

EVENTS AND ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES

Event	Date	Organizing Club	Qualifies for	Classes
Dover Strait Race Oostende-Ramsgate	th 9/5	RNSYC	ONZK 1	IRC+CR+Dualhanded+Multihull
Dover Strait Race Ramsgate-Oostende	sa 11/5	RNSYC	ONZK 2	IRC+CR+Dualhanded+Multihull
Light Vessel & Shielmartin Race Zeebrugge	sa 29/6	RBSC	ONZK 3	IRC+CR
Upwind-Downwind Races Nieuwpoort Challenge Van De Velde	Fr 16/8	KYCN	ONZK 4	
Nieuwpoort - Oostende - Nieuwpoort	sa 17/8	KYCN	ONZK 5	IRC+CR
Breskens Sailing Weekend	fr-su 30/8—1/9	Breskens Sailing	ONZK 6- 7-8	IRC+ORC+CR
Oostende Sailing Weekend	sa-su 21-22/9	RNSYC	ONZK 9- 10 & OBC IRC	IRC+CR
Antwerp Race	sa 19/10	VZW Antwerp Race	ONZK11	IRC+CR

General recommendations to the Organizing Authorities and participants.

The ONZK organization urges the Organizing Authorities of all racing days to take measures to attract as much participants as possible and suggests, between others:

- Keep the entry fees as low as possible.
- Encourage an amicable and enjoyable post-racing atmosphere, on the pontoons in benign weather or in a protected area close to the boats otherwise. Mooring the boats as close together as possible is appreciated. Some free drinks and food are preferred over polo shirts.
- Threat CR and IRC classes in equivalent way. (prize giving, care for good racing courses)
- Except for long distance racing days, the CR class is best served with two coastal courses with a target time of approx. 120 minutes (max 150 minutes). This requires a shorter course for the race group (defined in § 17) of CR yachts with the lowest TCF's.
- Except for long distance racing days, the IRC class is best served with a mixture of upwind-downwind and coastal races. Upwind-downwind courses for IRC should preferably consist of 2 upwind and 2 downwind loops with a target time of 75 minutes to maximum 90 minutes, which also requires a shorter loop for the race group (defined in §17) of IRC yachts with the lowest TCC's.
- The ONZK organization advises the Organizing Authorities to verify a number of measurements on rigs and sails of at least one yacht in the top three of IRC 1-2 group and same for IRC 3 group. The

yachts to be checked are chosen by lot or at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. When a measurer concluded that a yacht does not comply with her measurement certificate, the fees for a new measurement are to be paid by this yacht. The measurer will report to the jury and the IRC rules will be applied.

- Organizing authorities shall use manage2sail as scoring tool to enable an automatic overall scoring under “Cups” <https://manage2sail.com/en-BE/Home/CupList>

These “All events notice and sailing instructions” are common to all regattas selective for the Indumar Open North Sea Championship 2024 and possibly for the other non-selective regattas announced on the web: <https://bit.ly/ONZK-2024-CALENDAR>.

Each Organizing Authority will also provide its own notice of race, and its own sailing instructions to complete These “All events notice and sailing instructions” when appropriate. These own Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be further called “Local Notice of Race” and “Local Sailing Instructions”.

Times given in these “All events notice and sailing instructions” or in any other instructions concerning the races are referring to the official local times in 24-hours format.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest or a request for redress by a boat.

ALL EVENTS NOTICE

1 RULES

1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
2. The WORLD SAILING Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4, changed so that a heavy-weather jib is not required to be on board; except for races marks to round that are located more than 6 NM out of any shoreline, for which Category 3 with life raft shall apply + one EPIRB or one PLB (406 MHz) must be on board.
3. The IRC Rules 2024 for yachts sailing in IRC: under rule 87 the following IRC rules have been changed:
 - a) where IRC Rule 21.1.5(e) is replaced by “A spare mainsail may be used as a racing replacement when the race committee notifies so on the official notice board”.
 - b) where IRC Rule 21.1.5(d) is completed by “It is not compulsory to carry the spare mainsail on board on the other days of the regatta.”.
 - c) where IRC Rule 22.4.2 is replaced by “The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a yacht shall be the number shown on the certificate except that; when the crew consists of either - at least two females, or at least two born in 1996 or later, or at least one female and one born in 1996 or later, then the crew limit is certificate number plus two. There is no weight limit.”
 - d) IRC Rule Part C (advertising permitted) will apply.
4. A boat shall declare a valid certificate to the race organizer before the rating deadline in accordance with the Notice of Race, or 10 days prior to the first racing day if no rating deadline is mentioned in the local notice of race.
5. Between sunset and sunrise, or in fog where visibility is limited to 200 meters or less, the rules of Part 2 are replaced by Appendix RV which can be found on <https://www.sailing.org/89586.php>.
6. The Belgian (Dutch for Breskens Sailing Weekend) national authority prescriptions will apply.

