

# IRC European Championships 2022

BRESKENS, THE NETHERLANDS, 24 – 28 AUGUST 2022

## NOTICE OF RACE

The European IRC Championships is incorporated as **Fleet A** in the  
**Damen Breskens Sailing Weekend 2022**,  
organised by 'Stichting Breskens Sailing' on behalf of 'Watersportvereniging Breskens',  
'Royal Yacht Club of Belgium', 'Koninklijke Roei- & Zeilvereniging 'De Maas'', 'Koninklijke  
Nederlandse Roei- en Zeilvereniging Muiden', 'Koninklijke Antwerpse Watersportvereniging  
SRNA and under the authority of RORC

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The notation '[NP]' in a rule in this Notice of Race means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the International Jury, be less than disqualification.

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.  
The Prescriptions of the RNWA can be found at  
[https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/RvW20212024NationalPrescriptionsfinal3-\[27529\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/RvW20212024NationalPrescriptionsfinal3-[27529].pdf)
- 1.2 Racing rule(s) as mentioned in this Notice of Race (NoR 1.3, 3.4, 14.1, 14.4 and 14.5) will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may change other rules as well
- 1.3 IRC Rules 2022 Part A, B and C (advertising permitted) will apply.  
Under RRS 87 and IRC Rule 11.1, the following IRC rules are changed as follows:
  - a. Rule 22.4.2 Crew Number/Weight is deleted and replaced by "The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a yacht shall be the number shown on the certificate except that; when the crew consists of either - at least 2 females, at least 2 25 years old or under (25 or under on 24 August 2022) or at least 1 female and 1 25 years old or under (25 or under on 24 August 2022) then the crew limit is certificate number plus 1. There is no weight limit."
  - b. Rule 21.1.5(e) A spare mainsail may be used as a racing replacement when the race committee notifies so on the official notice board.
  - c. Rule 21.1.5(d). It is not compulsory to carry the spare mainsail on board at other days of the regatta.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the text in the English language will take precedence.
- 1.5 Every person on board who has their domicile in the Netherlands shall have the appropriate license.
- 1.6 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.
- 1.7 The WORLD SAILING Offshore Special Regulations 2022-2023 (OSR), Category 3  
( <http://www.sailing.org/documents/offshorespecialregs/index.php> ) will apply.  
A liferaft is not required.  
Note. There is a new OSR requirement 3.02.2, due to commence 1 January 2022, for a Structural Keel and Rudder Inspection Procedure within 24 months of the start of the first race or following a grounding. See also NoR 4.7

( [https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/FAQStructuralInspectionv2-\[27199\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/FAQStructuralInspectionv2-[27199].pdf) )

**1.8** On deck, lifejackets are required to be worn under the condition(s) when:

- Between sunset and sunrise
- reefed
- true wind speed is or exceeds 25kn
- visibility is less than 1Nm
- Y-flag is displayed

## **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

These will be published on the website at [www.manage2sail.com](http://www.manage2sail.com) on or before Friday 19 August 2022. The regatta office will only have a restricted number of copies available for reference purposes. Print or save your own copies from our website and carry them with you

## **3 COMMUNICATION**

**3.1** The online official notice board is located at [www.manage2sail.com](http://www.manage2sail.com) .

**3.2** [DP] Courtesy communication with competitors will also be through WhatsApp. Each boat shall have a device connected to the internet with WhatsApp installed

**3.3** [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on the common 55 channels.

**3.4** [DP] On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF channel 72. Except for the course description solely on VHF, the content of information given on the VHF is a service to the competitors and will be no ground for redress. This changes RRS 62.

**3.5** [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

**4.1** The regatta is open to all boats with a valid endorsed IRC certificate

**4.2** The IRC rating system applies

**4.3** IRC Classes are defined as follows:

IRC1:			TCC	>=	1.050
IRC2:	1.050	>	TCC	>=	1.000
IRC3:	1.000	>	TCC	>	0.900

**4.4** Eligible boats may enter, mentioning their boat name and sailnumber, before Friday 19 August 2022 24:00 hrs by completing the online registration at [www.manage2sail.com](http://www.manage2sail.com) . The required fee shall be transferred to the following bank account: IBAN: NL11 ABNA 0475973542, BIC: ABNANL2A, in the name of 'Stichting Breskens Sailing'

**4.5** To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

**4.6** Late entries received after Friday 19 August 2022 but before Monday 22 August 2022, 24:00 hrs will be accepted under the condition of paying an increased registration fee of 150%. These late entries shall be paid and received by the organization before registration.

