



ETC Polish Open 2011

1st March - 29th MARCH 2011

Notice of Race

Organizing Authority (OA) :

VSK-Polska in conjunction with ETC

<http://www.vsk-polska.com>

<http://www.vsk-eurotour.eu/>

Commodore of the regatta: Diades(AYC475)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS) unless it is changed in ETC Polish Open 2011 Sailing Instruction.
- 1.2 This Notice of Race (NOR) and Sailing Instruction (SI) including their respective appendices will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rules changed as well as VSK competition and subject ETC Polish Open tournament specific related rules will be published in the SI.
- 1.4 The regatta will be held using Virtual Skipper 5 software whilst boat class will be ACC.
- 1.5 No National Authority prescriptions will apply.

2 BOAT IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISING

- 2.1 While racing, boats must display the boat name that they are enrolled to the tournament with at <http://www.vsk-polska.com> (not forum user name or VSK login)
- 2.2 In the semi-final series and final series all entrants may be required to use skins provided by OA.
- 2.3 Not adhering to these rules may result in a situation whereby the entrant will be forbidden to participate in the subject regatta or removed from the hosting server or results of the Entrant will then be scored as DNC.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open for all ACC class boats that are VSK5 included. Having full version of VSK5 software is a must.
- 3.2 An entrant may enter the regatta by completing a registration on www.vsk-polska.com and in addition by enrolling into **ETC Polish Open** tournament and their respective races.
- 3.3 When registering on www.vsk-polska.com there is a strong recommendation to carefully filling in “**VSK Login Name**” user profile information. VSK Login Name is considered here as the name that entrants use to login to VSK5 software with. This will be used to link race scores with the scoring and ranking system. Entrants are requested to use exact name of profile (outline) that is used for logging into VSK5 software in order to race in on-line mode. This value is indispensable for registration of result from game and producing the **ETC Polish Open** rankings.
- 3.4 Registration process starts on February 4th, 2011 and will be closed at 2000 CET on February 28th, 2011.
- 3.5 No late nor beach entries will be considered. No wild cards are supposed to be granted.
- 3.6 Enrolling to a single qualification race will be closed no later than 1 hour before the starting signal for the first race in a given, specific race day. No late nor beach entries will be considered. No wild cards are supposed to be granted.
- 3.7 Not adhering to these rules may conduct to a situation when entrant will be forbidden to participate in subject regatta (or given race) or removed from the hosting server or her result(s) shall then be scored as DNC.

4 FORMAT AND SCORING

4.1 General

4.1.1 The entire regatta will be held in fleet formula and consist of two major stages : an opening and final series.

4.1.2 The Opening Series is considered as *Qualification Series*.

4.1.3 The Final series is considered as *Semi-Final* and *Final Series*.

4.2 Qualification series

4.2.1 There shall be three maps for the qualifying races.

4.2.2 To constitute that series, each Entrant must sail all three maps at least once.

4.2.3 Depending upon the numbers of available places in each race, Entrants are allowed to race the same map more than once. Maximum number of boats in each qualification race is limited to twenty.

4.2.4 The best time on any given map will be the selected time for that map.

4.2.5 The total of each of the three maps best time for Entrant will be considered as Entrant's final score for the qualifying races.

4.2.6 Any absence on selected map will result in the Entrant being scored as DNC for the *ETC Polish Open*. This is to be the Entrant's final score from that moment on.

4.3 Final Series

4.3.1 Semi-finals

4.3.1.1 The forty Entrants with the best times from the Qualifying Series will be advanced to the Semi-finals.

4.3.1.2 The Semi-finals will consist of two fleets to be named as "Fleet A" and Fleet B".

Fleet assigning process to be sorted out as follows :

Boats listed in order of their total best time to worse accomplished in the Qualification series

1 st	HH:MM:SS	goes to fleet	A
2 nd	HH:MM:SS	goes to fleet	B
3 rd	HH:MM:SS	goes to fleet	B
4 th	HH:MM:SS	goes to fleet	A
5 th	HH:MM:SS	goes to fleet	A
6 th	HH:MM:SS	goes to fleet	B
7 th	HH:MM:SS	goes to fleet	B
8 th	HH:MM:SS	goes to fleet	A

and so on up to 40th.

