



NOTICE OF RACE

NORTH SEA CHALLENGE

6.- 7. AUGUST 2021

The North Sea Challenge 2021, incorporating a rally for cruising boats, will be conducted on the waters of Bergen and the North Sea. The race and rally are organized and conducted by the Vestland Sailing Association of Norway.

RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

Where applicable the rules from the Nordic Sailing Federation will be valid.

From sunset to sunrise the rules of Part 2 are replaced by the right-of-way rules of the Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS).

[World Sailing OSR Category 3 race with Life Raft 2020-2021](#) will apply with the following additions:

- Bilge pumps; minimum 1 manually operated.
- Fixed mounted VHF with 25 W effect and one – 1 – watertight handheld VHF
- VHF antenna must be mounted so that land-based stations can be reached at any time
- A heavy weather jib and mainsail where the luff can be reduced by at least 40%
 - If the mainsail can't be reefed accordingly, a try sail must be on board
 - A furling jib can be accepted in lieu of a heavy weather jib but it can't be a G1 or G2 on a masthead rigged boat. It must be a G3 that can be furled that can substitute a heavy weather jib. A G1 or G2 partially furled in will place too much strain on the rigging and is a potential danger to the boats safety in heavy weather.

Extra attention: Significant changes, effective January 2021:

3.29 Communications Equipment, GPS, RADAR, AIS

3.29.13 an AIS Transponder which either:



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3.29.13a) shares the masthead VHF antenna via a low loss AIS antenna splitter; or

3.29.13b) has a dedicated AIS antenna not less than 38 cm (15") in length mounted with its base not less than 3 meters (10') above the waterline and co-axial feeder cable with not more than 40% power loss.

Amendments to category 3 with Life Raft:

At least the skipper or one crewmember shall have an ISAF Approved Offshore Personal Survival Training course.

The race will be governed by the current versions of:

[The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\) for 2021-2024](#)

[The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea \(IRPCAS\)](#)

[World Sailing The Equipment Rules of Sailing 2021-2024](#)

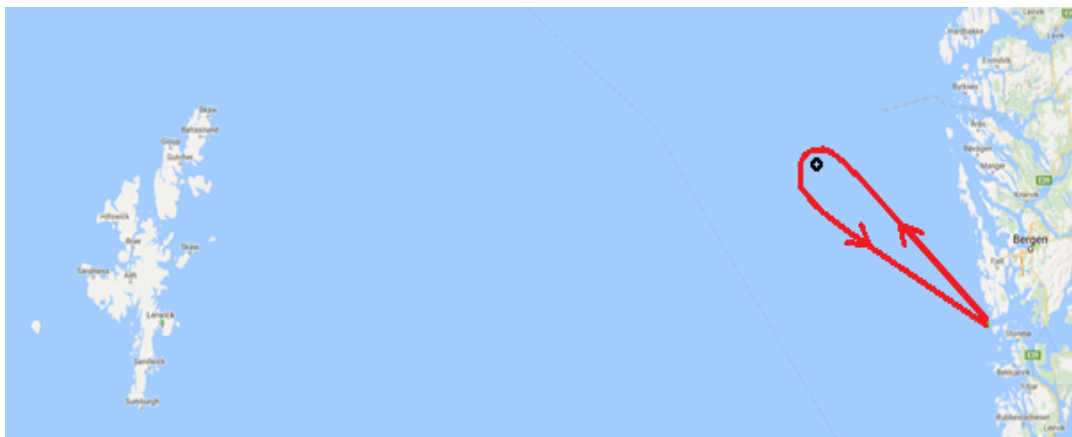
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This Notice of Race ("NoR"), except as any of these are modified by the Sailing Instructions.

If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

THE COURSE

The course is around the Troll A platform @ 60°4'N 3°4'E on your Port side. The race is approx. 115 nautical miles.





STARTING LINE

The starting line is in Korsfjorden close to Marstein Lighthouse.

FINISHING LINE

The finishing line is in Korsfjorden and will be between Marsteinen lighthouse and Tekslo light.

ADVERTISING

Boats are required to display advertising as instructed and supplied by the organizing authority. All boats may carry an event sponsor for the duration of the regatta (August 6th. and 7th.) no other sponsor flag/material than those from the official North Sea Challenge sponsors is allowed to be displayed on the boat or dockside unless an application to do so has been approved by the race committee.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Each participating boat/team must post a minimum of 5 photos or video of their race between start and finish on the events Facebook-page. Failing to do so, 5 minutes will be added to your time for any missing photos. A maximum of 25 minutes may be added. The photo/video achieving the most reactions (Likes/Sharing) will be rewarded with a special price. (TBA) Participants are giving the organizers limitless rights to use their name, photos and video in all communication and marketing related to the event. This includes the events sponsors and partners.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The regatta is open to all boats of the following classes:

- NOR Rating
- Shorthanded NOR Rating
- Shorthanded (in the "meter-class")
- Cruising

Boats without approved measurement certificate will be placed in the Cruising class or in the "meter-class"

It is possible to change classes up till August 1th, and if there is a need to change class after this date an application for change of class must be sent to the race committee for approval.



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Skipper or helmsman must be member of a yacht club approved by their national sailing association.

Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form at www.sailracesystem.no by July 1th 2021.

Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions:

- Completed registration between July 01st and August 01st.
- Late entry fee: Ordinary fee + 50%.

For the purpose of this event, no changes to measurement certificates will be accepted after August 5th, 2021.

FEES

Required entry fees are as follows:

Shorthand: NOK 2000, -

Fully Crewed: NOK 3000, -

Registration fee includes tracking by TracTrac and 2 nights harbour fee at Hjellevstad.

SCHEDULE

Registration will take place at "Nautic Norway Kafé", Hjellevstad
Friday August 6th between 08:00 – 09.30

First warning signal in Korsfjorden, close to Marstein Lighthouse
Friday August 6th at 11:55.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available before Registration.



OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The official notice board for the regatta will be found on the North Sea Challenge at Sail Race Systems.

PENALTY SYSTEM

OCS	3% penalty breaking Rule 29.1
Lack of Identification of the boats sail number on sails	5% penalty breaking Rule 77
Use of engine (except as indicated below)	3% penalty
Reported use of engine for battery charging, without forward trust	No penalty
Reported use of engine to give way for commercial vessels	No penalty
Lack of electrical power to VHF, tracker and navigation lights	DSQ This changes R.R.App. A.5
Deviation between signed Self Declaration Safety Form and safety inspection reports, before or after the race.	1 – 3% penalty or DSQ
Too late delivery of Self Declaration Race Report after finishing	5% penalty
No delivery of Self Declaration Race Report	DNF
Ignoring docking instructions as defined in pt. 12.	1 – 3% penalty or DSQ
Failing to post photo/video	5 min penalty pr. Missing post. – max. 25 minutes.
Passing "Troll A" closer than 500 meters	DSQ

For all classes racing rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only a one turn penalty, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked with North Sea Challenge logos/flags.

BERTHING

In Hjellevad Harbour boats shall dock according to instruction from the Race Committee members/crew. Ignoring such instructions may result in a protest by the Race Committee.

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.



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INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please get in touch with the race committee:

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The Notice of Race may be subject to change at any time.