



International Long-distance Regatta
Balatonfüred, 18-20 July 2019

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: Hungarian Yachting Association (HYA)
Principal Race Officer: Kázmér Kerekes

ABBREVIATIONS USED

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be ground for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the following rules
 - 1.1.1 *Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020* (hereinafter referred to as “RRS”).
 - 1.1.2 Race Regulations (RR) issued by HYA for 2019 with the amendments indicated herein.
 - 1.1.3 Class rules for all participating classes. [DP].
 - 1.1.4 YS and ORC handicap regulations.
 - 1.1.5 NFM Decree No. 57/2011 (XI.22) on Waterway Transport, Section “Mandatory equipment”: *II. Equipment of small recreational boats*. [DP] (NMF – Ministry of National Development)
 - 1.1.6 This Notice of Race (“NOR”) and the Sailing Instructions (“SI”) to be issued later.
 - 1.1.7 If there is a conflict between the NOR and the SI the SI will take precedence.
 - 1.1.8 If there is a conflict between languages the Hungarian text will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertisements can be displayed in accordance with the HYA Advertising Regulations for 2019. [NP]
- 2.2 Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. [NP] [DP]

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Boats eligible to enter the race:
 - 3.1.1 Boat classes included in the HYA Register and classified into Scoring Groups, with the following restrictions:
 - Keelboats or dinghies with a total sail area of their mainsail and jib (as described in the class rules or measurement documents) of 15 m² or more, as well as
 - Multi-hull boats with a total sail area of their mainsail and jib (as described in the class rules or measurement documents) of 25 m² or more and with a crew of at least 3 people according to the relevant boat certificate or to an individual permission issued by the National Transport Authority and to their measurement documents.

- Boats which can accommodate less than 3 people according to their Boat Certificates, or to an individual permission issued by the National Transport Authority or to their measurement documents are not eligible to enter the race.
- 3.1.2 Foreign boats possessing all documents required by the authorities of their own countries and meeting the requirements of this Notice of Race.
- 3.1.3 Hungarian resident boats included in the HYA Register and meeting the requirements for eligibility and identification marks set out in the HYA Sailing Regulations for 2019.
- 3.1.4 The Skiff and Libera type boats as well as all multi-hull boats without cabins are allowed to enter the race if they ensure their support power boats of adequate size which possess the relevant operation license for Lake Balaton. A support power boat shall be able to drive at an appropriate speed and accommodate the crew of the supported boat in addition to its own crew. The driver of the power boat shall sign a written obligation to support and rescue the sailboat within a distance of 100 meters during the whole race.
- The support boat shall keep on board a radio receiver-transmitter unit (Balatrönk and naval VHF) and a mobile phone which enable the crew to make general emergency calls and to contact the race committee.
 - While afloat, the support boats shall accommodate support persons in a way that the number of the racing crew and the number of the support persons including the driver do never exceed the highest allowed capacity of the support boat as stated in the boat's certificate.
 - The technical committee and the race committee are entitled to check the support boats during the whole race. If the activities of a checked support power boat do not meet the relevant requirements, the supported boat may be disqualified.
 - No support power boats are mandatory for the boat classes included in the Register of the Hungarian Yachting Association.
- 3.1.5 All the Skiff type mono-hull boats which are proven to have not performed and not passed the so called "inclining test" shall exclusively be allowed to enter as "*Open class boat*". The relevant tests shall be carried out by the technical committee. The boat classification shall be performed based on the measurement records validated for year 2019 within the HYA Big Boat Register.
- Deadline for performing the inclining test: 10 June 2019.
- 3.2 Definitions:
- 3.2.1 Traditional mono-hull boats: all the mono-hull boats passing the 90° inclining test in compliance with the requirements of the technical committee, proving this fact by relevant documents, and on which the crew's center of gravity (weight) is not placed outside the boat hull (boats without trapeze and frames). The boat classes acknowledged by HYA are automatically entitled to participate in the competition of the traditional mono-hull boats.
- 3.2.2 Open class: All the boats not meeting the requirements for the traditional mono-hull boats and are not included in the Multi-hull Scoring Group shall be classified as "*Open class*".
- 3.3 Eligibility for participation:
- 3.3.1 Hungarian competitors shall meet the requirements of the HYA Race Regulations for 2019 regarding the eligibility for participation in races.

