SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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Dear friends,

On behalf of IDNIYRA-Europe and IDNIYRA-Austria I am proud to welcome you to the World-Championship 2016 and the European Championship 2016.

Fifty years ago (1966) on Neusiedlersee the first European Championships were sailed and twenty years ago (1996) we also had the Worlds and Europeans as hosting country.

In these 50 years a lot has changed in icesailing.

But the team-spirit of the DN-Family is the same – and I am convinced that this is one of the most important reasons, why we all love that sport so much!

The Austrian fleet and I are very happy to have the Worlds and Europeans again at home.

Paying attention to the fact "50 percent is partying" we tried to organize an event which should be well balanced between tough racing and having fun together.

This year for the 10th time we have the PRC, which I introduced as Commodore in 2006. Without that PRC we probably would not have had such successful Championships in the last 10 years and for sure e.g. we in Austria would not be able to conduct these events.

Yes, we had some troubles in the past and we had to learn a lot, but at the end we should look on the positive effect which the PRC had on our class.

At this stage I want to thank especially Stan Macur and his team who made a great job.

Now some things changed in the organization of the PRC.

These changes are a result of a learning process and I am sure that the PRC will successfully continue making us able to sail a lot of good and fair races.

I wish you all good and fair races and a lot of fun while staying together with friends from all over the world.

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DN World - Championship 2016 European - Championship 2016 23. January 2016 - 30. January 2016

1. Rules:

All races will be sailed in compliance with the Specifications, Constitutions and By-Laws of the International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association and the Racing Rules of National Iceboat Authority as modified herein. The sailing instruction may be modified by written notice on notice board or at the skippers meeting. In the situation of conflict between rules the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2. Course location:

The racing area will be indicated on a map posted on the official notice board in race office and on the notice board in the race port.

3. Marks:

Marks will be displayed at the skippers meeting. Darling-marks will be used near windward and leeward marks. Darling-mark will be part of the mark. Sailors are not allowed to pass between mark and darling-mark. Crossing the line between mark and darling-mark means disqualification by the Race Committee without protest hearing.

4. Starting Times:

First Day: 09:00 skippers meeting in harbour on the ice

10:00 first qualifier race

Next days: 09:00 skippers meeting

10:00 start to next races

All times are local time and may be changed by PRC or Commodore.

5. Starting and finishing signals:

The starting signal will be the swift lowering of the starters' flag after he raises his flag to signify the preparatory signal. If the start has to be delayed after the preparatory signal the starter will slowly withdraw his flag. The finish of the first boat will be indicated by dropping of the flag by the Race Committee.

6. Starting line:

The starting line will be marked by red flags. The "wire" starting line system will be used. All sailors have to put leeward runner next to the starting position indicated on the starting line. Sailing over the starting line means disqualification by Race Committee without a protest hearing. Sailors have to go right or left after finishing the race, there will be no open gate (!) in the starting line.



7. Safety zone:

The safety zone is the rectangular area leeward from starting line marked by flags in the corners. Sailing in the safety zone means disqualification by Race Committee without a protest hearing. Safety signals will be displayed at the skippers meeting.

8. Fleet flags:

- Gold Fleet (A) yellow flag with letter A
- Silver Fleet (B) white flag with letter B
- Bronze Fleet (C) dark red flag with letter C
- Aluminium Fleet (D) grey flag with letter D

Sailors have to bring their iceboats to starting positions after the flag of their fleet is hoisted on the flagpole. There will also be verbal information.

9. Primary schedule of races:

Order of races of World Championships:

- 1) D-qualifier
- 2) C- qualifier
- 3) B- qualifier
- 4) A-final
- 5) B-final
- 6) A-final
- 7) C-final
- 8) A-final
- 9) D-final
- 10) B-final
- 11) C-final
- 12) D-final
- 13) A, B, C, D, A, B, C, D, ... etc. until WC 2016 is finished according to NOR.

The Race Committee may change the order of races.

