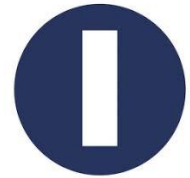




**NORDIC SAILING
FEDERATION**



NOTICE OF RACE

Open IOM Nordic Championship 2026

HSK, HELSINKI, FINLAND

19th to 20th September 2026

ORGANISING AUTHORITY AND VENUE

The organizing authority (OA) is Helsingfors Segelklubb (HSK) in co-operation with the Finnish Radio Control Sailors (FiRCs).

1. RULES AND GOVERNANCE

The event will be governed by the following rules and regulations:

- 1.1. 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). RRS Appendix E, Radio Sailing Rules, will apply,
- 1.2. Latest version of the IOM Class Rules and IRSA Supplementary Class Rules,
- 1.3. The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2025-2028,
- 1.4. Rules for Nordic Championships 27th April 2019,
- 1.5. The World Sailing DR21-02 Test Rule for Umpired Radio Sailing (Version 2025-1, March 2025),
- 1.6. World Sailing 2025-2028 Call Book for Radio Sailing,
- 1.7. Simple Heat Racing System (SHRS) as described in NoR 11.2
- 1.8. Sailing Instructions,
- 1.9. Notice of Race.

By entering the race, the competitors acknowledge and agree to all the aforementioned rules and regulations.

All times are Local Finnish times (LT).

2. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

Chartered or loaned boats may carry the national letters denoting the national authority and/or the sail number of the person or organization providing the boat. This changes RRS G1.1(b), as modified by RRS E8.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The event is open to all IOM class competitors who comply with eligibility requirements. All competitors must be members of a club or other organization affiliated to their national authority.

Entries are limited as follows:

To be eligible, Nordic IOM competitors shall be nominated by their national class association (NCA). Each Nordic NCA shall draw a prioritized list of competitors and send it to ekisoulmatesailing@gmail.com. Initially a maximum of 8 entries per NCA will be allowed. Furthermore, 8 non-nordic entrants will be allowed based on their entry order.

Stage 1: Each nordic NCA is allocated 8 spots. Non-nordic entrants are allocated 8 spots. Competitors of stage 1 must make their entry no later than on Sunday 16th August 2026.

Stage 2: After Stage 1, nordic NCAs can request extra spots (if available). Applications for extra spots must be made by Friday 21st August 2026 to: ekisoulmatesailing@gmail.com

Based on the applications, OA will distribute any remaining spots to each nordic NCA requesting extra spots equally. Information on the extra spots will be communicated to the NCAs on Sunday 23rd August 2026. The extra nordic NCA entries shall be made no later than on Wednesday 26th August 2026 by using the manage2sail system.

Only eligible participants can compete for the Open IOM Nordic Championship 2026 title.

4. ENTRY AND CANCELLATION

4.1. Stage 1 (see 3 Eligibility) entries shall be completed via the Manage2Sail system (www.manage2sail.com) no later than Sunday 16th August 2026. Stage 1 entries not withdrawn by this deadline are binding.

4.1. Stage 2 (see 3 Eligibility) entries shall be completed via the Manage2Sail system (www.manage2sail.com) no later Wednesday 26th August 2026. Stage 2 entries not withdrawn by this deadline are binding.

4.2. No other entries are allowed.

4.3. OA reserves the right to cancel the championship no later than 27th August 2026 at 1600 hours if the requirements of Nordic Championship rule (NoR 1.4) 6.3 (Requirements on Competitors and Boat) are not met.

5. FREQUENCIES

5.1. No Radio frequency conflicts will be allowed.

5.2. Permitted frequency 2,4GHz.

5.3. 2,4GHz radios are exempt from RRS E2.4.

6. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

6.1. Valid measurement certificate must be present at the registration.

6.2. Equipment measurement and inspections are possible whenever during the event.

7. FEES

7.1. The entry fee for the event is EUR 85 and must be paid in the Manage2Sail system at the time of entry using a credit card.

7.2. After the entry is binding, the entry fee is not refundable, unless the OA cancels the whole event. No entries are refundable after Wednesday 26th August 2026 for any reason.

8. SCHEDULE

All times are Local Finnish Times. All possible breaks between races will be informed verbally by OA.

Friday 18th September

Training is possible at the venue 1400 – 2000 hours.

Saturday 19th September

0900 – 1130	Arrival + registration + possible measurement HSK Race Office area. HSK Race Office gate will be open from 0900 hours until 1130 hours.
1130 – 1210	Open waters
1210 – 1220	Competitor Briefing @ control area.

