



OPEN EUROPEANS HELSINKI 2011

THE OLYMPIC CLASSES SAILING COMPETITION

OPEN 470 CLASS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

6TH JULY – 15TH JULY 2011

NOTICE OF RACE

Helsinki Sail Race Management and its member Sailing Clubs in co-operation with the International 470 Class Association are pleased to invite 470 sailors to take part in the

Open 470 European Championship for men and mixed crews
and the **Open Women's 470 European Championship**,

to be held in Helsinki (Finland) from **6th July to 15th July 2011**.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the 2009-2012 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 No prescription of the National Authority will apply.
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.4 No Racing Rule change requiring advance preparation will apply. Racing Rule changes will appear in the sailing instructions.
- 1.5 The Medal race of the Gold fleet will be subject to on-the-water umpiring according to Racing Rule Addendum Q.
- 1.6 No Class Rule change will apply.
- 1.7 The language of the regatta will be English.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising at the event will be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the 470 Class and to competitors who comply with the ISAF Regulation 19.
Participating crews in the regatta shall be designated by their National 470 Class Association, or by their National Authority where there is no National Association. Only crews in good standing with the International 470 Class Association may participate: each crew member shall be member of a National 470 Class Association affiliated to the National Authority, or of the International 470 Class Association when there is no National Association in the concerned country.
The Open Event is open to all nations, but only crews from European nations may take part in the European Championships.
Boats shall comply with the Class Rules and have a valid measurement form. The sail number shall conform to the Class Rules.
- 3.2 Eligible boats shall fill in the relevant "Request for Entry" posted on the website of the International 470 Class Association (www.470.org/events), and pay the corresponding entry fees. A request for entry becomes a valid pre-entry when the relevant National 470 Class Association, or the National Authority where there is no National Association, has confirmed to the International 470 Class Association that the corresponding crew has effectively been designated to take part in the Championship and meets the eligibility criteria, and when the International 470 Class Association has received the payment of the entry fees. The International 470 Class Association will publish the list of pre-entries on its website. Only crews with valid pre-entry in the list may take part in the Open Event, provided their pre-entry be confirmed on site.
The request for entry shall be filled in and the entry fees shall be paid before **15th May 2011** to get the advantage of the reduced entry fees (refer to 5.1).
- 3.3 Entries sent after the deadline indicated here above, but within 14 days of the start of the regatta, will be accepted with the required entry fees. Late entries received within 14 days of the start of the regatta will be accepted only at the discretion of the International 470 Class Association, whose decision shall be final.
- 3.4 Coaches, team leaders and representatives from participating nations shall fill in the entry form posted on www.470.org/events before **10th June 2011**. They shall pay their entry fees at the same time (refer to 5.1).

4 CLASSIFICATION

No classification requirements will apply (see Racing Rule 79)

5 FEES

5.1 Required entry fees are **400 Euro per boat**.

These entry fees are reduced to **300 Euro per boat** for boats having filled in their request for entry and paid their entry fees before **15th May 2011**.

Entry fees to be paid by coaches, team leaders and representatives from participating nations are **50 Euro per person**.

These entry fees include all collective services provided for the organisation, such as social events, car park, boat park, toilets and showers.

5.2 Entry fees shall be paid at the same time the request for entry is sent, to:

“470 International”

1) by On-Line Secure Credit Card Payments via “PayPal payments” button on www.470.org

Account nr.: payments@470.org

or

2) by bank transfer to “470 International” account

header: 470 International

bank: 30003 – branch: 02206 - account number: 00050460897 04

IBAN: FR76 30003 02206 00050460897 04

SWIFT: SOGEFRPP

Bank address: SOCIETE GENERALE

3 rue du Pavé de Meudon – 92370 - Chaville - France

Please, advise of transfer by email to payments@470.org

6 REGATTA FORMAT

6.1 The regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.

6.2 Qualifying series – 6 races schedule for each category, crews will be divided into fleets.

- the number of fleets will be as defined below:
 - one fleet up to 48 boats,
 - two fleets from 49 to 80 boats,
 - three fleets for more than 80 boats.

6.3 Final series – 7 races include the medal race schedule for each category, crews in the qualifying series will be divided into final fleets according to the final scores of the qualifying series. There will be the same number of fleets as in the qualifying series. The fleets will have approximately the same number of crews in each. The Gold fleet will consist of the first part of the final scores of the qualifying series, Silver fleet of the second part, and so on.

