



## **Sailing Instruction**

### **ETC Polish Open 2011**

#### **VSK-Polska**

**01/03/2011 – 31/03/2011**

#### **1. AUTHORITIES AND COMMITTEES**

- 1.1 Organising Authority (OA) is VSK-Polska club in cooperation with ETC.
- 1.2 Race Committee (RC) is responsible for conducting the ETC Polish Open regatta. RC is the executive authority. RC members are:  
Chair.....: Egon (VSK-Polska);  
Commodore: Diades (AYC);  
Rep.....: von Reuffen (VSK-Polska);  
Rep.....: Kefas (VSK-Polska)
- 1.3 Protest Committee (PC) is responsible for resolving protests or any breaches of RRS and SI. PC members are:  
Chair.....: DavidNumber1 (VSK-AUS)  
Rep.....: Vang (AYC)  
Rep.....: StormIX (VSK-Polska)

#### **2. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

- 2.1 All tournament will be carried out under ISAF RRS 2009-2012; ETC Polish Open Sailing Instruction (SI) and ETC Polish Open Notice of Race (NoR).
- 2.2 If there is a conflict between these documents, ETC Polish Open Sailing Instruction will prevail.
- 2.3 The official language used for communication in the tournament on forum and the in-game chat is English.

#### **3. ARBITRATION RULES IN TOURNAMENT STAGES**

- 3.1 Qualifications
  - a) Every qualification race will be carried out by automatic Nadeo Umpire. The NPC (No Penalty Cancel) rule will apply, that means after the starting signal no penalty cancellation should be requested and no cancellation agreement should be performed.
  - b) Cancellation request will effect in removing (kicking out) requesting yacht from the race and scoring her as DSQ in the race.
  - c) In case another yacht will be asked for penalty cancellation, she should deny it. Otherwise, she will be removed (kicked out) from the race and scored as DSQ.
- 3.2 Semi-final and final races

Every semi-final and final race will be carried out by automatic Nadeo Umpire. The FPC (Free Pen Cancel) rule and protest procedure will be introduced (see paragraph 4).

#### **4. PROTEST RULES**

In semi final and final races penalty cancels and protests are allowed.

#### 4.1 Protest when Nadeo umpire did not gave a penalty

When a yacht finds out that other yacht broke RRS 2009-2012 or this SI rule and Nadeo Umpire did not gave a penalty, she may protest according to a protest procedure.

#### 4.2 Acting as a yacht that got a penalty given by Nadeo Umpire

Yacht which got a penalty given by Nadeo Umpire has the following options to choose:

- a) If she considers a penalty justified, she may execute it by the rules
- b) If she considers a penalty not justified, she may request a penalty cancellation.
  - b.1) In that case she is obliged to submit the protest according to protest procedure or submit the explanation according to cancel explanation procedure.
  - b.2) Not performing the procedure as indicated in in point 5.2 b.1) will effect in scoring the yacht DSQ in the race.

#### 4.3 Procedures for yacht which was requested for penalty cancellation

- a) Yacht that was requested for penalty cancellation must agree to cancel a penalty.
- b) Not performing the procedure as indicated in point 5.3 a) will effect scoring the yacht result as DSQ in a race.
- c) Yacht is allowed to protest the request of another yacht for penalty cancellation according to protest procedure when she considers cancellation request as not justified.

#### 4.4 Procedures for protested yacht

Protested yacht can execute a penalty when she considers it justified. She must perform the penalty as quickly as possible and signal it by writing „360” on in-game chat. This will discharge her from being a party in a protest.

### 5. PROTEST PROCEDURE

#### 5.1 Informing about protest during a race

After the incident being the base for the protest occurred, the protesting yacht should inform protested yacht about a protest by writing PROTEST <yacht name> or P <yacht name> on in-game chat. She should also make a screenshot with mentioned text visible to prove the fact that protested yacht was informed.

