

Sailing Instructions Viking Race 2018

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

1.4 RRS 47.2 does not apply.

1.5 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 One-Turn Penalty.

1.5 RRS 63.1 is changed in that the protest committee reserves the right to, without a hearing, give penalties for breaches of the rules based on reports received and/or breaches admitted in the competitor's declaration forms. The protest committee may deviate from RRS 64.1(a) about penalties and exonerations and apply a percentage penalty (based on elapsed time) **without a hearing as follows:**

Failing to deliver the declaration within three (3) hours after finishing	5%
Interference with commercial traffic	5% alt DSQ
Start/Rounding/Marks;	
Premature start	2,5% (minimum one place)
Touching a starting mark	2,5%
Touching a rounding mark	2,5%
Not complying with requests from control- or mark boats	Minimum 2,5%
Failing to sail the course	DSQ
Use of engine;	
Registered on the declaration (without a valid reason)	Minimum 2,5%
Not registered on the declaration	DSQ
Charging batteries (no use of propellers)	No penalty
Avoid commercial traffic;	No penalty
Avoid emergencies/serious damage/refloating after grounding	No Penalty
NOTE: Legitimate use of the engine shall not give a boat an advantage in the regatta	
Missing navigational lights;	
Late/forgotten	5%
Deliberately	DSQ
During repair – Reported on declaration	No penalty
Deficiencies;	
Life jackets	5%
Other safety equipment	2%-5%
Deficiencies with sail numbers	1%-3%
Measurement certificates	1%
Marks on mast and boom	2%
Not displaying advertising for event sponsor	1%
Not following instructions from organizers representative, police or harbor authorities	5% or DSQ

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1.6 Boats competing in all class may use an Autopilot. This changes RRS 52.

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 stickers/flags from the events sponsors (classic wooden boats may display the stickers on the jib).

A boat or sailor displaying her own advertisement shall send a valid Advertisement License to organizing authority. Norwegian boats and sailors shall obtain such license from NSF. Foreign boats and sailors shall present a similar right to display their own advertisement issued by their own National Sailing Federation. The organizing authority will report any missing advertisement licenses to MNA.

3. Notices to competitors

Skippers are invited to the skippers meeting/briefing in

- Race 2 - Lerwick: Sunday 01th of July 2017. Location TBA
- Race 3 - Torshavn: Friday 06th of July 2017 Location TBA

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the competitor lists, the assignment to classes and starting schedule up to and including June 25 at 1600 hrs will be available at <https://www.sailracesystem.no/regatta?regatta=2903>

5. Class Assignments and Courses

5.1 Final assignments of classes and courses will be printed in the starting- list of competitors. However, there may be changes in course assignments and assignments to classes. The organizing authority reserves the right to merge classes.

5.2 The handicap a boat is registered with on **June 27.will be applied for the regatta** (Shorthanded handicap from NOR rating will only be accepted in Shorthanded classes.

5.3 Cruising Boats.

It is the wish of the organizing authority that as many as possible sail in accordance with Norwegian Sailing Federations rules for measurement and assignment to classes and that as many as possible of the cruising boats get measured in NOR rating. All competitors in Turklassse (Cruising Class) shall sail without any kind of spinnakers (including gennaker / codezero etc) or flying headsail. Maximum 2 headsails shall be used at the time with max sum of JPL/LPG =1,5*J.

J = distance between the mast and the forestay's fastening to the deck.

Cruising boats are sailing scratch. The competitor starting- list will give information about which groups each individual boat compete in, when they are scheduled to start and which course they are scheduled to sail.

6. Sail number

All competing boats shall display their national sail numbers in their sails.

7. Safety Equipment- Offshore Special Regulations.

7. 1 General

Crew members younger than 17 years old must wear life jackets according to World Sailing OSR5.01 during the entire race. This changes RRS 40

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7.2 Safety equipment

Achievement of Design Category A under ISO 10217-2 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"

8. Equipment and measurement control

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

9. Starting schedule

All classes start together using flag "D"



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 2017.

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 2017.

10. Courses

Courses to be sailed will be as follows. It is possible to sail all three races or just two legs.

Leg 1 - Bergen – Shetland (Lerwick) – se the sailing instructions for Pantaenius Shetland Race 2018 The start area of the race will be in outer Korsfjorden, south of Bergen, Norway and the finish area will be in Lerwick harbor, Shetland. The race is a 194 nautical mile passage race.

