



Notice of Race Viking Offshore Race 2018

The Viking Offshore Race 2018 will be a part of and a continuation of the Bergen to Shetland race 2018 incorporating a rally for cruising boats. It will be conducted on the waters of Bergen, the North Sea, the approach to Lerwick Harbour (Shetland) , the approach to Torshavn Harbour (Faro Islands) and the approach to Reykjavik Harbour (Iceland).

The Viking Offshore Race is organized and conducted by the Norwegian Offshore Racing and Cruising Club (Norsk Havseiler- og Krysserklubb).

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the [Racing Rules of Sailing\(RRS\)](#).

1.2 The following prescription and rules of the Norwegian Sailing Federation will apply; eligibility rules including any license rules and advertisement rules.

1.3 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations. See § 8

1.4 The protest committee may deviate from RRS 63.1 and 64.1(a) about hearings, penalties and exonerations, and apply a percentage penalty **without a hearing** based on reports received and/or breaches admitted in the declaration forms. The changes will be fully stated in the Sailing Instructions.

1.5 Rating Classes are governed by:

- NOR rating classes: the current versions of the NOR-rating rules and regulations including ORC Rating Rules.
- Any other rating class: the rules and regulations of the relevant rating class.

1.6 This Notice of Race (“NoR”), except as any of these are modified by the Sailing Instructions.

1.7 Whilst a boat in the Cruising Division is operating under its engine, the relevant parts of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea will replace the rules of RRS, Part 2 in their application to that boat.

1.8 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Amendments will be published on the event website, www.vikingoffshorerace.no

2. Advertising

Advertising will be in accordance with each class’ national or international class rules. Boats sailing under rating rules and cruising or offshore boats have the right to display advertising. In accordance with WS Regulation all boats are required to carry items or flags from the events sponsors.

Norwegian boats and sailors shall obtain such license from NSF. Non-Norwegian boats and sailors shall present a similar right to display their own advertisement issued by their own National Sailing Federation.

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3. Eligibility and entry

3.1 Eligibility of Boats

3.1.1 General Requirements

A boat shall:

- be single hulled and self righting;
- satisfy the stability criteria of the Special Regulations Category 2
- be built in accordance with the Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.03;
- have an overall length (LOA) not more than 30.48 metres and not less than 9.0 metres and a waterline length (LWL) not less than 7.3 metres;
- comply with Special Regulations Part 1 for Race Category 2; and
- if carrying propane or butane onboard, be fitted with a gas detector installed.

3.1.2 NOR-rating Boats

A boat may only be entered in the NOR-rating Category if the boat has a current, valid NOR-rating certificate issued 20th of June 2018 at the latest. All requirements of the current NOR-rating System Rules shall be met, unless they have been specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (see RRS 78.1).

ORC Club Boats Non-Norwegian boats holding a valid ORC Club certificate may enter in the NOR-rating classes if the boat has a current, valid ORC certificate issued 20th of June 2018 at the latest and complies with all of the current ORC Rating System Rules, unless they have been specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (see RRS 78.1). The certificate may be rerun by the NOR-rating to obtain equal measurement standard of NOR-rating.

3.1.7 Cruising Boats

Only boats that comply with the general rules and including specific limitations regarding sail configuration for the Cruising Boat Classes may enter in this class (see NoR § 5.3).

3.2 Entry

Eligible boats may enter online and pay the non-refundable fee online during the entry process no later than 20th of June 2018.

Payments shall be made no later than 23th of June 2018. A boat is not entered before all entry requirements (including payment of all fees) have been completed.

Please check the entry list at www.vikingoffshorerace.no , and notify the Organizing Authority if something is wrong.

3.3 Eligibility of Crew

Every entered boat in the race shall have following number of crew:

- Full Crew Classes - minimum 4 crew members.
- "Double Handed" - 2 crew members.

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All crew members shall be listed on the official crew list for each boat with their nationality registered. The skipper or any person acting on his/her behalf shall deliver the list **online** to the race organizer at www.vikingoffshorerace.no no later than 25th of June 2018.

