



Notice of Race

Polish Open 2016

29/02/2016 - 21/03/2016

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Polish Virtual Sailing Club (www.pol-vsc.org) is the Organizing Authority for the regatta.

2. REGATTA VENUE

- 2.1 Regatta will be conducted using Virtual Skipper 5 simulation software.
- 2.2 Regatta will take place on servers hosted by organizing authority (or designated person).
- 2.3 Server names will contain the text: 'PO 2016' .

3. REGATTA SCHEDULE

- 3.1 There will be 3 qualification series and 3 final series.
- 3.2 Each qualification series consist of 3 races and final series consist of four races.
- 3.3 Preparatory signal for the first race: 21:30 CET (GMT+1).
- 3.4 The following races will be started just after finishing of the previous one (regardless of the time stated in the schedule).
- 3.5 Qualification series will be held on: 29/02/2016, 07/03/2016, 14/03/2016
- 3.6 Final series will be held on: 21/03/2016

4. YACHTS ELIGIBLE FOR REGATTA

Each user registered on POL-VSC forum and signed on Polish Open 2016 is eligible for the regatta.

5. SIGNUPS

- 5.1 Regatta sign-ups will be accepted till 28/02/2016 20:00 CET (GMT+1) .
- 5.2 In order to sign up for the regatta one must use Polish Open 2016 sign-up form on POL-VSC website (http://pol-vsc/results_round.php?id=932).

7. RULES

7.1 The following rules will apply in the regatta:

- a. **Racing Rules of Sailing : ISAF 2013-2016**
- b. **Notice of race for Polish Open 2016**
- c. **Polish Open 2016 Sailing Instruction**

7.2 In case of conflict within these documents, rules stated in Sailing Instruction will prevail (English version).

7.3 Nadeo umpire will be used, however Pen Cancellation rule with protest procedure as stated in Sailing Instruction will apply (see PO 2016 SI for details).

8. YACHTS AND SAILS

8.1 Regatta will be conducted on ACC boat (**Virtual Skipper 5**)

8.2 The use of spinnaker after preparatory signal until the yacht has started is forbidden.

9. REGATTA FORMULA

9.1 Qualification round and final round shall take place.

9.2 For the qualification round, the following rules will apply:

9.2.1 Three (3) qualification series will be held, three (3) races of each series.

9.2.2 If more than 25 yachts will sign up for the regatta, they shall be divided into groups.

9.2.3 Group quantity cannot exceed 25 yachts.

9.2.4 In the first series, the groups will be created randomly.

9.4.5 After finishing first and second qualification series, X yachts will be eliminated from tournament, where $X = (\text{number of yachts signed up for tournament} - 20) / 3$, rounded up

9.4.6 After finishing last qualification series, Y yachts will be eliminated from tournament, where $Y = \text{number of yachts in the last qualification series} - 20$

9.4.7 If there is no way to point yachts to be eliminated basing on current PO 2016 results, results from PO 2014 will decide, if yacht did not take part in PO 2014 NADEO ranking will decide

9.2.8 In the qualification series, groups will further be assembled considering PO 2016 ranking (taking eliminated yachts into account) basing on following schema:

Group A:

1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, etc. ...

Group B:

2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, etc. ...

The schema mentioned above will be used for assignment to more groups.

9.3 Yacht distribution among groups will be published on start lists in cups section for Polish Open 2016 on Polish Virtual Sailing Club website.

9.4 For the final round, the following rules will apply:

9.4.1 20 yachts that last after third qualification round will advance to the final round.

9.4.2 Final series will consist of four (4) races.

10. SCORING

10.1 Low Point System will be used for scoring.

10.2 After first qualification series no discard will apply

10.3 After second qualification series 1 worst yacht result will be discarded before selecting eliminated yachts

10.4 After third qualification series 2 worst yacht results will be discarded before selecting eliminated yachts

10.2 In the final round, one (1) worst result among first 3 races will be discarded.

10.3 The result for the last final race can not be discarded.

10.3 DNE and/or DGM results can not be discarded.

10.4 The final ranking is a sum of qualification and final results.

11. COURSES

11.1 Courses will be provided by organizing authority.

11.2 First leg will be upwind.

11.3 Courses will be published by organizing authority not later than the regatta starting day.

12. MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating to a race (in particular by showing on a start line) the participant allows for free non-commercial usage of his/her individual image in pictures, video and other publications concerning regatta.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1 Participants to the regatta enter to the regatta on their own risk entirely. By showing on a start line the participant accepts Polish Open 2016 sailing rules.

13.2 No action performed or not performed by organizing authority will dismiss any liability of a participant for any damage caused by the participant or his yacht in participation in the regatta.

14. CONTACT MEANS AND PERSONS

14.1 For any contact www.pol-vsc.org forum 'private message' is recommended.

14.2 Contact persons concerning organization of the regatta are:

- 1) Egon
- 2) von Reuffen
- 3) Ryh00

15. NOTICE OF RACE CHANGES

15.1 Organizing Authority restricts the right to make changes in this NoR.

15.2 Any changes will be published on Polish Virtual Sailing Club website.

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