

NOTICE OF RACE Version 1

The Committee Breskens Sailing invites you to participate in the BRESKENS SAILING WEEKEND which will be held on the Friday 25th, Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th August 2006.

The regatta is open for IMS, IRC and ORC Club measured yachts, including the First 31.7 and the Half Ton class as separate handicap classes, and for Sport boats.

The Breskens Sailing Weekend is valid for the Open North Sea Championships of Belgium (Open NZK) for IRC yachts, the **Open Belgian Half Ton Championships** as part of the **BRYC Centennial Regatta** and is valid for the ORC Club boats for the Dutch ORC Club competition.

For IRC measured boats without an ORC Club measurement certificate we will arrange, only for this event, ORC Club Triple Number handicap factors so that all boats in the same class on the water can compete against each other for the same prizes.

The races will be sailed out of Breskens on the river Scheldt and her estuary.

1. Rules:

1.1 The races will be governed by the following rules:

- The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS);
- The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Cat. 4;
- The Regulations for IRC, ORC Club and Sport boats;
- The Regulations for the Open NZK (only for IRC measured boats);
- This Notice of Race (except when changed or amended by the Sailing Instructions);
- The Sailing Instructions as mentioned in the booklet "Wedstrijdbanen Westerschelde 2006" including its amendments.

1.2 The following Racing Rules of Sailing will be changed as follows:

- Race signals – OW ashore, change 1 minute into 60 minutes;
- RSS A 4 – a boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS;
- RSS 28.1 – displaying course signals nearby a "gate";
- RSS 35 – time limits as mentioned in the Sailing Instructions;
- RSS 61.1 (b) notices of protests by the Race Committee or Jury will only be posted on the official Notice Board;
- RSS 64.3 – Penalties for breaches of measurement or equipment rules may be less than DSQ if the jury so decides.

1.3 Competitors are not allowed to sail with an anchor rigged over the bow of the boat.

1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the Dutch text will take precedence.

2. Advertising

Dutch registered boats carrying advertising shall have a Watersportverbond advertising certificate.

3. Entries:

IMS, IRC, ORC Club yachts including First 31.7, Half Tonners and sport boats in possession of a valid measurement certificate shall be entered before Tuesday 22nd August 2006, 24.00 hrs by means of a totally completed digital entry form:

<http://www.breskenssailing.org/ned.subscribe.asp>

After 22nd August, 2006, 24.00 hrs no entries shall be accepted because after this date it is not possible anymore to arrange, for this event only, for IRC measured boats an universal ORC Club rating to make one Overall list of rankings.

For IRC measured boats the valid measurement certificate must be faxed to 0031(0)117 383526 or send by email (secretariaat@breskenssailing.org) to the Race secretary not later than Tuesday 22nd August 2006, 24.00 hrs.

Entries which are received till Thursday 24 August 2006, 22.00 hrs will be accepted on discretion of the race committee. This is not valid for yachts with IRC measurement certificates(see here above). Besides for the whole regatta one can also enter for 1 or 2 days only.

4. Entry fee

The entry fee is € 75,- for the whole event or € 25,- per day and must be remitted before 22nd August 2006 on the following bank account nr. 47.59.73.542 of the ABN-Amro bank in name of Stichting Breskens Sailing with the name of the boat and the sail number mentioned on the measurement certificate.

Belgian participants may also use the Belgian bank account nr. of the Watersport Vereniging Breskens with AXA bank at Eeklo, nr. 800-2222276-84 with the name of the boat and the sail number mentioned on the measurement certificate.

5. Program of the races.

5.1 Registration at the Regatta Office of the Watersport Vereniging Breskens (WVB) situated at the Marina in Breskens on:

Thursday 24 August as from 19.00 till 22.00 hrs,

Friday 25 August from 08.30 till 09.30 hrs and from 20.00 till 21.00 hrs,

Saturday 26 August from 07.30 till 08.00 hrs,

Sunday 27 August from 07.30 till 08.00 hrs.

