

# H-Boat World Championship

5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> August 2011

Neustadt, Germany



## Notice of Race

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### 1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Neustädter Segler-Verein e. V. in cooperation with the International H-Boat Association.

### 2. HEADQUARTERS

The Official Regatta Headquarters (Race Office) will be at Neustädter Segler-Verein e. V., at Clubhouse (Address: Jungfernstieg (Heisterbusch) NSV-Rundhafen, 23730 Neustadt in Holstein).  
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Website H-Boat Worlds: [www.wc-2011.h-boat.org](http://www.wc-2011.h-boat.org)

### 3. RULES

3.1 The regatta will be governed by the following rules:

- Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 – 2012 (RRS).
- The International H-Boat Association (IHA) Class Rules and any amendments thereto.
- The IHA World Championship Rules and any amendments thereto.
- The Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

3.2 In the event of conflict between Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SI), the SI shall prevail. This changes 63.7.

3.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence and be the official language used at the World Championship.

### 4. ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS OF RACING RULES OF SAILING

4.1 RS 44.1 is changed so that only one penalty turn is required.

4.2 Rule 35 and A4 will be changed such that boats that do not finish within a maximum time (defined in the Sailing Instructions) after the first boat has finished will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish).



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- 4.3 Rules 61.3 and 62.2 will be changed such that the protest time limit applies to both protests and requests for redress from boats as well as the Race Committee and Jury.
- 4.4 Competitors shall not introduce video and/or photographs as evidence at protest hearings. This amends RRS 63.6. The Jury may introduce official tracking information from equipment provided by the Organizing Authority (ref 9) as part of evidence.
- 4.5 Rule 66 will be changed such that the time limit for requesting a reopening of a hearing on the last day of the Championship will be equal to the protest time limit for decisions from the previous day and 30 minutes after a decision given the same day.
- 4.6 RRS A2 regarding scoring is changed as described in 12 below.
- 4.7 A Competitor that breaches with 9, 14, 15 or 16 in this Notice of Race or certain parts of the SI (as described in the SI) may be penalized with less than disqualification by the Jury at the Jury's discretion.
- 4.8 The SI may allow for arbitration to be employed in lieu of normal protest hearings if the Jury and the parties to a protest agree to such procedure. Arbitration rulings may then prescribe penalties less than disqualification for breaches of Part 2 in the RRS. The penalty system will be described in the SI.

## 5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 All competitors shall be current members of the IHA and their valid membership has to be testified by the competitors National H-Boat Association or IHA.
- 5.2 IHA World Championship Eligibility Rules as well as National H-Boat Association Eligibility Rules for participation in the World Championship will apply.
- 5.3 All competitors shall be in compliance with the ISAF Eligibility Rules (including ISAF Regulation 19).
- 5.4 All competitors shall be in compliance with ISAF Regulation 20 and their respective National Regulations regarding advertising, and be prepared to show proof of a valid advertising license from their respective National Authority in the event that they are displaying advertising on their boat (see also 6.5).
- 5.5 All competitors shall hold a valid Starting License if required by their National Authority.
- 5.6 ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply.
- 5.7 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to accept or deny entries to the World Championship according to RRS rule 76. In the event that the national quotas are not filled when the NHA's have lodged their respective entries, Neustädter-Segler Verein will in cooperation with IHA seek to re-allocate quotas and accept competitors such that the number of participating boats is maximized within the limit (ref 6).

