

# Finnish Sailing League 2021

## NOTICE OF RACE



### 1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

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

Race Committee Coordinator is IRO Michal Pasik, [micpasik@gmail.com](mailto:micpasik@gmail.com) and Chief Umpire is IU Juuso Leivonen, [juuso.leivonen@gmail.com](mailto:juuso.leivonen@gmail.com).

FURTHER INFORMATION:

In Finnish [spv.fi/purjehdusliiga](http://spv.fi/purjehdusliiga) and in Swedish [sv.spv.fi/seglingsliga](http://sv.spv.fi/seglingsliga).

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### 2. DATES AND VENUES

QUALIFIERS:

- April 17-18 ÅSS Vårregatta, Women qualifier league and Women Champions League (J70)
- May 22-23 BS Spring Cup, Youth qualifier league
- June 19-20 WSF Wasa Summer Cup, Qualifier league (J22)
- July 17-18 ÅSS Mariehamnsregattan, Qualifier league (J70)
- Separate NORs for the qualifiers on Manage2Sail.

FINNISH SAILING LEAGUE 2021:

- August 20-22 Semi-final 1 ÅSS Mariehamn (J70)
- September 3-5 Semi-final 2 BS Helsinki (J70)
- September 10-12 Semi-final 3 ESF Espoo (J70)
- October 1-3 Final NPS Naantali (J70)

### 3. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

#### SEMI-FINAL IN MARIEHAMN:

##### Friday

Registration at 8.00 - 9.00.

Skippers' meeting at 9.00.

Practice 30 minutes before first race for each team.

First warning signal is as soon as possible after the skippers meeting and practice.

##### Saturday

Skippers' meeting at 9.00.

Start at 9.30.

##### Sunday

Skippers' meeting at 9.00.

Start at 9.30.

Last possible warning at 13.00.

*Prize-giving as soon as possible after racing. This is mandatory for all team-members unless excused by the OA.*

#### SEMI-FINALS IN HELSINKI AND ESPOO:

##### Friday

Registration at 11.00-12.00.

Skippers' meeting at 12.00.

Practice 30 minutes before first race for each team.

First warning signal is as soon as possible after the skippers meeting and practice.

##### Saturday

Skippers' meeting at 9.00.

Start at 9.30.

##### Sunday

Skippers' meeting at 9.00.

Start 9.30

Last possible warning at 16.00.

*Prize-giving as soon as possible after racing. This is mandatory for all team-members unless excused by the OA.*

#### FINAL IN NAANTALI:

##### Friday

Registration at 8.00 - 9.00

Skippers' meeting at 9.00.

Practice 30 minutes before first race for each team.

First warning signal is as soon as possible after the skippers meeting and practice.

Saturday

Skippers' meeting at 9.00.

Start at 9.30.

Sunday

Skippers' meeting at 9.00.

Start at 9.30.

Last possible warning at 16.00.

*Prize-giving as soon as possible after racing. This is mandatory for all team-members unless excused by the OA.*

#### **4. ELIGIBILITY**

Only member clubs of the Finnish Sailing and Boating Federation will be eligible to enter the Sailing League. This does not apply to possible wild card teams. Clubs need to be affiliated with SPV from 1.1.2021.

All team members shall be members of their participating clubs by the 31.3 2021. A team member shall represent only one club in the Sailing League during the season. This applies also to the league qualifiers. This does not apply to possible wild card teams.

#### **APPLYING FOR INVITATION**

Eligible clubs may apply for the maximum 2 team invitations on Manage2Sail no later than 31.1.2021.

#### **ENTRY FEE**

The non-refundable entry fee for the semi-finals is 850 euro. This is invoiced by SPV together with the invitation. The fee for the final event is also 850€.

#### **NUMBER OF TEAMS**

Maximum 36 teams will participate in the Sailing League 2021 Semi-finals.

#### **ALLOCATION OF TEAM INVITATIONS TO THE SAILING LEAGUE SEMI-FINALS**

The OA will send the invitations for the semi-finals events:

30 invitations to individual clubs based on the applications

3 invitations to the top teams in the Women's qualifier

3 invitations to the top teams in the Youth qualifier

However, if there are more than 30 applying clubs, the clubs are ranked based on the Finnish Sailing League results from 2020 and single invitations will be sent based on this ranking. If clubs have not participated in 2020 the results from 2019, 2018 etc. will count. If this does not give a ranking, which can be used to issue the remaining invitations, the remaining single invitations shall be sent on a first-come-first-served basis.

In case there are less than 30 applying clubs, the remaining invitations will be sent to the clubs for the second teams. However, if there are more second teams applying for an invitation than the available places, the OA of the Sailing League will request the organizing authorities of General Qualifiers to reserve the places for these club teams for qualification.