- 4.3.1.3 Each Semi-Final fleet will contain twenty of the Semi-finalists.
- 4.3.1.4 The two Semi-Finals fleets will race concurrently.
- 4.3.1.5 There will be six races hosted for each fleet.
- 4.3.1.6 At least three races must be completed of the six to constitute this series; otherwise the Entrant will finally be scored as DNC for the ETC Polish Open. This is to be the Entrant's final score from that moment on.
- 4.3.1.7 The scoring of the Semi-final Series will use the **ISAF Low Point System** (following **Appendix A, RRS**).
- 4.3.1.8 One discard will be applied which will be considered as the worst score accomplished by an Entrant.
- 4.3.2 Finals
 - 4.3.2.1 For the Final Series, the best ten skippers will advance from each respective Semi-Final Fleet and race Final Series in one fleet.
 - 4.3.2.2 There will be three races offered for the Final series and at least one race must be sailed to constitute that series.
 - 4.3.2.3 To score final series the *ISAF Low Point system* shall be used with no discards applying.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Regatta registration and race enrolling

5.1.1 General registration info

Registration to the regatta is scheduled to begin from February 4th, 2011 at www.vsk-polska.com and must be completed before 2000 CET on February 28th, 2011.

5.2 Enrolling to qualification race series

- 5.2.1 Enrolling to qualification races is open once entrant is registered to the regatta however enrolling to specific, single qualification race will be closed not later than one hour before first starting signal for given qualification race day.
- 5.2.2 An Entrant who has not raced (or has raced but less times) specific map takes precedence while enrolling to such map over the one who has raced this map already (or raced this map more times, respectively.).
- 5.2.3 Neither late nor beach entries shall be considered and no wild cards are supposed to be granted at any stage of the regatta.

5.3 Enrolling to the final race series.

- 5.3.1 Neither for Semi-Final nor Final series enrolling to respective races is required.
- 5.3.2 Neither semi-finalists nor finalists are requested to confirm their attendance in the respective series and relevant races.

5.4 Schedule of Series and Races

- 5.4.1 Qualification series will be held from March 1st 2011 till March 17th 2011
- 5.4.2 Semi-Final series will be held on March 22nd 2011 and March 24th 2011
- 5.4.3 The Final series will be held on March 29th 2011
- 5.4.4 Full **regatta calendar** is available at http://www.vsk-polska.com/results_round_tree.php?id=199 (requires VSK-Polska website signup)

6 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 6.1 For the Qualification series automatic penalty system with a constraint so-called NPC shall apply. Details in coming Sailing Instruction.
- 6.2 For the Final series automatic penalty system shall apply + protest procedure. Details in coming Sailing Instruction.

7 INTERNATIONAL JURY

As yet, to be appointed.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTION

Sailing Instruction will be published and available no later than February 21st, 2011 at www.vsk-polska.com

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 All the courses will be provided by OA.
- 9.2 Courses for the Qualification series will be published and available to download no later than 24 hours before the starting signal for the first qualification race.
- 9.3 For further reference with regard to the courses, please refer to Addendum A : The Courses
- 9.4 Courses for outstanding series will be published further on but not later than 24 hours before the starting signal for the first respective race in a given race day.

10 COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

The use of Teamspeak software is allowed. This changes RRS 41.

11 MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in the regatta Entrants automatically grant to OA the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions, including audio, of the Entrant during the period of the competition without compensation.

12 DISCLAIMER

- 12.1 Entrants participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.
- 12.2 OA shall not accept any liability in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 12.3 None of the activities that have or have not been committed by OA, absolve by any means the entrants from their personal responsibility.
- 12.4 Appearance at regatta hosting server shall be considered as the entrant's consent to the provisions of NOR and their subsequent enforcement as well as Entrant's obligation to comply with the relevant provisions thereof.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 13.1 All changes to this NOR will be applied to this document and each currently valid release of that document will be published and available to download at www.vsk-polska.com
- 13.2 It is responsibility of the Entrant to keep tracking any changes that might be applied to that document.