- 3.3.2 Foreign competitors shall be members of a yacht club recognized by a national authority which shall be confirmed by a document.
- 3.3.3 Competitors with starting permission: boat's owners or the responsible person may invite one or more guests who do not meet the requirements of 3.3.1 above the specified minimal crew, to participate in the race. The total number of people on board shall not exceed the maximum number of crew indicated in the boat certificate. The competitors with starting permissions will be indicated with the note (RE) in the results.
- Requirements for obtaining a starting permission:
 - admission declaration by the responsible person on board;
 - minimal age of 17 years (reached by 31 December 2019);
 - certificate from a sport-physician issued for the name of the given invited person which allows him/her to participate in the competition;
 - written declaration by the invited person to comply with all the regulations relating to the given race.
 - payment of an entry fee of 25,000 HUF.
- 3.3.4 Participation of competitors aged 12 or younger (born on or after 1 January 2007), being officially certified in sailing sport ("juniors"):
- no more than 1 junior is allowed for boats with at least 4 eligible registered competitors on board,
 - no more than 2 juniors are allowed for boats with 6 or more eligible registered competitors on board.
- This limit shall not be exceeded in any case.
- 3.3.5 Considering the long distance of the race and the necessity of navigation at night as well as possibly gale-force winds, the organizing committee accepts the entry of only those boats which are operated by a crew of at least 3 people meeting the requirements described in paragraph 3.3.1 and possessing valid racing licenses or even more people if the class rules allow it. All members of the crew shall reach the age of 18 years before the starting date of the race.
- 3.3.6 The number of crew (including guests with starting permissions) shall not exceed the number indicated in the boat certificate or in the relevant individual permission issued by the National Transport Authority or in the measurement certificate.

4 BOAT CLASSES

4.1 Classes

Mono-hull boats meeting the requirements described in paragraph 3.2.2. These boats shall be scored according to their absolute finishing places.

4.2 The boat classes not having active class status in the HYA racing system shall be scored in the YS Groups according to their YS numbers.

4.3 Yardstick Scoring Group which changes RR "Scoring Groups":

- Yardstick I/1 group (YS No.: 89 & below),
- Yardstick I/2 group (YS No.: 90-99),
- Yardstick II Class (YS No.: 100–109),
- Yardstick III/1 group (YS No.: 110-115),
- Yardstick III/2 group (YS No.: 116 & above)

4.4 The mono-hull boats not listed above shall be scored within the relevant Yardstick group according to their YS numbers. The boats registered outside Hungary shall be scored within the relevant Hungarian classes or in the Yardstick groups according to their YS numbers issued by the German Sailing Federation. Foreign boats without either Hungarian or German YS numbers shall be uniformly scored in the YS-I group with YS number 65.

4.4.1 ORC Scoring Group

During the entry procedure all boats possessing ORC measurement certificates may request to start in the ORC group. If the number of the entered boats in this group does not reach 8 as a minimum, these boats will be scored within the YS handicap system. The chosen scoring group shall not be allowed to be changed after the closure of the entry procedure.

5 ENTRY

5.1 Preliminary entry for foreign competitors:

Foreign competitors shall send their completed entry forms, which can be downloaded from the www.kekszalag.hu homepage, *Competitions/Documents* menu item, to the hunsail@hunsail.hu e-mail address.

5.2 On-line entry:

5.2.1 Eligible competitors possessing racing permissions from HYA for 2019 may enter online through the VIHAR online system: <https://vihar.hunsail.hu>.

5.2.2 Both in case of on-line finalized entries and preliminary registration, the boats are allowed to start at the race if the following registration procedure is carried out at the times and places indicated below, at the separate entry desk:

- all the necessary documents shall meet the eligibility requirements and all documents which are NOT registered in the VIHAR system shall be presented (sports medical certificate valid until the last day of the race, boat certificate, insurance policy and boat driver license of the responsible person);
- a valid measurement certificate as required by the class rules shall be presented (if not registered in the VIHAR system);
- the representative of the crew (responsible person) shall sign the Entry Form;
- the responsible person shall sign the Liability Statement;
- the entry fee shall be paid;
- the representative of the crew shall take over the entry package of the boat and shall acknowledge the receipt thereof with his/her signature.

Otherwise the entry of the non-complying boat will be cancelled.

5.3. Registration in Budapest

On 10th July 2019 between 12.00 and 20.00 hours in the Head Office of the Hungarian Yachting Association, House of Sports, 1146 Budapest, Istvánmezei út 1-3.