The order of races of European Championships will be announced by the Race Committee.

10. Time limit:

The lap time limit is 8 minutes per kilometer distance between the marks (e.g.: Distance between marks is 1,00 km – Laptime = 8'00" Minutes. Distance = 2,10 km – Laptime = 16'48").

The Race Committee would keep records of the lap time first lap first boat. In case it was 200 secs or less the next race would not be started unless a change in conditions promised a longer lap time first lap first boat. This change must be due to at least one of the following: longer distance between marks, less wind, slower ice.



11. Grand Prix Finishing system:

Grand Prix Finishing system will be used. Ten minutes after the first yacht finishes a race, the finishing line will be closed and black flag displayed at leeward mark.

All remaining sailors that have not finished their race will be given place from the last lap, except those that have not finished their first lap, they will score DNF.

12. Race abandonment:

A black flag displayed at the leeward mark shall signal abandonment of the race.

13. Protests:

Intention to protest must be reported to the Race Committee immediately after the race. A written protest must be filed with the Race Committee Chairman within one hour after last race of the day, except the Qualifiers. They have to file protest immediately after the race.

In addition to normal Protest procedure from racing incidents, any disagreement with the Measurer MUST be referred to the PRC chairman and if not resolved satisfactorily, a written Protest must be submitted within the time limit (after the race or within two hours of the finish of the day's racing).

14. Talking to the scorers:

A skipper who attempts to speak to the scorers while a race is in progress may be liable to disqualification from the regatta.

15. Notice board on ice, notice board in race port and the flagpole:

The notice board on the ice will be used by the Race Committee to inform about starting positions, changes in race schedule, changes in sailing instructions etc.

The notice board in race port will be used to inform about race area, danger zones on ice etc. The flagpole in race port will be used to indicate if the sailors are permitted to go on ice. If there will be BLACK FLAG displayed sailors are FORBBIDEN to go on ice.

16. Measurement:

There will be random measurement during World Championships and European Championships. The measuring area will take place on rectangular area marked by green flags in central part of safety zone.

The first five boats in each race (and twelve first in qualifier races) must go immediately to a measuring area without stopping by the pits. Race committee can also decide to measure any other DN at any time. Failure to do this will result in DSQ for the boat concerned for that race. This procedure will minimize delays and deter illegal adjustments and changes by the participants.

All two pieces masts and masts with stiffeners inside must be declared by sailors at the check-in and then marked and /or signed by the measurer latest before the first Gold Fleet race.



Parking brake must always be available for immediate use. Any unattended boat must have always parking brake on! Failure to do this will result in DSQ for last race or all regatta.

No stickers will be applied until completion of the Qualification.

Measurement will be available on Saturday 23. January 2016 from 10:00 – 15:00 in the harbour on the ice for those who wish to check their boats.

During qualification races measurer decisions are final.

17. Sailnumbers:

Sailors have to register with their own personal sailnumber.

They have to use it throughout the event.

Using sails or numbers of another sailor who can be found in the ranking list is prohibited.

If a sailor uses the boat of anybody else, the race committee has to be informed. They can decide if they can handle that or if they need numbers changed on the boat and/or sail.

In any case sailors have to make sure that the race committee uses their own and correct sailnumber in the results.

18. Propulsion:

A yacht may not employ any means of propulsion other than the action of the wind on the sails. However, the crew (unassisted by anyone except for reasons of physical disability as authorized by the Judges) may push the yacht to leave the starting line or to return the yacht to wind propulsion when necessary. This especially but not only means that pushing around marks or pushing across the finishing line is forbidden. The race committee will watch closely if any pushing is according to that rule and the present wind conditions/directions on the course. Other pushing shall be cause for disqualification.

Sailing on the race course by non-participants (!) during a race is forbidden and means DSQ without protest hearing.

19. Sailors behaviour:

Any inappropriate behaviour towards Race Committee will be referred to Jury and may result in DSQ.



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