

Volvo Gdynia Sailing Days 505 Open Polish Nations 2017 Gdynia, Poland, 21-23 July 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority is Polish Yachting Association

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is applied according to the RRS Introduction - Notation.
[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

1 RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2017-2020) and the International 505 Class Championship Rules and Guidelines.
- 1.2. RSS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB), located in Yacht Club of Poland (Yacht Klub Polski) hangar.
- 2.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole located in front of the Yacht Club of Poland.
- 2.3 Flag D with one sound means "The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after this flag is displayed. Boats are not allowed to leave the boats parking area until this signal is made".

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least 30 minutes before flag D had been hoisted for this day, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00hrs of the day before it will take effect.

4 FORMAT OF RACING

The regatta will consist of a single series of races.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Starting time of the first race of the regatta is scheduled for 11.00.
- 5.2. There are a maximum of 10 races scheduled.
- 5.3. There will not be made more than five 5 races per day.
- 5.4. On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:00h, except as a consequence of a general recall.

Date	Warning Signal 1st Race of the days
21 July 2017	11.00
22 July 2017	11.00
23 July 2017	10.00

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flag will be the 505 class insignia on white background.

7 RACING AREA

Attachment "A" shows the location of the racing area.

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 Attachment "B" shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3 If for any reason any of the buoys of the Mark 2 (gate) is not in place, the remaining mark shall be left to port.

9 MARKS

Course marks:	Inflatable orange cylindrical buoy in blue sleeve
Race Committee:	Boats with orange flag.
Finishing marks:	Race Committee boat with blue flag and buoy with orange flag.
Changing mark:	Inflatable red conic buoys.

10 THE START

- 10.1 For gate start see attachment "C" Start Gate
- 10.2 Fixed line start:
 - 10.1.1 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
 - 10.1.2 Fixed line starts will be started according to RRS 26.
 - 10.1.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee vessel at the port end (start pin).
 - 10.1.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable according to RRS 33.
- 11.2 When a change of course is signaled, a new "mark 1" will not have an associated "offset mark".

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the mast showing an orange flag at the race committee boat at the starboard-end and a buoy with orange flag at end.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 and P2.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The time limit is 80 minutes. The target time is 60 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat from its correspondent fleet that had complied with "start" definition, sailed the course and finished, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office.
- 15.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals “no more racing today”, whichever is later.
- 15.4 Notices to inform competitors of hearings, in which they are parties or named as witnesses, will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. Hearings will be held in the protest room located at the first floor of the Yacht Club of Poland.
- 15.5 Failure to follow the instructions 4, 5.5, 18, 19 and 20 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1 (a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed is DPI.
- 15.6 A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit for a next day. Except the last schedule day of racing it shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of decision on that day. This change rule 66 RRS.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 When less than 4 races have been completed no score shall be excluded.
- 16.3 When from 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]

- 17.1 Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.
- 17.2 Check- Out and Check- In: The form of firm control will be placed next to the signal mast. Before going to the water and on arrival to the harbor competitors will have form of firm control. The form must be personally signed by one of the crew. In case of failure of a competitor, the Protest Committee may apply a discretionary penalty (DPI).
- 17.3 A boat that retires shall notify the race committee or the race office as soon as possible.

18 SUPPORT PERSON BOATS

Support person boats shall stay outside the area of the course from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or until the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

19 TRASH DISPOSALS

Trash may be placed aboard the Race Committee boats or any other organization boats. *Support person* boats shall help with this instruction, even if the participant does not belong to their respective teams.

20 COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, no vessel made radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not for all boats. This restriction also applies to any communication equipment.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS *rules* Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death linked, occurred before, during or after the regatta.

