

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

EUROPEAN DN CHAMPIONSHIP 2017 AND EURO CUP 2017

19th February – 24th February 2017
Racing Days from 20th February 2017 to 24th February 2017

1. Rules

All races will be sailed in compliance with the Specifications, Constitutions and By-Laws of the International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association and the Racing Rules of National Iceboat Authority as modified herein. The sailing instruction may be modified at the skippers meeting by written notice. In the situation of conflict between rules the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2. Course location

The racing area will be indicated on a map posted on the official notice board.

3. Marks

Marks will be displayed at the skippers meeting. Darling-marks will be used near windward and leeward marks. Darling-mark will be part of the mark. Sailors are not allowed to pass between mark and darling-mark. Crossing the line between mark and darling-mark means disqualification by the Race Committee without protest hearing.

4. Starting Times

First Day: 09:00 skippers meeting in harbour on the ice.

10:00 first qualifier race

Next days: 09:00 skippers meeting

10:00 start to next races

All times are local time and may be changed by PRC or Commodore.

5. RACES, SCORING, ADVERTISING.

Races and scoring will be managed according to IDNIYRA By-Laws and NIA sailing rules and the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may be modified at the Skippers Meeting.

According to the decision at the National Secretaries Conference for each fleet a maximum of 16 races are scheduled.

Five races per Fleet per day until 5 races per fleet are completed. Then four races per fleet per day until 16 races per fleet are completed or until Friday 24th February 2017 14:00 or conditions prevent further sailing.

The European Championship 2017 is finished:

The day one fleet has 16 races or after last race/start: Friday 24th February 2017 – at/before 14:00 – or conditions prevent further sailing.

It was further agreed that the last 5 races, i.e. Races 6 to 10 or i.e. 12 to 16 count for the European Cup!

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The Woman European Champion will be determined – Gold, Silver and Bronze. In case there are less than 5 women registered only Gold award is determined.

IDNIYRA By-Laws B.12 will apply with the amendment that each participant may be obligated to attach advertisement or other information from organisers to the hull.

6. Starting and finishing signals

The starting signal will be the swift lowering of the starters flag after he raises his flag to signify the preparatory signal. If the start has to be delayed after the preparatory signal the starter will slowly withdraw his flag. The finish of the first boat will be indicated by dropping of the flag by the Race Committee.

7. Starting line

The starting line will be marked by red flags. The „wire” starting line system will be used. All sailors have to put leeward runner next to the starting position indicated on the starting line. Sailing over the starting line means disqualification by Race Committee without a protest hearing. Sailors have to go right or left after finishing the race, there will be no open gate (!) in the starting line.

8. Safety zone

The safety zone is the rectangular area leeward from starting line marked by flags in the corners. Sailing in the safety zone means disqualification by Race Committee without a protest hearing. Safety signals will be displayed at the skippers meeting.

9. Fleet flags

- Gold Fleet (A) - yellow flag with letter A
- Silver Fleet (B) - white flag with letter B
- Bronze Fleet (C) – dark red flag with letter C
- Aluminium Fleet (D) – grey flag with letter D

Sailors have to bring their iceboats to starting positions after the flag of their fleet is hoisted on the flagpole. There will also be verbal information.

10. Primary schedule of races

Order of races of World Championships:

- 1) D-qualifier
- 2) C- qualifier
- 3) B- qualifier
- 4) A- final
- 5) B- final
- 6) A- final
- 7) C- final

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- 8) A- final
- 9) D- final
 - 10)B- final
 - 11)C- final
 - 12)D- final
- 13) - A,B,C,D,A,B,C,D...etc. until EC 2017 is finished according to NOR.
The Race Committee may change the order of races.

The order of races of European Championships will be announced by the Race Committee.

11. Time limit

The lap time limit is 8 minutes per kilometer distance between the marks. (e.g.: distance between marks is 1,00 km Laptime = 8'00" Minutes. Distance = 2,10 km Laptime = 16'48").

The Race Committee would keep records of the lap time first lap first boat. In case it was 200 secs or less the next race would not be started unless a change in conditions promised a longer lap time first lap first boat. This change must be due to at least one of the following : longer distance between marks, less wind, slower ice.

12. Grand Prix Finishing system

Grand Prix Finishing system will be used. Ten minutes after the first yacht finishes a race, the finishing line will be closed and black flag displayed at leeward mark.

All remaining sailors that have not finished their race will be given place from the last lap, except those that have not finished their first lap, they will score DNF.

13. Race abandonment.

A black flag displayed at the leeward mark shall signal abandonment of the race.

14. Protests

Intention to protest must be reported to the Race Committee immediately after the race. A written protest must be filed with the Race Committee Chairman within two hours after last race of the day, except the Qualifiers. They have to file protest immediately after the race.

In addition to normal Protest procedure from racing incidents, any disagreement with the Measurer MUST be referred to the PRC chairman and if not resolved satisfactorily, a written protest must be submitted within the time limit (after the race or within two hours of the finish of the day's racing).

15. Talking to the scorers

A skipper who attempts to speak to the scorers while a race is in progress may be liable to disqualification from the regatta.

16. Notice board

The notice board on the ice will be used by the Race Committee to inform about starting positions, changes in race schedule, changes in sailing instructions etc.

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17.Measurement

There will be random measurement during World Championships and European Championships. The measuring area will take place on rectangular area marked by green flags in central part of safety zone.

The first five boats in each race (and twelve first in qualifier races) must go immediately to a measuring area without stopping by the pits. Race committee can also decide to measure any other DN at any time. Failure to do this will result in DSQ for the boat concerned for that race. This procedure will minimise delays and deter illegal adjustments and changes by the participants.

All two pieces masts and masts with stiffeners inside must be declared by sailors at the check-in and then marked and /or signed by the measurer latest before the first Gold Fleet race.

Parking brake must always be available for immediate use. Any unattended boat must have always parking brake on ! Failure to do this will result in DSQ for last race or all regatta.

No stickers will be applied until completion of the Qualification.

Measurement will be available on Saturday 23. January 2016 from 10:00 – 15:00 in the harbour on the ice for those who wish to check their boats.

18.SAILNUMBERS:

Sailors have to register with their own personal sailnumber.

They have to use it throughout the event.

Using sails or numbers of another sailor who can be found in the ranking list is prohibited.

If a sailor uses the boat of anybody else, the race committee has to be informed. They can decide if they can handle that or if they need numbers changed on the boat and/or sail.

In any case sailors have to make sure that the race committee uses their own and correct sailnumber in the results.

19.Propulsion

A yacht may not employ any means of propulsion other than the action of the wind on the sails. However, the crew (unassisted by anyone except for reasons of physical disability as authorized by the Judges) may push the yacht to leave the starting line or to return the yacht to wind propulsion when necessary. This especially but not only means that pushing around marks or pushing across the finishing line is forbidden. The race committee will watch closely if any pushing is according to that rule and the present wind conditions/directions on the course. Other pushing shall be cause for disqualification.

Sailing on the race course by non participants (!) during a race is forbidden and means DSQ without protest hearing .