



**PURJEHDUSLIIGA  
SEGLINGSLIGAN**

# NOTICE OF RACE

Finnish Sailing League 2025

## 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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

Official Notice Board at Manage2Sail: "Finnish Sailing League 2025 Notice Board" (month 8 2025). All entries and official information on Notice Board page. Semifinals and final have their own event pages to mark the dates.

### Information & Contact

- Event website: In Finnish [spv.fi/purjehdusliiga](https://spv.fi/purjehdusliiga) In Swedish [spv.fi/sv/seglingsligan](https://spv.fi/sv/seglingsligan)
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## DATES AND VENUES

### Qualifiers 2025

Youth Qualifier	May 3.-4.	Helsinki	HSK Sprint, Helsingfors Segelklubb	J70
Women's Qualifier	May 17.-18.	Lahti	Kommodori Sprint, Lahden Purjehdusseura	J70

Separate NOR for the qualifiers on Manage2Sail

### Finnish Sailing League 2025

Semifinal 1	August 8.-10.	Helsinki	Nyländska Jaktklubben	J70
Semifinal 2	August 15.-17.	Helsinki	Nyländska Jaktklubben	J70
Final	September 5.-7.	Mariehamn	Åländska Segelsällskapet	J70

All dates above are racing days

## 2. PROVISIONAL SAILING LEAGUE PROGRAM

Friday	
10:00	Registration
10:30	Skippers meeting
	First Warning Signal as soon as possible after the skippers meeting
17:30	Intention to schedule all starts before this time

  

Saturday	
9:00	Skippers meeting
	First Warning Signal as soon as possible after the skippers meeting
17:30	Intention to schedule all starts before this time

  

Sunday	
8:30	Skippers meeting [Final]
9:00	Skippers meeting [Qualifiers & Semifinals]
	First Warning Signal as soon as possible after the skippers meeting
16:00	Last possible warning signal [Qualifiers & Semifinals]
18:00	Last possible warning signal [Final]

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

## 3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1** 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 1.1.2025.
- 3.2** All team members shall be members of their participating clubs by the 31.7.2025. A team member shall represent only one club in the Sailing League during the season. This does not apply to possible wild card teams.
- 3.3** Youth team means that all sailors in a crew are under age 23 before 31<sup>st</sup> of December of the year the event takes place.

## 4. APPLYING FOR INVITATION

- 4.1** Registration is open between 7.2-28.2.

Eligible clubs may register and pay their first team at <https://spv.fi/tuote-osasto/kilpapurjehdus/>. Please make sure that also the team's contact information is registered in the form.

After the registration of first teams has closed, and the OA sees, how many teams have registered their first team, the OA will approach the Clubs and ask if they want to register a second team.

Women's and Youth qualifiers have their own Notices of Race and deadlines in Manage2Sail.

## **5. ENTRY FEE**

- 5.1** The non-refundable fee for the semi-finals is 950 euros/club. Also, a spot in the finals is 950 euros/club. If the club gets a spot in the finals it is committed to take the place.

The non-refundable fee for the Youth (under 23 years) is 800 euros/ team and successively 800 euros / team for a spot in the finals.

## **6. NUMBER OF TEAMS**

- 6.1** Maximum 36 teams will participate in the Finnish Sailing League Semi-finals in 2025. 18 teams sail in each semi-final.

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

- 7.1** The OA will send the invitations for the semi-final's events:
- 28 invitations to individual clubs based on the applications
  - 4 invitations to the top teams in the Women's qualifier
  - 4 invitations to the top teams in the Youth qualifier
- 7.2** However, if there are more than 28 applying clubs, the clubs are ranked based on the Finnish Sailing League rankings from 2024, and single invitations will be sent based on this ranking. If clubs have not participated in 2024 the results from 2023, 2022, 2021 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. The ranking from 2024 will be published latest on 28.2.
- 7.3** In case there are less than 28 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 second teams will be based on the ranking from 2024, ie no general qualifiers will be conducted in 2025.
- 7.4** 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.
- 7.5** In case there are less than 4 women's, or youth teams entering the Sailing League, these places are added to the 28 places for open teams.
- 7.6** In the Youth or Women's qualifiers, if there are less 4 or less teams participating, they all get a place to the League semi-finals. In case there are more than 4 teams participating, and the qualifier cannot be sailed, or there is no valid result, then the logic in 7.2 is used to allocate teams to the League semi-finals.