A copy of a valid IMS, ORC Club measurement certificate should be submitted during registration at the Regatta Office.

5.2 Measurements and inspections:

Participating boats can be inspected before and after the races for their safety equipment according to the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Cat. 4, and on the rules and regulations of the ORC Club and IRC handicap system.

5.3 Program of races

Handicap classes, First 31.7 and Half Tonners:

Friday 25 August: shippers briefing in the tent at 09.00 hrs

Friday 25 August : first warning signal inshore 10.55 hrs, offshore 11.55 hrs

Saturday 26 August: first warning signal inshore 09.25 hrs, offshore 10.25 hrs

Sunday 27 August: first warning signal inshore 09.25 hrs, offshore 10.25 hrs

Sport boats

Saturday 26 August: shippers briefing in the tent at 08.00 hrs

Saturday 26 August: first warning signal 10.25 hrs
Sunday 27 August: first warning signal 09.25 hrs

Per day more than one race can be sailed.

9. Sailing Instructions.

The Sailing Instructions will be published on the website www.breskenssailing.org as from Monday 21 August 2006 and are available at the Regatta Office.

10. The courses

10.1 For the handicap classes, First 31.7 and Half Tonners the race committee can make a choice of windward-leeward courses, triangular courses on the Sluissche Hompels and the Walvischstaart to the west of the anchor area Wielingen Noord, and courses on the shoals and channels to the west of the Island Walcheren.

The starting area can be situated at a distance of 6' of the Breskens Marina.

The Race committee can also chose to lay a course inward around the shoals of the Westerschelde.

The starts will then take place in front of the Breskens Harbour.

10.2 The sport boats will sail windward-leeward courses on the Spijkerplaat, situated at abt. 3' to the north east of the port of Breskens.

11 Classes, time compensation and scoring.

11.1 The race committee will divide the handicap classes taking into consideration the universal handicap factor (ORC Club ToT)

11.2 For the scoring of the races in the handicap classes be taken in consideration the ORC Club classes in Holland and the IRC classes which are used in Belgium.

The First 31.7 boats are scoring "boat for boat" for their own classification.

For the scoring of the Half Ton Class the IRC TCC factor will be used.

For boats with an IRC measurement certificate and which will be participating in the Belgian NZK a separate scoring will be made using the IRC TCC factor.

Also for sport boats ORC Club TOT correction factor will be used.

11.3 All races which are sailed during this Breskens Sailing Weekend will score for the overall trophies of this event. Boats which will enter for only one day will only score for the prizes of that day.

The scoring system used for this regatta is the low Point scoring system conform Appendix A of the RRS.

If more than 4 races the worse result will not be counted for the total result.

12. Prizes:

Trophies:

Challenge Askoy

Challenge Henri Leten

Challenge SRNA

Frank Murdoch Trophy

De Maas Trophy

Ricus v.d. Stadt Trophy

Challenge Tonnerre de Breskens
Breskens Sailing Trophy
John Brown Trophy
Prof. Jelle Gerritsma Trophy
The Youth Prize of the BRYC Centennial Regatta for best classified youth crew with an average age of no more than 25 years in IRC 5/6.

Day Prizes for classes or group of classes.

On the Friday- and Saturday evenings resp. 25 and 26 August there will be prize giving for the daily prizes.

The final prize giving will take place on Sunday 27 August as soon as possible after finishing of the last regatta.

13 . Liability

By entering as mentioned here above , the participant confirms that he will participate in this regatta governed by the RRC 2005-2009 and that he will do so on his own expenses and risk.

Also he confirms herewith that neither the organisation Breskens Sailing Committee, nor the organising clubs, nor the members of the race committee or any other organising committee with this Regatta, are not liable for any damage whatsoever, including damage to the boat, to the crewmembers or to third parties as well as persons on board present, which could be developed direct or indirect in connection with participating in the regatta.

14. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum of € 1.000.000 per event or equivalent.

22. Information

For all other information you may contact:

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For further "local" information see the Skippers handbook on the website:
www.breskenssailing.org