



**ORC DOUBLEHANDED  
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP  
HELSINKI —+ FINLAND 2025**



# **ORC Double Handed European Championship Helsinki, Finland, 5 – 12 July 2025**

## **Notice of Race**

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### **1 Rules**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The latest version of the following rules will also apply:
  - a) IMS Rules
  - b) ORC Rating Systems Rules
  - c) [DP] World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) for Category 3 with following additions:
    - i) Life raft as defined in OSR 4.02 for Category 2 or an AIS personal crew overboard beacon for each crew member as defined in OSR 4.22(b) is required.
    - ii) Life Jackets as defined in OSR 5.01 shall be worn while a boat is afloat, except when she is made fast or moored or if the crew is below deck.
    - iii) Boat's AIS shall be active from the first day of equipment inspection until the end of the event.
- 1.3 Under RRS 87, ORC Rule 206 is changed as follows:
  - a) All sails, including storm & heavy weather sails required by the OSR, shall have a measurement stamp or sticker with all required measurements clearly readable.
  - b) [DP] Each boat shall select sails to be used at the event up to the maximum numbers as defined in ORC Rule 206.1. Selected sails will be marked with the event's sticker. Only sails marked with the event's sticker may be on board during the event.
  - c) [DP] Sails carried on board may vary from day to day but shall remain the same for each individual race day(s). The race day begins when the boat leaves for the race course from its dock or mooring.
  - d) [DP] Sails damaged during the event may be repaired. Sails beyond repair may be replaced with permission of the technical committee.
- 1.4 The navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) replace RRS Part 2 from sunset to sunrise.
- 1.5 [DP] A breach of RRS 56.2 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.6 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.7 Automatic and wind-vane devices for steering may be used.



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## 2 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available for each entrant at completion of the registration formalities and may be posted earlier at **manage2sail.com**

<https://manage2sail.com/fi-FI/event/493dbbee-cc04-4e63-b86e-dfea2f7166b4#!/>

## 3 Communication

3.1 The online Official Notice Board (ONB) is located at **manage2sail.com**.

<https://manage2sail.com/fi-FI/event/493dbbee-cc04-4e63-b86e-dfea2f7166b4#!//onb?tab=documents&classId=ce55ed6d-f769-4d9c-b9c8-f1115a32074e>

3.2 Communication with competitors will be through the online ONB and WhatsApp. Each boat shall have at least one device connected to the internet with WhatsApp installed. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio.

3.3 [DP] RRS 41(c) is changed as follows:

- a) A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except help in the form of information, which is freely available to all boats, whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription. However, this shall not include interpretation of information gathered by advice from any source not on the boat specific to the boat and her situation.
- b) By way of an example and interpretation, downloading charts, weather and/or tidal GRIB files from subscription services, or having such information passed to the boat in its pure form, is permitted but receiving messages or information which is the result of interpretation from a person outside of the boat is not permitted.

## 4 Eligibility and Entry

4.1 Competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Code.

4.2 The event is open to all boats with a valid 2025 ORC DH International certificate with APH between 430.0 and 630.0 s/NM included. The flotation date on an ORC DH International Certificate shall not be earlier than **5 July 2020**.

4.3 Classes are defined as follows:

Class A: APH from 430.0 – 519.9 s/NM

Class B: APH from 520.0 – 559.9 s/NM

Class C: APH from 560.0 – 630.0 s/NM

*\* Note: APH limits are based on 2024 ORC VPP and may be updated when the 2025 ORC VPP becomes available.*

- a) To assign a European Double Handed Champion title in a class the number of boats plus the number of countries shall be not less than 10. If the minimum number of boats in a class is not met, that class may be grouped with the closest class. In this case, only one Championship title will be assigned to the combined classes.
- b) The person who is the owner or charterer or borrower of an entered boat shall be a national of the country the boat is representing. "National" is defined as either the holder of a passport or identity card, or a similar document stating residential status in the country represented.
- c) Classes will have separate starts and separate results.
- d) Three divisions will be defined in each class based on crew gender: Male for crew made of two men, Female for crew made of two women and Mix for crew made of one man and one woman. Division results will be extrapolated from the overall results of each class.



- 4.4 Any change after applying ORC rule 305.2(b) or (c) shall not change the class the boat was originally entered.
- 4.5 Eligible boats may pre-register until **1st May 2025** by completing the online registration form at **manage2sail.com**. Late entries may be accepted at organizer's discretion. Additional fee may be applied.
- 4.6 To be considered as pre-registered, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees. The list of pre-registered boats will be updated on the event website upon receipt of each new entry.
- 4.7 Once the entry is accepted, each boat shall submit a crew list before **21 June 2025**. Crew shall not be changed except in case of injury or illness and with the written permission of the technical committee.
- 4.8 Each owner or skipper must personally register in the race office located at **Helsingfors Segelklubb (HSK)**, from 09:00 on 5 June 2025 until 13:00 on 7 June 2025.
- 4.9 On 1 March 2022, World Sailing published the following recommendations in reaction to the situation in Ukraine: <https://www.sailing.org/2022/03/01/world-sailing-statement-6>. Following that, the following are not eligible to take part in this regatta:
- Competitors with Russian or Belarussian passport or representing these countries
  - Boats whose owner or person in charge is a national from Russia or Belarus
  - Boats registered in Russia or Belarus or with a sail number from these countries

## 5 Entry Fee

- 5.1 The entry fee per boat shall be:

Until <b>1st May</b>	Until <b>21st June</b>
<b>550 €</b>	<b>750 €</b>

The entry fee shall be paid **in Manage2sail** upon registering.