## **8. GENERAL QUALIFIERS**

- 8.1** No general qualifiers in the Finnish Sailing League 2025.

## **9. WILD CARDS**

- 9.1** 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

## **10. SEMI-FINALS**

- 10.1** Team allocation to the semi-finals events is at the discretion of the OA.
- 10.2** In the semi-finals, one club may be represented by a youth team, a women team and one or two open teams.
- 10.3** One individual sailor can take part in one semi-final.
- 10.4** teams will take part in each semi-final. Three sailing days are planned per semi-final.

## **11. FINAL**

- 11.1** Twelve teams shall participate in the final. From each semi-final the top six teams shall advance to the final.
- 11.2** Clubs qualifying for the final, shall confirm participation and pay the entry fee within 5 days of getting the information that they have qualified, otherwise the OA shall cancel their entry.
- 11.3** If the entry of one of the top 6 teams from either semi-final is cancelled, the OA will invite the number 7 first in the same semi-final, then from the other semi-final, then 8 in the same semi-final etc.
- 11.4** When a youth or women's team from a club qualifies to the League through youth or women's qualifyer, the team shall be assigned with "Y" or "W" in their name and the team must be a youth or women's team also in later stages. In case these youth (Y) or women's (W) team from a club qualifies for a later stage, but the club cannot get a youth or women's team to participate in this later stage, then 11.3 applies.
- 11.5** In case a semi-final cannot be sailed due to weather conditions or other such force majeure, teams will be allocated from that semi-final to the final based on the rankings of the previous year(s) (can be found on the official notice board).

## **12. DAMAGE CONTRACT**

- 12.1** A damage contract shall be signed at registration at the event. The team is liable to maximum 2.000 € as a result of any one incident. If the team continues in the event the following incident has another 2.000 € maximum etc. The possible damages will be invoiced from the participating clubs by the OA as soon as possible after the incident.

## **13. RULES**

- 13.1** The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, including "appendix UF UMPIRED FLEET RACING Finnish Sailing League 2025 Edition attached to this NOR."
- 13.2** The rules for handling boats (SI Appendix) will also apply for any practice sailing.
- 13.3** Class rules will not apply
- 13.4** Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board on Manage2Sail
- 13.5** For Finnish Sailing League sub-events, qualifications, semi-finals and finals, the right to appeal is denied and the RRS 70.5(a) and 70.5(b) apply.
- 13.6** An International Jury will be appointed for the League as a whole in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Semifinals and Final will be umpired on the water according to Appendix UF. The umpire team is also the protest committee for these individual events.

## **14. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the official notice board latest at the start of registration.

## **15. BOATS**

- 15.1** The events will be sailed in J70 boats provided by the OA.
- 15.2** Six (6) boats will be provided.
- 15.3** The following sails will be provided: Mainsail, Jib, Gennaker.
- 15.4** Boats will be allocated by the OA.

## **16. CREW**

- 16.1** 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 (as long as the number stays the same on all days of the regatta). 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.
  - a.** The names of the crew members should be communicated to the OA latest on Friday, the week before the event takes place. The crew members can be different from day to day, as long as they are communicated to the OA on the Friday of the previous week. [DP]
  - b.** At least one crew member must be if full legal age (18 years)
  - c.** There will be no crew weight limit
  - d.** When a registered crew member is unable to participate or continue in the event due to a serious force majeure, the Protest Committee may authorise a temporary substitute or other adjustment. In case of a possible substitute, the new crew member shall 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.

## **17. TEAM FLAG**

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

## **18. EVENT FORMAT**

- 18.1** 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.
- 18.2** 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
- 18.3** The intention is that each team will sail at least 12-15 races in each semi-final and 18-24 starts in the final. The number of races may be more, or less, depending on weather and other conditions.

## **19. SCORING**

- 19.1** Individual event
  - a.** In the semi-finals, the event is valid if all participants present have had two (2) races.
  - b.** No scores shall be excluded.

