

2008 Eurocard Round Gotland Race Preliminary Notice of Race and conditions of Race Start: June 29th 2008 in Sandhamn, Sweden

Eurocard Round Gotland Race is organized by the Royal Swedish Yacht Club and is open to yachts meeting the requirements listed below. The race will be handicapped with:

ORC International classes with GPH minimum 525,0 and up to 755,0 sec/nm based on the 2007 IMS Rule. (Note: The numbers associated with this limit will be adjusted to take into account changes in the 2008 ORC International Rule).

ORC Club classes with GPH minimum 525,0 and up to 755,0 sec/nm. (Note: The numbers associated with these limits will be adjusted to take into account changes in the 2008 ORC Club Rule).

Grand Open class for boats measured according to ORC Club with GPH less than 525,0. (Note: The number associated with this limit will be adjusted to take into account changes in the 2008 ORC Club Rule).

IRC with endorsed certificate same size class as ORC International and ORC classes.

LYS classes according to LYS table 2008 with a LYS number of 1,07 or higher.

Swan-class according to Nautor`s Swan Rating.

For all rating rules above a minimum of 15 entries is required in each class.

Multihull 30 or 60 feet scratch.

One Design classes. A minimum of 10 entries is required in each class.

Classic Yachts, boats built in wood or metal launched before the 31st of December 1967 and remained mainly conformal to their original plans. Alternatively a replica built any time, which is built in conformity with, or as a copy of an existing boat, or according to an original one-off design prior to 31st of December 1967. (The Race Committee decides if a boat is allowed to enter as a Classic Yacht.)

The Race Committee have full authority to determine the suitability of any yacht to entry and will divide into classes, at its discretion, when time for entries has expired.

The Race Committee must approve boats less than 7 m Loa.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 – 2008 (RRS), except that between 23:00 and 03:00 RRS part 2, shall, in applicable parts, be replaced by the International Regulations for

Preventing Collisions at Sea.

- 1.2 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations 2008 - 2009 Category 3, Monohulls and Multihulls with Life Raft, will apply with the following amendments:
 - Emergency navigation lights according to 3.27.4 do not have to comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea concerning light angles (2.03.3).
 - Life raft, according to paragraph 4.20.4d, must have been serviced after 2006-05-01. Vacuum packed life rafts must have been serviced after 2005-05-01 if the specifications from the manufacturer and the service station certificate allow this. Life rafts on board chartered boats and rental life rafts, all of valise type, must have been serviced after 2007-05-01.
 - Inflatable life jackets must be inspected after 2008-05-01 by responsible owner/skipper and the auto inflation devices expiry dates must be in accordance with the manufacturers specifications.
- 1.3 ORC Regulations will apply for ORC International and ORC Club. Yachts participating in the IRC class must be fully compliant with the IRC Rule and submit a valid endorsed IRC Rating Certificate. The Swedish LYS rule will apply for LYS.
- 1.4 Swedish competitors shall, when racing under Handicap System and Rating Rules, follow the licensing rules for advertising as decided by the Swedish Sailing Federation.
- 1.5 All boats shall in accordance with ISAF regulation 20.3d, display advertising provided by the event organiser by a flag and two stickers. Boats with delicate hull surface may be granted an exemption by sending a written application to the Race Committee.
- 1.6 Yachts with cant keel ballast or water ballast must sail in the Grand Open Class. RRS 51 is modified to allow the moving of cant keel and declared water ballast only. All other movable ballast as defined by RRS 51 shall be subject to that rule.
- 1.7 Classic Yachts will sail under the ORC Club rule.

2 Eligibility requirements

- 2.1 Competitors shall comply with RRS regulation 19.
- 2.2 Responsible owner/skipper shall be of age and member of a Yacht Club.
- 2.3 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance.
- 2.4 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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.

- 2.5 Participating boats shall accept a journalist/photographer or other person onboard, appointed by the Race Committee, to stay on board during the race. Such a person does not count as part of the crew weight.
- 2.6 Participating boats shall have valid VHF certificates from the relevant national authority. Swedish boats shall have a Stockholm Radio licence

3 Entries

- 3.1 Written advance entries on the enclosed entry form and a copy of valid signed rating certificate, for IMS including page 2, must reach the Secretariat of KSSS, Box 118, SE 133 22 Saltsjöbaden, not later than June 2nd 2007. Entries may be accepted until June 19th at increased entry fee. Such entries require acceptance by the Race Committee. Entries can also be registered at the KSSS website www.ksss.se.
The rating certificate may not be changed after June 23rd 2008. This changes the LYS rule C3.3 and RRS 78.2.

3.2 Entry Fee:

Boats < 45 feet	3.000 SEK	Late entry	4.500 SEK
Boats 45 – 55 feet	4.500 SEK	Late entry	6.750 SEK
Boats > 55 feet	8.000 SEK	Late entry	12.000 SEK

Payment of entry fee can be made by credit card. Please state number of credit card (VISA, Master Card, American Express) and expire date on the entry form. Or via BIC through SEB, Stockholm, Sweden. IBAN: SE52 5000 0000 0525 9100 1006 BIC:ESSESESS. Personal cheques or Eurocheques cannot be accepted. Swedish competitors pay by pg. 199-0 or bg. 160-2861. Confirmation of entry will be sent by mail from May 2008.

