

TOPSPORT VLAANDEREN NIEUWPOORTWEEK 2011

TOPSPORT VLAANDEREN REGATTA *ISAF Grade 3 event for Olympic Classes*

NOTICE OF RACE

CLASSES:

**OPTIMIST - SPLASH - CADET - 420 - 470
LASER RADIAL - LASER - LASER 4.7
EUROPE - Patin**

**JULY 02 – JULY 06, 2011
NIEUWPOORT, BELGIUM**



1. VENUE

The 23th Topsport Vlaanderen Regatta will be held from July 02 to July 06, 2011 and will be sailed on the North Sea off the coast of Nieuwpoort, Belgium.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The 23th Topsport Vlaanderen Regatta will be organised by KYCN, VVW and WSKLuM, the yacht clubs in Nieuwpoort. The Topsport Vlaanderen Regatta is a part of the Topsport Vlaanderen Nieuwpoortweek 2011.

3. RULES

3.1 The 23th Topsport Vlaanderen Regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

3.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.

4. ADVERTISING

The ISAF Advertising Code regulation 20 will apply. Each competitor shall display on both sides of his hull the stickers from the event sponsors, supplied by the organisation as stated in ISAF regulation 20.3.1.(d) (i)

5. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

5.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the following classes:

Single Handed: - Optimist
 - Splash
 - Europe
 - Laser 4.7
 - Laser Radial
 - Laser Standard

Double Handed: - Cadet
 - 420
 - 470

5.2 Eligible boats may enter at the official Nieuwpoortweek website www.nieuwpoortweek.be before June 24, 2011, to:
Nieuwpoortweek vzw
Topsport Vlaanderen Regatta
Watersportlaan 11
8620 Nieuwpoort
Belgium

5.3 Late entries will be accepted on paying an additional EUR 10 per boat.

5.4 The following restrictions apply:

If there are less than 10 entries in a class by June 24, the Organisation Authority reserves the right to cancel the regatta for that class.

6. FEE

<u>Class</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Single Handed	EUR 100
Double Handed	EUR 125

The entry fee includes:

- The official Topsport Vlaanderen Regatta polo-shirt for each competitor
- The Opening ceremony on Saturday
- The Topsport Vlaanderen Regatta party on Monday
- One ticket per competitor for the big Barbecue on Monday
- Social activities during the Regatta-week

Payment has to be done by bank transfer before June 24, 2011 to
Nieuwpoortweek vzw
Address : KBC Bank - Marktstraat 48, B-8620 Nieuwpoort
BIC: KREDBEBB.
IBAN NR: BE58 4741 1210 7179

7. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

7.1 If there are more than 80 entries in a class, the regatta for that class may consist of a qualifying series and final series

7.2 For the Optimistclass, if 10 teams of sailors qualified for the world championships Optimist 2011 participate, these qualified teams will sail a separate world series.

8. SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Time		Location
Friday	July 01	18h00-20h00	- Registration	NPW Central Regatta Office
Saturday	July 02	08h00-10h00	- Registration	NPW Central Regatta Office
		10h30	- Team Leaders, Coaches and Meteo meeting	NPW Central Regatta Office
		12h00	- Opening Ceremony	WSKLuM
		13h30 19h00	- first launch - Start 1 st race - Opening Ceremony with official presentation of all competing countries by the sailors	Kaaiplein - Nieuwpoort
Sunday	July 03	08h30	- Team Leaders, Coaches and Meteo meeting - 3 Races as scheduled	NPW Central Regatta Office
Monday	July 04	08h30	- Team Leaders, Coaches and Meteo meeting - 3 races as scheduled	NPW Central Regatta Office
		19h00	- Topsport Vlaanderen Regatta BBQ & party	Kaaiplein - Nieuwpoort
Tuesday	July 05	08h30	- Team Leaders, Coaches and Meteo meeting - 3 races as scheduled	NPW Central Regatta Office
Wednesday	July 06	08h30 Asap after the last race	- Team Leaders, Coaches and Meteo meeting - 2 races as scheduled - Price Giving & Farewell drink	NPW Central Regatta Office KYCN

Any race not started before 14h00 on Wednesday July 06 will be cancelled.

At the discretion of the Race Committees races may be rescheduled.

The Sailing Instructions will provide a complete schedule of starting times for each class.

9. MEASUREMENT

Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at the NPW Central Regatta Office after registration.

11. SHORE LOCATIONS

NPW Central Regatta Office	Pyramid	Watersportlaan 9	8620 Nieuwpoort
	WSKLum	Halve Maanstraat 2B	8620 Nieuwpoort
	KYCN	Krommehoek	8620 Nieuwpoort
	VVW-Nieuwpoort	Watersportlaan 11	8620 Nieuwpoort

Locations can be changed according to the number of entries

12. THE COURSES

Trapezoid courses will be used for all classes.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for breaking rule 42, as amended by Class Rules will apply

13.2 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.4

14. SCORING

14.1 12 races are scheduled of which 4 are required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.2 (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 6 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 11 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

14.3 The low-point scoring system appendix A of the RRS will apply to all races.

15. TEAM LEADERS/COACHES

15.1 Team leaders and/or representatives shall register at the NPW Central Regatta Office before the start of the first race and give the sail numbers of all boats they are supporting.

15.2 All coach boats shall fly a white flag with black number. These flags will be available at the NPW Central Regatta Office. A deposit of EUR 20 is requested and will be refunded if the flag is returned to the NPW Central Regatta Office within 2 hours after the finish of the last boat of the last race.

The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.

16. BERTHING .

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.

17 SAFETY

17.1 The wearing of adequate personal buoyancy devices by all participants is mandatory at all times while afloat.

17.2 Each helmsman is obliged to get his identification badge issued by the organizer upon registration. This identification badge shall be handed over to the Beach Master when leaving the slipway and shall be collected back from him immediately after the race.

17.3 A lost identification badge must be renewed at the cost of EUR 5.

18. PRIZES except for the Optimist World series.

The following overall prizes will be awarded:

The best overall boat in each class will receive EUR 150.

The second overall boat in each class will receive EUR 100.

The third overall boat in each class will receive EUR 50.

The first boat in each class with an all female crew will receive EUR 100.

Several other trophies and prizes will also be awarded in the different classes.

There will be one trophy for 10 starters, two trophies for 20 starters, three trophies for 30 starters or more for each class.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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. A competitor must be in good health and capable of sailing in all conditions.

20. INSURANCE

A valid third-party liability insurance must exist for each participating boat and may be checked at registration.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

For additional information, please contact:

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ACCOMMODATION

Official camping sites

Camping reservations can be made through:

- Camping Westende

Westendelaan 341

B-8434 Westende

Tel.: +32 (0) 58 23 32 54

Fax: +32 (0) 58 23 02 61

info@campingwestende.be

www.campingwestende.be

- Kompas Camping Nieuwpoort vzw

Brugsesteenweg 49

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www.kompascamping.be/nieuwpoort/

For further information about accommodation please contact:

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B-8620 Nieuwpoort
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It is very important to make your reservations for accommodation as soon as possible due to the very large number of summer holiday visitors to the Nieuwpoortweek and the Belgian Coast.