## **20. PRIZES**

- 20.1** The winner of the Finnish Sailing League will be given the title National Club Champion and will receive "Sportklubbens-pokal" to keep until the next year's event.
- 20.2** Finnish Championship medals for the first 3 teams

## 21. QUALIFICATION FOR THE SAILING CHAMPIONS LEAGUE, THE WOMENS' SAILING CHAMPIONS LEAGUE AND FOR YOUTH SAILING CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

- 21.1 The 2025 Finnish Sailing League will be the qualifier for the 2026 Sailing Champions League.
- 21.2 One club can only get one place in the Champions League. However, an all-youth, or all-female, or all-youth-and-all-female team that wins a place to the Champions League, can also win a place for their club in the Women and/or Youth Champions League(s) at the same time.
- 21.3 Women qualification for the Women Sailing Champions League 2026 through Finnish Sailing League 2025 - best all-female team.
- 21.4 Youth qualification for the Youth Sailing Champions League 2026 through Finnish Sailing League 2025 - best all-youth team.
- 21.5 Youth and Women Sailing Champions League qualifications are open to all all-female and all-youth teams that sail in the Finnish Sailing League, irrespective of whether they qualified to the Finnish Sailing League through Youth or Women's qualifications, or as open teams.
- 21.6 To qualify to Women or Youth Sailing Champions League from the Finnish Sailing League final, the club must have qualified to the final with an all-youth, or all-female team.
- 21.7 In case no all-youth or all-women team advance to the Final, their scores are changed to average points from the semi-final they participated. These average points are compared to find a ranking between the teams.

## 22. COURSE

- 22.1 The course will be windward/ leeward, with downwind gate, finishing downwind.
- 22.2 The intended course area as defined in the Sailing Instructions.

## 23. ADVERTISING [DP]

- 23.1 Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 23.2 Boats are not permitted to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising, media, images and sound. This amends RRS 60.
- 23.3 Teams may have their own bibs with club logo. Teams without satisfactory bibs shall wear bibs supplied by the OA.
- 23.4 Teams may have advertising on their bibs and clothing.

## 24. MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND [DP]

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

## **25. SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS**

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

## **26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 26.1** All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. See RRS3 Decision to race. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, however caused.

# NOR APPENDIX UF

## UMPIRED FLEET RACING

### Finnish Sailing League 2025 Edition

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*Umpired fleet races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix. Races shall be umpired. The rule changes in UF1 have been approved by World Sailing under Regulation 28.1.5(b) on the condition that only the provided options are used. This appendix applies only when it is referred to in the Notice of Race and made available for all competitors.*

## UF 1 CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS, THE RULES OF PART 1 AND 2, AND RULE 70

**UF1.1** Add to the definition *Proper Course*: 'A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.'

**UF1.2** Add new rule 7 to Part 1:

### 7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.

**UF1.3** Rule 14 is replaced with:

### 14 AVOIDING CONTACT

A boat shall avoid contact with another boat if reasonably possible. However, a right-of-way boat or one entitled to room or mark-room

- a. need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other boat is not keeping clear or giving room or mark-room.
- b. When there is contact between boats' hulls, the umpires may, without a hearing, impose a point penalty of one point on a boat that was penalised in the incident. Furthermore, the umpires may also impose a point penalty of one point on other boats if they consider that they contributed to the contact. This rule also applies to contacts to boats' bowsprit, mast and standing rigging.
- c. When there is contact that causes damage, or the umpires decide a boat has broken rule 14 and damage resulted, they may, without a hearing, impose a penalty on any boat involved in the incident. The minimum penalty to be applied in such a case is two points.

**UF1.4** When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:

- a. for *room* to tack, repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
- b. for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

**UF1.5** Rule 70 is deleted.

**UF1.6** Test rules

The definition Mark-Room is changed to:

**Mark-Room:** Room for a boat to sail her proper course to round or pass the mark on the required side.

However, mark-room for a boat does not include room to tack unless she is overlapped inside and to windward of the boat required to give mark-room and she would be fetching the mark after her tack.

## UF2 CHANGES TO OTHER RULES

**UF2.1** Rule 28.2 is changed to:

### 28 SAILING THE COURSE

28.2. A boat may correct any errors in *sailing the course*, provided she has not rounded the next mark or crossed the finishing line to *finish*.