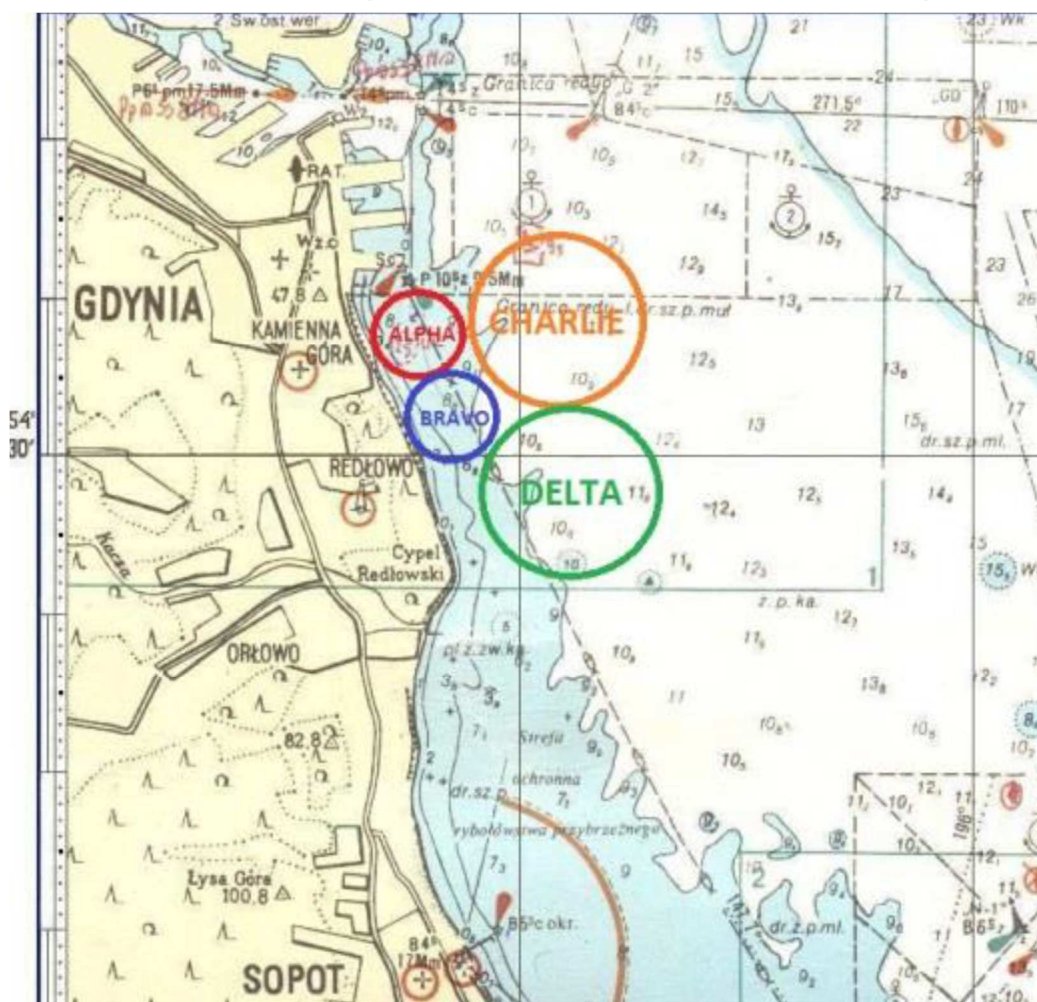
22 INSURANCE

All participants shall have third party insurance coverage with a minimum of € 1.500.000.- for the event (or the equivalent in any other currency).

23 REPLACEMENTS

Replacement of Helm, Crew or equipment shall require a prior approval of the PRO. Request for replacement shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity. Radio transitions on water or verbal requests will be accepted.

ATTACHMENT "A" - RACE AREA



ATTACHMENT “C” Gate Start

1.1 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, flag G will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

1.2 Starting Area: The Race Committee signal boat will be in the starting area, which will be to leeward of the course (Attachment B). The port limit mark will be laid at the leeward end of the gate.

1.3 Distinguishing Flags & Signals: The Race Committee signal boat and Gate Launch will display flag G. When used, the Guard Launch will display flag U. The starting signals will be made from the Race Committee signal boat.

1.4 Selection of Pathfinder: The Race Committee will nominate the Pathfinder and a reserve Pathfinder for the first race. Subsequently, the Pathfinder will be the fifth boat in the preceding race. When she is unable to race, or has been the Pathfinder previously in the event, the Pathfinder will be the sixth boat in the preceding race and so on. The reserve Pathfinder will be the next boat in the previous race. The sail numbers of Pathfinder and reserve for the first race of each day will be posted on the official notice board, and will be displayed on the side of the Committee Boat before Flag G is displayed (instruction 9). If more than one race is sailed on the same day, the numbers will be displayed on the side of the Committee Boat before flag G is displayed for each successive race. The Pathfinder and reserve shall report to the Committee Boat as soon as possible after her number is displayed and before the preparatory signal. A Pathfinder or reserve that fails to report will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

1.5 Positioning of Pathfinder, Gate Launch and Guard Launch: Shortly before the starting signal the Pathfinder will position itself near the starting mark and as soon as possible after the starting signal will sail from the starting mark on a close-hauled port tack. During the start the Pathfinder will be followed by the Gate Launch. Boats may start behind the Gate Launch once it has cleared the starting mark closely behind the Pathfinder. If the Pathfinder is unable to do this, the Race Committee will signal a postponement or general recall. When used, the Guard Launch will protect the Pathfinder and will keep station off her starboard bow.

1.6 Starting Line: The starting line for all boats except the Pathfinder will be between the port limit mark and the centre of the stern of the Gate Launch.

1.7 Pathfinder Course: The approximate time that the Gate Launch will be in motion along the port tack course after the starting signal will be displayed on the starboard side of the Committee Boat before the warning signal. The Pathfinder shall maintain her close-hauled course until she is released by a hail from the Gate Launch, and may tack onto starboard. After releasing the Pathfinder, the Gate Launch and Guard Launch will maintain their course and speed. At the end of the period of time displayed on the Committee Boat the Gate Launch will stop, lower flag G half way with a sound, and drift for at least one minute. Flag G will then be fully lowered with a sound to indicate the closing of the gate. No boat shall start after the Gate Start line is closed.

1.8 Starting: Boats other than the Pathfinder shall start by crossing the starting line on starboard tack after the starting signal and before the gate closes.

1.9 A boat that has not already started correctly, and that is on the course side of the Gate Launch while the gate is open, shall not cross the starting line from the course side.

1.10 Interference with Pathfinder, Gate Launch and Guard Launch: After the preparatory signal, a boat shall not threaten the unobstructed sailing of the Pathfinder, and shall not interfere with or try to pass between the Pathfinder and the Gate Launch or Guard Launch, or cause another boat to interfere in these ways.

1.11 If a boat infringes instructions 1.8, 1.9 or 1.10 and is identified, she will be disqualified without a hearing, even if the race is restarted, re-sailed, or rescheduled. If a general recall is signaled or the race is abandoned after the starting signal, the Race Committee will display her sail number before the next warning signal for that race, and if the race is restarted or resailed she shall not sail in it. If she does so her disqualification will not be excluded in calculating her series score. This changes RRS 36 and 63.1.

1.12 A boat that cannot avoid touching a starting mark may hail a right-of-way boat for room and shall retire.

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