



— RORC —

# BALTIC SEA RACE

**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**21 JULY 2022**



## Baltic Sea Race 2022

### DEFINITIONS

#### ***Class***

The term Class includes IRC, Class40, FINRATING and MOCRA rating systems.

#### ***Closing Date***

Is the date after which a late entry fee is charged.

#### ***Competitor***

A *Competitor* is any sailor competing in the race.

#### ***Documents Page***

Can be found at: <http://www.rorc.org/racing/race-documents>

#### ***High Points System***

The boats are ranked in order of points scored.  
Highest points score wins.

#### ***Emergency Contact***

Is the person to be informed in case of emergency. The nominated *Emergency Contact* must be available to contact for the duration of the race and cannot be a *Competitor* in the race.

#### ***Rating Deadline***

Is the latest that a Rating or Class Certificate shall be issued to a boat.

#### ***SailGate***

The RORC online system for boat entry and crew management.

### TERMINOLOGY

A term used in the sense stated in the definitions is printed in italics (for example *Class*).

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## ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) in association with the Offshore Racing Alliance (ORA) and its partners Nyländska Jaktklubben (NJK), Helsingfors Segelklubb (HSK), Finnish Ocean Racing Association (FORA, Xtra Stærk Ocean Racing Society, Avomeripurjehtijat (AMP) and FINIRC.

## 1 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
Monday 20th December 2021	Entry Opens	<a href="http://rorc.sailgate.com">http://rorc.sailgate.com</a>
Thursday 7th July 2022	<i>Closing Date/Rating Deadline</i>	
Tuesday 19th July 2022 – 1900	Helsinki Mayoral Reception	Banquet Hall, City Hall
Tuesday 19th July 2022 – 2100	Opening Party	
Wednesday 20th July 2022 – 1800	Skippers Briefing and Dinner	Katajanokka Casino
Thursday 21st July 2022	First Warning Signal	
Wednesday 27th July 2022 – 1900	Prizegiving	Katajanokka Casino

## 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS

### 2.1 English Law

This Notice of Race, and the terms of the contract created by the acceptance of a boat's entry in any race or event governed by this Notice of Race, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law. Any dispute which cannot be resolved under Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing shall be referred to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.

### 2.2 Racing Rules of Sailing

The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024. (<http://www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/index.php>)

### 2.3 National Authority Prescriptions

The prescriptions of the RYA will apply (<https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/racing-rules/Pages/racing-rules-downloads.aspx>). No other National Authority prescriptions shall apply.

### 2.4 Class Rules

The rules and regulations of appropriate One Design and/or restricted class rules, IRC Rules Parts A, B & C, FINRATING Rules and MOCRA Rules.

### 2.5 2022 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR)

The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 3, AIS Transponder and RORC Prescriptions.



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When details of Special Regulations cannot be met the Committee may accept an alternative.

## 2.6 Notice of Race

This Notice of Race and any amendments to the Notice of Race.

## 2.7 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be issued to boats that have met all of the entry requirements.

Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions; the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

## 3 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

## 4 RESPONSIBILITY

### 4.1 The Person in Charge

Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of Persons in Charge is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone" and to Special Regulation 1.02.1 which begins: "The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge..."

### 4.2 The RORC

The RORC, its sponsors and other organising clubs, accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property.

### 4.3 Misconduct

The Person in Charge and crew will be held jointly responsible for the conduct of the boat's crew before, during and after a race. Misconduct may result in both the Person in Charge and crew being excluded from future races and renders a boat liable to disqualification.

### 4.4 Starting and Continuing to Race

The Race Committee will make starting signals unless in their opinion it is manifestly unsafe for any of the boats entered to remain in the vicinity of the starting line. Each boat shall exercise her responsibility under RRS Fundamental Rule 4 and decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.

### 4.5 Race Declaration(s)

No boat will be accepted as an entry unless the Person in Charge has, before the start of

the race, signed a declaration in the terms set out in NoR 15 below. The RORC reserves the right to require a signed declaration, in the terms set out in NoR 15 below, from each crew member.

## 4.6 Safety and Lifesaving Equipment

Crew members' attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 Life-Saving Equipment: "Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions."

A combined Lifejacket and Harness shall be worn when on deck:

- When alone on deck
- When reefed
- When the true wind speed is 25 knots or above
- When the visibility is less than 1 nautical mile

See also Special Regulation 5.02.

## 5 ELIGIBILITY - The Boat

### 5.1 Suitability

The race is open to seaworthy boats which comply with the rules and regulations described in the Notice of Race and which are manned by an adequate number of experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. The minimum crew on any monohull shall be three apart from as allowed under NoR 5.3.1.3 Two-Handed Class. However, no person may race contrary to the terms of a ban imposed by the RORC, a National Authority or World Sailing.

