

24 HOUR REGATTA 2026

September 11th to 12th 2026

Organizing Authority: Ruhnu Yacht Club, Saaremaa Merispordi Selts & Latvian Offshore Sailing Association

Gulf of Riga, Baltic Sea

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing, Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions (NoR&SI).

1.2 The following documents will be in effect:

- ORC Rating Systems;
- IMS Rules;
- WS Offshore Special Safety Regulations, category 4.

1.3 Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing is replaced by Part B of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea from 22:00 to 06:00 local time and all boats shall show the required navigational lights.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Boats are required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

2.2 OA is using tracking, all competitors are kindly asked to download and use the application spesified latest September 10th. The event name is „24 Hour Regatta“.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The Regatta is open to all boats with valid ORCi or ORC CLUB Measurement Certificate. The Certificate of Measurement should be issued by September 10th, 2026.

3.2 All participating boats shall comply with WS Offshore Special Safety Regulations, category 4, and shall have a valid certificate of seaworthiness for at least category C.

3.3. All competing Estonian sailors must have the EYU racing license.

3.4 If a person in charge of a boat is not the owner, a letter of attorney or a lease document shall be presented.

3.5 Entries shall be handed in at [24h Regatta registration](#)

4. CLASSIFICATION

4.1 Helmsmen of Estonian boats shall have a certificate of yacht master, skipper or pleasure craft operator. Helmsmen of foreign boats shall have classification according their national rules.

5. FEES

5.1 Entry fee of a boat is 45€.

Entry fee shall be paid as one payment to: (account holder) MTÜ Saaremaa Merispordi Selts, account EE241010602009703000. Please add description upon payment: **24h Regatta, Boat Name, Sail Number, Yacht Club.**

5.2 Participating boats will have berthing 50% of charge in the Ringsu harbour for the period of

September 11th, 2026, to September 13th, 2026. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbour.

6. SCHEDULE

Friday	September 11 th	10:00	The Start
Saturday	September 12 th	10:00	The Finish
Saturday	September 12 th	~18:00	Prize giving ceremony

7. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on [24h Regatta](#).

8. CHANGES TO NOR & SI

Any changes to NoR & SI will be posted not later than 10:00 September 10th 2026.

9. THE COURSE

9.1 The course area is Gulf of Riga area navigable waters and is bounded by:

In the north, latitude 58°30,000' N

In the west, longitude 22°00,000' E

9.2 Boat can start at any point within the course area.

9.3 After starting and before finishing a boat shall make 360° turn around any of the marks listed below:

Allirahu S – 58°07,150' N; 022°45,360' E

Suurkaki W – 58°23,631' N; 023°37,436' E

Kihnu Shoal S – 58°01,300' N; 023° 51,610' E

Salacgriva Safe Water – 57°44,801' N; 024°17,778' E

Mersrags Safe Water – 57°20,195' N; 023°11,922' E

Kolka Safe Water "8" – 57°50,991' N; 022°36,875' E

9.4 Finish line is between:

Ringsu W mole – 57°46,795' N; 023°16,305' E & Ringsu Safe Water – 57°46,712' N; 023°16,864' E

9.5 Boat shall record her track in GPS devise and deliver the record to the Race Committee directly after finishing and mooring. The GPS shall use WGS84 settings.

10. SCORING

a) Boats "elapsed time" is 24h (86 400 seconds).

b) Boats "zero distance" is theoretical distance sailed at average speed determined by ORC ToD all purpose number in 24 hours, (zero distance = 86 400 / ToD).

c) Every meter over boats "zero distance" ads positive distance to boats score.

d) Every meter less than boats "zero distance" ads negative distance to boats score.

e) Boat who has most meters compared to her "zero distance" is the winner. Only meters sailed between September 11th 10:00 and September 12th 10:00 will count as a result.

f) Finish line is open from 10:00, September 12th to 11:00, September 12th, all competing boats shall cross the finishing line.

g) If a boat crosses the finish line after 11:00 September 12th, 0,5 negative nautical miles shall be added to her „zero distance" for every minute she is late. The minutes shall be rounded as follows: 1:29=1 minute, 1:30=2 minutes.

h) After 10:00 on September 12th, the use of the engine for propulsion is permitted. If a boat is using engine for propulsion between 10:00, September 11th and 10:00, September 12th, her score will be the meters sailed before she used the engine and after she used the engine, taking into account that she starts sailing no further than 100 meters from the position where she

started to use the engine as propulsion last time.

11. PRIZES

- Classic Group, all boats built 2001 and earlier,
- Modern Group, all boats built 2002 and later.
- Equality group, all boats with equal number on male and female crew.

Three best-scored boats of each group will be awarded with prizes.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, 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.

13. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall have valid third-party liability insurance with sufficient cover.

14. PROTEST COMITEE

A Protest Committee will be appointed according to RRS Part 7, Rule 91(a).

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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