6.4 **If there would be fewer than 48 entries at a category, then the Championship will be competed in one separated fleet with 13 final races include the Medal Race.**

7 SCHEDULE

Day 1 6 th July	Registration and equipment inspections	0900-1800
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Day 2 7 th July	Registration and equipment inspections	0900-1800
Day 3 8 th July	Registration and equipment inspections Practice race	0900-1800 1500
Day 4 9 th July	Qualifying series	1155
Day 5 10 th July	Qualifying series	TBA
Day 6 11 th July	Qualifying series	TBA
Day 7 12 th July	Qualifying/Final series	TBA
Day 8 13 th July	Qualifying/Final series	TBA
Day 9 14 th July	Qualifying/Final series	TBA
Day 10 15 th July	Medal Race/Final series Closing Ceremony – soon after the last race	TBA

The last warning signal on 15th July is 15:00

8 MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 Each boat shall produce a valid Measurement Certificate, including the completed Measurement Form, at the time of pre-race measurement inspections. If the completed Measurement Form is a photocopy, its authenticity shall be confirmed with an original stamp and signature from the issuing authority. If a boat is to produce a measurement certificate in accordance with Racing Rule 78.2, she shall do so before 18:00 on 8th July. Substituting the words “the end of the event” with the words “18:00 on 8th July changes racing Rule 78.2”.
- 8.2 Pre-race measurement inspections will consist of, at least:
- full inspections of boats used by crews within the Top 30 of the ISAF Men’s ranking list or within the Top 20 of the ISAF Women’s ranking list,
 - full inspections of not less than 10 other boats per category, chosen at random by the Regatta Chief Measurer,
 - for the other boats, inspections shall include at least: the weight of the complete boat (Class Rule C.6.1), the conformance of the hull and sails to the measurement certificate and to Class Rules B.4.2, C.17.3, C.17.4, D.1.4, G.2.2 and G.3.1 (identification marks on hull and sails), Class Rules C.12.3(a)(11)&(12) and C.13.3(a)(5)&(6) (stoppers and limit marks on spars), and any specific inspections requested by crews for their own boats. The regatta Chief Measurer may request additional inspections on a case by case basis.

Pre-race measurement inspection proceedings will be posted on the official notice board the day before the first day for these inspections, and made available to competitors, team leaders and coaches at the Race Office.

- 8.3 In accordance with Racing Rule 78, competitors are responsible for maintaining their boat in accordance with the Class Rules (for the purpose of Racing Rule 78, competitors are considered to be the owners). Measurement inspections at random during the regatta will be organised.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be delivered to competitors at the time of registration at the Race Office.

10 VENUE

The location of the regatta site is **HSRM,**
Hernesaari
Helsinki,
Finland

The Hosting Club is HSK

11 THE COURSES

- 11.1 Except for the Medal race of the Gold fleet, course types will be the Olympic courses applicable to 470s, i.e. the Olympic trapezoid (with outer loop or with inner loop). Length of courses will be adapted according to wind strength in order to have an expected race duration of sixty minutes for the leading boat.
- 11.2 For the Medal race of the Gold fleet, course types will be windward-leeward courses with two or three loops and a leeward reach to finish. Length between marks and number of loops will be chosen according to wind strength in order to have an expected race duration of thirty minutes for the leading boat.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 Racing Rule Appendix P will apply.
- 12.2 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in Racing Rule 70.5.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A shall apply.
- 13.2 Qualifying series:
- Four qualifying races must be completed to constitute the qualifying series.
 - All race scores from the qualifying series will be carried forward to the Final series.
- 13.3 Final series
- There will be 7 races in the final series including the Medal Race.
 - At least two final races for the Gold fleet are required to be completed to constitute the regatta series for all fleets and/or to enter the Medal race.
- 13.4 Single series
- There will be 13 final races include the medal race in the single series.
 - At least five final races are required to be completed to constitute the regatta series or to enter the Medal race.
- 13.5 Discards
- When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores,
 - When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score,
- 13.6 No more than three races can be competed each day.

14 SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1 Coaches, team leaders and representatives from participating nations shall confirm their registration at the Regatta Office before 20:00 on the 8th of July. They shall submit their cell phone number.

- 14.2 Support boats shall display either a flag of minimum size 50 x 40 cm with her national letters of minimum 25 cm height in black on white background on the cover of her outboard engine. Additionally she shall also display a numbered support boat pennant provided by the organisers indicating that the boat has been registered.
- 14.3 The boats may be requested by the organisers to assist in rescue operations.
- 14.4 Support boats shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of 1 000 000 euros or equivalent.
- 14.5 Support boats shall carry on board:
- Life jacket /buoyance aid for all passengers and the driver.
 - First Aid Kit.
 - Adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth.
 - Tow rope (minimum length 15 m, minimum thickness 10 mm)
 - Each coach/support boat is recommended to carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving all international ship to ship channels.

15 PRIZES AND AWARDS

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third crews of the Open Event by HSRM
- 15.2 The first crew of the final official ranking list of the European Championships will be declared:

“470 Class European Champion”
and
“470 Class Women's European Champion”

- 15.3 Medals will be awarded to the first, second and third crews of each Championship by the International 470 Class Association.
- 15.4 Special memento will be awarded to the first crew of the fleet Silver and of the subsequent fleets by HSK.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rule 4, Decision to race. The Organising Authority and all parties involved in the regatta organisation will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17 INSURANCE

- 17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 500.000 Euro per event or equivalent.
- 17.2 A certificate of such insurance shall be shown during registration.

ACCOMODATION AND MISCELLANEOUS

- Tents are not allowed in the Club premises.
- Campers are allowed with 15 EUR/day parking fee (electricity is subject to extra charge)

For all accommodation reservation please address to:

www.openeuropeans2011.com for hotel details
Organiser contact details: pata@njk.fi +358 40 540 4862
For race areas please see www.openeuropeans.com/Sailors/Sailing Course L and H

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