7. The prescriptions of the Belgian Sailing Federation can be found on <https://belgiansailing.be/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2024-Prescriptions-Belgian-Sailing-RRS-2021-2024-ENG-1.pdf>

8. RRS 90.3(e) applies with a time limit of 48 hours. This changes RRS 90.3e

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. The local sailing instructions will be available as indicated in the local notice of race.

3. COMMUNICATION

1. The official notice board is located at as indicated in the local notice of race.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

1. The event is open to all boats with a valid IRC or CR measurement certificate.

2. Eligible boats can enter as indicated in the local notice of race.

5. FEES

1. Required fees are as indicated in the local notice of race.

2. The organizing authority will refund the entry fee if the event should be cancelled due to an unpredictable situation.

6. SPARE

7. ADVERTISING

Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. See World Sailing Advertising Code 20.

8. SPARE

9. SCHEDULE

See local notice of race.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

1. Each boat shall produce a valid rating certificate.

2. Boats may be inspected at any time.

11. SPARE

12. VENUE

See local notice of race.

13. COURSES

See local notice of race or sailing instructions.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that a boat may take a One Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing.

2. For a yacht that may have infringed a rule other than a rule of chapter 2, a penalty will be in place. The penalty can be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides but will not be lower than 10% of the total number of yachts starting, with a minimum of 1 place.

3. [DP] RRS 42.1 will be applied. As foreseen in the Fundamental Rule of WORLD SAILING (assistance) or to recover a person who fell overboard, the RRS 42.3(f) (propulsion) allows using the engine or other means of propulsion. Such an incident must be declared at the finish of the race and shall be reported on the race declaration. In case of unforeseen circumstances, a yacht may be in a position whereby she is bound to use the engine or other means of propulsion, so as not to infringe in International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCS) or the governing right-of-way rules applicable to the area. Such an incident must be reported on the race declaration. In this case, the jury may announce a penalty or disqualification if it is convinced that the involved yacht gained a significant advantage.

15. SCORING

1. RACING DAYS:

- a) Each racing day is open for yachts with a valid IRC or CR measurement certificate.
- b) The ranking for each individual race will be made according to the IRC / CR formula time on time whereby Corrected time = Elapsed time x TCC / TCF.
- c) If for an event 12 or less IRC yachts entered, they will all race together as one race group with one result for every racing day of the event. If for an event 12 or less CR yachts entered, they will all race together as one race group with one result for every racing day of the event.
- d) If for an event more than 12 IRC yachts entered, it is for the race committee to decide to split the IRC fleet in two or three race groups, based on the class division as stated in article 6, where each race group shall consist of at least five boats. The results for every racing day of the event will also be made in the same number of race groups. The same race group separation principles apply to the CR fleet.
- e) The limit of respectively 12 and 5 yachts as determined in art 17.2.2 and 17.2.3 may be altered by the Organizing Authority if this leads to a better distribution of yachts in race groups and course lengths as per the "General recommendations to the Organizing Authorities."

2 MULTIPLE DAYS EVENTS

- a) The overall score for each event that exists of two or more racing days, will be determined using the "Low Point System" provided in Appendix A4 of RRS. One or more discards can be applied (see Local Notice of Race and Local Sailing Instructions).
- b) Prizes for the event will be handed out as stated in the Local Notice of Race.