5.4. Registration in Balatonfüred

On 17 July 2019 between 11.00 and 22.00 hours in Anna Grand Hotel (Address: 8230 Balatonfüred, Gyógy tér 1.)

5.2.3 The organizers will not accept any entries after the above-mentioned dates and times. No entry shall be accepted on the day of the race!

5.3 Entry fee:

- HUF 12,500 (twelve thousand five hundred Forints) per person
- Reduced entry fee for competitors born between 1 January 2001 and 31 December 2006: HUF 6,250 (six thousand two hundred and fifty Forints).
- Juniors born on and after 1 January 2007 shall not pay any entry fee.
- At the registration venues the entry fee may be paid either by cash or a bank card.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS [NP]

- 6.1 The “51st Kékszalag” Sailing Instructions will be available for downloading on www.hunsail.hu and www.kekszalag.hu not later than from 1st June 2019.

7 PROGRAM OF THE RACE

- 7.1 The race committee plans to sail one race.
- 7.2 Scheduled time of the warning signal: 08.50 hours on 18 July 2019. Scheduled starting time for all boats is 09.00 hours on 18 July 2019. Time of the warning signal in case of repeated start due to general recall: 09.50 hours.
- 7.3 Time limit: 09.00 hours on 20 July 2019; in case of postponed start: 48 hours from the actual starting time. Boats not finishing by this time limit will be scored by the Organizing Authority as DNF (did not finish).
- 7.1. Date and time of the prize giving ceremony: 20 July 2019, 18.00 hours. Venue: Balatonfüred, Gyógy tér

8 MOORING

In the International Sailing Centre, Balatonfüred, the competing boats may have berths free of charge on the night before the race, if free spaces are available. Vehicle parking spaces are not available in the International Sailing Centre.

9 THE COURSE

The course of the long-distance race is: Balatonfüred (start) – Balatonkenese – Siófok – Tihany Strait – Keszthely – Tihany Strait – Balatonfüred (finish). The direct distance is approx. 150 km. An accurate course diagram indicating the starting and finishing line and the marks with their GPS positions will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 Absolute scoring: All boats entered and finished will be scored according to their finishing place.
- 10.2 Scoring by classes: All active classes with at least 4 entered boats will be scored based on their finishing rank. Boats in the Yardstick and ORC groups as well as in the Classic Cruiser, Folkboat, Cruiser Class, and Cruiser 25 Class groups will be scored on the basis of their corrected time according to their handicap numbers.
- 10.3 In the ORC scoring group, the elapsed time will be calculated on basis of the coastal/long distance triple handicap number for the given wind strength. [NP]
- 10.4 If in a class the number of the entered boats does not reach 4 (four), the organizers will transfer these boats to the relevant YS groups. The fact of reclassification will be displayed on the notice board before 07.00 hours on 18 July 2019.
- 10.5 Open Class: Boats will be scored in the absolute finishing order.
- 10.6 ORC Group: Those boats choosing the ORC Scoring Group will not be scored in their own classes.

10.7 Scoring by Yardstick numbers: All boats – except for the boats belonging to the Open Class and Multi-Hull Class – that entered and finished will be scored on the basis of the corrected time which will be calculated according to their own Yardstick numbers.

11 PRIZES

11.1 Kékszalag Record

11.1.1 The fastest boat breaking the current Kékszalag record time of 7 hours 13 minutes 57 seconds (7:13:57) established by Fifty-Fifty in 2014 will be awarded the title “Holder of the Kékszalag Record”.

11.2 Absolute Order

11.2.1 The absolute winner shall be awarded the “Balaton Kékszalag for 2019” prize and the Ornamental Cup labeled “51st Kékszalag Grand Prix” as well as a commemorative plaque to be placed on the boat. The competitors of the absolute winning yacht shall be awarded medals.

11.2.2 The 2nd–6th placed boats in the absolute scoring will be awarded cups and commemorative plaques. The competitors of the 2nd-10th placed boats in the absolute scoring will be awarded medals.

11.3 Prizes for traditional mono-hull boats

11.3.1 The winning traditional mono-hull boat shall be awarded the Ornamental Cup labeled “Winner of the 51st Kékszalag Grand Prix International Long-Distance Race in Traditional Mono-Hull Boat Class” and a commemorative plaque. The competitors of the winning traditional mono-hull boat in the absolute scoring will be awarded medals.

