

# INVITATION TO OPEN FINNISH CHAMPIONSHIPS IN JUNIOR CLASSES

## HELSINKI, 20-23 AUGUST 2009

### **1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

Helsinki Sail Racing Management (HSRM) and its member clubs.

### **2 PLACE**

Merisatama, Helsinki, clubs Helsingfors segelsällskap (HSS), Suomalainen Pursiseura (SPS).

### **3 RULES**

- 3.1 The championships will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 3.2 The International class rules will apply unless changed in the sailing instructions.
- 3.3 The Appendix P will be applied.
- 3.4 In the Optimist class Rule 61.1(a)(2) is changed as follows: Rule 61.1(a)(2) is deleted. Red flag must be displayed.
- 3.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

### **4 ADVERTISING**

- 4.1 Advertising will be restricted to Category C with the exception mentioned in 4.2.
- 4.2 In Optimist class only boats registered in Finland may advertise according to category C (Class rule 2.8 in Optimist class and a decision made by FSF). For foreign Optimist boats advertising Category A applies.

### **5 CLASSES**

Boats from the following classes may participate. The age limits given indicate the age that the sailors achieve during the year of the championships.

Optimist, 1) 12 years or younger, 2) 13-15 years

Zoom8, up to 19 years,

Laser 4.7, up to 17 years

E-class, up to 18 years

Laser Radial, up to 18 years,

29er, up to 19 years.

In addition to the Championships there will also be organized races in the category Optimist Cadet (beginners).

### **6 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 6.1 The Championships are open to all boats in the classes mentioned above.
- 6.2 Only Finnish boats will be awarded championship medals.
- 6.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form at the site [www.helsinkisailracing.fi](http://www.helsinkisailracing.fi) and returning it by Friday 14 August 2009.
- 6.4 Late entries may be accepted, though not later than Wednesday 19 August and with fees doubled the initial ones.

6.5 The entry is complete and valid only when the entry form has been returned and the entry fee paid.

## **7 FEES**

7.1 Required fees in the classes Optimist, Zoom8, Laser 4.7, E-class and Laser Radial is 75 €, in 29er 100 € and in the Optimist Cadet group 50 €.

7.2 The entry fee shall be paid to BIC/SWIFT: DABAFIHH 80001071315999 Aktia Helsinki, not later than Friday 14 August 2009.

7.3 If an entry has been made by 14 August 2009 but the payment is not paid to the account mentioned in 7.2, the fee will be 100 € in all classes but 29er, where it is 150 €. In the Optimist Cadet Group this fee will be 70 €. In all these classes the payment shall arrive not later than Friday 17 August.

## **8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES**

### **Optimist class**

8.1 If the number of registered participants is 100 or less, all the races will be sailed in one fleet.

8.2 If the number of registered participants exceeds 100, the boats will be divided in two fleets, and the regatta will consist of qualifying series and final series.

### **Zoom8, Laser 4.7, E-class, Laser Radial, 29er**

8.3 In each class the races will be sailed in one fleet.

## **9 SCHEDULE**

9.1 Registration at Race Office which is situated at Merisatamanranta close to Restaurant Carousel on Thursday 20 August at 1200-2000 and Friday 21 August at 0800-1000.

9.2 Measurements and inspection within the time period mentioned in 9.1.

9.3 Dates of racing:

Optimist, Zoom8, Laser 4.7, E-class, Laser Radial and 29er: Friday 21 August, Saturday 22 August and Sunday 23 August.

Optimist Cadet: Friday 21 August assisted training competition, Saturday 22 August and Sunday 23 August racing.

Scheduled number of races:	Total	Races per day
Optimist, Zoom8, Laser 4.7, E-class, Laser Radial	9	3
29er	12	4
Optimist Cadet group	6	3

The number of races per day may exceptionally be exceeded by one. If so, a service pause shall be held not later than after the third race of the day.

9.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the first race on Friday 21 August is 1155, on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 August it is 1055.

9.6 On the last day of the regatta Sunday 23 no warning signal will be made later than 1600.

## **10 MEASUREMENTS**

10.1 Boat, sail equipment and measurement certificate shall be inspected within the time limits mentioned in 9.1.

10.2 The venues for measurements are: Optimist, Zoom8, and 29er at the island Liuskasaari (club HSS), E-class, Laser 4.7 and Laser Radial at the island Sirpalesaari (club SPS).

10.3 Boats failing to present a valid measurement certificate and or rejected at the inspection/measurement within the given time limits will be excluded from the regatta.

## **11 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available at registration (9.1).

## **12 VENUE**

12.1 The regatta harbours for the classes are at the clubs HSS, SPS as at 10.2.

12.2 The racing areas are shown at the site [www.helsinkiailracing.fi](http://www.helsinkiailracing.fi).

## **13 THE COURSES**

The courses will be trapezoid in Optimist, Zoom8, Laser 4.7, E-class and Laser Radial. 29er and Optimist Cadet group will have a windward-leeward course.

## **14 PENALTIES**

Immediate penalties will be applied for breaking rule 42 (Appendix P).

## **15 SCORING**

15.1 The notion "number of boats entered in the series" in A4.2 is interpreted so that a boat that has scored DNC in every race is not included in this group.

15.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series. In Optimist Cadet group three are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 When fewer than 5 races (in Optimist Cadet group 4 races) have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

15.4 When 5 or more races (in Optimist Cadet group 4) have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score.

## **16 SUPPORT BOATS**

Support boats shall register at the race office. They may be requested to serve in security tasks.

## **17 BERTHING**

Boats shall be kept at their assigned places at HSS and SPS harbours.

## **18 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

## **19 PRIZES**

19.1 Championship medals will be awarded according to the rules of the classes.

19.2 Prizes will be given as recommended in the Racing Calendar 2009 (Kilpailukalenteri/Tävlingskalender) of FSF. Additional prizes may be given as well.

## **20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4. 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.

## **21 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

## **22 FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further information is available at the sites of Helsinki Sail Racing Management, [www.helsinkiailracing.fi](http://www.helsinkiailracing.fi).

