SAILING INSTRUCTION

Polish Open 2012
01/02/2012 – 28/02/2012

1 Rules

1.1   ISAF RRS 2009-2012 rules will apply in the regatta.

2 Additional regulations

2.1   Yacht can not be penalized under rule 14 when she was a right of way yacht or was entitled to room when contact occurred.

2.2   Yacht requesting a room to tack according to rule 20, must write „RTT" on game chat.

2.3   When yacht was significantly slowed down, stopped or started to sail backwards due to a collision with yacht obliged to keep clear - it must be considered that a yacht was physically damaged as described in RRS 62.1(b).

2.4   Every yacht must use semi transparent skins, which is available only with paid game version.

2.5   It is not allowed to use a spinnaker within a starting procedure.

2.6   In the definition "Zone" the distance is changed to two hull lengths.

2.7   Yacht that will "lag" may be excluded from race.

3 Penalties

3.1   **Taking a penalty given by Nadeo umpire.**

3.1.1   Yacht, that considers a penalty given by Nadeo umpire correct, should take it as soon as possible.

3.1.2   Yacht, which was penalized by Nadeo umpire and is unable to take it without disturbing other yachts may postpone it by writing POST yacht_name (name of the yacht which gave a penalty). Then she can ask for penalty cancel, which will allow her to find a place to take a penalty. Yacht must explain penalty cancellation after the race as described in point 4.

3.1.3   Yacht must take a penalty as soon as possible after finding enough place to do so. After taking a penalty yacht must write "360 DONE" on game chat.

3.1.4   If PC would consider, that yacht was able to take a penalty without disturbing other yachts, PC may score DSQ for mentioned yacht by the rule ISAF RRS 44.1.

3.2   **Penalty cancel ("PC")**

3.2.1   Yacht, that considers a penalty given by Nadeo umpire incorrect, may request for its cancellation.

3.2.2   It is required to make an explanation as described in point 4 or submit a protest as described in point 5 after the race.

3.2.3   Yacht , that will not comply the rule stated in point 3.2.2 shall be scored DSQ in the race.

3.2.4   If PC would consider penalty cancel explanation irrelevant, yacht shall be scored DSQ in the race.

3.2.5   Yacht that was asked for a penalty cancel must accept a request otherwise she will be scored DSQ in the race.

3.3   **Acting as a protested yacht.**

3.3.1   Yacht, that was protested in the race may take a one turn penalty. In such situation a case will not be examined by PC.

3.3.2   Yacht, that decides to take a penalty must inform about it protesting yacht by writing "360" on game chat and as soon as possible take one turn penalty.

3.3.3   Yacht, that decides to take a penalty must do it as soon as possible without disturbing other yachts. Otherwise PC may examine the case.

4 Penalty cancel explanation

4.1   Explanation of penalty cancel should be submitted using "Protest" button available on race results web page. On the form Cancel explanation checkbox must be checked. By submitting a form, new thread will be posted on POL-VSC forum in a protests/explanations section.

4.2   Explanation must be submitted till 11:59 PM o'clock the day that follows a race day.

4.3   If a form is unavailable due to technical reasons, protesting yacht should post a new thread on POL-VSC forum in section Protests/Explanations. Then:

    4.3.1   Post title should contain text PC PO2012, date and engaged yacht names with annotation "PC" for example.: "PO2012 2012-02-01 Yacht 1 vs Yacht 2 – PC".

    4.3.2   Post content must contain: regatta name, session date, group, race number, time of an incident (replay time), yachts engaged, file or a valid link to a replay file, short description.

5 Protest procedure

5.1   Protest procedure will be available for each tournament race.

5.2   Protesting yacht must inform protested yacht as soon as possible by writing„P yacht_name" on the game chat.

5.3   Protest and/or redress request must be submitted using "Protest" button available on race results web page till 11:59 PM o'clock the day that follows a race day. New thread will be posted automatically on POL-VSC forum in section Protests/Explanations.

5.4   If a form is unavailable due a technical reasons, protesting yacht should post a new thread on POL-VSC forum in section Protests/Explanations. Then:

    5.4.1   Post title should contain text PO2012, date and engaged yacht names for example.: "PO2012 2012-02-01 Yacht 1 vs Yacht 2".

    5.4.2   Post content must contain: regatta name, session date, group, race number, time of an incident (replay time), yachts engaged, file or a valid link to a replay file, short description.

5.5   Only yachts engaged in the incident are allowed to submit a protest.

5.6   Protest will be examined by Protest Committee. Decision will be announced on POL-VSC forum in section Protest Decisions. PC decisions are final.

5.7   In case PC considers protest irrelevant and protested yacht obviously has not broke any rule, protesting yacht score can be deducted by 5 points.

5.8   Point 5.7 will not apply to protests discarded due to formal reasons unless it is repeating situation by the same yacht.

6 Organizing Authority rights

6.1   If OA finds any yacht commits a serious breach of rules basing on its own opinion or third party report, it may take all necessary actions relevant to a situation.

6.2   Every time yacht finds that other yacht commits a serious breach of rules, she may report such situation to OA.

6.3   Cases described in point 6 will be examined by OA. There will be no consideration as described in ISAF RRS 63.

6.4   Only final decisions will be published.

7 Formula of the regatta

7.1 Formula of the regatta is described in Notice of Race for Polish Open 2012 .

8 Servers

8.1 Servers will be started no later then 5 minutes before a time stated in NoR. Server title contain text PO2012. Passwords for competitors for all races will be "po2012", and spectators password will be "silence".

8.2 First race will start at hour stated in NoR. There will be one test prestart procedure. Restart will be at -1:00 before start signal. Then final start procedure will begin. The following races on the same server will not need a test start and will be started continuously as soon as previous race ends.

8.3 There will be no restarts for competitors that missed a prestart procedure.

8.4 It is host duty to control, that all yachts are eligible for a certain race.

8.5 In case of host technical problems and mass disconnects (50% and above) race will be repeated at a first available time. Time and date of repeated race will be announced on POL-VSC website.

9 In game chat

9.1 In game chat is used for communications considering the race.

9.2 Yacht that will spam in game chat may be excluded from the race after a warning.

9.3 Using abusive language may lead to exclude a yacht from the race without warning.

10 Courses

10.1 Courses will be prepared by POL-VSC.

10.2 Complying rule ISAF 26 prestart procedure time will be set to 5:00 min.

10.3 Courses will be published no later then 24 hours before certain session.

10.4 OA restricts right to change courses while tournament lasts.

10.5 Course change must be announced no later then 24 hours before certain session.

11 Results

11.1 Results will be published on POL-VSC website. They will be available only for logged in users.