If entry is withdrawn before June 15th 2008 the entry fee will be repaid after the deduction of administration expenses of SEK 700.

4. Registration and Starting Program

- 4.1 Registration shall be made at the Race Office in Sandhamn not later than June 28th 2008 at 15.00 upon completion of the safety inspection and delivery of the crew list signed by the Owner/Skipper. Starting Program with starting order and starting lists will be handed over at the Race Office.

5. Sailing Instructions

- 5.1 The sailing instructions and confirmation of the entry will be sent by mail.

6. Time schedule

- 6.1 Friday June 27th
15:00-22:00 Race Office and Safety Inspection stations open.
Measurement Control and Registration.

Saturday June 28th

08:15-15:00 Race Office open. Registration.
08:15-14:30 Safety Inspection stations open. Measurement Control.
19:00 Skipper's meeting in front of the KSSS Clubhouse.

Sunday June 29th

08:15 Race Office open.
12:00 First start.

Wednesday July 2nd

18:15 Prize Giving Ceremony in front of the KSSS
Clubhouse in Sandhamn, followed by Regatta Dinner.

8. Equipment and measurement checks

8.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with certificates, class rules, special regulations and sailing instructions.

9. Safety Inspection

9.1 The Safety inspection will take place at designated Safety Inspection Stations in Sandhamn and Lökholmen. The stations will be open from Friday June 27th 15:00. Inspection stations closes at 14:30 June 28th. Safety inspections for Sandhamn Open or Hangö – Sandhamn 2008 are also valid for Eurocard Round Gotland Race.

10. Courses and reporting of rounding. (The courses may be sailed clockwise or anticlockwise, to be announced at the Skipper's meeting.) The Race Committee can change the courses in case of extreme weather forecasts.

10.1 Course Alfa (60 feet Multihull)

Length of course is app. **550 nm**

10.2 Course Bravo (30 feet Multihull and Grand Open)

Length of course is app. **430 nm**

10.3 Course Charlie ORC International and ORC Club with GPH 624,9 or less and LYS with preliminary LYS number 1,30 or more

Length of course is app. **360 Nm**

10.4 Course Delta ORC International and ORC Club with GPH 625,0 or more and LYS with preliminary LYS number 1,29 or less

Length of course is app. **310 Nm**

10.5 Course Baltic Race, Classic Yacht

Length of course app. **180 nm**

- 10.6 Areas marked “Tillträde förbjudet/Entry prohibited”, or in another way stated that entry is prohibited are designated obstructions.
- 10.7 A boat shall report the passing of rounding marks via VHF-radio as stated in the Sailing Instructions.

11. Penalty system

- 11.1 Except what is stated in RRS 64.1a the jury can penalise a boat with an addition of 5% to the calculated time, for one design classes to the sailed time, in accordance with what is stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.2 A boat notified OCS will be penalised in accordance with 11.1.
- 11.3 In alteration of RRS 63.1 a boat, failing to report rounding on VHF in accordance with paragraph 10 can, without hearing, be penalised in accordance with paragraph 11.1. Such a boat will be notified in the list of results.

12. Scoring

- 12.1 ORC International time allowance will be based on the Performance Curve Scoring System, Ocean for PCS. For ORC Club, IRC and LYS “Time-on-Time” will be used. This means sailed time will be multiplied with TMF offshore or TCC and LYS factor, respectively.
- 12.2 ORC Club boat with valid ORC International certificate may use TMF offshore from the ORC International certificate.

13. Prizes

- 13.1 KSSS prizes for each class according to the number of boats entered in the class: one prize for every five boats or part of five, until a maximum of eight prizes for each class. Perpetual trophies see special list.
A plaque will be given to each crewmember on board participating boats.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Mooring

Participating boats do not pay any mooring fee in the KSSS Harbours from June 27th to July 3rd.

Special Regulations

ISAF Offshore Special Regulations 2007-2008, Category 3 with life raft for Monohulls as well as Multihulls is to be found at the ISAF website www.sailing.org.

Official Speed records

Round Gotland official speed records are registered at ISAF World Sailing Speed Record Council and can be reviewed at www.sailspeedrecords.com.

Regatta Dinner

The Regatta Dinner in Sandhamn, will take place immediately after the Prize Giving Ceremony Wednesday July 2nd Tickets for the dinner and table reservations will be dealt with by the Sandhamn Hotel and Conference only. Phone: +46 8 574 504 00. Requests for reservations may also be sent by email to hovmastare@sandhamn.com .

Disclaimer

Competitors agree to be bound by International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005-2008, the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race. Competitors agree to take any and all responsibility for nautical qualities of their boats, the rigging, the crew's ability and the safety equipment. Competitors also agree to take any and all responsibility for damages caused to third party or its belongings, to themselves or to their belongings, ashore and at sea as a consequence of their participation in the Regatta, relieving of any responsibility for KSSS and all persons involved in the organisation under whatever qualification and to accept full responsibility for the behaviour and dress of the boats crew, representatives and guests. Competitors are to be acquainted with ISAF part I Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

In any case, Competitors agree that the KSSS, the sponsors and their agents have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel or property.

As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting this disclaimer or liability.