## 6. ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

- 6.1 The maximum number of entries is limited to 70 boats plus the current World Champion and the President of IHA if they wish to participate. Each country has a quota managed by the IHA.
- 6.2 Entries shall be made on the Official Entry Form B and should be received by the respective National H-Boat Association (NHA). The NHA will in turn approve and forward their entries together with payments of fees to Neustädter-Segler Verein no later than April 30th 2011.
- 6.3 Participants from countries without a NHA (as well as other interested participants) can register their Entry Form B directly with Neustädter Segler-Verein at [www.wc-2011.h-boat.org](http://www.wc-2011.h-boat.org) or lodge it via mail to the address mentioned in 2 above no later than 30th of April 2011. Neustädter Segler-Verein will then forward the form to IHA or the respective NHA in order to seek approval before acceptance of such entries.
- 6.4 All NHA and IHA approved entries according to initial allocated quotas should be lodged with Neustädter Segler-Verein no later than April 30th 2011 accompanied by a non-refundable Entry Fee of 450 Euro. The Fee covers Racing, Opening Ceremony incl. Drinks und Foods, Beach Party incl. Drinks, IHA Gala Diner incl. Drinks, Price Giving Ceremony incl. Drinks and Foods, Parking & Mooring Fees during the event – as well as craning in and out of the water. Additionally there will be very cheap breakfast buffet and lunch bags for free on every racing day for every sailor. The entry fee can be paid by bank transfer in Euro. A copy of the transfer confirmation is to accompany such entry forms from the NHA's and IHA.
- Please mark group transfer payments from the NHA with "H-Boat Worlds", Country Name and number of boats entered. Payments for individual boats should be marked with Sail number and Skippers name. Payment should be sent to:  
Neustädter Segler-Verein e. V.  
Account: 0179 0031 99 - IBAN: DE15 2135 2240 0179 0031 99  
Bank: Sparkasse Holstein - Swift(BIC): NOLADE21HOL
- 6.5 As it is expected that not all the NHA's will fill their respective quotas, there will be a second and third round of entries accepted to the World Championship according to the following schedule:  
After the initial round of entries due on April 30th 2011 the Organizing Authority in cooperation with IHA will accept an agreed upon further number of entries from NHA's that have qualified competitors beyond their original quota. Such competitors must have lodged their Entry Form B with their respective NHA, IHA or directly with Neustädter Segler-Verein in order to be approved by their NHA or IHA and communicated to the Organizing Authority not later than June 30th 2011. Late entries within the agreed quotas may be accepted at the discretion of the Neustädter Segler-Verein.  
Further information on this process will be posted on the World Championship pages on [www.wc-2011.h-boat.org](http://www.wc-2011.h-boat.org) and on respective web pages for IHA and the respective NHA's.
- 6.6 To qualify as an official competitor the following shall be accepted by the Organizing Authority at its discretion prior to the close of registration on 7th August 2011:
- Complete Registration with Organizing Authority including Entry Form and Disclaimer duly completed, and Media rights, as supplied by the Organizing Authority, and duly signed

- b) Proof of Entry Fee paid;
  - c) Copy of current 2011 H-Boat Measurement Certificate;
  - d) Sail and Crew Declarations;
  - e) Class Rule Appendix 10 - Declarations by Owners, Boat Captains and Tacticians;
  - f) NHA Membership dues paid for 2010;
  - g) Skipper's proof of membership of a Sailing Club associated with ISAF thue a National Authority;
  - h) Copy of valid insurance certificate for third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 2.5 million Euro or the equivalent;
  - i) Duly signed Compliance Declaration where each skipper declares that their boat fully complies with class rules and Sailing Instructions and that they will abide by the rules while racing.
- 6.7 The Championship is defined as ISAF Category C regarding advertising. Any competitor intending to display own advertising during the regatta shall state in the entry form the nature of such advertising. If a boat that has already entered acquires advertising or changes her advertising, she shall inform the Organizing Authority that may refuse the entry. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to accept entries from more than one boat advertising the same brand.

Boats are responsible to inform their own advertisers and sponsors that no activities advertising any such brand advertised on competing boats will be permitted ashore within the Neustädter Segler-Verein area without the consent in writing of the Organizing Authority obtained before the start of the Regatta.

## 7. MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION

- 7.1 All participating Skippers will be required to provide a signed Entry Form with declaration of adherence to rules (ref 6.4) prior to close of registration on 7th August 2011. Each boat receives a measurement form in which the steps for the measurement procedure are mentioned. When all steps have been accepted, the final registration can be completed in the Race Office.
- 7.2 Random boat and equipment inspections by irrevocable judgement of the jury can be conducted before, between and after daily races to check for compliance with the Class Rules.
- 7.3 Sail Measurement  
Each yacht may declare maximum number of sails as per Class Rules and World Championship Rules. Sail buttons must be attached to sails prior to measurement. Reserve spinnakers will be marked & sealed.
- 7.4 Crew Weight:  
Crew can be weighed as per Class Rules prior to the start or after races during the regatta.

## 8. SCHEDULE

Below is shown the currently planned schedule – please see possible revisions in the Sailing Instructions !

Also note that the parallel activities for the World Championship is shown.

Friday	05.08.2011	14.00 – 19.00	Arrival Registration & Measurement, Craning
Saturday	06.08.2011	09.00 – 19.00	Registration & Measurement, Craning
Sunday	07.08.2011	09.00 – 12.00 10.00 14.00 19.00	Registration & Measurement, Craning Jazz Practice Race Opening Ceremony
Monday	08.08.2011	09.00 11.00 19.00	Skippers Meeting Races Pantaenius Beach Party
Tuesday	09.08.2011	11.00 19.00	Races IHA Gala Dinner
Wednesday	10.08.2011	11.00	Races
Thursday	11.08.2011	11.00 18.00	Races Craning Price Giving Ceremony

The Organizing Authority and/or the Race Committee reserve the right to modify the programme due to weather conditions or other causes. Six Races are needed to constitute a Championship.

