

Notice of Race

Event: Open Swedish Championship and Nordic Championship for Express

Dates: September 1st - 4th, 2022

Location: Vänersborg

Organizing authority: Vänersborgs Sailing Society (VäSS), Sweden

Sailing area: Vänersborgsviken in Lake Vänern.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and with Appendix S and Appendix UF.
- 1.2 The class rules for Express will apply.
- 1.3 To constitute a Nordic Championship the event shall have
 - a) at least 15 competing boats and
 - b) competing boats from at least three countries in Group G or if there are only two countries, there shall be at least three boats from each.
- 1.4 All boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.
- 1.5 RRS 40.1 will apply at all times while the boat is afloat and on the water. However, it does not apply on a keelboat when it is moored or when the competitor is below deck. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. A boat breaking this rule may be warned or penalized at the discretion of the protest committee.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 The event is open class and the person in charge shall be a member of a club that is a member of the Swedish Sailing Federation or her national authority. For the Nordic Championship shall all competitors (including crew members) be members of a club affiliated to its World Sailing national authority.
- 2.2 Boats, or boats with competitors, from Russia and Belarus are not allowed to participate.
- 2.3 Swedish Champion can only be won by a boat where the person in charge and at least 50% of all competitors on board are Swedish citizens.
- 2.4 The Nordic championship is open to boats from outside Group G. Such boats may win the title of Nordic Champion.
- 2.5 All boats competing shall have a third party liability insurance.

- 2.6 The person in charge and who is a Swedish citizen shall have a competition license (Tävlingslicens) issued by the Swedish Sailing Federation.
- 2.7 A competitor shall be at least thirteen years old the same year this event takes place.
- 2.8 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 and RRS 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 priorate, during, or after the regatta.

3. Entry

- 3.1 Boats may enter the event by registrering online at Sailarena www.sailarena.com/sv/se/club/vaess/open-sm-express/ no later then August 1 th.

- 3.2 The advanced entry shall include the following:

- Sail no
- Responsible Skipper
- Nationality
- Cell phone
- E-mail
- Club

If possible at this date all crew members

- Name
- Nationality
- Club

- 3.3 The entry fee is
3 500 SEK a when register at the latest August 1 st, 2022
or 4 000 SEK at latest September 1 st, 2022.

- 3.4 Payment:
Swedish entry fee payment.
Bankgiro. 394-2828
Swish: 1234673869

International entry fee payment:

Bank: Swedbank 862500-2590
IBAN: SE30 8000 0836 8391 3045 3617
BIC : SWEDSESS

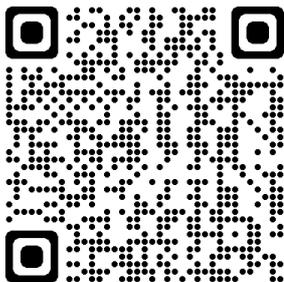
- 3.5 Entry fee will be refunded only in case if serious sickness or accident occur.
- 3.6 The regatta dinner is not included in the entry fee and shall be booked separately. A separate invitation will be sent out well in advance of the regatta.

4. Registration and equipment inspection

- 4.1 Registrations shall be made at the race office not later than Thursday 1 of September 20.00. All crew members shall be registered in Sail Arena when register at race office.
- 4.2 Measurement certificates shall be presented prior to racing.
- 4.3 The person in charge shall upon request be able to verify club membership and competition licensed according to § 2.5 .
- 4.4 A boat, crew or equipment may be inspected at any time. On the water the race committee or the technical committee may direct a boat to a specified site for inspection.
- 4.5 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 4.6 A competitor that has become ill or injured may be replaced after approval by the race committee.
- 4.7 At registration, all crew members must be weighed to ensure that the total crew weight complies with the class rules.

5. Sailing instructions and information

- 5.1 Sailing instructions Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary instructions, Appendix UF and other official information will be available on the official notice board at <https://www.vanersborgsss.se/tavlingskommitten/officialnoticeboardsmnmexpress/>



- 5.2 The race committee will when possible and appropriate broadcast information regarding the course, starting times, safety, race result etc., on VHF channel that can be found on the official notice board.

6. Schedule

6.1 Wednesday 31 of August

Arrival & registration at regatta office.

16:00-20:00

Thursday 1 of September

Registration and measurement, Boat launch, Safety inspection.

09:00-19:00

Tune Up race

15:00

Opening ceremony and after sail incl. Price giving ceremony

for Tune Up race. 19:00

Friday 2 of September

Skippers briefing 09:00

Time for the first warning signal 10:55

After sail as soon every boats have come ashore.

Saturday 3 of September

Time for the first warning signal 10:55

Regatta Dinner 19:00

Sunday 4 of September

Time for the first warning signal 09:55

No warning signal will be given after 15:00 unless it follows a signal of general recall or postponement of a race whose first warning signal had been made before 15:00.

6.2 Price giving ceremony as soon as possible after finishing the race and protest hearing.

6.3 Boat that has a long journey home will be given priority at boat haul out.

7. Format

7.1 Nine (9) races are scheduled.

7.2 The event will consist of Qualifying series based on the results of Friday and Saturday races and a Final series of race on Sunday. Final series, based on the results of the qualifying series, will be conducted in Gold and Silver fleets.

8. Venue and course

8.1 The racing areas will be Vänersborgsviken in Lake Vänern.

8.2 The course will be a windward-leeward course as described in the sailing instructions.

9. Protests and penalties

9.1 Appendix UF - Umpired fleet-racing version Express SM/NM 2022 will apply.

10. Scoring

10.1 RRS Appendix A will apply.

10.2 RRS A2.1 is changed so that with three or less races, no score will be excluded. After more than three races one score will be excluded.

10.3 RRS 90.3e will apply.
The race comity doesn't make any change of the result 6 hours after the end of the protest period for the last race in the qualifying series. The result will be used for the set up of final serie.

10.4 Score from final series will not be excluded.

10.5 The result from the last final race on Sunday will be doubled in the total scoring.

10.6 Three races are required to constitute a championship.

11. Prizes

11.1 Swedish Championship plaques gold, silver and bronze will be awarded to the crew members of the first three Swedish boats.

11.2 Championship plaques and titles may be awarded if six or more boats from at least three different Swedish clubs located in more than one Swedish district have crossed the finish line in a race in the championship.

11.3 For Nordic Championship Gold, Silver and Bronze plaques of NordicSailing Federation shall be awarded to the best three crews.

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