**4.7** All boats shall submit a copy of their valid endorsed IRC certificate, issued by the Rating Authority before Wednesday 17 August 2022, and a copy of their Keel and Rudder Inspection Form, not older than 24 months, as per Appendix L of the OSR.  
( [https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSR2020AppL17122020-\[26845\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSR2020AppL17122020-[26845].pdf) )

No IRC certificate shall be issued by the Rating Authority after this date, except as result of a rating protest or to correct Rule Authorities' or Rating Authority errors  
Both documents to be sent to the race secretary at [wedstrijden@breskenssailing.nl](mailto:wedstrijden@breskenssailing.nl).

- 4.8** Not later than Tuesday 23 August 2022 a completed crew list shall be submitted in [www.manage2sail.com](http://www.manage2sail.com), filled with boat name, sail number and all crew members including their license number to race if appropriate. Change of crew during the regatta is subject of approval by the race committee. Approval will not be given when the required license cannot be shown.

## **5 FEES**

### **5.1**

Class	Early Bird Fee	Fee
	Entries entered and paid before 30 June 2022, 24:00 hrs	Entries entered and paid after 30 June 2022 24:00 hrs
IRC 1	€ 360	€ 450
IRC 2	€ 320	€ 400
IRC 3	€ 280	€ 350

- 5.2** The Registration Fee includes  
Free berthing in Breskens Marina from Saturday 20 August until Sunday 4 September 2022..
- 5.3** The coloured Class flags are included in the Registration fees and will be provided at registration.
- 5.4** Refund due to Covid 19:  
The registration fee will be fully refunded in the following situation resulting from the Covid 19 pandemic:
- Cancellation of the event.
  - If competitors can't attend the venue due to safety measures taken by the government.
  - If the responsible person is in quarantine due to a positive Coronatest, only if this can be justified by sending the official test result.
  - Claims for travel or accommodation will not be accepted.

## **6 CREW LIMITATIONS**

The following crew limitations apply: See this NoR 1.3 a.

## **7 ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

## **8 RESERVE**

## **9 SCHEDULE**

- 9.1** Registration:  
Wednesday 24 August from 10:00 to 20:00 hrs.

- 9.2** Equipment inspection and measurement:  
Wednesday 24 August from 10:00 to 22:00 hrs.

- 9.3** Programmed dates of racing:

Date	<class>
Thursday 25 August	Racing
Friday 26 August	Racing
Saturday 27 August	Racing
Sunday 28 August	Racing