- 5.2 The organizing authority is not responsible for any costs incurred by the non-acceptance of a boat's registration.

## 6 Advertising

- 6.1 [DP] Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority according to the World Sailing Advertising Code as follows:
- Class flag that shall be flown on the backstay throughout the entire event.
- 6.2 The organizing authority may also require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of on-board video cameras and/or position devices, use of which will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

## 7 Schedule

Saturday	<b>5 July</b>	09:00 – 18:00	Registration and equipment inspection
Sunday	<b>6 July</b>	09:00 – 18:00	Registration and equipment inspection
Monday	<b>7 July</b>	09:00 – 13:00	Registration and equipment inspection
		14:00	Practice Race
		19:00	Opening Ceremony
Tuesday	<b>8 July</b>	<b>11:00</b>	Short offshore race
Wednesday	<b>9 July</b>	<b>15:00</b>	Long offshore race
Thursday	<b>10 July</b>		Long offshore race
Friday	<b>11 July</b>		Long offshore race continued
Saturday	<b>12 July</b>	<b>17:00</b>	Prize giving



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- a) The long offshore race will be approximately 48-60 hours for the slowest boat.
- b) The short offshore race will be approximately 8-10 hours for the slowest boat.
- c) The schedule may be changed depending on the weather and wind conditions.

## **8 Equipment Inspection**

- 8.1 Each boat shall have 2025 ORC DH International certificate issued up to **28 June 2025**. Certificates issued after that date may be accepted only by the request of the relevant ORC Rating office. This changes RRS 78.2.
- 8.2 No changes shall be made on ORC DH International certificates after **28 June 2025** unless prescribed and approved by the technical committee in correcting any error that may be found in the boat's certificate before or during the pre-race equipment inspection and before the start of the first race.
- 8.3 Boats shall be available for equipment inspection from **5 July 2025 at 09:00** until **7 July 2025 at 13:00**. Booking of time slots for inspections by the boats will be available through the online system not later than **28 June 2025**.
- 8.4 Measurement and rules compliance inspections will be carried out throughout the championship with emphasis on boats well placed in the scoring.
- 8.5 A boat shall not start until she passes the pre-race equipment inspection.

## **9 Venue**

- 9.1 The venue for the event is **Helsingfors Segelklubb (HSK), Vattuniemen puistotie 1, 00210 Helsinki, Finland**.
- 9.2 The course racing area will be the **Gulf of Finland**.

## **10 Penalty system**

- 10.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for breaking one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident outside the *Zone* while racing.
- 10.2 The intention is to appoint an international jury as provided in RRS 70.5.

## **11 Scoring**

- 11.1 The Low Point System will apply as defined in RRS Appendix A except that race scores will be multiplied with the scoring coefficient of 1.0 for the short offshore race and 1.5 for the long offshore race.
- 11.2 Race results will be determined by corrected times calculated by the single ToT calculated by the Weather Routing as provided by the ORC. List of ratings will be published not later than 1 hour before the start.
- 11.3 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. No race score will be excluded.
- 11.4 RRS 90.3(e) shall apply.

## **12 Support person vessels**

[DP] All support person vessels shall be registered at the race office by 12:00 on 7 June 2024 to receive identification numbers provided by the organizing authority. These numbers shall be always visible.



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### 13 Nautical charts

The following nautical charts of Traficom (**Finnish Transport and Communications Agency**) are utilised as a reference in the Sailing Instructions: **951, 952 953 and 954.**

### 14 Berthing

- 14.1 Participating boats must be berthed at Helsingfors Segelklubb from registration to the start of the regatta. The harbour fee during the event (5 - 12 July 2025) is included in the entry fee. Additional dates can be booked and paid directly to HSK harbour master.
- 14.2 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbour.

### 15 Haul-out Restrictions

- 15.1 [DP] All boats shall be in the water on **5th of July 2025** until the end of the last scheduled race of the series.
- 15.2 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out except for the purposes of repairing damage; and only after written permission from the technical committee. While hauled for this purpose, cleaning and polishing of the hull below the waterline will not be permitted. Appendages shall not be removed from the boat during the series.

### 16 Data Protection

Competitors, owners, and their guests shall grant the absolute right and permission to the organizing authority and the ORC for any photography and video footage taken of persons and boats during the event, to be published and/or broadcast in any media, including but not limited to TV advertisements, whatsoever for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information.

### 17 Risk statement

RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk, see RRS 3 - Decision to Race. The organizing authority, **Helsingfors Segelklubb, Finnish Offshore Racing Association, ORC, the PRO, the race committee, the international jury, the technical committee, the volunteers, and any other party involved in the organization of the event will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.** Each boat owner or his representative accepts these terms by signing the entry form.

### 18 Competitors Drones

- 18.1 [DP] Teams or their representatives shall not fly drones over the shore facilities or over the race area during training or racing days without complying with local legislation and without prior written approval by the organizing authority.



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- 18.2 The approval granted at the sole discretion of the organizing authority may impose limitations on where and when drones may fly.
- 18.3 At any time the risk and responsibility for flying any drone is with the person flying the drone and images made inside the race area shall be shared with the organizing authority, race committee or jury at reasonable request.

## **19 Insurance**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with adequate cover of minimum 600.000 EUR taking into account the value of the boats racing and the measure of damages likely to arise in the event of an accident..

## **20 Prizes**

- 20.1 The ORC Double Handed European Champion 2025 title will be awarded to the best boat in each class.
- 20.2 Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats in each class.
- 20.3 Additional prizes may be awarded to top boats in each division: Male, Female and Mix in each class.

## **21 Further information**

For further information, please contact

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