### 5.2 Boat Size

There is no maximum size for boats in the Baltic Sea Race.

The minimum size for **monohulls** is determined by their rating and their SSS/STIX & AVS numbers. The minimum size for **multihulls** is 9.15 metres/30ft (LOA) with a minimum MOCRA rating of 1.100.

The committee may make exceptions on application.

### 5.3 Monohull Rating Certificates

All boats shall have at a minimum a valid IRC Rating Certificate\* to be eligible to compete in the Baltic Sea Race. Monohulls may also wish to be dual scored with a valid FINRATING certificate.

\*Boats which have previously not held an IRC certificate will eligible for a free IRC certificate. Certificates must be lodged prior to the rating deadline (NoR 5.5). Competitors who have previously not held an IRC certificate should start this process as soon as possible to ensure they do not miss the rating deadline.

## 5.4 Divisions

### 5.4.1. IRC – Boats rating 0.900 and greater

IRC Rules Parts A, B and C shall apply, except as varied below or in the Sailing Instructions.

#### 5.4.1.1. IRC Rule 22.4.2 – Crew Numbers

IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by “The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be the number shown on the certificate. There is no weight limit.”

NOTE: The above provision overrides IRC Rule 22.4.1 in respect of

One-Design classes. However, a class may wish for its own purposes to apply its own crew limits of less than the IRC Certificate number. It is recommended that the Person in Charge consult their Class Association and the RORC.

#### 5.4.1.2. IRC Rule 15

Automatic and wind-vane devices for steering are permitted This amends IRC Rule 15 and RRS 52.

#### 5.4.1.3. Two-Handed Class

A Two-Handed Class within IRC and FINRATING will be available in the RORC Baltic Sea Race. Boats will be eligible for Two-Handed, IRC rating and FINRATING band class trophies. Entries must satisfy the committee that they have suitable and adequate experience and that their boat is appropriately prepared for two-handed sailing.

### 5.4.2. Multihulls – Boats rating 1.100 and greater

Offshore multihulls with endorsed MOCRA (Multihull Offshore Cruising and Racing Association) rating certificates may enter a multihull division of the race. For more information on MOCRA and to apply for a rating visit the MOCRA website (<http://www.mocra-sailing.org.uk>). The minimum crew for multihulls is two. In two-handed multihulls wind vane steering is permitted. This changes RRS 52.

### 5.4.3. Level Racing

When at least five boats from a class, which in itself races “level” and is recognised by the RORC, take part in the race, a class result may be provided. With prior permission from the RORC, certain classes may be allowed to race under class rules within RORC racing (e.g. Class40). Level Rating boats can be scored alongside other rating systems.

## 5.5 Classes and Class Flags

Classes and class splits will be published with the Sailing Instructions.

## 5.6 Ratings, Rating and Class Certificates Deadline

Boats shall hold valid rating/class certificate(s) by the Rating Deadline. Boats racing under IRC are not required to submit a copy of their certificate to the RORC. Boats holding other rating/class certificates shall submit a copy of their certificate(s) to the RORC by the Rating Deadline. Changes to ratings and class certificates will only be accepted after the Rating



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Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the RORC. Every boat racing shall have on board a current valid signed copy of the rating and/or class certificate for the class or classes in which she is racing.

## 5.7 2022 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) and RORC Prescriptions

The race is Category 3 with AIS Transponder and RORC Prescriptions. The complete 2022 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations with RORC Prescriptions are available in the 2022 RORC Notice of Race - <http://www.rorc.org/racing/notice-of-race>. The 2022 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations will be available from the RORC website from January 2022.

### 5.7.1 OSR Compliance

Responsibility for compliance rests with the Person in Charge of the boat. However, the RORC will endeavour to help Competitors to understand the OSR and reserves the right to conduct an OSR inspection on any competitor's boat at any time. The Person in Charge shall, before the race, complete an OSR Checklist (available on the Documents Page)

### 5.7.2 Automatic Identification System (AIS)

Boats shall carry an AIS Transponder capable of transmitting and receiving throughout the race.

Competitors shall use their best endeavours to ensure that their AIS Transponder is switched on (i.e. transmitting and receiving) throughout the race.

Competitors shall ensure that the name of the boat is transmitted rather than just the MMSI number.

## 6 STABILITY AND SAFETY INDICES

In accordance with OSR 3.04.2 the RORC uses minimum stability/buoyancy indices. For boats competing under IRC either SSS or STIX and AVS indices are used depending on the series date of the boat and the category of the race. Monohull boats not racing under IRC shall satisfy the RORC that they meet the requirements of other stability indices for the category of the race.