- 9.4** Number of races:  
9 races are scheduled of which 1 is a long coastal race.  
A maximum of 3 races per day may be sailed.
- 9.5 All racing days:**  
09:55 hrs First warning signal inshore off Breskens.  
10:25 hrs First warning signal offshore on the Sluissche Hompels/Walvischstaart area (upto 6 nm).
- 9.6** On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:00.
- 10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**
- 10.1** Each boat shall produce a valid endorsed IRC certificate.
- 10.2** [DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection after their registration on Wednesday 24 August. Earlier inspections, if required can be arranged.
- 10.3** Boats may be inspected at any time. Boats are required to follow the instructions of the measurers.
- 11 RESERVE**
- 12 VENUE**
- 12.1** The venue for the event is Breskens in the Southern Netherlands, close to the Belgium border, the River Scheldt and her approaches and the Dutch coastal waters of the Southern North Sea.
- 12.2** The race office is located at Breskens Marina, Oosthavendam 1, NL-4511AZ, Breskens.  
Harbourmaster: tel. +31(0)117 38 19 02.  
Regatta Office +31(0)6 83.32.88.81 (Only available during the event)  
Due to COVID-19 precaution special regulations are in force on this Venue.  
Actual Local information will be present and shared.  
Please respect these limitations and take caution.
- 12.3** NoR Addendum A shows the plan of the event venue.
- 12.4** NoR Addendum B shows the location of the starting and racing areas.
- 13 COURSES**
- 13.1** Depending on the circumstances, every racing day the race committee shall make a choice for a variety of tactical and strategic short coastal courses (approximately 1 to 2 hours) or a long coastal course (approximately 2 to 6 hours) or windward/leeward courses (1 to 1.5 hours) :
- a. Short coastal courses and a long coastal course, mainly around the existing navigation buoys of the Westerschelde and the Southern North Sea.
- The starting area can be offshore, West of the anchorage area Wielingen Noord on the Sluissche Hompels and the Walvischstaart, as well as inshore, close to the entrance of Breskens harbour.
- Downwind and reaching starts may be used.
- b. Windward-leeward courses on the Sluissche Hompels and the Walvischstaart, West of the anchor area Wielingen Noord.
- The starting area shall be offshore and can be situated at a distance of up to 6 NM of the Breskens harbour depending on the wind direction.
- c. The starting areas offshore or inshore shall be announced as indicated in the Sailing Instructions by flag signals ashore on the flagpole of the Breskens Marina in the early morning.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1** RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2** An International Jury will be appointed. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 14.3** If a protest requires the protested boat to be hauled out for re-measurement, it must be accompanied by a cash deposit covering the costs of hauling out. The Breskens Sailing Organizing Committee will determine the amount of cash deposit.
- 14.4** RRS 44.1 is changed to permit a boat to take a 30% scoring penalty as described in RRS 44.3(c) during the arbitration hearing.
- 14.5** RRS 60 is supplemented as follows: On the last day of the regatta it is not possible to lodge a measurement protest against deviations in measurement rules, which could have been protested earlier in the series.

## **15 SCORING**

- 15.1**
- a. To constitute the IRC European Championships 4 races are required.
  - b. one of these races must be a long coastal,
  - c. the score of the long coastal race will be multiplied by 2,
  - d. when fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - e. when 5, 6, 7 or 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score, except that her score in the medium distance race cannot be discarded.
  - f. when 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores, except that her score in the medium distance race cannot be discarded.
- 15.2** The results of the IRC European Championships will also be counted in the competitions "Open Noordzee Kampioenschap (ONZK) of Belgium and the Dutch "Verbandsbezem".
- 15.3** RRS 90.3(e) applies.

## **16 OFFICIALS BOATS**

The starting vessel can be recognized by her white square fleet flag with a black letter A.  
The Jury boat can be recognized sailing the banner 'INTERNATIONAL JURY'.  
Other committee boats will be recognized by their orange committee boat flag.

## **17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

- 17.1** A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

## **18 BERTHING**

- 18.1** [DP] (FREE) Berthing is foreseen in Breskens Marina during the event (from Saturday 20 August until Sunday 4 September 2022).  
For berthing arrangement contact the harbourmaster.  
Phone +31(0)117 381902  
e-mail: [info@jachthavenbreskens.nl](mailto:info@jachthavenbreskens.nl)  
VHF 31

- 18.2** Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the harbour.

## **19 [DP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 19.1** Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

## **20 [DP] DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

- 20.1** Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.
- 20.2** Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means from 25 August 09:00 until 28 August 18:00.

## **21 DATA PROTECTION**

- 21.1** By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

## **22 RISK STATEMENT**

- 22.1** RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 22.2** The organizing 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.

## **23 INSURANCE**

- 23.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of Euro 1.500.000 or the equivalent per incident.

## **24 PRIZES**

- 24.1** Best boat Overall will be awarded to the yacht with the lowest resultant score when the following formula is applied: A yacht's series score divided by (number of scored races minus 1) divided by (number of entries in class plus 2).

The Overall winner will be crowned IRC European Champion 2022.

Best boat IRC Class 1  
Best boat IRC Class 2  
Best boat IRC Class 3

THE AWARD CEREMONY will be held on Sunday, 28 August and will be announced with a 15 minutes notice by hosting flag P with one long sound signal.  
The DAMEN Breskens Sailing Organizing Committee strongly invite you to present the prize giving.