11.3.2 The 2nd–6th placed traditional mono-hull boats in the absolute scoring will be awarded cups. The competitors of the 2nd-6th placed boats in the absolute scoring will be awarded medals.

11.4 Prizes for classes

11.4.1 The winner of all classes will be awarded the Cup labeled “51st Kékszalag Grand Prix International Long-Distance Race - 2019”, the competitors of the 1st-3rd placed boats shall be awarded medals.

11.5 In the open class and scoring groups the first placed boats will be awarded cups and the competitors of the 1st-3rd placed boats will be granted medals.

11.6 Prizes for classic fleet

11.6.1 The special prize “The most successful boat of the classic fleet” among the Classic Cruisers classes, the cruiser 70, 50, 40, 30, 22 classes, the Europe 30 cruiser, the jolle 25 and jolle 15 and Folkboat classes will be awarded to the boat which first arrived at the finishing line in absolute order.

11.7 Prize for the best navigated boat

The special cup labeled “The best navigated boat of the 51st Kékszalag Grand Prix International Long-Distance Races - 2019” will be awarded to the boat which achieved the best corrected time calculated in the Yardstick handicap number system among all finishing boats (except for the Open class and the Multi-Hull classes). The 2nd-3rd placed boats scored in the YS system will be awarded cups. The competitors of the 2nd-3rd placed yachts in absolute order will be awarded medals.

11.8 Evelyn Gordon Special Prize

The “Evelyn Gordon Special Prize” named after the helmswoman of the boat which won Kékszalag in 1940 and 1942 will be awarded to the most successful helmswoman in the absolute order.

11.9 Special prize for the most successful female crew

A special prize will be awarded to the most successful boat among the boats operated by purely female crews, based on the absolute order.

11.10 Special prizes for the oldest and youngest competitor

A special prize will be awarded to both the oldest and the youngest competitor of the race, based on the absolute order.

12 INSPECTION

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12.2 technical committee is entitled to check the equipment of the boats in and near the area of the race. The technical committee will also carry out inspection of the boats during the race and in the race area and will prepare relating documents if necessary.

12.3 The inspection shall be based on paragraph 1.1.5 of the Notice of Race (NOR), and Annexes “Inspection Report I” and “Inspection Report II” shall be fulfilled by the technical committee.

12.4 The inspection procedure will be regulated by the Sailing Instructions.

13 SOCIAL EVENT

The Hungarian Yachting Association is pleased to invite the participants of the race to the official reception to be held on Saturday 20 July 2019 at 20.00 hours in Balatonfüred.

14 MEDIA

All competitors officially entering the race shall acknowledge that photos and films may be taken about the competition, the incoming and outgoing boats as well as the programs ashore in which both the boats and the people on board can be seen. These photos and footages – provided that they do not violate any privacy rights – can be used, disclosed, sold and forwarded to third parties by the organizing authority of the event without any restrictions. They shall also acknowledge that during the registration procedure in Balatonfüred security cameras may take photos of them. The competitors entering the race and other participants expressly waive any subsequent relevant claim or claims for compensation.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The crews of the boats are fully responsible for their own safety during the events both ashore and afloat, and their responsibility is not limited by either this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions or by any other regulations. The responsible person and all crewmembers aboard a given boat shall decide for themselves whether the boat is suitable for racing and they have sufficient qualification to participate in the competition under the given weather conditions. See RRS 4.

Leaving the port confirms that both the boat and the crew are suitable to compete in the given weather conditions. Each boat shall have a valid third party liability insurance covering not less than the prescribed value.

The organizing authority, its employees, officials, trustees and subcontractors involved in the organization of the event will not accept any liability whatsoever for any personal

injuries, casualties, fatalities, material damage or loss connected with the race, with the participation in the race or which may occur during the race, within the framework allowed by the relevant laws.

Verifying the eligibility, certificates from sport physicians and boat insurance documents and monitoring the compliance with the safety regulations carried out by the race committee, protest committee and/or technical committee is aimed at ensuring a fair competition and does not exempt the participants from their own responsibility for complying with the relevant regulations.

By signing the entry form, the responsible person of the boat declares that he/she is aware of the rules and regulations relating to the race and the water transport, he/she accepts them and he/she makes the people in his/her scope of responsibility acquainted with them and he/she will ensure that they will fully observe all these rules and regulations both on the land and in the water, during the whole race.

***The Race Committee
wishes all competitors good wind***