

A-CAT European Championship 2009



Yacht-Club Rheindelta



May 31st until June 7th 2009
Lake Constance, Austria A-6972 Fußach

Notice of Race / Sailing Instructions:

0 Organizing Authority

0.1 Yacht-Club Rheindelta on behalf of the International A-Class Association (IACA) and the Austrian A-Class Association (AACAA) under the Authority of the Austrian Sailing Federation (OeSV)

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing RRS 2009-2012 and the ISAF regulations.
- 1.2 The national sailing authority prescription (OeSV 2009) will apply. Sailing Instructions of the Organizing Authority, the IACA Championship Rules and the Notice of Race will apply.
- 1.3 The World Anti Doping Code of the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) and the National Anti Doping Regulations NADA will apply.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between the ISAF Racing Rules, IACA Championship Rules, the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, the rules count in the following order: Sailing Instructions, Notice of Race, IACA Championship Rules und the ISAF Racing Rules.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages English language shall prevail.

2 Advertising

2.1 Boats may be required to display on the outer side of each hull advertising stickers of the event sponsorship (according to ISAF Regulation 20.3(d)).

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The regatta is open to eligible boats of the A-Class. All competitors shall comply the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19. All competitors shall be members of the IACA and be a member of a club or other organization affiliated to an ISAF member national authority. The boats shall meet the requirements of the A-Class. All competitors shall have a valid sailing licence.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing and signing the Official Entry Form and submitting it with the Entry Fee to the Yacht-Club Rheindelta no later than 30th April 2009.
- 3.3 Entries after 30th of April 2009 may be accepted by the Organization Authority charging an extra fee of EUR 50.
- 3.4 The total number of participants is restricted to 100 entries (according to point 3 and 4 of IACA Championship Rules). No entry will be rejected or cancelled by the Organization Authority without first obtaining the approval of the IACA. If each competitor meets the allocation/qualification requirements set be the National A-Class Association and the IACA, will be approved by IACA and National A-Class Association before the first race.

4 Entry Fees

- 4.1 Until 30th of April 2009 EUR 200 including food and drinks as well as surrounding trips according to the program
- 4.2 After 30th of April 2009 EUR 250 including food and drinks as well as surrounding trips according to the program

4.3 to be transmitted to the account of YCRhd at Raiffeisenbank am Bodensee, Hauptstraße 14, A-6973 Höchst
Bank number 37431, account number 4.810.347, IBAN: AT 90 3743 1000 0481 0347, BIC: RYVGAT2B431

4.4 Entries will be valid only on receiving the full Entry Fee payment. The Entry Fee is non-refundable.

5 Schedule

5.1 Registration

Sunday	31.05.2009	09:00 a.m. to 07:00 p.m.
Monday	01.06.2009	09:00 a.m. to 07:00 p.m.

5.2 Measurement

Sunday	31.05.2009	09:00 a.m. to 07:00 p.m.
Monday	01.06.2009	09:00 a.m. to 07:00 p.m.

5.3 Practice / Training race

Monday	01.06.2009	05:00 p.m. (warning signal)
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5.4 Racing program

Tuesday	02.06.2009	2 races
Wednesday	03.06.2009	2 races
Thursday	04.06.2009	2 races
Friday	05.06.2009	2 races
Saturday	06.06.2009	1 race
Sunday	07.06.2009	reserve day

Nine (9) races are scheduled for the regatta. At reserve day will be sailed if less than 5 races are scored. The Organization Authority and/or the Race Committee reserve the right to modify the schedule according to prevailing weather conditions and/or other unforeseen circumstances.

