

## **ESTORACE 2010 racing rules**

### **1.RULES**

The race is held according to the ISAC Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-12 and the given rules in F18 groups and free class (amendment has been made to rule 42- Means of Propulsion). The F18 class rules are applied if not stated otherwise.

#### **1.1 MEANS OF PROPULSION amendment**

Amendment has been made to Rule 42. Paddling is allowed but only with one or two simple paddles (double paddles not allowed) and not longer than 1.6 meters. Only the main sail can be hoisted when paddling.

For the purpose of limiting the paddling, each time, the team starts to paddle, jib and gennaker have to be completely furled or down.

#### **1.2 INTERNATIONAL MARITIME COLLISION AVOIDANCE RULES**

This rule is in effect during the whole race from sundown until sunrise. Every boat must have a white light at the masthead, which must be switched on in the sundown and switched off in the sunrise. The judges will check the presence of the light before each stage. In the absence of the light the judge has the right to disqualify the boat.

### **2. THE DATE AND THE PLACE**

Arrival to the start is on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June, evening.

The race starts in Ikla (Lepanina) <http://www.lepanina.ee/> and ends in Narva-Jõesuu. <http://www.meresuu.ee/>

Start 10.07 2010 and the planned race duration is 4-5 days. Finish is in Narva-Jõesuu 13.07 or 14.07 depending on the weather conditions.

### **3.PARTICIPANTS**

All the beach catamarans whose quotient is noted in the ISAF handicap of SCHRS (Small Catamaran Handicap Rating System) can take part from the race. Race has a separate class for F18 catamarans.

All the teams are racing with their own boats. All the teams must have 2 members who are older than 18 years (included).

ISAF Competitors Classification codex is applied.

#### **3.1 EXCHANGE CREWMEMBERS**

According to a general rule exchange of team members during the race is not allowed, except due serious illness or injury of team member. In this case the judges must be notified immediately after stage finish of the stage, not later than a one hour.

### **4.DISTANCE**

Length of the distance is approximately 300 nautical miles.

The distance runs along the Estonian coast and is divided to stages.

1.stage Ikla(Lepanina)- Haapsalu Yacht club (stage finish)

2.stage Haapsalu Yacht club- Naissaar (stage finish)

3.stage Naissaar- Vergi (stage finish)

4.stage Vergi- Narva Jõesuu (finish)

Every stage has check points (CP), the coordinates are announced during the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Every morning during skippers meeting all the participants are informed of any changes.

## **5.START**

Start line is the beach line if not stated otherwise (instructions are in the Estorace guide point 10). Start is open 30 minutes after giving the start. All the skippers will be informed of changes.

### **5.1 Start procedure**

5 minutes- Hobie Cat and Nacra flag will be hoisted + sound signal

1 minute- long sound signal

Start- flags down + sound signal

There will be two starts:

First start- 9 am is free class

Second start- 11 am is F18

### **5.2 Changes in start procedure**

A change has been made to the start procedure. The 4 minute signal has been left out. Start will be given to the boats that are on the beach line and the 4 minute signal can cause confusion.

## **6. STAGE FINISH AND FINISH**

The line of the stage finish and finish is the beach line if not stated otherwise ( look EstoRace guide point 10).

## **7. THE COURSE**

Between the start, check points and the stage finish the competitors can choose their own course. The organizers can finish or stop the race in every CP or stage finish if it is necessary. The organizers can also shorten the stages with moving the stage finish to the CP.

## **8. REGISTRTION AT THE CP**

At each CP and stage finish the team will register the exact time of passage. The time registered at the onshore CP will be the time when at least one team member is next to the CP flag. Crew members of every team and the boat have to be present at each point and are not allowed to stop more than 200 meters from the shore or in a place where the water depth is not more than 1 meter.

## **9. CHECK POINTS AND STAGE FINISH DESIGNATION**

Every CP and stage finish will be designated with a flag. They will be Hobie Cat and Nacra flags, if separate or together, will be announced at the beginning of the race.

9.1 If the onshore CP flag is hoisted that means that the team has reached to the CP where one team member has to go onshore and register with the judge.

9.2 If the CP has not been hoisted the team has to pass the point without stopping but not more than 300 meters from the shore. The judge can control if the teams pass the CPs with positioning device.

9.3 If there are differences between the CP description and the flags actual position, then the actual position is superior and the flag has to be followed.

9.4 In the stage finish one team member has to run to the stage finish flag and to the judge and register the finish of the stage, if not stated otherwise during the skippers meeting before the stage start.

