



Youth Qualifier 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Helsingfors Segelsällskap (HSS).

DATE AND VENUE

26th-28th of May 2023, Liuskasaari, Helsinki, Finland

2. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

Friday 26th of May practice

Saturday 27th of May at 10.00 skippers meeting

Saturday 27th of May at 11.00 first start

Sunday 28th of May 10.00 skippers meeting

Sunday 28th of May first start 11.00

The last possible warning signal Sunday at 15.00. The prize giving ceremony will be as soon as possible.

The participating teams shall have the possibility to practice on Friday 26th of May. Contact organizers to book practice. 2 hours per team.

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

3. ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

1. A total of 12 teams will be invited.
2. Youth teams will need to enter before 13th of April. Youth teams have precedence over other teams until that date. After that, any remaining spots will be given out in accordance to point 3.
3. One (1) spot can be reserved for the hosting club. Any unused spots will go to visiting teams (non-youth teams) on a first-come-first-served basis.

4. Clubs shall enter on Manage2sail (HSS Sailing League Youth Qualifiers) before the 1st of May.
5. The entry fee is 300€, to be paid by 1st of May through Manage2sail. For youth teams, by 13th of April. If a team decides to cancel after registering, there will be no refund.
6. Youth teams may consist of 4 or 5 people.
7. Youth teams shall enter a team name consisting of the club and Youth, for example "HSS Youth".
8. Clubs wishing to enter more than one team can do so. However, clubs are guaranteed one spot until 11 unique clubs (including HSS) have entered. If more than 11 unique clubs enter, a waiting list will be created. If less than 11 unique clubs enter, clubs may enter a second team. All on a first-come-first-served basis.

4. RULES

1. 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 and sent to participating teams at least one (1) week before the first briefing.
2. The rules for handling boats (SI Appendix) will also apply for any practice sailing.
3. Class rules will not apply.
4. Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.
5. All participants must wear personal flotation devices according to DIN EN 393 or ISO DIN EN ISO 12402-5 on board when racing except while briefly changing or adjusting personal clothing. Wetsuits and drysuits are not considered as a personal flotation device. This changes RRS 40.

1. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on Manage2sail.

2. BOATS

1. The event will be sailed in J70 boats provided by the OA.
2. At least five boats will be provided.
3. The following sails will be provided: Mainsail, Jib, Gennaker.
4. Boats will be allocated by the OA.

7. CREW

1. The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 4 or 5. All registered crew shall sail all races in an event.
2. In a youth team all sailors must be under 23 before 31st of December 2023.
3. The names of the crewmembers shall be communicated to the OA latest on Thursday at 10.00 the same week the event takes place.
4. At least one crewmember must be of full legal age (18years).
5. There will be no crew weight limit.
6. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the Protest Committee may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
7. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the Protest Committee may authorize a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

8. TEAM FLAG

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

9. EVENT FORMAT

1. 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.
2. 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. The intention is that each club will sail about 12 races in each event.

10. SCORING

1. No scores shall be excluded
2. Low point scoring will be used
3. Any ties will be broken using Appendix A8.

11. PRIZES

1. Youth teams are competing for 3 spots in the Finnish Sailing League semi-finals. The semi-final will be decided by a draw. The first three unique clubs will receive an invite.

12. COURSE

1. The course will be windward/leeward, with downwind gate, finishing downwind.
2. The racing area will be Helsinki race sailing area C.

13. ADVERTISING

- 1) Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 1) Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising. This amends RRS 60.1.
- 2) When required, teams shall wear bibs supplied by the OA. This will be announced at the first skippers meeting and registration.
- 3) Teams may have advertising on their clothing.

14. MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

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

15. SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS

- 1) Support and coach boats must register with the Race Office and shall be identified as required by the OA.
- 1) The OA will provide berths for coach boats.

16. 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.