

Finnish Sailing League 2019

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Finnish Sailing and Boating Federation in conjunction with the Organizing Clubs.

DATES AND VENUES

Qualifier Youth	Helsinki	HSS	May 4-5
Semifinal 1	Helsinki	BS	September 13-15
Semifinal 2	Naantali	NPS	September 20-22
Final	Mariehamn	ÅSS	October 11-13

2. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM (for Youth Qualifier only Saturday and Sunday)

Schedule

Friday	Registration 9.00-12.00 Practice 30minutes before first flight for each team First start 13.00
Saturday	Skippers briefing 9.00 First warning signal is as soon as possible after the skippers meeting Regatta party (more information separately for each event)
Sunday	Boats sail out 9.00 Last possible warning signal Mariehamn 17.00, Naantali 17.00, Helsinki 16.00 Prize giving ceremony as soon as possible.

The participating teams shall have the possibility to practice 30 minutes before their first flight . The lack of practicing shall not be ground for redress. This changes RRS 60.

Attendance at the skippers meeting and prize giving is mandatory unless excused by the organizers.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- a. Only member clubs of the Finnish Sailing and Boating Federation will be eligible to enter the Sailing League.
- b. The entries are registered in the same order as they are received by the Finnish Sailing and Boating Federation.
- c. Eligible clubs shall enter by completing the form <https://link.webpolsurveys.com/S/614CD2333C7A21E7> on the Finnish Sailing and Boating Federation website no later than 30.4.2019.
- d. The registration will be closed, when 24 clubs have entered for the semifinals. For the the Youth Qualifier a maximum of 12 teams can enter. For the semifinals, clubs may enter a second team if 24 unique clubs have not been registered. These second teams are based upon when the club registered. First club to register is the first that may enter a second team. Teams wishing to enter a second team shall mention so in their entry form.
- e. The entries received after the closing of the registration will form a waiting list for teams wishing to enter a second team.
- f. The OA may issue wildcards.
- g. Entry Fee
The Finnish Sailing and Boating Federation will bill the club a non-refundable entry fee of 750 € for the semifinals, which shall be paid by 30.4 2019.
The Youth event will be 500€. To be paid by 1.4.2019
The final event is 750€ to be paid by 1.10.2019.
- h. All team members need to be members of their participating clubs on 31.3 2019. A team member shall be a member of and represent only one club in the Finnish Sailing League during the season.
- i. Clubs qualifying for the final are expected to attend the final in Mariehamn.

4. DAMAGE DEPOSIT

An initial damage deposit of 1.000 € shall be paid at registration at the event. Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded after the event.

5. RULES

- a. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing including rules for umpired fleet racing, Addendum Q.
- b. The rules for handling boats (SI Appendix) will also apply for any practice sailing.

- c. Class rules will not apply.
- d. Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.
- e. Every crew member must wear certified personal flotation device while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Dry or wet suits are not approved flotation devices. This changes RRS part 4 and preamble and RRS40

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at the registration at the event.

7. BOATS

- a. The event will be sailed in J70 boats provided by the OA.
- b. Six (6) boats will be provided. At the Youth event 4 boats will be provided.
- c. The following sails will be provided: Mainsail, Jib, Gennaker.
- d. Boats will be allocated by the OA.

8. CREW

- a. The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 4. All registered crew shall sail all races in an event. The crew number of all-female teams may be 4 or 5. A youth team with all crew members born 1998 or later may sail with a crew of 4 or 5. This to comply with number of crew members in Women and Youth Champion Leagues.
- b. The names of the crew members shall be communicated to the OA latest on Thursday 10.00 the same week the event takes place.
- c. At least one crew member must be of full legal age (18 years).
- d. There will be no crew weight limit.
- e. When a registered crewmember is unable to continue in the event the Race Committee may authorise a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

9. TEAM FLAG

- a. The OA may supply ID-flags for each team.
- b. Instructions how to display the ID-flag during racing will be stated in the SI.

10. EVENT FORMAT

- a. A pairing list will define the amount of races and groups of each flight. A final pairing list will be defined by the OA at the event.
- b. The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any flight when conditions or the remaining time scheduled do not permit the completion of the intended format.
- c. The intention is that each club will sail about 12 races in each event.

11. SCORING

- a. Individual event
 - i. The individual event is valid if all participants present have completed at least three (3) races.
 - ii. No scores shall be excluded.
 - iii. The low point system applies.
 - iv. Any ties will be broken using Appendix A8.
- b. Overall
 - i. After each semifinal event (Helsinki and Naantali) the top five finishers from each event will receive an invitation for the final in Mariehamn. For the youth event, the top two finishers will also receive an invite to the final.
 - ii. Any ties will be broken using Appendix A8.

12. PRIZES

- a. The winner of the Finnish Sailing League will be given the title National Club Champion and will receive "Sportklubbens-pokal".
- b. Overall prizes for teams ranked 1 to 3.

13. QUALIFICATION FOR THE SAILING CHAMPIONS LEAGUE AND NORDIC CLUB SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2019 Finnish Sailing League will be the qualifier for the 2020 Sailing Champions League.

The top two clubs in the Finnish Sailing League will receive an invite to the Nordic Club Sailing Championship in Mariehamn 25-27 of October 2019.

14. COURSE

- a. The course will be windward/ leeward, with downwind gate, finishing downwind.

- b. The intended course area as defined in the Sailing Instructions, will be on the waters of Kronobergsfjärden in Helsinki, Naantalinsalmi in Naantali and Västra Hamnen in Mariehamn,

15. ADVERTISING

- a. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- b. Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising. This amends RRS 60.1.
- c. When required, teams shall wear bibs supplied by the OA.
- d. Teams may have advertising on their clothing.

16. MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

- a. If required by the OA:
 - i. Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing
 - ii. Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC
 - iii. Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing
- b. Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment
- c. The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge

17. SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS

- a. Support and coach boats must register with the Race Office and shall be identified as required by the OA.
- b. The OA will not provide berths for coach boats.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- a. All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. See RRS4 Decision to race. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, however caused.