

THE VOLVO H-BOAT CLASS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Hanko, Finland, 2 - 9 August, 2008

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND VENUE

The H-boat Class World Championship regatta will be organized by Hangö Segelförening (HSF) in co-operation with the Finnish H-boat Association.

The races will be held in the waters South of Hanko, 2 - 4 nm from the regatta harbour.

The regatta Harbour, Race Office, Notice Board, and social centre are at and in the vicinity of the clubhouse of HSF in the Eastern Harbour (Östra hamnen) of Hanko. Launching and hauling out services are provided in the harbour.

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, The International H-Boat Association Class Rules, World Championship Rules and the Sailing Instruction.

1.2 Rule 44.2 is changed so that the two turns are replaced by a one turn. Rule A2 is changed, see 10.3.

1.3 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence. English is the official language of the regatta.

2 ADVERTISING

The Championship is a Category "C" event, in accordance with RRS Appendix 1, Regulation 20.

The Organising Authority has the ability to require advertising on the forward part of the hull to be displayed, as authorised by Regulation 20.3(d) (i).

3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 All competitors shall be current members of the IHA and their valid membership has to be testified by the National H-Boat Association of competitors' domicile or by the IHA.

3.2 ISAF eligibility as per Appendix 2, Regulation 19 and IHA – WC eligibility will apply.

4 ENTRY AND PAYMENT

4.1 The maximum number of entries is limited to 70 boats plus the current World Champion and the President of the IHA.

4.2 Entry Form B together with a copy of the measurement certificate and a copy of the valid third liability insurance of the boat should be received by your National H – Boat Association not later than 30th of April 2008.

4.3 Participants of countries without NHA please send your completed Entry Form B to the IHA representative in Germany: Mr. Hannes Heinz, Deutsche H – Boot Klassenvereinigung – Postfach 101551 86899 Landsberg a. Lech.
Account no: 8066193, Sparkasse Landsberg BLZ 70052060.

4.4 Entry forms A listing the entries endorsed by each NHA shall reach HSF by the 20th of June either by FAX +358 19 2487761 or by e-mail to kansli@hsf.fi or by regular mail service to:
HSF, PO Box 73, 10901 Hanko, Finland
accompanied by the payment of 350 euros per entered boat to the host club HSF bank account
AKTIA BANK 405584-510805 , IBAN: FI93 4055 8450 0108 05, SWIFT/BIC-code: HELSFIHH
Kindly ask your bank to send a customer payment order. All charges shall be paid by the remitter.

5 CLASSIFICATION

The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply

6 PROGRAMME

6.1 One tune-up race and 10 races are scheduled for the regatta:

Saturday 2nd of August at 09.00 - 21.00 hrs: Measurements, weighing of crews.

Sunday 3rd of August at 09.00 - 21.00 hrs: Measurements, weighing of crews.

Monday 4th of August at 08.00 - 12.00 hrs: Measurements, weighing of crews.

Monday 4th of August at 14.00 hrs: First warning signal, tune-up race.

Tuesday to Saturday August 5th to 9th: Championship races.

6.2 A first Skippers' meeting will be held on Tuesday at 09.00 hrs. Further skippers' meetings will be announced on the official notice board by 09.00 hrs.

6.3 Championship races Tuesday to Saturday August 5 – 9 : First warning signal each day at 11.00 hrs. Two races are scheduled for each day, with the warning signal for the second as soon as possible after the first race.

6.4 On the last scheduled racing day no warning signal will be given after 15.00 hrs. No reserve day is foreseen.

6.5 Opening ceremony, midweek event, and any excursions or other social events will be separately announced and posted on the regatta website. The prize giving ceremony will be held as soon as practicable upon the last completed race.

7 MEASUREMENT AND CERTIFICATES

7.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate at the time of Registration and Measurement at the Championship Race Office.

7.2 Each crew 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.

7.3 Measurement controls may be held at the end of each race by irrevocable judgment of the Jury.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Sailing instructions will be obtained and entries registered at the Race Office on Saturday 2nd of August at 18.00 – 22.00 hrs, Sunday 3rd of August at 12.00 - 22.00 hrs, and on Monday 4th of August at 9.00 - 18.00 hrs upon completion of the measurement procedure.

9 COURSES

The courses are upwind-downwind courses with a total length of 5 - 10 nm.

10 SCORING, NUMBER OF REQUIRED RACES

10.1 Five completed races are required to fulfill the World Championship status.

10.2 If 5 or less races are sailed, all races are included in the final results (alteration to RRS A2)

10.3 If 6 or more races are sailed, there will be one discard.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 The winner will be awarded the championship trophy of the class organization.
- 11.2 Helmsmen and crew of the three top boats in the final results will obtain IHA championship medals.
- 11.3 Prizes will further be awarded to the 10 top boats in the series, and for the best in each race daily.

12 BERTHING

The competitors are requested to keep their boats afloat in their assigned berthing starting at 18.00 hrs Monday 4th of August throughout the races. Racing boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee. 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 regatta.

13 SUPPORT AND COMMUNICATION

- 13.1 Support boats shall be marked with a flag with national letters. Coaches and other support personnel will be required to register at the Race Office before the first Championship race and to comply with the Championship Coach Boat regulation defined in the Sailing Instruction.
- 13.2 A racing boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

14 LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

- 14.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety afloat or ashore, and nothing whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.
- 14.2 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them. See RRS 4.
- 14.3 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance of 1 000 000 €.
- 14.4 Nothing done by the Organizers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the Organizers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing.
- 14.5 The Organizers encompass everyone helping to run the racing and the event and include the organizing authority, the race committee, the officer, patrol boats, and beach masters. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.
- 14.6 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of the boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat.
- 14.7 Competitors are advised to arrange their own personal accident and health insurance.

End of Notice of Race

FURTHER INFORMATION

LAUNCHING, HAULING OUT

Launching services will be provided in the regatta Harbour on Saturday 2nd of August at 09.00 - 21.00 hrs, Sunday 3rd of August at 09.00 – 21.00 hrs and on Monday 4th of August at 08.00 – 18.00 hrs, with hauling out after the races on Saturday 9th of August. Crane services at other times may be available through arrangement with the city of Hanko at the owner's expense. Please refer to the Race Office and the notice board in the regatta Harbour.

PHOTOS AND TV RIGHTS

By participating in the 2008 H-Boat World Championship, a competitor automatically grants to the Organizing Authority, the Class Association, Management Group and the Sponsors the right in perpetuity to make use of and show, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still photographs, live or taped film or video on television and/or other media, showing him/her during the period of the competition, as well as to use such contents in any media whatsoever, for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information without compensation.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Regarding travel to and accommodation in Hanko, please contact the city of Hanko tourist information, who will be happy to ensure your enjoyable stay in town.

tourist.office@hanko.fi telephones: +358 19 2203411

REGATTA WEBSITE

Please refer to the website for updates on relevant information in preparation to the regatta:

www.h-boatworlds2008.com