**UF2.2** Rule 31 is changed to:

### 31 TOUCHING A MARK



While *racing*, neither the crew nor any part of a boat's hull shall touch a starting *mark* before *starting*, a *mark* that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing *mark* after *finishing*. In addition, while *racing*, a boat shall not touch a race committee vessel that is also a *mark*.

## **UF3 ON WATER PROTESTS AND PENALTIES**

**UF3.1** In this appendix, 'a penalty' will mean the following:

A One-Turn Penalty taken in accordance with rule 44.2.

**UF3.2** The first sentence of rule 44.1 is changed to: 'A boat may take a penalty when, in an incident while *racing*, she may have broken one or more of the *rules* of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury), rule 31 or rule 42. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 in the same incident, she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31'

### **UF3.3 On the Water Protests by Boats and Penalties**

- a.** While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or rule 42; however, a boat may only protest under a rule of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a "Y" flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall remove the flag before, or at the first reasonable opportunity after a boat involved in the incident has taken a penalty voluntarily or after an umpire's decision.
- b.** A boat that protests as provided in rule UF3.3(a) is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by voluntarily taking a penalty. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a penalty voluntarily.

### **UF3.4 Penalties and Protests Initiated by an Umpire**

**a.** When a boat

- (1) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
- (2) breaks rule 42,
- (3) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (4) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
- (5) fails to comply with rule UF3.6 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,
- (6) fails to comply with SI rules regarding prohibited actions related to handling of boats, crew positioning, bowsprit, gennaker, or SI instructions regarding prohibited sailing areas.
- (7) fails to comply with rule UF2.1 (rule 28.2) an umpire shall disqualify her under rule UF3.5(c).

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose a penalty or more, each signalled in accordance with rule UF3.5(b), or disqualify her under rule UF3.5(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under rule UF3.4(a)(5) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled,

**b.** An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a rule, other than rule UF3.6 or rule 28 or a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a), may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3. However, he will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

### **UF3.5 Umpire Signals**

An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

- (1) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'
- (2) A red flag with one long sound means 'a penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat.
- (3) A black flag with one long sound means 'A boat is disqualified.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.

### **UF3.6 Imposed Penalties**

- (1) A boat penalized under rule UF3.5(b) shall take a penalty.
- (2) A boat disqualified under rule UF3.5(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

## **UF4 RACE COMMITTEE ACTIONS**

**UF4.1** After boats have finished, the race committee will inform competitors about the results on the official noticeboard.

## UF5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

UF5.1 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

UF5.2 -

UF5.3 A boat intending to

- (1) protest another boat under a rule other than rule UF3.6 or rule 28, or a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a),
- (2) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
- (3) request redress

shall inform the race committee in the following way:

hail the race committee within 2 minutes after finishing her race.

UF5.4 The time limit defined in rule UF5.3 also applies to protests under rule UF5.9, UF5.10 and UF5.11 when such protests are permitted. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

UF5.5 The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under rule UF5.3.

UF5.6 The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted.

UF5.7 The first three sentences of rule 64.2 are changed to: 'When the protest committee decides that a boat that is a *party* to a protest hearing has broken a rule, it may impose penalties other than disqualification, and may make any other scoring arrangement it decides is equitable. If a boat has broken a *rule* when not *racing*, the protest committee shall decide whether to apply any penalty to the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident or make some other arrangement.'

### UF5.8 Hearings

Except for a hearing under rule 69.2

- (1) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.
- (2) The protest committee may inform the protestee and schedule the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate this orally.
- (3) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
- (4) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a scoring penalty of points or fraction of points or make any other arrangement it decides is fair, which may be to impose no penalty.
- (5) If the protest committee penalizes a boat in accordance with rule UF5.7 or if a standard penalty is applied, all other boats will be informed about the change of the penalized boat's score.

UF5.9 The race committee will not protest a boat.

UF5.10 The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking rule UF3.6 or rule 28, a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a), or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

UF5.11 -

UF5.12 Rule 66.2 is changed to 'A *party* to the hearing under this appendix may not request a reopening.'