In exceptional circumstances the RORC may accept other indicators as to the suitability of the boat for the race.

### 6.1 SSS or STIX and AVS

Boats with series date of 2000 and later will be categorised under STIX and AVS only.

Boats with series date before 2000 may be categorised under either STIX and AVS or SSS..

## 6.2 Minimum Permitted Values

OSR Category	Category 3
STIX minimum	23
AVS minimum	130-0.005*m
SSS minimum	15

\* More information about Safety and Stability Indices can be found at <http://www.irccrating.org/>

## 7 ELIGIBILITY - Competitors

### 7.1 Offshore Crewlist

An Offshore Crewlist complete with full Emergency Contact details and Immigration Information shall be supplied to the RORC by means of the SailGate entry system. The Person in Charge shall invite the crew through SailGate. Those not already registered will be able to create an account, complete their details, including Emergency Contact and Immigration Information, and accept the invite. The RORC will hold full details of each crew member and Emergency Contact for the race.

### 7.2 Minimum Experience Requirement

The RORC Baltic Sea Race is not a race for novices. Every crew member must have experience of sailing a boat offshore and be prepared to encounter heavy weather. The minimum experience requirements are 300 nautical miles of offshore racing or equivalent passage(s). The experience requirement shall be completed by a minimum of 30% of the crew (but no fewer than two) including the Person in Charge, and within 24 months of the start of the race.

**A proposal to meet the experience qualification shall be lodged for agreement by the RORC as soon as possible after entry. In exceptional circumstances, an alternative method for qualification may be agreed by the RORC.**

### 7.3 Training

Before the start of the race, it is recommended that crews should practice safety routines at reasonable intervals including the drill for man-overboard.

Additionally, see OSR Section 6 – Training. In accordance to World Sailing Offshore Special Regulation 6.01.3 "When there are only two crew members, at least one shall have undertaken training as in OSR 6.02 Training Topics."

### 7.4 First Aid Requirement

At least one member of the crew shall be familiar with First Aid procedures, hypothermia, drowning, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and relevant communications systems.

## 8 RACE ENTRY

### 8.1 Entering the Race

Entry opens on Monday 20th December 2021.

A boat shall enter the race using the SailGate online entry system and pay the appropriate entry fee before the Closing Date. In exceptional circumstances the RORC may accept an entry over the telephone. Submission of an Entry and payment of the fee will not guarantee a place in the race; all other entry requirements must be completed to the satisfaction of the RORC.

### 8.2 Payment

Before the Closing Date, Thursday 14th July 2022, payment shall be made by credit card (through the online entry system or by telephone) or may, when the entry fee is greater than £1000, be made by BACS (bank) transfer. To pay by BACS please contact the RORC for bank details. In exceptional circumstances the RORC may accept other payment methods.

### 8.3 Cancellations and Refunds

Cancellations before the Closing Date will be eligible for a refund of the race entry fee.

Cancellations after the Closing Date will be eligible for a refund of 50% of the race entry fee. This will be refunded to the credit card used for payment. For payments made by other means, refunds will be made against a written claim received no later than 1st August 2022.

If the Person in Charge fails to notify the RORC of cancellation as described above he/she shall pay the full fee without refund unless good reason can be shown.

### 8.4 Standard Entry Fees – shown in £ Sterling

RORC Baltic Sea Race		
LOA (m)	Member	Non-Member
Below 9.00	355	507
9.00 - 9.99	404	577
10.00 - 10.99	454	649
11.00 - 11.99	530	758
12.00 - 12.99	597	854
13.00 - 13.99	750	1072
14.00 - 14.99	901	1246
15.00 - 15.99	1286	1631
16.00 - 16.99	1775	2120

LOA (m)	Member	Non-Member
17.00 - 17.99	2378	2723
18.00 - 18.99	2904	3249
19.00 - 19.99	3190	3535
20.00 - 20.99	3489	3834
21.00 - 21.99	3775	4120
22.00 - 22.99	4017	4362
23.00 - 23.99	4196	4541
24.00 - 24.99	4376	4721
25.00 - 25.99	4581	4926
26.00 - 26.99	4762	5107
27.00 - 27.99	4936	5281
28.00 - 28.99	5109	5454
29.00 - 29.99	5320	5665
<b>Boats 30m LOA and above:</b>	£191 per metre less £355 (members discount)	191 per metre

### 8.5 Late Entry Fees

Entries after the Closing Date, and at least 48 hours before the start, may be accepted on payment of an additional sum of half the standard entry fee.

