European Grand Prix Series 18 foot Skiffs - Notice of Series 2012

1. Status of event and organizing authority
1.1 Events

The European 18foot Skiff Grand-Prix will consist of four rounds without discard to be held at the following venues:

Date	Venue	Joint Organizing Authority
10th May – 13th May	Lake Balaton, Balatonföldvár	Spartacus Sailing Club (Spartacus Vitorlás Egylet)
2th June – 9th June	Torbole, Lake Garda	Circolo Vela Torbole
29th June – 5th July	Mediteranean Sea, Istanbul	Turkish 9er Federation
21st July – 24th July	Baltic Sea, Travemünde	Luebecker Yacht Club
28th – 30th September	Plymouth, UK	Royal Western Yacht Club

1.2 Entry fees

The entry fees are not fixed at the moment, but shouldn't extend € 150,-per event, the Entry fee for the Europeans is € 350,-

1.3 Organizing Authority

The Organising Authority at each venue is the European 18foot Skiff Association in conjunction with the individual Clubs specified in the Paragraphs

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1.4 Overall Scoring

1.4.1 Counting events

The overall score from each round will go forward to make a series of 5 events without discard to find the European 18ft Skiff Champion.

1.4.2 Scoring system

The scoring system is inspired from the Formula one system. The winner of the Overall of the European Grand-Prix will be the team having the most points.

The goal of this system is to give more weight to the event where the participation is high and to ease the understanding of the ranking for the public.

For a regatta with N registered European boats, the points will be attributed using the following rules:

1) The winner will receive [N + 1] -1 (his ranking) + 5
2) The second will receive [N + 1] -2 (his ranking) + 3
3) The third will receive [N + 1] -3 (his ranking) + 1
4) All the other boats will receive [N + 1] -P(his ranking)

In case when 2 teams end with the same number of points at the end of the season, we will count the number of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, ... places they had. If the teams have the same number of 1st, 2nd, 3rd places, the ranking of the last event will be the criteria

1.4.3 Non European Team

The non-European teams won't be included in the overall scoring of the season, but they will consider to establish the ranking of each event. For instance, if the first European team is 3rd of an event, he will receive [N+1] -3 + 1 points, where N is the total number of teams registered. 2 Event Rules Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012, the rules of the European 18foot Skiff Association, this Notice of Series, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. In the event, in case of conflict between texts, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2.1 Scoring System

The ISAF Low Points Scoring System will apply for each event.

At least 3 races shall be completed to constitute a valid series. If 5 or more races are completed, there will be one discard . If 9 or more races are completed, there will be 2 discards. The long distance races will score twice (as two distinct races).

2.2 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration for each round.

3 Conditions of Entry

3.1 Responsibility

The safety of a yacht and her entire management shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the yacht, who must ensure that yacht and crews are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither the establishment of the sailing Each owner/skipper must have a third party risk insurance policy, for the instructions nor any inspection of the yacht in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner competitor for his crew, his yacht and the management thereof.

Neither the Organizing Authority, its officers, employees or agents nor the Race Committee shall be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, howsoever caused to the owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his yacht for the regatta.

In the event that assistance is rendered to any competitor no liability is accepted by the Organizing Authority, the Race Committee or the person rendering assistance.

3.2 Insurance

Competitors will be required to certify to the Race Committee that they have adequate insurance including third party cover for not less than 1,5Million Euro throughout the regatta.

4 Eligibility

All Yachts entering will be 18ft Skiffs in accordance with the current rules of the European 18foot Skiff

Association.

5.1 Entry

All teams must register for the events within the deadline published on the event website.

All skiffs must pay the required entry fee at each round. All skiffs must register as

specified in Paragraph 5.2. Every participating teamowner has to be European

classmember and pay the yearly membership of € 20,- in advance at the european

website or directly at the event.

