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OPEN BELGIUM MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP

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Sailing instructions

All times in this notice of race are in Belgian summertime GMT+2 24-hour format.

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

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the “Racing Rules Of Sailing” (RRS)
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the Belgian Sailing Federation can be found on;
<https://belgiansailing.be/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Prescriptions-Belgian-Sailing-RRS-2021-2024-ENG.pdf>
- 1.3. Appendix P will apply as amended in instruction 15.

2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.


3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the window of the clubhouse.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at flag mast located in front of the clubhouse of the yacht club.
- 5.2. When flag AP  is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in Race Signals AP.



6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. Dates and number of races

Date:	Class: ILCA 7	Class: ILCA 6
3th september	3 races	3 races
4th september	3 races	3 races
5th september	2 races	2 races

6.2. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule. This change of schedule will be made according SI 2.

6.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal of the races on each day is:

Date:	
3th september	ILCA7 - First warning signal of that day: 12:55 hours
	ILCA 6 - First warning signal of that day: 5 minutes after a valid start of the ILCA7
4th september	ILCA 7 - First warning signal of that day: 10:25 hours
	ILCA 6 - First warning signal of that day: 5 minutes after a valid start of the ILCA7
5th september	ILCA 7 - First warning signal of that day: 10:25 hours
	ILCA 6 - First warning signal of that day: 5 minutes after a valid start of the ILCA7

6.4. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

6.5. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 14:00 hours.

7. CLASS FLAGS

Class:
ILCA7
ILCA6

Flag:
White with Red logo
Green with Red logo

8. RACING AREA

8.1. Attachment A shows the location of racing area.

9. COURSES

9.1. The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The approximate course length will be 45 minutes.



- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee shall signal the boats by display a numeric pennant, which course should be sailed.
- 9.3. Heading from mark 2 to mark 4, don't cross the finishline.
- 9.4. When one gate mark is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks of the course are: orange cylindrical buoys.
- 10.2. The starting marks will be a buoy with staff displaying an orange flag at the port side and an orange flag on the starting vessel at the starboard side.
- 10.3. The finishing marks will be a buoy with staff displaying a blue flag and a blue flag on the finishing vessel.

11. ABANDONING A RACE

- 11.1. Under RRS 32.1, the race committee may abandon the race because of a major wind shift or irregular winds or when the wind speed drops below 5 knots (2.5 m/s) as measured by the race committee. Any action or no action by the race committee under this instruction will not be grounds for redress under RRS 60.1(b).

12. THE START

- 12.1. Races will be started by using rule 26 RRS with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2. The starting line will be between a buoy with staff displaying an orange flag at the port side and an orange flag on the starting vessel at the starboard side.
- 12.3. (DP, NP) Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.4. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1. There will be no change of course
- 13.2. The course may be shortened to finish at a rounding mark or a gate provided 3 or more legs have been sailed (excluding the leg between mark 1 and mark 2).

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. Finishing line will be between a buoy with a staff displaying a blue flag and a blue flag on the finishing vessel.



15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1. Appendix P will apply with the following changes:
- (a) If a first penalty is signalled after a boat has crossed the finish line, a scoring penalty of 10% of the score for did not finish rounded to a whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) will be added to the boats score. However, she shall not be scored worse than DSQ.
 - (b) RRS P3 is replaced with "If a boat has been penalised for the first time under RRS P1.2 and the race is restarted or resailed the penalty is cancelled, but it is counted to determine the number of times she has been penalised during the regatta. This changes RRS 36."
 - (c) RRS P4 is replaced with "An action by the jury under RRS P1.2 shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. The jury may initiate a redress hearing and may give redress for an action under RRS P1.2 by a member of the jury or its designated observer". This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 15.2. A boat that has either retired from or been disqualified in a race for a second or subsequent breach of RRS 42 shall not compete in that race if it is restarted or resailed. For the purposes of this instruction a race is 'restarted or resailed' when it has the same race number as a previously abandoned or recalled race, even if the race is resailed on a later date.
If she competes in that race, she shall be disqualified without a hearing and that score shall not be excluded (DNE) and the jury will consider calling a hearing under RRS 69.1(a). This means:

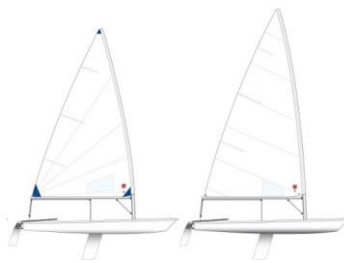
Yellow Flag	Immediate penalty	After a general recall or a postponement or an abandonment	No action by boat	After a general recall or a postponement or an abandonment
1e	1st Two turns/ 10% (SI 15.1(a))	Can restart	DSQ	Shall not restart if notified of the DSQ
2e	Retire (RET)	Shall not restart	DNE Race	Can not restart
3e	Retire (DNE)	Shall not restart	DNE Event	Can not restart

16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 16.1. Time limits are as follows:

Class	Time limit Mark 1	Time limit	Target time
ILCA7	30 minutes	75 minutes	45 minutes
ILCA6	30 minutes	75 minutes	45 minutes

- 16.2. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)
- 16.4. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.



17. HEARING REQUEST

- 17.1. Hearing request forms are available at the regatta office located at the clubhouse of the Yacht club. Protests and request for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2. 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.
- 17.3. Notices will be posted within 30 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 yacht club, beginning a.s.a.p. after the last race of the day.
- 17.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b) RRS.
- 17.5. Arbitrage as is described in appendix T will be offered before a protest hearing.
- 17.6. A list of boats that, under SI 15 have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 17.7. A request for a decision in writing has to be delivered within one hour after the decision is given verbally. This changes RRS 65.2.
- 17.8. A request for correction of an error in the published results has to be delivered to the R.C. 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. The boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form, available at the race office. When the request is not granted, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the boat is informed that the request is not granted. This changes RRS 62.2.

18. WHISTLE SYSTEM

- 18.1. To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, jury members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.

19. SCORING

- 19.1. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 19.2. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her Race scores.
- 19.3. When 5, 6, 7 or 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

20. SAFETY (NP, DP)

- 20.1. RRS 40.1 is applicable: Each Competitor shall wear a personal flotation except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.
- 20.2. Competitors who require assistance should wave one arm with hand open. If no assistance is required, the arm should be waved with fist closed.
- 20.3. If considered necessary a competitor may be ordered by a race organization vessel to abandon his or her boat and board a patrol vessel.
- 20.4. A boat that retires from a race shall notify a race committee, safety/patrol or jury boat as soon as possible and the race office immediately after returning to the shore.



21. & 22 SPARE

23. OFFICIAL BOATS

23.1. Official boats will be marked as follows: with flag with “RC” or “JURY”

24. [DP] SUPPORT BOATS

24.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing 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.

25. [DP] TRASH DISPOSAL

25.1. When Covid19 National regulations apply no Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats. If these are not applicable it can be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

26. SPARE

27. [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

27.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

28. PRIZES

28.1. The helmsman of the winning boat of the championship (ILCA7 and ILCA6) will receive the title "Belgian ILCA7 – ILCA6 Champion" and receive the banner of Belgian Sailing.

28.2. The first Woman of the championship in the ILCA 6, will receive the title "Belgian ILCA 6 Woman Champion" and receive the banner of Belgian Sailing.

28.3. Other prizes will be given as follows:

ILCA7fleet:

Apprentices.
Masters.
Grand Masters.
Great Grand Masters.

For each category with

ILCA6:

Apprentices.
Masters.
Grand Masters .
Great Grand Masters.
Legends.
Women.

up to 5 competitors: 1 prize
6 to 10 competitors: 2 prizes
11+ competitors: 3 prizes



29. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 29.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3. Decision to Race.
- 29.2. The Organizing Authority and all their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the regatta. Competitors take part in the regatta at their own risk.
- 29.3. The establishment of the notice of race and the sailing instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat he is sailing.
- 29.4. All competitors shall maintain their boats in a safe and seaworthy condition.
- 29.5. A competitor shall be of good health and a competent sailor capable of racing a ILCA7 or ILCA6 in open water in all conditions including strong winds.
- 29.6. At-fault occurrences to other boats are the responsibility of the helmsman. Competitors are not covered by any liability insurance provided by the organizing authority and should provide their own coverage for personal goods and liability protection. The organizing authority recommends that competitors consult their own insurance carriers to assure they are covered at this event and regarding additional personal liability insurance coverage.
- 29.7. A competitor is recommended to have personal accident and health insurance that covers him while attending the regatta and while racing.

30. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 30.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

31. INSURANCE

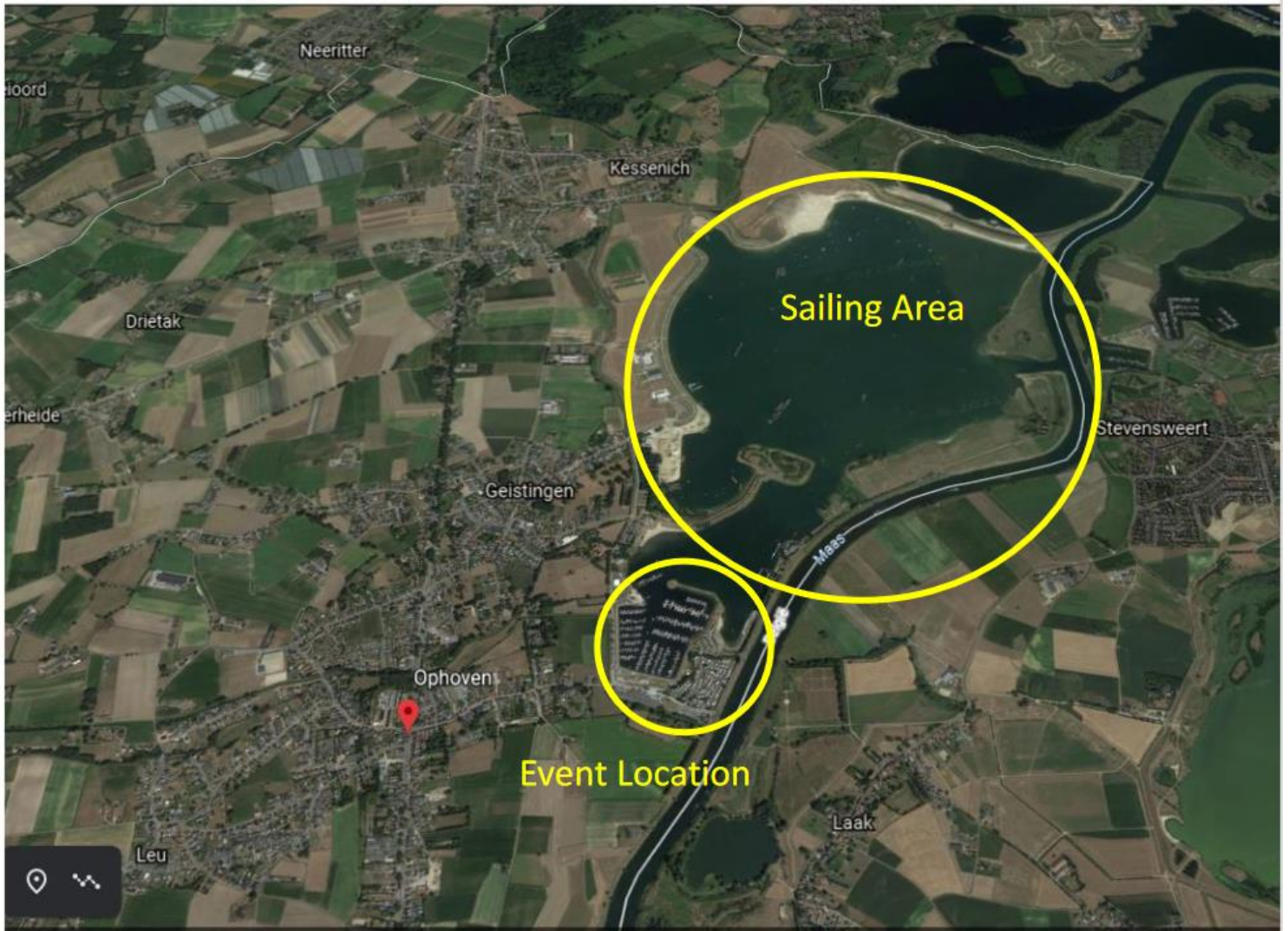
- 31.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of Euro 1.500.000 per event or the equivalent.

32. ORGANISATION

- 32.1. The race officer is: **Neuman Tomi**
The chairman of the protest committee: **Straus Joep**



ATTACHEMENT A





ATTACHEMENT B

COURSE 1 : NUMERIC PENNANT 2

Start - 1 - 2 - 3S/3P - 1 - 2 - 4 Finish

COURSE 2: NUMERIC PENNANT 3

Start - 1 - 2 - 3S/3P - 1 - 2 - 3S/3P - 1 - 2 - 4 Finish

COURSE 3: NUMERIC PENNANT 4

Start - 1 - 2 - 3S/3P - 1 - 2 - 3S/3P - 1 - 2 - 3S/3P - 1 - 2 - 4 - Finish