1230	Warning Signal for the first race.
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Sunday 20th September

0800 –0830	HSK Race Office gate open
0830 – 0910	Open waters
0910 – 0920	Competitor Briefing @ control area.
0930	Warning Signal for the first race.
1500	Last possible warning signal
Not later than 1530 - 1600	Medal & Closing Ceremony

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the Manage2Sail system no later than 24 hours before the first warning signal.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1. According RRS appendix E

11. SCORING & RACING SYSTEM

11.1. The Championship shall be raced in a single fleet in case there are 20 or less competitors.

11.2. In case there are 21 or more competitors, there will be a Preliminary Round and a Final Round. The Simple Heat Racing System will be used as follows:

The Preliminary Round is composed of races (except Race 1) based on the score from the previous race to maintain heats containing boats of mixed ability.

In the Final Round the boats are assigned to two heats (A and B) according to their total scores from the Preliminary Round for the remainder of the races. The size of the A and B groups shall be as equal as possible. The boats with the lowest scores go to heat A (GOLD) and the boats with highest scores go to heat B (SILVER).

The number of races in the Preliminary Round and Final Round shall be given in sailing instructions.

11.3. Umpires will be used. Each Nordic Nation is allowed to nominate 1 (one) national umpire as a member of the umpire team for the event according to NoR 1.4. The name and status (IU/NU) of the umpire must be sent to the OA by email (ekisoulmatesailing@gmail.com) no later than Stage 1 entry time close.

11.4. If the SHRS system is used, the OA can assign competitors to observer duties.

11.5. The low point scoring system will be used in accordance with the RRS 90.3 and APPENDIX A.

11.6. Eight (8) races are required to be completed to constitute the championship.

11.7. One (1) discard will be allowed for every four (4) completed races in a series.

12. MEDIA RIGHTS

By taking part in this event, the competitor gives the organization and the event's sponsors the right to use and show at any time static or moving pictures, films, and TV recordings of the competitor and/or their boat made during this event in any materials, on any Web pages, and on any traditional or social media in support or in connection with the event, including the publication of results.

13. AWARDS

Top 3 finishers will receive 2026 Nordic Championship medals.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All those entering or taking part in this event do so at their own risk and responsibility (See RRS 4). The organizing authority and any other parties involved in the organization of this event disclaim: "Any and every responsibility whatsoever for loss, material damage, personal injury or death, or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and on the water, prior to, during or after the regatta, as a consequence of entering or participating in this event covered by this Notice of Race."

15. RISK STATEMENT (TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH NoR PARAGRAPH 14)

15.1. RRS 4 of the Racing RRSs of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a heat or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

a. You are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of yourself and your boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event whether afloat or ashore.

b. You accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by your own actions or omissions.

c. Your boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and you are fit to participate.

d. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve you of your own responsibilities.

e. The provision of rescue boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances. At all times the responsibility for the safety of boats and competitors, plus the decision to participate or continue must rest solely with and always remain with the competitors.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Address to venue: HSK harbours Vattuniemen puistotie 1, 00210 Helsinki, Finland

The distance from Turku ferry harbor to HSK is ca. 165km which takes about 2 hours to drive. The distance from Helsinki ferry harbor to HSK is only ca. 4 km but due to traffic in the center of Helsinki it may take some 30 minutes to drive.

From Helsinki-Vantaa International Airport to HSK is ca. 35 km which takes about 35-40 minutes by car. Public transportation is also possible by train/bus/tram/taxi.

There will be free parking facilities inside of the HSK area for the competitors.

Competitors with campers and tents for accommodation are welcome. Camper fee inside HSK gated area is EUR 25 per day incl. VAT and electricity. Reservations must be made beforehand and are payable through Manage2Sail at the time of entry. Tent places are free of charge.

Camper site and tent place reservations must be done no later than at the end of competitors entry direct to: ekisoulmatesailing@gmail.com

HSK sauna, shower and toilet facilities are available during the racing days.

HSK club restaurant Blue Peter is open daily. Lunch buffet cost is approx. EUR 15-20 and dinner EUR 25-35.

There are several hotels and restaurants within a few kilometer's radius from HSK both in Helsinki and Espoo.

Attachment 1 gives additional information about the venue.

Event information updates will be posted on the Manage2Sail system (www.manage2sail.com).

For any further enquires please email: ekisoulmatesailing@gmail.com