## 25 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 25.1 For all other race information, you may contact:  
Race Secretary Breskens Sailing Weekend [wedstrijden@breskenssailing.nl](mailto:wedstrijden@breskenssailing.nl)

**Addendum A: Location of the venue**

**Addendum B: the location of the racing area**

**Addendum C: Local information**

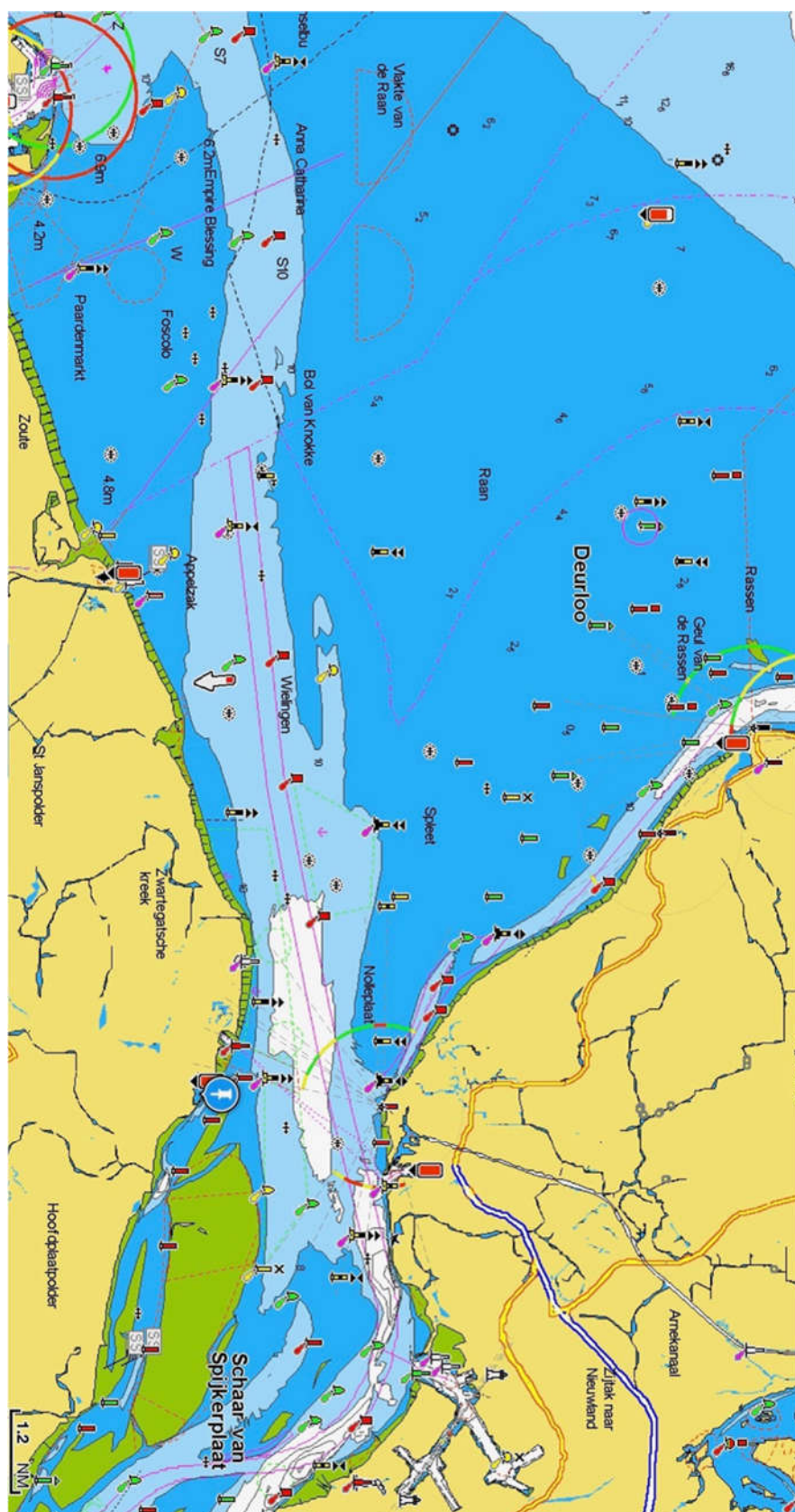
**Addendum D Privacy notice for Competitors**

**Addendum A: Location of the venue:**



**Addendum B: the locations of the racing areas**









## Addendum C LOCAL INFORMATION

### Berthing

FREE berthing is foreseen in the Breskens Marina during the event (from Saturday 20 August until Sunday 4 September). Boats shall be kept in their assigned berths of Breskens Marina.