5.2 Identification

Each team has to have its sail number displayed in the back of the mainsail. The European 18 foot Skiff Association will assign a

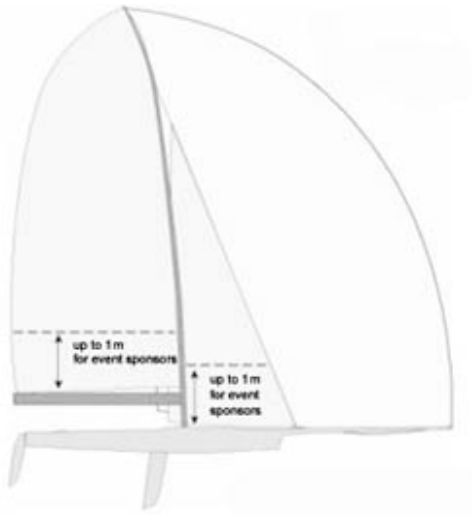
unique number to each team who doesn't have such number at the first event it attends.

5.3 Advertising

The teams agree to stick the event-sponsor-logos on each side of the sails (jib and Main) according to appendix A and the instruction of the organization committee and to carry the stickers during the event. For this branding sails have to be brought to the branding-area until a time limit published in the official program. Sails that aren't arriving in time at the branding-area will not be prepared and be ready for the first start. For the branding it is required that the sails are clean, dry and free of salt and silicon. The organization is free to reject sails, which are wet, salty, dirty and siliconed. The organization committee may clean the sail.

If an event-sponsor-logo is damaged, not well fixed in the sail or lost during the event, it is the obligation of the crew to inform immediately the organization committee and replace the sticker.

Without event sponsor stickers in the sails the teams are not allowed to start.



Appendix A

5.4 Media Fee

A media fee of maximum 50 euros could be added to the entry fee of each event in order to cover the media coverage fee.

6.1 Briefing

The competitors briefing will be held 2 hours before the first possibility to start on the first day of each event. All competitors are required to attend.

6.2 Measurement

All competitors must present 1 complete set of sails, (1 or 2 mainsails, 2 jibs, and 2 spinnakers) for registration and marking at each event. Random spot checks of weight and sail area may be taken at any time.

6.3 Programme of Racing

A maximum of 4 short track races will be held on each day of each event. If the case of a long distance race, there should not be more than 2 short track races during the same day.

7. The Competition

7.1.1 The Course

The course configuration and the order of rounding will be as followed. The courses shall be Up- and Downs with Start/Finish-line in the lower middle oft the course, two windward marks and a leeward gate. The second windward mark shall be located 50-75 meters (in case of 2,5 rounds) or 100 meters (in case of 1,5 rounds) leewards the top windward mark and is to be rounded by Handicap-teams that are defined by the Class. It allowes those teams to take some advantage. The finish shall be downwinds after 2,5 rounds. Except for a long distance race, races shall last approximately 45mins for the leading boat. Time limit of normal races from the first boat finishing the race is 15 min. Time limit of long distance races from the first boat finishing the race is 25% of its duration, but not less than 15 min. Boats failing to finish race in this time will be scored "DNF" (altering RRS 35). S.Appendix B.

Appendix B

Specifications: startline in the middle or lower half of the Course. Two windward marks (one normal, one fort he handicap-Teams, named before the races from the class.

Normal Course: Start – 1 - 2/2 – 1 – 2/2 – 1 – Finish
Short Course : Start – 1 – 2/2 – 1 – Finish

HandiCap Course: Start 1a – 2/2 – 1a - 2/2 – 1a – Finish
HandiCap Short Course: Start 1a – 2/2 – 1a – Finish

Options: Runners mark at the top mark possible

7.1.2. Handicap-System

All teams that fulfill one oft he following three options and the 4th option are allowed to sail the shorter course in order to take some advantage over the experienced teams. In case that one team will end third or better in one complete event during the season, the team will have to sail the outer marks at once for the rest of the season.

(a) boat build before 1996 (1995 or older)
(b) Team didn't participate in the Races during the last three years
(c) Mainsail #1 is still Pinhead-shaped
(d) Team didn't finish third or better in the last 12 months

7.2 Wind conditions

7.2.1

The minimum wind speed for starting will be that in which the race committee considers the boats have sufficient capability for pre-start maneuvers.

7.2.2 Races should not start, or races in progress should be abandoned when:

(a) Wind gusts exceed 25 knots continuously for more than 30 seconds.
(b) Wind gusts exceed 28 knots for longer than 10 seconds
(c) Wind gusts exceed 30 knots for any duration.
(d) The race committee considers conditions are unsafe for sailing.

Enjoy your races

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