3 OVERALL ONZK RANKING

- a) The final ONZK ranking will be scored as provided in Appendix A4 of RRS, using the "Low Point System". All racing days will count for the final ONZK ranking, taking into consideration that a yacht should have started in at least 5 out of 11 racing days to be included in the final ONZK ranking and that the 6 best scores count.
- b) To determine the final ranking of the ONZK, each yacht will receive the points of each racing day, whether that day be raced in 1, 2 or 3 IRC or CR groups except for Breskens where each IRC group will receive the points of each racing day splitting up IRC 1, 2 and 3.
- c) A boat that does not start in at least one individual race of a racing day, will score for that day the points of a DNC+1, taking into consideration the maximum number of boats in the race group of her IRC or CR class over the twelve sailing days. This changes rule A9.
- d) The final ONZK ranking will be made in the following groups:
 - (i) IRC 1 & 2: all boats with TCC \geq 1,000
 - (ii) IRC 3: all boats with TCC < 1,000
 - (iii) CR 1 & 2
 - (iv) CR 3 & 4
 - (v) CR 5 & 6
 - (vi) Two-Handed
- e) When a race or a racing day is cancelled, it will be considered as it did not take place.
- f) When two racing days should be cancelled the final ONZK ranking will be calculated by taking the 5 best results into account.

16. SPARE

17. SPARE

18. BERTHING

- 1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park harbour.
- 2 Free berthing facilities are available only for boats that make their reservations at least one week before their arrival in the port and that have paid their entry fees in full. These free berthing facilities are available for following time periods:

- a) Breskens: one week of free berthing from Saturday 24/08/2024 till Monday 02/09/2024, reservations to be made through phone +31 117 38 19 02, or e-mail info@jachthavenbreskens.nl
- b) Nieuwpoort: for yachts participating in the Upwind-Downwind races of 16/08 or the Challenge Van De Velde Nieuwpoort-Oostende-Nieuwpoort of 17/08/2024, from Saturday 10/08/2024 until Friday 23/08/2024 at KYCN, reservations to be made through phone +32 58 23 44 13, or e-mail info@kycn.be
- c) Oostende: one week of free berthing at RNSYC from Saturday 4/05/2024 until Sunday 19/05/2024 for yachts participating in the race Ostend-Ramsgate-Ostend on 9 and 11/05/2024, and two weeks of free berthing at RNSYC from Saturday 14/09/2024 until Sunday 29/09/2024 for yachts participating to the Ostend Sailing weekend of 21-22/09/2024, reservations to be made through phone +32 59 50 59 12, e-mail: simon@rnsyc.be. There are no free berths at RYCO in 2024.
- d) Zeebrugge: two weeks of free berthing at RBSC, from Saturday 22/06/2024 until Sunday 07/07/2024, reservations to be made at phone +32 50 54 49 03, e-mail havenmeester@rbsc.be.
- e) Arrangements for the free berthing facilities must be confirmed with the harbor master at least one week before arrival. There will be no free berthing without reservations. The instructions of the harbor master's must be strictly followed.

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

[DP] Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. Replace the race committee with the technical committee if appropriate.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

21. DATA PROTECTION AND MEDIA RIGHTS

1. By entering for this event, you allow the organizing authority to display the names, birthdates and gender of you and your crew and the name, type, and sail number of the registered boat on online and printed entry lists, positions during racing, results, articles in press and social media.
2. By entering for this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and their sponsors 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 of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.
3. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment, and positioning equipment as specified and supplied by the organizing authority.
4. The top three competitors as well as the individual race winners may be required to attend a media press conference each day.
5. Competitors may be required to be available for interviews at the event.

22. RISK STATEMENT

- 1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in an event, each competitor (parent for minors) agrees and acknowledges that:
 - a) they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in an event.
 - b) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, crew and their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore.

- c) they accept responsibility for any loss, damage, personal injury, or death to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
 - d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
 - e) the provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
 - f) the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - g) Their boat is adequately insured for the amount indicated below in NoR 23.
- 3 Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the skipper and crew of a boat, nor will it make the organizers responsible for any loss, damage, death, or personal injury, howsoever it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in racing.
- 4 Boats, competitors, and support persons are also reminded of their primary responsibility to offer assistance to any person overboard and to any boat or person in danger at any time. If a competing team stand by or assist, redress can be requested.

23. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 2.000.000 per incident or the equivalent.

24. PRIZES

- 1 For Local events as indicated in the local notice of race.
- 2 Overall ONZK season:
 - a) The final prize giving ceremony of the Indumar Open North Sea Championship 2024 will be organized in collaboration with the WWSV on a date and location to be confirmed.
 - b) All IRC and CR yachts which raced in at least 5 out of 12 (13 for CR) racing days will be ranked and receive a prize. Prizes will not be delivered to owners who are not present during the prize giving ceremony.
 - c) The winners of CR Group 1&2, CR Group 3&4 and CR Group 5&6 will receive a voucher for a free IRC certificate for the season 2022.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

See local notice of race.

ALL EVENTS SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1 See above "all events notice" §1.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the day it will take effect before the sailors briefing or before 0900 on days with no sailors briefing, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 1 Radio communication may be used by the competitors only in case of:
 - a) Safety
 - b) Communication with authorities at sea or in harbors
 - c) Informing the RC of retirement
 - d) Informing the RC about their position
 - e) Reply to the RC when questioned by RC.
 - f) To inform another competitor he is protested (see RRS 61)
- 2 The VHF channel used for information by the race committee: see Local Notice of Race and Local Sailing Instructions
- 3 When sailing in harbors, the harbor approaches and crossing the shipping lanes in the Southern North Sea and the Scheldt, either before, during or after the race, yachts equipped with VHF shall keep a continuous listening watch on the appropriate channels.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE




- 1 See local sailing instructions.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 1 See local sailing instructions.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 1 The class flags are:

Class	Flag
IRC 1 (TCC \geq 1,050)	White flag
IRC 2 (1,000 \leq TCC < 1,050)	Yellow flag
IRC 3 (TCC < 1,000)	Purple flag
CR 1 & 2 (TCF > 1,000)	 W flag
CR 3 & 4 (0,930 < TCF \leq 1,000)	 K flag
CR 5 & 6 (TCF \leq 0,930)	 F flag
2-handed	Light green flag above class flag

- 2 The white, yellow, and purple class flags for the IRC classes and the light green flags for dual-handed teams will be available at the organizing club for € 10.

8. RACING AREA

- 1 See local sailing instructions.

9. COURSES

- 1 See local sailing instructions.

10. MARKS

- 1 See local sailing instructions.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 1 See local sailing instructions.

12. THE START

- 1 The starting line will be defined in the local sailing instructions.
- 2 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 3 [NP] [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her name or sail number. Failure to hail her number or name, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 1 See local sailing instructions.

14. THE FINISH

- 1 The starting line will be defined in the local sailing instructions.
- 2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 1 See above "all events notice" § 14.

16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 1 See local sailing instructions.
- 2 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the regatta offices and lodged before the end of the protest time. This time will be posted at the official notice board.
- 2 The jury will hear protests as soon as possible, approximately in order of reception. Parties involved in protests (including witnesses) shall remain in the vicinity of the jury room until the protest has been heard. After the final race on the last day of a regatta, protests which may affect the awarding of a prize will be heard as soon as possible after they are lodged. Protests which do not affect the awarding of a prize may be heard after the prize giving ceremony, at the discretion of the jury.

18. SCORING

- 1 See above "all events notice" § 15.
- 2 Discards as described in the local sailing instructions.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race must immediately show her national flag and shall notify a race committee, safety/patrol, or jury boat as soon as possible and the race office immediately after returning to the shore.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the principal race officer or the race office secretary.
- 2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the principal race officer or the race office secretary. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 1 [DP] A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

22. SPARE

23. [NP] OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 1 See local sailing instructions

24. [NP] [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 1 See local sailing instructions

25. [DP] TRASH DISPOSAL

- 1 See local sailing instructions

26. BERTHING

- 1 See above "all events notice" § 18.

27. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 1 See above "all events notice" § 19.

28. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 1 See above "all events notice" § 20.

29. PRIZES

- 1 See above "all events notice" §24 and local notice of race.

30. RISK STATEMENT

- 1 See above "all events notice" § 22.

31. INSURANCE

- 1 See above "all events notice" § 23.