F16 Nationals 2015 is open to all F18 & F16 multihulls.

Entries shall be made by submitting the attached entry form to regatta@osrc.be or at the regatta office.

Entries and non-refundable registration fees shall be received at registration before 3rd October 2015 11.30am. Competitors shall show during confirmation of registration :

- a valid sailing licence
- a valid insurance certificate
- a valid membership of their class association (if any)
- the measurement form of the boat
- a valid authorization of advertising (if necessary)
- a valid parents' permission for the minors (if necessary)

7. EVENT FEES

Including a bbq on Saturday evening for two persons : 80€ per boat.

Not including the bbq on Saturday evening for two persons : 50€ per boat.

Payments (in Euro only) shall be received on site during registration, in cash.



8. SCHEDULE

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Date	Time	Event
Saturday October 3 rd	09:00-11:30 12:55 Around 19:00	Registration. Warning Signal 1 st race of the day. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. Diner participants, after the races.
Sunday October 4 th	10:55 ASAP	Warning Signal 1 st race of the day. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. No first warning signal will be made after 16:00 unless a general recall has been made. Price giving.

8 races are scheduled with a maximum of 4 sailed races a day except when races have been postponed on the previous day.

3 sailed races must be completed to validate the Open Belgian F18 & F16 Nationals 2015.

9. MEASUREMENTS

Each competitor shall present a valid measurement certificate on the first day of his on site registration. To prevent any dispute, no fundamental measurement need be carried out on the spot.

Any boat or equipment may be inspected for compliance with the class rules and the sailing instructions at any time. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for measurements checks.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be handed to each competitor on completion of registration.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

All support boats are requested to register at the regatta office before October 3rd 11h00.

12. VENUE

The Open Belgian F18 & F16 Nationals 2015 will be held at the North Sea, in front of the Ostend Sailing and Racing Club, Ostend Belgium.

Boats and trailers can stay overnight on the club's premises. Cars shall not be parked on the club's site, parking places can be found in the streets around the club – free of charge.

13. COURSES AND COMPETITION FORMAT

The event will use : windward/ leeward sausage courses with a gate.

14. SYSTEM PENALTY



The alternative penalty rules RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the 720° turn shall be replaced by a 360° turn and shall include one tack and one gibe.

15. SCORING SYSTEM

The RRS Appendix A4.1 - Low Point Scoring system will be used. When 4 or more races have been completed, the worst score (except DNE) will be excluded.

16. SAFETY EQUIPEMENT

A towing rope of 15 meters long and 6 mm in diameter.

A righting rope of 4 meters long and 10 mm in diameter.

2 personal flotation devices in accordance with EC specifications.

A wetsuit or drysuit are obligatory at all times while afloat.

Competitors must have a mobile phone on board, this must be used in case of emergency. The following numbers can be reached :

- Freddy, president OSRC +32 498 881908
- Lieve, OSRC +32 474 556962
- SAR (search and rescue) Ostend +32 59 701000
- TWINS (beachclub Bredene) +32 475 599647

Note: lengths and diameters specified in this article have to be read as minimum.

17. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded by the OSRC.

Prizes will be awarded only to teams who attend the prize giving (represented by themselves).

18. COMPETITOR'S INSURANCE

All competitors entering one or more events as described in this N.O.R. shall have third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of € 2.500.000,00.

19. RIGHT TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

In sailing this event a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time and at their discretion, any motion or still pictures, and live, taped or film television and any other reproductions of him/her during the period of the Open Belgian F18 & F16 Nationals in which the competitor competes and in all material related to the Open Belgian F18 & F16 Nationals without any compensation.

20. ACCOMODATION

General informations are available on the web page from the local tourist office.

Toerisme Oostende vzw

Tel.: +32 59 701199

e-mail : info@visitoostende.be



www.visitoostende.be

There is a regular ferry-boat service for pedestrians and bicycles between the center of Ostend-city and the club; the service is free of charge.

21. GENERAL

The North Sea is challenging. Knowledge of the sea and tides will help the crew. Lifejacket, wetsuit or drysuit are obligatory at all times while afloat.

22. EVENT INFORMATION

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