5.5 The first warning signal will be at Tuesday, June 1st 2009 at 12:00 a.m.

5.6 Social program:

Monday	01.06.2009	07:00 p.m. Opening Ceremony and dinner
Tuesday	02.06.2009	07:00 p.m. Boat trip on "Elisa" with sundowner on board and after barbecue
Wednesday	03.06.2009	08:00 p.m. Beachparty with campfire, barbecue and bar
Thursday	04.06.2009	07:00 p.m. Boat trip on "Elisa" to Bregenz 08:00 p.m. Cable railway on the top of the mountain „Pfänder“ including dinner
Friday	05.06.2009	08:00 p.m. Dinner at „Seerestaurant Salzmann“
Saturday	06.06.2009	04:00 p.m. Prize Giving Ceremony (if 5 or more races) 08:00 p.m. Dinner
Sunday	07.06.2009	Reserve day

6 Measurement

Each boat shall present a valid measurement certificate. Measurement and equipment inspections on following parts shall be conducted: weight of the boat, mainsail and more according to measurement list.

7 Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions are available:

Sunday	31.05.2009	from 09:00 a.m. until 07:00 p.m. and
Monday	01.06.2009	from 09:00 a.m. until 07:00 p.m. at the registration desk

8 Venue

8.1 The boat park will be located at the beach of Rohrspitz, Rohr 1, A-6972 Fußach, next to the harbour Salzmann. Approach Rohrspitz over Höchst only! Further information at www.ycrhd.com

8.2 The race area will be on the Lake of Constance.

9 Course

The Championship course according to I.A.C.A. Championship Rules 2006 Appendix 4 of April 1st 2007 will be used. The race courses have a target time from 50 minutes (see annexed Appendix no. 1).

10 Penalty System

According to class regulations, rules 44.1 and 44.2 will be changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

11 Scoring

11.1 The Low Point-System of Appendix A will apply.

11.2 Five (5) races must be completed to constitute an European Championship serie.

11.3 (a) If less than 6 races have been completed all races are scored.

11.3 (b) If 6 to 8 races have been completed a boat's worst race score will be excluded from the series score.

11.3 (c) If 9 or more races have been completed a boat's 2 worst race scores will be excluded from the series score.

12 Support boats

Team support boats have to register and have to display flags received from the Organization Authority. All support boats have to stay clear from the racing area at a minimum of 100 meters starting with the warning signal until the end of each race, except for rescue reasons. Violations shall lead to DSO of supported boats.

13 Boat park and trailer storage

All boats shall be kept in the official boat park. Trailers shall be kept in the official trailer park as announced by the Organizing Authority. Cars, caravans etc. have to be parked in the designated parking lot areas. No cars, caravans etc. will be permitted in the boat park.

14 Radio communication

No equipment capable of either making radio transmission or receiving radio communication may be carried by any competitor while on the water. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

15 Prizes

Following prizes will be awarded:

Trophies or prizes will be awarded to the top twenty finishers of the Championship.

Keepsake gifts will be awarded to all present competitors at the prize giving ceremony.

The "European Champion of the A-Cat Class 2009" title will be awarded to the first European competitor on the final result. If the winner of the final race series is no member of the EUROSACF, he will be awarded with the title "International European Champion of the A-Cat Class 2009". In this case the best scored European competitor will be awarded with the title "European Champion of the A-Cat Class 2009".

Trophies will be awarded also to the top placed junior (aged less than 25), top placed woman, master (aged 45-50), grand master (aged 50-55) and great grand master (aged 55 plus).

16 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors will sail at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to race. The Organizing Authority, IACA and all parties involved in the regatta organization 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.

17 Insurance

Each boat shall have a current Public Liability and Third Party Property Insurance policy, including coverage when racing in the venue of the Championship, of not less than EUR 1,500,000 (or the equivalent). A copy of the insurance shall be presented at the registration desk.

18 Further Information

You will find further information under:

Yacht-Club Rheindelta: www.ycrhd.com/a-cat-em/

Campingplatz Salzmänn: www.salzmänn.at

Questions will be answered at: verein@ycrhd.com

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF THE AUSTRIAN SAILING FEDERATION WILL APPLY:

GENERAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2009 of the AUSTRIAN SAILING FEDERATION for "Standard Courses"

Changes and amendments to these sailing instructions will be displayed on the official notice board.

1. Rules

The races will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (2009-2012) and all prescription in the Notice of Race.