9.5 The teams have to make a stop with the hoist flag, minimum of 1 minute, that will be monitored by the judge and that is compulsory to all teams. 1 minute starts when the team member has reached to the judge. The organizers will announce which CP has the on 1 minute compulsory stop and which don't.

## **10. DEADLINE**

If a team doesn't reach the stage finish 1 hour before the start of the next stage the organizers have the right to disqualify the team.

## **11. REMOTE ASSISTANCE**

11.1 All kind of remote assistance is not allowed, except in an emergency.

11.2 Only the team can repair their boat and can't use any remote assistance that is not available to all teams.

11.3 All the specific parts of the boat class (rudder blades, dagger board, gennaker) have to be carried on board from the start to the finish of the race. Food and drinks may be acquired anywhere as long as it is not organised specifically for the team by anyone.

## **12. PROTESTS**

12.1 If someone wants to fail a protest, they have to give it to the judge in the first stage finish in writing not later than 1 hour after finishing. Its not possible to fail a protest in CP.

12.2 The team that has a protest has to show a red flag and hoist the flag in the direction of the team that has caused the protest according to the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 – 08.

12.3 The protest will be discussed in the same stage finish that it was failed. People participating in the protest will be told the exact place and time.

12.4 Appellations will be taken only in the next stage finish.

## **13. RANKING**

### Free class

SCHRS time repairing system in used.

13.1 The distance is divided to stages.

13.2 The SCHRS and point system is used to calculate the results.

13.3 In the finish of every stage times will be adjusted with the SCHRS quotient and according to the results places will be given. First one gets 3+ the number of competitors. For example with 10 teams the first one gets 13, second one 12, third one 11 and so on. All the points will be summed up and the team that has the most points is the winner.

### F18

13.4 To calculate F18 results a point system will be used.

13.5 Distance will be divided to stages.

13.6 The first team to reach to a CP will get 0,5 bonus points.

13.7 At the end of every stage all the teams will get points. First one gets 3+ the number of competitors. For example with 10 teams the first one gets 13 points, second

one 12 points, third one 11 points and so on. All the points will be summed up and the team that has the most points is the winner.

For everyone

13.8 Team that did not pass a CP will not get points for that stage.

13.9 Team that does not finish a stage will get 1 point.

13.10 Team who used remote assistance due to a emergency will not get points for that stage.

## **14. SAFETY**

14.1 Safety means.

Safety is priority for the organizers. The organizer will to its best to keep the safety on a high level. Competitors must respect that, due to the nature of the race, rescue operations may be difficult and take time.

For safety reasons, extreme weather conditions or other exceptional factors, organizers are authorised to make any decisions they deem appropriate if the proper safety conditions can no longer be met. Before the start, the skipper will sign a disclaimer. He/she will be aware to have the ultimate responsibility of his/her own and his/her crewmembers safety.

**All the participants take part in the event on their own risk.**

14.2 Safety assistance.

A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger. If you need assistance from another team or safety boat express it in the following way:

-during the day if help is needed, one team member must stimulate the letter "Y" for YES by holding his/her legs together and arms in a "V".

-during night time, use the flashlight and flick in on and off so that another team can see it.

## **15. SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

15.1 Required equipment on the boat:

Top light

Two paddles (not longer than a 1.6 meters)

Righting line

Towing line (8 m)

Red parachute flares

Red protesting flag

Positioning device provided by the organizer which has to returned after the race.

15.2 The teams equipment on the boat

Life jackets

Two mobile phones in waterproof bags

GPS device and backup batteries

Waterproof flashlight

A knife in a cover (attached on the boat)

Minimum of 2 litres of drinking water and snacks that are rich in calories (energy candy).

It is recommended to take binoculars and use a dry suit.

## **16. BEHAVIOUR**

Saving and respecting the nature during the race is very important. All damage and pollution to the nature is punishable by law. Teams have to carry their garbage until they can throw it away in a designated place.

This is a sport competition and all shabby moves will be punished, even with disqualification.

## **17. RISKS**

All teams are competing at their own risk. The organizer will not accept any liability for personal or material damage, injury or death, sustained in conjunction with prior to, during or after the race

Liabilities to third parties in the value of 64 000 EUR is compulsory.

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## **18. ADVERTISING**

The organizer has the right to use the boats as an advertising surface. Glueable emblems will be given out before the race to the teams. The installation is the responsibility of the teams.

## **19. ACCEPTANCE OF RULES**

Starting the race means that all the team members have automatically accepted the rules.