3.4 Late entries may be accepted according to the requirements stated in NoR §4.2, until 23th of June 2018

4. Entry Fees

4.1 Category and entry fees

The non-refundable entry fee shall be paid as follows if entered within 20th of June 2018.

Category	Comments.	Entry Fee
NOR Rating classes	Fully crewed Leg 1 – Bergen - Shetland Leg 2 – Shetland – Faro islands Leg 3 – Faro islands – Iceland Entering 2 legs Entering 3 legs	NOK 3000 NOK 3000 NOK 5000 NOK 6000 NOK 10000
NOR Rating Doublehanded	Maximum 2 crewmembers Leg 1 – Bergen - Shetland Leg 2 – Shetland – Faro islands Leg 3 – Faro islands – Iceland Entering 2 legs Entering 3 legs	NOK 2000 NOK 2000 NOK 3000 NOK 4000 NOK 6300
Cruising Classes	No Rating Systems - Elapsed time only Leg 1 – Bergen - Shetland Leg 2 – Shetland – Faro islands Leg 3 – Faro islands – Iceland Entering 2 legs Entering 3 legs	NOK 3000 NOK 3000 NOK 5000 NOK 6000 NOK 10000

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4.2 Late entries may be accepted until 20th of June 2018 subject to the following entry fees:

Category	Comments.	Entry Fee
NOR Rating classes	Fully crewed	+ 50 %
NOR Rating Doublehanded	Maximum 2 crewmembers	+ 100 %
Cruising Classes	No Rating Systems - Elapsed time only	+ 50 %

5. Classes and rating systems

5.1 Handicap Categories

The competitor list (Start list) will indicate which class a boat is assigned to, when that class is starting and what course the class will sail.

5.1.1 Rating classes

There will be classes for boats holding a valid rating certificate from NOR-rating, NOR-rating – Shorthanded. Boats competing in the NOR-rating- non spinnaker classes are not allowed to use flying headsails. The Race Committee in its discretion may allocate boats to divisions within a handicap category. Within any such handicap category, all boats will be scored in the overall result.

5.1.2 Cruising classes

The Organizing Authority's preference is that as many boats as possible will be using a rating system based on physical measurements of a boat made by a certified measurer. The recommendation is therefore that rather than starting in a cruising class, boats enter in the more balanced rating classes. All competitors in Cruising Class **shall sail without any kind of spinnakers (including gennaker / code zero etc) or flying headsail**. A maximum of 2 headsails shall be used at the same time, with max sum of JPL/LPG =1,5*J. J = distance between the mast and the forestay's fastening to the deck. Cruising classes are sailing scratch. The Race Committee in its discretion may allocate boats to divisions within a category.

6. Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing

RRS 32: is changed in that there will be no shortening of the course for any classes.

RRS 44.1 and **44.2** are changed as follows: A boat **may not exonerate herself** for a breach of a rule of Part 2 by taking a Two-Turns Penalty, nor may she exonerate herself for touching a mark by taking a One-Turn Penalty.

RRS 42: A boat in the Cruising Division may use its engine for propulsion from two hours after its starting signal. That use must cease prior to the boat finishing. Engine hours and miles covered under engine must be logged.

RRS 51: A boat with movable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the Special Regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.

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RRS 52: Boats with equal to or less than 2 crew members may use an Autopilot.

7 Schedule

7.1 Skippers meeting:

- Race 1 - Bergen (Bergen Seilforening) : Tuesday 26th of June 2018.
- Race 2 - Lerwick: Sunday 01th of July 2018.
- Race 3 - Torshavn: Friday 06th of July 2018
Location TBA

7.2 Equipment and measurement control:

- Race 1 - Bergen Seilforening : Saturday 23th of June to Tuesday 26th of June 2018.
- Race 2 - Lerwick: Thursday 28th of June 2018 to Sunday 01th of July 2018.
- Race 3 - Torshavn: Sunday 01th of July to Friday 06th of July 2018

7.3 Dates of racing

- Race 1 – Bergen-Shetland, Wednesday 27th of June 2018
- Race 2 – Lerwick –Faro islands: Sunday 01th of July 2018.
- Race 3 – Torshavn-Iceland: Friday 06th of July 2018

8. Safety Equipment- Offshore Special Regulations.

8.1 General

- Crew members younger than 18 years old must wear life jackets according to World Sailing OSR5.01 during the entire race. This changes RRS 40

8.2 Safety equipment

Achievement of Design Category A under ISO 12217-2 is accepted by the race organizer as a guide to general suitability for competition in the Viking Offshore Race.