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Please follow the directions of the harbourmaster.

For berthing arrangement contact the harbourmaster.

Phone +31(0)117 381902

e-mail: [info@jachthavenbreskens.nl](mailto:info@jachthavenbreskens.nl)

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### Port Facilities (Hauling out, before and after the races)

There are crane facilities available:

Breskens Yacht Service, Middenhavendam 3, 4511 AX Breskens, phone +31(0)117 383 126.

BYS will apply for all competitors a special rate for cleaning underwater hulls in the week before the regatta.

Jachtwerf Delta, Deltahoek 11, 4510 AA Breskens, phone: +31(0)117 381 451

### Regatta Office of the IRC European Championships as part Damen Breskens Sailing Weekend

Oosthavendam 1,

4511 AZ Breskens,

The Netherlands

Phone: +31(0)6 83.32.88.81

E-mail regatta office: [wedstrijden@breskenssailing.nl](mailto:wedstrijden@breskenssailing.nl)

web: [www.breskenssailing.nl](http://www.breskenssailing.nl)

Opening hours:

Due to COVID-19 precaution special regulations are limited in the Regatta Office. Actual Local information will be present and shared.

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Wednesday 24 August 10:00 - 20:00 hrs

Thursday 25 August: 08:00 – 19:00 hrs \*

Friday 26 August: 08:00 – 19:00 hrs \*

Saturday 27 August: 08:00 – 19:00 hrs \*

Sunday 29 August: 08:00 – 18:00 hrs

\* The regatta office will be open until 19:00 or until the latest protest time limit if later that day.

### Tides at Breskens/ Flushing (Vlissingen):

Local time (EST) = UTC + 2 h

datum		LW	HW	LW	HGT cm above chart
Thursday	25 August	08:07			112
			14:25		441
				20:38	89
Friday	26 August:	08:44			105
			14:58		457
				21:13	76
Saturday	27 August:	09:18			98
			15:28		472
				21:47	65
Sunday spring	28 August:	09:52			91
			15:58		484
				22:21	55

**Paper charts and publications:**

Recommended for the racing and adjacent areas.

Not limited to below mentioned list.

**Dutch Nautical Charts: (both in Dutch and English language)**

1801 North Sea Coast, de Panne to Den Helder

1803 Westerschelde, Vlissingen to Antwerpen

**BA charts:**

120 Westerschelde, Vlissingen to Baalhoek and Gent-Terneuzen Canal

1874 Westerschelde, Oostende to Westkapelle

110 Westkapelle to Stellendam and Maasvlakte

1630 West Hinder and Outer Gabbard to Vlissingen and Scheveningen

**IMRAY**

C30

**NV Charts**

NL 5

**Belgian Nautical Charts**

D 11 North Sea – Flemish Banks

101 North Sea – Belgian-Dutch coast

103 Western Scheldt

**Publications:**

HP 1 Netherlands Coast Pilot

HP 33 Tidal Heights and Streams of the Coastal waters of the Netherlands and adjacent areas

NP 28 Dover Strait Pilot

NP 251 Tidal Stream Atlas - North Sea, Southern Portion

BAZ <https://www.defensie.nl/onderwerpen/berichten-aan-zeevarenden/database/per-kaart?kaartnummer=180> (in Dutch only)

NtM <https://www.admiralty.co.uk/maritime-safety-information/admiralty-notice-to-mariners>

Ensure the latest editions of charts and books are used.

**Public transport to and from Breskens**

Hourly bicycle/foot ferry to and from Flushing with connection to the intercity train to Rotterdam and Amsterdam (airport).

Regular bus services to Brugge, Knokke and Terneuzen.