## 9 COURSE

Approximately 635 nautical miles. Please see "Figure 1 – The Course" below for an overview of the course. Detailed instructions will be available in the Sailing Instructions and on the RORC website [www.rorc.org](http://www.rorc.org)

### 10 TRACKING

It will be mandatory for boats to carry an Offshore Tracker unit for the RORC Baltic Sea Race. The units





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are standalone and will be supplied by the RORC. The entry fee includes tracking. Once issued to the boat the Tracker becomes the responsibility of the skipper/owner and loss of or failure to return the tracker will be charged at £800.

## **11 PENALTIES**

### **11.1 Taking a Penalty (RRS 44)**

When the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS apply (between the hours of local sunset and sunrise) a scoring penalty applies.

Except when a scoring penalty applies, a boat may take a Two Turns Penalty as permitted and described in RRS 44.2 for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2.

### **11.2 Penalties for Infringements of Other Rules**

Penalties for infringements of other rules will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

## **12 COMMUNICATION**

A boat may, without infringing RRS 41, request and receive repetition of information broadcast by the Race Committee, or be told whether or not a broadcast has been made.

### **12.1 Weather and Tidal Information**

Rule 41(c) is replaced by: A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except (c) help in the form of information which is freely available to all boats, which shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source which is available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription, but shall not include information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any source not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation.

By way of an example and interpretation, downloading charts, weather and/or tidal GRIB files from subscription services, or having such information passed to the boat in its pure form, is permitted but receiving messages or information which is the result of interpretation as it applies to the boat is not permitted.

## **13 SCORING**

### **13.1 RORC High Point Scoring**

The scoring system will be the High Points System as detailed in the 2022 RORC Notice of Race: <http://www.rorc.org/racing/notice-of-race>

RRS Appendix A is changed; paragraph A4 will not apply.

## **14 RACE TROPHIES AND PRIZES**

The interpretation of the terms of award for all trophies and prizes will be made by the



RORC Committee, whose decision is final. When no boat qualifies to win a particular trophy the Race Committee may, at its discretion, award it otherwise.

#### **14.1 Trophies**

IRC Overall.

The Club holds the winners of trophies responsible for all damage or loss and strongly recommends that winners take out adequate insurance. Winners are responsible to get the trophy suitably engraved, and are also liable for all return carriage costs. If a trophy is returned not engraved the RORC reserves the right to charge the cost of the engraving to the winner. Trophies will be returned to the Club when requested by the Race Office.

#### **14.2 Prizes**

Line Honours Monohull, Line Honours Multihull, IRC Classes, IRC Two-Handed Class, FINRATING, FINRATING Two-Handed Class, Multihull (MOCRA).

ORA OPEN prizes: Monohulls up to 60 ft, Monohulls up to 40 ft, Monohulls up to 30ft and Multihulls where there are at least two boats per length category.

RORC medallions will also be presented as prizes for each class and division.

### **15 RACE ENTRY DECLARATION**

The Person in Charge for each race shall agree to the terms of the declaration below using SailGate, the online entry system. In exceptional circumstances the RORC may accept a signed printed declaration.

Race Entry Form Declaration to be signed by every Person in Charge

To the best of my knowledge the information I have given is accurate. I understand that yacht racing can be dangerous. I agree that the RORC, organising clubs, other sponsors and their agents, have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to any vessel or property. I have paid particular attention to and agree to be bound by Special Regulation 1.02 and I have read and understand and where appropriate agree to be bound by RORC NoR 1.4 Responsibility. Before racing I will affect adequate and suitable insurance.

Before racing I will ensure that my crew is aware of:

- the undertaking in this Declaration
- the importance of effecting appropriate personal insurance
- their responsibility in rules observance, and in particular RRS 1.2 (wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions). See also RORC Prescription to the Special Regulations 5.01.5

I agree to be bound by RRS, RYA Prescriptions, this Notice of Race, World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations and other applicable rules. The boat will be available for inspection. If any alteration likely to affect the handicap or rating is made, e.g. to sails, rig, mast, ballast,

trim, engine or propeller, I will notify the Rating Authority and Race Committee immediately. I will ensure that no crew member races on my boat contrary to the terms of any ban imposed by World Sailing, or a National Authority or the RORC.

I understand and agree that the information given in this race entry and also the race entry lists and results will be maintained on the Club's computer to be used for all aspects of race organisation.

### **16 INSURANCE**

Boats shall be adequately and suitably insured before racing.

### **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

(Notices are for information only and do not rank as part of this Notice of Race).

#### **Immigration**

Competitors arriving by boat are responsible for clearing Immigration and Customs upon arrival.

#### **Travel, Accommodation and Berthing**

For travel, accommodation and berthing information, please see the Race Information pack on the RORC website [www.rorc.org](http://www.rorc.org)



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**Future Events - Draft Dates**

2024 – Start Thursday 18th July 2024  
2026 – Start Thursday 23rd July 2026