The race is regulated under [WS IORS Category 2 race](#) with amendment of Personal AIS Crew Locator from Category 1; 4.22.1b) “An AIS personal crew overboard beacon for each crew member” .

(updated SPECIAL REGULATIONS are expected to be released by ORC late January 2018)

9. Equipment and measurement control

9.1

In accordance with the Special Regulations Part 1, all safety equipment shall be on board and available for inspection. On request by the Race Committee, boats shall be made available for a spot inspection to audit equipment compliance. Spot checks will be carried out by the the

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Organizing Authority prior to the warning signals and may be carried out after a boat finishes on of the tree legs.

9.2 Each boat shall present a valid measurement or rating certificate when so requested. Spot checks of boats may occur in conjunction with the regatta. The rating organizations, or their designated representative(s), may perform spot checks on boats and may protest any breach of any Class rule. This changes RRS 60.2.

10. Notice Board

The Official Notice Board is a notice electronic board at www.vikingoffshorerace.no . Copies of notices may also be placed on the Notice Board located on regatta offices.

10.1. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions ("SI") will be published on the event website www.vikingoffshorerace.no no later than Wednesday 20th of June 2018.

A hardcopy of SI is available for each yacht at the skippers meeting in Bergen.

Thereafter, the Sailing Instructions will be available on request.

Start lists with classification and starting times will published on the event website and final version is 24th of June 2018 at 16:00hrs.

11. Tracking devices and cameras

A boat may be required to carry a tracking device supplied by the Organizing Authority. A boat on which such a unit fails or ceases to operate will be required to provide additional position reports by radio in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

The Organizing Authority also reserves the right to place a camera on board any boat for media purposes.

Failure to carry and operate a tracking device or to carry a camera when required may lead to rejection of an entry, the cancellation of an entry or the disqualification of the boat from the race (refer RRS 76.1).

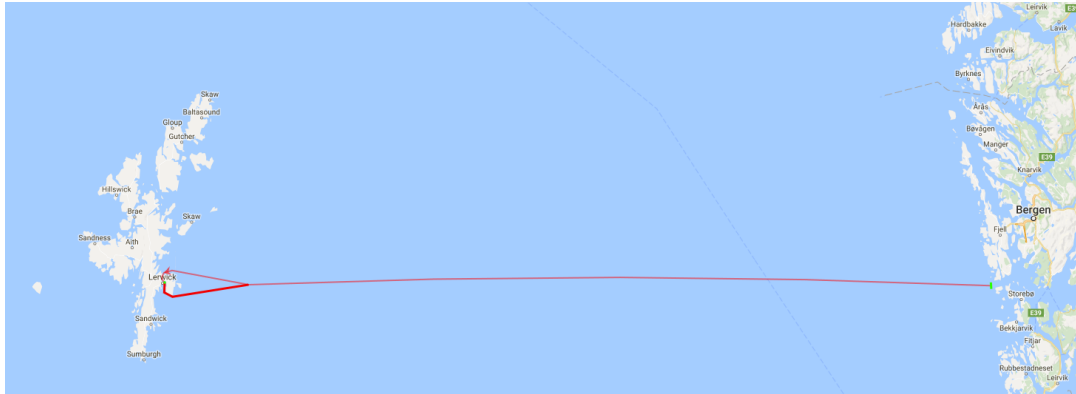
12. Courses

Courses to be sailed will be as follows. Further descriptions will be in the sailing instructions. It is possible to sail all three races or just two legs.