## 9. ORGANIZER SUPPLIED BOW STICKERS & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 9.1 As provided in ISAF Regulation 20.3 the Organizing Authority will require all boats to apply bow stickers with boat numbers and sponsor advertising to both sides of the bow for the duration of the Regatta commencing immediately following registration until one hour after the finish of the last race. The bow stickers and application description will be provided by the Organizing Authority.
- 9.2 The Organizing Authority may also require the installation, at no extra cost to competitors, of electronic tracking devices, video cameras, sound recording equipment and dedicated communication equipment. Such equipment can be required to be switched on during races, and the Organizing Authority reserves the right to publish tracking information and video material in any way it deems fit – including the internet – as long as the publishing method preserves equal access rights for all competitors.

## 10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be issued to each competitor on completion of registration, and will in addition be posted on [www.wc-2011.h-boat.org](http://www.wc-2011.h-boat.org).

## 11. RACING AREA AND COURSES

The racing area will be on the waters outside the town Neustadt (Lübeck Bay). Courses will be windward/leeward as diagrammed in the Sailing Instructions.

## 12. SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Point Scoring System as described in RRS Appendix A shall apply.
- 12.2 10 Races are scheduled and 6 races are required to be completed to constitute a valid World Championship (ref IHA World Championship Rules).
- 12.3 Alterations to RRS A2:
- When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
  - When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## 13. JURY

An International Jury will be appointed by the Organizing Authority in accordance with RRS. The International Jury will hear all protests filed during the World Championship. Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

## 14. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall be marked with an ensign from the respective country or otherwise as prescribed or approved by the Organizing Authority. Coaches and other support personnel will be required to register in the Race Office before the first Championship race and to comply with the Championship Coach Boat regulations defined in the Sailing Instructions.

## 15. BERTHING AND PARKING – HAULING OUT

- 15.1 The entry fee includes parking fees for one car and mooring fees from 08.00 hrs on 5th August 2010 to 08.00 hrs on 12th August, 2011 at Neustädter Segler-Verein. Cars should not be parked outside designated areas.
- 15.2 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the harbour. After measurement of a boat until after the finish of the final race, that boat shall only haul out with prior written permission of the Organizing Authority or when ordered by the Jury.
- 15.3 Cleaning of boats in the water is permitted, but underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around racing boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the Championship.

## 16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones, mobile computers and other communications devices except such equipment, including tracking equipment that is supplied by the Organizing Authority to all boats (ref 9).

## 17. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

- The IHA will deliver medals for helmsman and crew members of the first three boats.
- Prizes from the Organizing Authority for the 10 best participating boats, based on overall score.
- Prizes from the sponsors for the best score in each race
- Participant mementos to all participating boats

In addition there can be sponsor prizes awarded at the discretion of the Sponsors and the Organizing Authority.



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## 18. PRESS OFFICE

Media representatives wishing to cover the event are requested to contact: Race Office  
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Segler-Verein during the event, and by contacting the Race Committee before the event in order to obtain the best service including boat transportation.

## 19. DISCLAIMER

Competitors agree to be bound by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. Racing. Competitors agree to take any and all responsibility for the nautical qualities of their boat, the rigging, the crew's ability and the safety equipment. Competitors also agree to take any and all responsibility for damages caused to third persons or their belongings, to themselves or to their belongings, ashore and at sea as a consequence of their participation in the H-Boat World Championship, relieving of any responsibility the Organizing Authority, the Jury, the International H-Boat Association and all National H-Boat Associations and all persons involved in their organization under whatever qualification and to accept full responsibility for the behaviour and dress of the boat's crew, representatives and guests.

In any case, competitors agree that the Neustädter Segler-Verein, the International H-Boat Association and all National H-Boat Associations, the sponsors of the H-Boat World Championship and their agents, have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members, competitors or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel or property sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the H-Boat World Championship.

The Organizing Authority reminds the participants that there are commercial shipping traffic in the vicinity of the race area and the participants are expected to observe the IRPCAS in relation to all such vessels.

As part of the registration process, each individual participating crewmember can be required to sign a declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability.

## 20. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 2.5 million Euro or the equivalent – see also 6.6.



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## 21. MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors grant the Organizing Authority an unrestricted right and permission in perpetuity to use the name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to Press and TV advertisements or Internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information without any compensation to the competitor or the crew. In this respect, competitors' and crew names and any biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known. Neustädter Segler-Verein is granted the right to receive any compensation that is negotiated with any third party that wish to publish, broadcast or otherwise use such material. As part of the registration process, each individual participating crewmember can be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights (ref 6.6).

## INFORMATION

For further information please check the event information at Neustadt Yacht Club's website [www.nsv-neustadt.de](http://www.nsv-neustadt.de) or [www.wc-2011.h-boat.org](http://www.wc-2011.h-boat.org).