See Skippers handbook [www.breskenssailing.nl](http://www.breskenssailing.nl)

**Local information on Breskens and the region:**

See the Skippers handbook on the website:

[www.breskenssailing.nl](http://www.breskenssailing.nl)

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## **Attachment D: PRIVACY NOTICE FOR COMPETITIONS**

“Stichting Breskens Sailing”, p.a. Oosthavendam 1, 4511 AZ Breskens email: [secretariaat@breskenssailing.nl](mailto:secretariaat@breskenssailing.nl) processes personal data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and other relevant privacy laws and regulations.

### **Registration and Organisation**

“Stichting Breskens Sailing” processes the following personal data of the entrants so as to enable their participation in a competition (carry out the participation agreement):

- first name and surname
- licence number
- email and telephone number
- account number
- boat name and class type
- sail number

These data are processed to register individuals as entrants, to manage race entries, to communicate race participation, to collect registration fees and to carry out other common activities relating to the organisation of the race. “Stichting Breskens Sailing” holds these personal data for 3 years.

### **Race Results - Entry Lists - Protest Information**

“Stichting Breskens Sailing” also processes the race results, entry lists and protest information for organizational purposes and to carry out the participation agreement. The race results, entry lists and protest information include:

- the entrants' particulars
- the protests
- the race results
- information on the location and race dates
- race category
- the entrants' first names and surnames including/excluding crew
- licence number
- boat name and class
- sail number

“Stichting Breskens Sailing” holds these data for 3 years. At the end of this period, the race results will be archived for historical and statistical reasons.

### **Publication of Race Results**

Race results will be shared with the entrants for organizational purposes.

The race results will also be published on [www.breskenssailing.nl](http://www.breskenssailing.nl). “Stichting Breskens Sailing” has a legitimate interest in sharing the race results on account of the interest the sailors, teams and sponsors have in such publicity as well as for the promotion of water sports in general. If you have any objections to such publication, please contact Georgette Stam via [secretariaat@breskenssailing.nl](mailto:secretariaat@breskenssailing.nl), stating your reasons.

### **Video and Photographic Footage**

Photos and videos can be made during races. Footage with news and/or promotional value is published on [publication channel] and [publication channel] on the grounds of a legitimate interest that “Stichting Breskens Sailing” has in the promotion of the event, the organisation and water sports in general.

If you have any objections to such publication, please contact Georgette Stam via [secretariaat@breskenssailing.nl](mailto:secretariaat@breskenssailing.nl), stating your reasons.

Photos and videos of children and photos and videos of amateur sports without any news and/or promotional value will, in principle, be shared with the entrants only. Publication of such materials requires the consent of the entrant or the entrant's parents or caregivers.

“Stichting Breskens Sailing” will hold these data for 3 years. At the end of this period, all video and photographic footage will be archived for historical and statistical reasons.

### **Third Parties**

“Stichting Breskens Sailing” uses Manage2Sail to process race data. These organisations do not use the data for their own purposes and are required - under a data processing agreement - to carefully secure and process the data. Data are not processed outside the EEA.

In addition, personal data included in the entrants lists for organizational purposes - to carry out the participation agreement - are shared with the Watersportverbond so as to allow it to check the validity of the required licences.

### **Security**

“Stichting Breskens Sailing” has taken all appropriate organisational and technical measures to protect the personal data being processed against loss and unlawful processing. For example, “Stichting Breskens Sailing” has an authorisation policy in place and the network within which the data are processed is secured in accordance with current security standards. In addition, employees and volunteers are trained in the careful use of personal data and the privacy policy is subject to periodic review.

### **Rights of Data Subjects**

You have the right to object to the processing of your personal data if we process your personal data on the basis of a legitimate interest, to withdraw your consent previously given and you have the right to access your personal data and to have it rectified or removed. Where relevant, you may ask us to restrict the processing of personal data or to transmit your personal data to yourself or to a third party. Please contact [person] at [email] if you wish to exercise any of these rights or if you have any questions or queries about how we protect your privacy and personal data.

Do you have a complaint about the manner in which we process your personal data? Please contact us first, using the contact details listed above. If we are unable to resolve your complaint to our mutual satisfaction, you can file a complaint with the Autoriteit Persoonsgegevens, the Dutch supervisory authority.