2. Signals made ashore:

- a) Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board; simultaneously, Flag "L" will be displayed and an sound signal will be given. Any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 7pm on the day before it will take effect or within the protest time, whichever is later. Notices to competitors shall be sorted numerically and include the date and time of announcement. If they are valid throughout the series, notices to competitors shall remain displayed until the series is finished, in any other case for at least 24 hours. Flag "L" will be lowered after one hour. If posted under these circumstances, notices to competitors are mandatory and are regarded as having been published to all competitors.
- b) Flag "AP" displayed with two sound signals means: race is postponed. The warning signal will not be given less than 30 minutes after flag "AP" is lowered (together with a sound signal). (Note: If Flag "AP" is displayed on the starting vessel towed to the pier, it is not regarded as having been displayed ashore), or
- c) Flag "D": No boat shall leave the harbour before flag "D" is lowered. The warning signal will not be given less than 30 minutes after this flag is lowered (one sound signal).
- d) Flag "Y": Life-jackets shall be worn at all times while afloat. Ignoring this rule may result in disqualification.

3. Signals made afloat:

- a) Flag "L" on the starting vessel or a race committee boat means: Come within hail or follow this boat. The flag will be lowered 1 minute prior to the warning signal together with a sound signal.
- b) Flag "T" on the finishing vessel: sail to the starting vessel, another race will be sailed.
- c) Flag "Q" on the starting vessel together with a sound signal, after a longer brake means: the next start will be in 10

minutes. The flag will be lowered, together with a sound signal, 6 minutes before the starting signal

4. Course: No later than the warning signal, the designated course will be displayed on the starting vessel. Courses and designation of courses will be specified in the amendments to these sailing instructions.
5. Starting line will be between a pole striped red-white-red or the pole with an orange flag flying on the race committee boat and a mark. On the boat end, the starting line may be limited by another mark; in this case, no boat shall sail between the race committee boat and the inner starting mark. After the preparatory signal, the starting line must not be changed anymore.
6. Starting time limit: The starting vessel will remain in its position for 4 minutes after the starting signal; boats failing to start within that time can be scored as DNS.
7. Storm warning: In case of storm warning (or pre warning) the legal regulations have to be followed. These have to be announced before the first race. Life-jackets must be put on instantly, if flag "Y" has not been displayed yet.
8. The Two-Turns penalty as stated in RRS.44.1, 44.2 and 44.4 applies. If this rule will not apply, this has to be clearly announced in the notice of race or by a notice to competitors on the official notice board. Multihulls and skiffs are to perform a one turn only. Each boat accepting a penalty has to report this to the race committee ashore; therefore, she shall complete the appropriate form within the protest time, indicating the position, time and reason for accepting the penalty (broken rule, mark, obstructed boat). Unreported penalty turns are regarded as not having been done.
9. Flag "Y": Displaying of flag "Y" on the starting vessel means: All skippers and crew members have to wear life-jackets; if flag "Y" is displayed no later than the warning signal, non-observance may result in disqualification. (amendment to RRS 1.2).
10. Retirement: Boats retiring from a race, have to report this instantly to the race committee and complete the appropriate form within the protest time. Violation of this rule can result in a protest hearing.
11. Time limit:
A race in a championship or ranking regatta is only valid if the first boat finishes within the target time (tolerance – 30% to +50%). All boats finishing within a time exceeding the first boat's time by no more than 30% will be scored. All other boats shall be scored as DNF (Change of RRS 35). Shortening of the course is possible at any time in order to reach the recommended target time.
12. Finish: If not stated otherwise, the finish will be between a finishing vessel (with a pole striped red-white-red or with a pole with an orange flag flying) displaying a blue flag or flag "S" and a mark.
13. Protests: The protest time will be determined by the race officer. The Organising Committee has to determine the duration of the protest time with regard to local circumstances and announce it on the notice board. The protest time shall not exceed 60 minutes (amendment to RRS. 61.3). If several races are sailed on one day without a break of at least 1 hour, the protest time for all races of the day automatically changes to after the last race. Protest forms may be obtained from the race committee. Each boat intending to protest has to report this to the race committee while finishing, including information about the opponent. Protest flag: as stated in RRS 61.1(a).
14. Radio communication: A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.