12.1 Leg 1 - Bergen – Shetland (Lerwick)

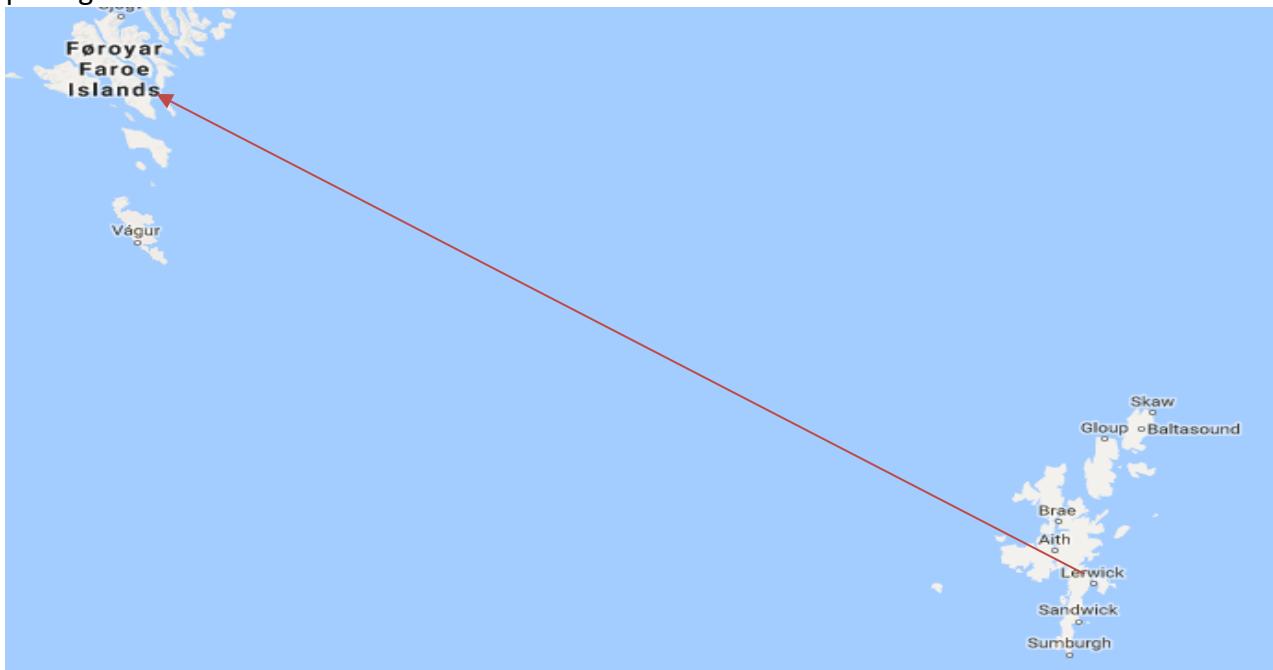
The warning signal for the race Bergen- Shetland will be at 0755 UTC (0955 CET) on Wednesday 27th of June 2018. The start area of the race will be in outer Korsfjorden, south of Bergen, Norway and the finish area will be in Lerwick harbour, Shetland. The race is a 194 nautical mile passage race.

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12.2 Leg 2 – Shetland (Lerwick) – Faro Islands (Torshavn)