In case there are still places to be filled, remaining places are filled with first a youth team, then a women's team, then a youth team etc. in order of the youth and women's qualifiers.

In case there are less than 3 women's, or youth teams entering the Sailing League, these places are added to the 30 places for open teams.

#### GENERAL QUALIFIERS

The OA will communicate the number of semi-finals invitations up for qualifying in the General Qualifiers, and the number of the applying second teams after 31.1.2021.

The OA will distribute the second teams between the General Qualifiers as evenly as possible and if possible, according to their preferences regarding the dates and location.

Half of the remaining invitations for semi-finals shall be sent to the second teams based on the results of the first qualifier and half based on the results of the second qualifier. If the number of the invitations is odd, then the earlier qualifier will fill one more place.

#### WILD CARDS

In case there is a force majeure, e.g. a late cancellation, at the Sailing League Semi-finals and Final, the OA may issue wildcards to fill the remaining places and achieve the intended number of teams per event. Wildcard teams are not eligible to qualify to the Finnish League Finals, win the title National Club Champion, National medals, or the "Sportklubbens-pokal", or qualify to any other event.

#### SEMI-FINALS

Team allocation to the semi-finals events is at the discretion of the OA.

In the semi-finals, one club may be represented by a youth team, a women team and one or two open teams.

## FINAL

Twelve teams shall participate in the final. From each semi-final the top four teams shall advance to the final.

Clubs qualifying for the final, shall pay the entry fee within 5 days of getting the information that they have qualified, otherwise the OA shall cancel their entry.

If the entry of one of the top four teams is cancelled, the OA will invite the number 5 in that semi-final to the final. If they decline the invitation, the OA shall invite the number 5 in the next semi-final. (For example, a team qualifying from semi-final 3 refuses their place in the final. First to get the spot is the team finishing fifth at semi-final 3. If they decline, the spot is offered to the team finishing fifth at semi-final 1. If they decline semifinal 2 etc.)

## 5. DAMAGE CONTRACT

A damage contract shall be signed at registration at the event. The team is liable to maximum 1.000 € as a result of any one incident. If the team continues in the event the following incident has another 1.000 € maximum etc.

## 6. RULES

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, including rules for umpired fleet racing, modified Addendum Q, attached to the Sailing Instructions.

The rules for handling boats (SI Appendix) will also apply for any practice sailing.

Class rules will not apply.

Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board on Manage2Sail.

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available latest at the registration on Manage2Sail.

## 8. BOATS

The event will be sailed in J70 boats provided by the OA.

Six (6) boats will be provided.

The following sails will be provided: Mainsail, Jib, Gennaker.

Boats will be allocated by the OA.

## **9. CREW**

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. In a youth team all sailors in a crew are under age 23 before 31 December of the year the event takes place. A youth team may sail with a crew of 4 or 5. This to comply with number of crew members in Women and Youth Champion Leagues.

The names of the crew members shall be communicated to the OA latest on Thursday 10.00 the same week the event takes place.

At least one crew member must be of full legal age (18 years).

There will be no crew weight limit.

When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the Protest Committee may authorise a temporary substitute or other adjustment. In case of a possible substitute, the new crew member should be a member of the same club of the replaced crew member. In case the new crew member is not from the same club, the team shall be considered as a wild card team in that event.

## **10. TEAM FLAG**

The OA may supply ID-flags for each team.

Instructions how to display the ID-flag during racing will be stated in the SI.

## **11. EVENT FORMAT**

A pairing list will define the number of races and groups of each flight. A final pairing list will be defined by the OA at the event.

The RC 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.

The intention is that each team will sail about 12 races in each event.

## **12. SCORING**

Individual event:

- An event is valid if all participants present have had one (1) race.
- No scores shall be excluded.

### **13. PRIZES**

The winner of the Finnish Sailing League will be given the title National Club Champion and will receive "Sportklubbens-pokal".

Finnish Championship medals for the first 3 teams.

### **14. QUALIFICATION FOR THE SAILING CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2022 AND WOMEN'S SAILING CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2021**

The 2021 Finnish Sailing League will be the qualifier for the 2022 Sailing Champions League.

Top three (3) unique clubs from the final will receive a place in Champions League for 2022.

Women qualification for the Women Champions League 2021 through ÅSS Vårregatta.

### **15. COURSE**

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

The intended course area as defined in the Sailing Instructions.

### **16. ADVERTISING**

Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising. This amends RRS 60.1.

Teams may have their own bibs with club logo. Teams without satisfactory bibs shall wear bibs supplied by the OA.

Teams may have advertising on their bibs and clothing.

### **17. MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND**

If required by the OA:

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

## **18. SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS**

Support and coach boats must register with the Race Office and shall be identified as required by the OA.

The OA will not provide berths for coach boats.

## **19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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.



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