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

The start area of the race will be in Lerwick Harbor, and the finish area will be in Torshavn Harbor, Faro Islands. The race is a approximately 220 nautical mile passage race.

The starting line will be the line from the signal mast on the pier for Lerwick Boating Club, towards the light on Maryfield Ferry Terminal (Bressay).

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


The start area of the race will be in Torshavn Harbor, Faro Islands and the finish area will be in Reykjavik Harbor, Iceland. The race is a approximately 550 nautical mile passage race.

The starting line will be announced at the skippers meeting in Torshavn.

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11.1 The regatta will be started as follows:

Warning signal at 10 minutes, preparatory signal at 5 minutes, and starting signal at 0 minutes. This changes rule 26.

Warning signal	10 min before start		one signal
Warning signal	5 min before start	Flag "D" displayed	one signal
Preparatory signal	4 min before start	Flag "P"  displayed	one signal
One minute signal	1 min before start	Flag "P" removed	one signal
Start signal	0 min	Flag "D" removed	one signal

During the starting procedure, if possible the starter will do the count down on VHF channel 8.

12. Finishing Line

Leg 1 - Bergen – Shetland (Lerwick) – se the sailing instructions for Pantaenius Shetland Race 2018

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

The finishing line will be announced at the skippers meeting in Lerwick

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

The finishing line will be between the to yellow lighthouse entering the harbor in Reykjavik, just beside Reykjavik Yacht Club Brokey – Siglingafélag Reykjavíkur <http://brokey.is/>

13. Navigational Lights

Navigational lights shall be used between 2230hrs and 0400hrs, and in addition when required by the conditions. During the above mentioned period, the relevant rules of Part 2 of the Racing Rules for Sailing are replaced by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS). Boats that do not show lights as required by IRPCAS may receive a percentage penalty or be disqualified from the regatta.

14. Commercial Traffic

Competitors are reminded of their duty to comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. Special attention is drawn to pleasure crafts obligations to keep clear of commercial traffic as prescribed in Rule 7; Action to avoid collision, Rule 9; Narrow channels and The Norwegian National Rule 44; Responsibilities between vessels. Breaches of these rules, lack of seamanship with regard to commercial traffic may result in disqualification, in addition to legal reactions from the relevant authorities. Required use of the engine to comply with the requirements to keep clear shall be noted on the declaration(SMS), and does not give a boat a penalty with regard to the Racing Rules of Sailing. The use of the engine must be in a way that makes it clear that the boat it does not give the boat an advantage in the regatta.

15. Retire from race – entered boats that do not start

Boats who retire from the race, for whatever reason, and entered boats that do not start, shall promptly report this to the race office on phone number + 47 90 50 10 61

Boats who fail to comply with this sailing instruction may be reported to the Norwegian Sailing Federation with a recommendation for a penalty under rule 69.

16. End of regatta

The regatta will be brought to an end on Sunday July 11th at 1200 UTC (1300 WEST) . Competitors who have not finished by this time shall immediately report this to the race office. They will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) in the race results.

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17. Timing/Declaration

Times will be noted from the shore at the finish. In addition, competitors must make a note of their rounding- and finishing times, and report these in the required manner on the Declaration about a completed race. Any infringements or doubt about rules compliance, regulations or sailing instructions, must also be reported on the declaration.

17. 1 The Declaration shall be delivered at the race office after finish no later than three (3) hours after finishing. A competitor, who has not found one or more marks, must declare this in the declaration, explain the circumstances and provide information to support a claim that he/she believes to have nevertheless sailed the course correctly.

18. Protests

Protests must be in writing and on a proper protest form. They must be delivered at the race office after each leg no later than three (3) hours after finishing. Hearings will be in the race office in Any changes will be posted on the notice board by the race office. Notices about protests will be continuously posted on the notice board. Competitors must check the notice board themselves to learn whether they are being protested or named as witnesses in a protest.

19. Result Service

Continuously updated preliminary results will be posted on Viking offshore Race website
<https://www.sailracesystem.no/regatta?regatta=2903>

20. Prize Giving

There will be prizes for 2 first places of the contenders in each leg and class and overall prize for the total race

- Prize giving for leg 1 will be held in Lerwick: Friday 29th of June 2017.
- Prize giving for leg 2 will be held in Torshavn: Tuesday 03rd of July 2017.
- Prize giving for leg 3 and overall will be held in Reykjavik Wednesday 11th of July 2017

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. Race Office

Norwegian Ocean Racing and Cruising club

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Regatta site :<https://m.facebook.com/vikingoffshorerace/>

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/>