



**NORDIC SAILING
FEDERATION**



NOTICE OF RACE

Updated version 25th May 2026 to 3-day event

Open IOM Nordic Championship 2026

HSK, HELSINKI, FINLAND

18th to 20th September 2026

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organizing authority (OA) is Helsingfors Segelklub (HSK) with co-operation Finnish Radio Control Sailors (FiRCs).

1. RULES AND GOVERNANCE:

1.1. The event will be governed by the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). RRS Appendix E, Radio Sailing Rules, will apply,

1.2. Latest version of the IOM Class Rules and IRSA Supplementary Class Rules,

1.3. The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2025-2028,

1.4. Rules for Nordic Championships 27th April 2019,

1.5. The World Sailing DR21-02 Test Rule for Umpired Radio Sailing (Version March 2025),

1.6. World Sailing 2025-2028 Call Book for Radio Sailing,

1.7. Sailing Instructions,

1.8. Notice of Race.

1.9. OA reserves the right to cancel the championship NLT 27th August 2026 at 1600 hours in case of requirements of Nordic Championship rule (NOR 1.4) 6.3 (Requirements on Competitors and Boat) are not met.

2. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS:

Chartered or loaned boats may carry the national letters denoting the national authority and/or the sail number of the person or organization providing the boat. This changes RRS G1.1(b), as modified by RRS E8.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The event is open to all IOM class competitors who comply with eligibility requirements.

Competitor must be a member of his/her national authority.

Entries are limited as follows:

Nordic IOM competitors shall entry only with close co-operation with their NCA, which in turn creates a prioritized national list and controls that only from that list maximum 8 entries per NCA can be done.

Stage 1: Each Nordic NCA is allocated 8 spots. Non-Nordic entrants are allocated 8 spots. Competitors allowed by their NCA can make an entry not later than on Sunday 16th August 2026 at 2400 hours by using manage2sail system (www.manage2sail.com).

Stage 2: Each Nordic NCA can ask organizer from Monday 17th August 2026 at 0800 hours to Friday 21st August 2026 at 1600 hours extra spots (if any available).

Enquires for extra spots 17-21 August 2026 direct to: ekisoulmatesailing@gmail.com

OA will distribute equally extra spots (if any available) to each Nordic NCA who are willing to enter more than 8 entrants. Nordic NCAs will receive information no later than on Sunday 23rd August 2026 at 2400 hours.

Extra Nordic NCA entries shall be made no later than on Wednesday 26th August 2026 at 2400 hours by using manage2sail system.

Non-Nordic IOM competitors shall made entry by using manage2sail system “first come first service” basis by Sunday 16th August 2026 at 2400 hours. Organizers have the right to decline more than 8 non-Nordic ones whenever 8 spots are used.

Only eligible participants can compete for Open IOM Nordic Championship 2026 title.

4. ENTRY

4.1. Completed entry shall be made via Manage2Sail system (www.manage2sail.com) no later than Sunday 16th August 2026 at 2400 hours. Entry fee EUR 85 shall be payable at the registration.

4.2. No late entries are allowed except additional entries granted by the OA to Nordic NCAs or non-Nordic competitors by 23th August 2026 at 2400 hours. Those entries shall be made no later than on Wednesday 26th August 2026 at 2400 hours by using manage2sail system.

5. FREQUENCIES

5.1. No Radio frequency conflicts will be allowed.

5.2. Permitted frequency 2,4GHz.

5.3. 2,4GHz are exempt from RRS E2.4.

6. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

6.1. Valid measurement certificate must be present at the registration.

6.2. Equipment, measurement and inspections are possible whenever during the event.

7. FEES

7.1. The entry fee for the event will be EUR 100 and must be paid via manage2sail system.

7.2. Entry fee is not refundable due to any reason after Wednesday 26th August 2026 2400 hours.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1. All times are Local Finnish Times.

Day/Date

Time/Activity

Friday 18th September

0800 – 1130 HSK Race Office gate open

0900 - 1130 Arrival + registration + possible measurement HSK Race Office area

1130 -1210 Open waters

1210 – 1220 Competitor Briefing @ control area.

1230 Warning Signal for the first race.

All possible breaks will be informed verbally by OA.

Saturday 19th September

0800 – 0800 HSK Race Office gate open

0830 - 0910 Open waters

0910 – 0920 Competitor Briefing @ control area.

0930 Warning Signal for the first race.

All possible breaks will be informed verbally by OA.

Sunday 20th September

0800 – 0830 HSK Race Office gate open

0830 – 0910 Open waters

0910 – 0920 Competitor Briefing @ control area.

0930 Warning Signal for the first race.

All possible breaks will be informed verbally by OA.

