



Notice of Race

Stichting United 4 Sailing, in conjunction with ZV Workum, WV De Twee Provinciën, KZ&RV Hollandia, WSV Hoorn, ZC Kurenpolder, WV Breskens and Royal Yacht Club van België are kindly inviting you to take part in the

UNITED 4 SAILING REGATTA 2009

which will take place:

April 4-5, 2009	on the IJsselmeer off Medemblik
May 9-10, 2009	on the IJsselmeer off Workum
September 5-6, 2009	on the IJsselmeer off Workum
September 26-27, 2009	on the Oosterschelde off Roompot Marina, Kamperland

in the classes: 29er, 420, 470, Cadet, Europe, Laser 4.7, Laser Radial, Laser Standard, Optimist and Splash.

Rules

The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The Sailing Instructions may change some rules.

Appendix P of the racing rules will be applicable.

The Notice of Race is also available in Dutch, in case of discrepancies the Dutch text will prevail.

Eligibility

- ISAF Eligibility according to RRS is required for every person who takes part in the Regatta.
- Sailors, who did not fulfil their financial obligations towards the Stichting United 4 Sailing, will not be admitted to the regatta, unless all obligations are fulfilled.
- The organizing authority may require that competitors carry a sponsor decal on the boat.
- In the *Optimist Class*, every competitor should be an A-class sailor.
- In the *Splash Class*, sailors will compete in the class, Splash A1, A2 and B, as assigned by the class organisation.

Maximum number of competitors

The limits of growth are being reached. This forces the organisers to set a maximum to the number of competing boats.

For the Optimist class this maximum is 170.

The Splash class will in accordance with the class division, A1, A2 and B, Per start no more than 75 boats will be started.

For all other classes the maximum number of boats is 75.

The online entry will be opened as of February 15, 2009.

All sailors will be admitted according to their date of entry until the maximum is reached.

Minimum number of competitors

If for a class in a weekend less than 8 competitors have completed their entries, a decision can be made, that the class will not take part in that weekend. In this case, all entries will be informed by email on or before the Thursday preceding the United 4 Sailing weekend.



Entries

Entries should be made before the event, on the web site www.united4sailing.org

Entry Fee

One Person boats: Euro 40.-- per weekend.

Two Person boats: Euro 40.-- per weekend.

For entries made at the regatta office and in case of cash payment by Dutch sailors, the entry fee will be raised with Euro 10.--.

Making an entry as a competitor in the regatta, obligates the sailor to pay the entry fee for the regatta. If a sailor cannot participate, no entry fee is due, under the condition that the sailor reports his withdrawal on the website or if closed by email to info@united4sailing.org before 24:00 hrs on the Thursday before the regatta.

In cases, where you do not withdraw within the time limit, you remain liable for the entry fee.

United 4 Sailing donates Euro 10.-- per boat to the Dutch/Belgian Class Organisations as payment for their services such as rescue, beach masters, support with the entries etc.

Payment

Dutch sailors can only pay their entry fees, by one-time debit authorisation of their bank account via the web site www.united4sailing.org. **Entries of dutch sailors without one-time debit authorisation can be removed without further notice.** This also applies for entries made at the regatta office.

Foreigners can pay cash at the regatta office.

Schedule of Races

Every weekend the first scheduled start is at Saturday morning 11.00 hrs.

Every weekend three races are scheduled on Saturday and three on Sunday.

The Optimist Class fleet will be split in four groups. The four groups are sailing a double 'round robin'.

Sailing Instructions

The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions will be issued on the website

<http://www.united4sailing.org> and can be downloaded in PDF format. These documents will not be handed out at the registration desk.

Courses

There will be 3 Course Areas.

In the Course Areas, Trapezium-courses will be established with inner and outer loop.

The length of the course will be set to meet a target time of 55 minutes for the first finishing boat in every race.

Penalty System

Arbitration may be in effect for protests involving rules of RRS part 2 and rule 31. Instructions for Arbitration will be given in the Sailing Instructions.

RRS 44.1 is changed to permit a boat to take, during the arbitration hearing, a 30% scoring penalty as calculated in RRS 44.3(c). The penalty shall not exceed 15 points.



Scoring

Weekend Series:

The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

While scoring the separate junior and ladies classes, the scores of the normal results will be used.

When less than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, this changes RRS Appendix A2.

Overall score United 4:

The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

While scoring the separate junior and ladies classes, the scores of the normal results will be used.

The total score of a weekend series will be a separate race score in the overall scoring. This changes RRS Appendix A9.

Only total weekend results, which are based on three or more races, will be included in the overall score.

When less than four weekend series are completed the overall score of a boat will be the total of her scores in the whole series. This changes RRS Appendix A2.

Regatta Office:

The Regatta Office is open for registration on Saturday morning from 08.00 hrs.

Trophies

There will be trophies in every weekend series in every class

Separate trophies will be available for the Laser Standard U21, Laser Radial U19, Laser Radial Ladies, 470 Ladies, Optimist junior, Splash A1, A2 and B,. There will be trophies in every Class for the entire Regatta series.

Web Site

You can find the United 4 Sailing regatta on <http://www.united4sailing.org> on the Internet.

Information on locations and sailing instructions will be published before each event on this website.

Disclaimer of liability and Insurance

Neither the organising authority nor any other party, involved in the organisation of the regatta, will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of Euro 680.000 per event or the equivalent.

General

Competitors and their supporters are bound to follow instructions, given by beachmasters, harbourmasters and site managers.

Failure to observe instructions is a serious offence and can result in a penalty as determined by the Protest Committee.

Please mind the road signs and the location information on the website www.united4sailing.org.

Be aware of the large number of competitors and waiting times at parking, registration, launching etc and the distance to the course areas.