



SAILING INSTRUCTION

Polish Open 2016

29/02/2016 - 21/03/2016

1. Rules

ISAF RRS 2013-2016 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 Yacht must use semi transparent skin when playing paid game version. In case of using free game version, standard Nadeo skin can be used.
- 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 webpage. 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 PO2016, date and engaged yacht names with annotation "PC" for example.: "PO2016 2016-02-29 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 webpage 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 PO2016, date and engaged yacht names for example.: "PO2016 2016-02-29 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, screenshot with protest hailing visible, 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 added 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

Formula of the regatta is described in Notice of Race for Polish Open 2016 .

8. Servers

- 8.1 Servers will be started no later then 5 minutes before a time stated in NoR. Server title contain text PO2016. Passwords for competitors for all races will be "po2016", 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 than 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 than 24 hours before certain session.

11. Results

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

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