NLT 1530 - 1600 Medal & Closing Ceremony

8.1 (a) On Sunday 20th September the warning signal of a race or heat of any race will not be made after 1500.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1. The sailing instructions will be available on manage2sail system not later than 24 hours before first warning signal.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1. According RRS appendix E

11. SCORING & RACING SYSTEM

11.1. The Championship shall be raced in a single fleet in case there are 20 or less competitors.

11.2. In case there are 21 or more competitors, there will be a Preliminary Round and a Final Round and SHRS system will be used as follows:

The Preliminary Round is composed of races (except Race 1) based on the score from the previous race to maintain heats containing boats of mixed ability.

In the Final Round the boats are assigned in heats according to their total scores from the Preliminary Round. For the Final Round the boat with the lowest scores goes to heat A (gold) and the boat with higher scores goes to heat B (silver) and shall stay there remaining races. GOLD and SILVER heats shall be as equal sized as possible.

Number of races in the Preliminary Round and Final Round shall be stated in sailing instructions.

11.3. Umpires will be used. Each Nordic Nation is allowed to nominate 1 (one) national umpire as a member of umpire team for the event according NOR 1.4. The name and status (IU/NU) of umpire must be sent to organizer (ekisoulmatesailing@gmail.com) not later than Stage 1 entry time is closed.

11.4. Competitors can be used for observer duties in case of SHRS heat system racing.

11.5. Low point scoring system will be used according RRS 90.3 and APPENDIX A.

11.6. Eight (8) races are required to be completed to constitute the championship.

11.7. For scoring one (1) discard will be added for every four (4) completed races in a series.

13. EVENT & VENUE INFORMATION

Attachment 1 gives information about the venue.

Event information updates will be posted on the manage2sail system (www.manage2sail.com).

Any further enquires please email: ekisoulmatesailing@gmail.com

14. MEDIA RIGHTS

By taking part in this event, the competitor gives the organization and the event's sponsors the right to use and show at any time static or moving pictures, films, and TV recordings of the competitor and/or their boat made during this event in any materials, on any Web pages, and on any social media in support or in connection with the event, including the publication of results, unless it is notified by writing before submitting entry to the O.A.

15. AWARDS:

Top 3 finishers will receive 2026 Nordic Championship medals.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1. All those entering or taking part in this event do so at their own risk and responsibility. (See RRS 4). The organizing authority and any other parties involved in the organization of this event disclaim: "Any and every responsibility whatsoever for loss, material damage, personal injury or death, or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and on the water, prior to, during or after the regatta, as a consequence of entering or participating in this event covered by this Notice of Race."

16.2. On submitting entry, the competitor representing his/her NCA agrees to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and by all rules that govern this event.

17. RISK STATEMENT (TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH PARAGRAPH 16)

17.1. RRS 4 of the Racing RRSs of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a heat or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a. You are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of yourself and your boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event whether afloat or ashore.**
- b. You accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by your own actions or omissions.**
- c. Your boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and you are fit to participate.**
- d. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve you of your own responsibilities.**
- e. The provision of rescue boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances. At all times the responsibility for the safety of boats and competitors, plus the decision to participate or continue must rest solely with and always remain with the competitors.**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORT & TRAINING INFORMATION
WHICH IS NOT PART OF NoR**

Address to venue: Vattuniemen puistotie 1, 00210 Helsinki, Finland

The distance from Turku ferry harbor to HSK is ca. 165km which takes about 2 hours to drive. The distance from Helsinki ferry harbor to HSK is only ca. 4 km but due to traffic in the center of Helsinki it may take some 30 minutes to drive.

From Helsinki-Vantaa International Airport to HSK is ca. 35km which takes about 35-40 minutes by car. Public transportation is also possible by train/bus/tram/taxi. Car rental is possible at the airport. The level of public transportation is high in Helsinki. There is a metro station in Lauttasaari and from there buss connection close to venue (HSK). Check: www.hsl.fi

There will be free parking facilities inside of the HSK area for the competitors.

Competitors with campers and tents for accommodation are welcome. Camper fee inside HSK gated area is EUR 25 per day incl. VAT and electricity. Reservations and payment must be made beforehand at the manage2sail system when registering. Tent places are free of charge.

HSK sauna, shower and toilet facilities are available during the racing days.

HSK club restaurant Blue Peter is open daily. Luch buffe cost is approx. EUR 13 and dinner EUR 25-35.

There are several hotels and restaurants within few kilometers' radius from HSK both in Helsinki and Espoo directions. It is recommended to choose Espoo, Tapiola/Otaniemi area hotels to avoid traffic jams.

Training is possible at venue during Open waters periods on racing days.