#### 5.2 Submitting a protest

- a) A protest is submitted by creating new thread on VSK-Polska forum in section „ETC Polish Open 2011/Protests”.
- b) The following information must be included in post title: protesting yacht, protested yacht, name and number of the race.
- c) Protest is valid when submitted within 24 hours after the end of the race.
- d) In the post content, there should be following information:
  - protesting yacht and protested yacht names,
  - name and number of the race,
  - time and place of the incident,
  - own description of a situation,
  - screenshot that proves that protested yacht was informed about a protest,
  - replay file.
- e) Valid protest will be solved by PC not later than 24 hours before next phase of the tournament. Decision of PC will be announced in section „ETC Polish Open 2011/Protest Committee to announce”.
- f) PC decision is final.

#### 5.3 Protest Committee Extra Authorization

As a result of information arising from any source PC is authorized to survey replays:

- a) for a yacht that may have committed a gross breach of a rule or
- b) for a yacht that repeatedly breaches the rules or attempts to cancel a clearly correct penalty or
- c) in situations where a yacht has got a significant advantage from breaching a rule.

Such behaviour may lead to disqualification from the race or exclusion from the race or even from the entire tournament under rule 2 and/or rule 69.

## 6. CANCEL EXPLANATION PROCEDURE

- a) If yacht that requested a penalty cancel did not submit a protest, it is obliged to present an explanation for the cause of the cancellation request.
- b) Explanation is submitted by creation a new thread in section „ETC Polish Open 2011/Cancel explanations”.
- c) The following information must be included in post title: canceling yacht, yacht that gave a penalty, name and number of the race.
- d) Explanation should be submitted within 24 hours after the end of the race. It must contain the following information :
  - cancelling yacht and yacht that gave a pen names,
  - name and number of the race,
  - time and place of the incident,
  - explanation why pen cancellation was requested,
  - screenshot that document cancellation request,
  - replay file,
- e) A valid explanation will be solved by PC not later than 24 hours before next phase of tournament. Decision of PC will be announced in section „ETC Polish Open 2011/Protest Committee to announce”.
- f) If PC decides cancellation request as not justified, requesting yacht score will be DSQ in that race,
- g) PC decision is final.

## 7. TOURNAMENT FORMULA

Tournament formula is described in a document „Notice of Race” (NOR) concerning ‘ETC Polish Open’.

## 8. SERVERS

- a) Race Server will be available 10 minutes at least before the scheduled start of the race. Name of the server will contain words „ETC Polish Open”. Password will be available on chat (‘Ahoy’) on the main page of VSK-Polska (chat is available after logging to the page) and in the subpage concerning particular tournament phase. The first test start will take place in the term according to NOR (indicated hour). There will be only one test start and then only one restart at 1:00. Then, there will be the proper start of the race. Next races on the same server will not require test restarts.
- b) There will be no restarts for skippers who missed restart procedures. The host is obliged to check, if there are only authorized skippers (enlisted in start list) in the race. If there will be no enlisted skippers in the qualification race starting list, the Server will not be started.
- c) In the case of host telecommunication problem and mass disconnection of skippers in the race, it will be repeated as described in DISCONNECTS section of this document.

## 9. DISCONNECTIONS

- 9.1 If any participant disconnects during the prestart or the race, she should be classified as DNF or DNS. However, if she would be able to be back in the server at least 1 minute before the starting signal, she is entitled to request a restart by writing ‘dsc restart’ or ‘disconnect restart’ or ‘disco restart’.
- 9.2 If the host disconnects during Qualification Series the race will be restarted and resailed as soon as possible under RC decision.
- 9.3 If the host disconnects during Semi-Final or Final Series the race should be restarted and resailed in 15 minutes.
- 9.4 The RC can cancel race score or request to resail the single race, each time she finds, that unforeseen circumstances could had an influence and distort the results.

## 10. TRACKS

Racing tracks will be prepared by VSK-Polska and will be available to download from the VSK-Polska website at least 2 days before start of each tournament phase (qualifications, semifinals and final). There will be 3 qualification tracks, 6 semifinal tracks and 3 tracks for Final Stage.

## **11. RESULTS**

Results will be published at the VSK-Polska website. Results will be available only for registered users.

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