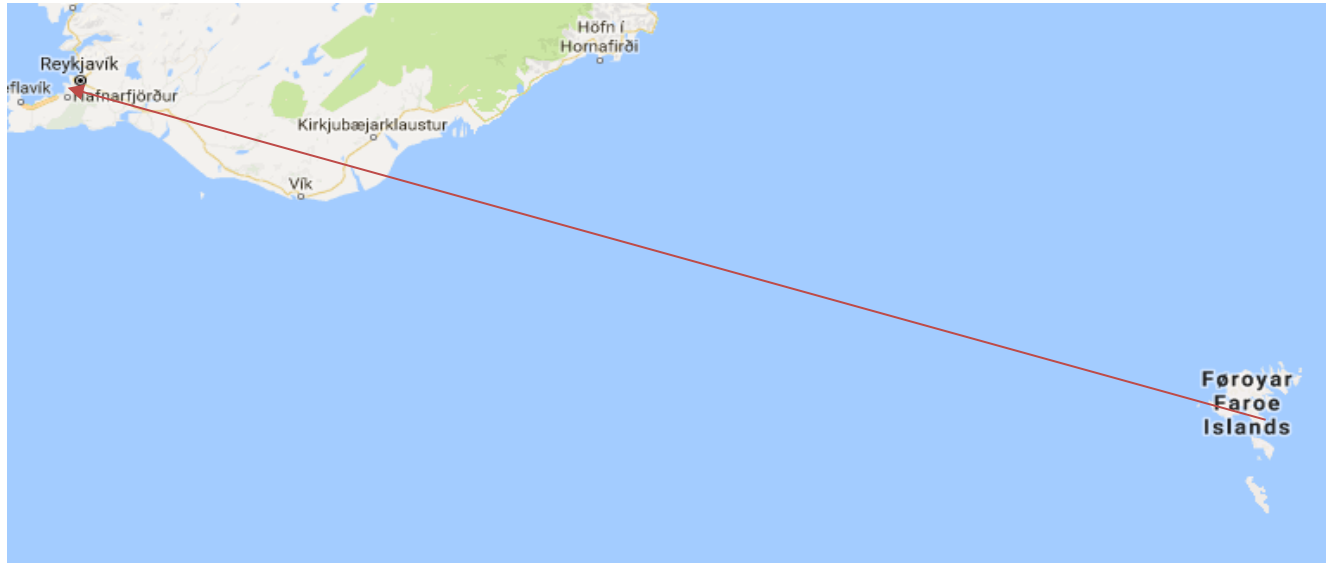
The warning signal for the race Shetland - Faro Islands will be at 0955 UTC (1055 BST) on Sunday 01th of July 2018. The start area of the race will be in Lerwick Harbour, Shetland and the finish area will be in Torshavn Harbour, Faro Islands. The race is a approximately 220 nautical mile passage race.



12.3 Leg 3 – Faro Islands (Torshavn) – Iceland (Reykjavik)

The warning signal for the race Faro Islands- Iceland will be at 0955 UTC (1055 WEST) on Friday 6th of July 2018. The start area of the race will be in Torshavn Harbour, Faro Islands and the finish area will be in Reykjavik Harbour, Iceland. The race is a approximately 550 nautical mile passage race.

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Details of the courses will be included in the Sailing Instructions (“SI”).

14. Penalty system

Alternative penalties will be and will be fully stated in the sailing instructions. RRS 44 does not apply.

15. Scoring

15.1 The Low point scoring system is used for the series. A boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.

15.2 NOR-rating (all Divisions): Results for each race will be calculated by the application of Time Correction Factors (single number-ToT) as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

15.3 Cruising Classes (all divisions): The boat with the lowest elapsed time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first for each race.

16. Prizes

There will be prizes for 1/3 of the contenders in each race and overall prize for the total race

- Prize giving for leg 1 will be held in Lerwick: Friday 29th of June 2018.
- Prize giving for leg 2 will be held in Torshavn: Tuesday 03th of July 2018.
- Prize giving for leg 3 and overall will be held in Reykjavik Wednesday 11th of July 2018

17. Phones and Communication

The use of mobile or satellite phones on public net’s to gather publicly available information such as weather forecasts is permitted. This modifies RRS 41 and may also modify class rules. This is not applicable for communication between competitors.

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18 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

19. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance. Written documentation from the insurance company or a copy of such a valid insurance shall be onboard at all times.

20. Media rights

The conditions of entry include a requirement that the owner or charterer of the boat and all crew members acknowledge that the Organizing Authority owns all media rights to the Viking Offshore Race and may exercise those rights as it sees fit;

- grant the Organizing Authority and their partners the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during and after the race.

21.Contact Details

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Regatta site www.vikingoffshorerace.no

Cooperating Clubs:

- Hordaland Seilkrets - www.shetlandrace.no
- The Lerwick Boating Club of Shetland - <http://lerwickboatingclub.co.uk/>
- The Torshavn Marine Club – Tórshavnar Bárafelag - <http://www.marina.fo/>
- Reykjavik Yacht Club Brokey – Siglingafélag Reykjavíkur <http://brokey.is/>