**Notice of Race**

**Nordea Women´s Trophy**

**Dates:** 5-9 July 2022

**Location:** Marstrand, Sweden

**Boatclass:** The regatta will be held in 6 provided Far East 28 type boats.

**Organizing authority:** Royal Gothenburg Yacht Club (GKSS) and

Create Agency

**1. Rules**

* 1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and Appendix UF.

1.2 The regatta will be sailed as short track fleetracing. Target time for each race will be 12-18 minutes.

1.3 Rules for handling the boats will be attached in Sailing Instructions. Class rules will not apply.

1.4 RRS 40 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 mored or when the competitor is below deck. A boat breaking this rule may be warned or penalized at the discretion of the protest committee.

1.5 In accordance with rule 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final.

**2. Eligibility**

2.1 All skippers competing shall have a third party liability insurance.

2.2 The event is “womens class”, which means only women onboard.

2.3 The person in charge shall be a member of a club that is a member of the Swedish Sailing Federation or her national authority.

2.4 The person in charge who is a Swedish citizen shall have a competition license (Tävlingslicens) issued by the Swedish Sailing Federation.

2.5 A competitor shall be at least thirteen years old the same year this event takes place.

2.6 Teams, or teams with competitors, from Russia and Belarus are not allowed to participate.

**3. Invites**

3.1 8 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.

3.2 Request for invitation may be sent to mattias.rahm@gkss.se

**4. Damagedeposit**

4.1 (a) An initial damage deposit of SEK 15 000 shall be paid at registration by credit card, unless extended by the OA.

 (b) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.

 (c) Any remaining deposit will be refunded within 10 days after the event

**5. Crew (including skipper)**

5.1 The number of crew, including skipper shall be 5 women, excluding persons placed onboard by the RC.

5.2 The maximum total crewweight, determined prior to racing, when wearing at least shorts and t-shirt shall be 340 kg.

**6. Boats and sails**

6.1 The event will be sailed in Far East 28 type boats.

6.2 6 boats will be provided.

6.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat, Mainsail, Jib and Gennacker

6.4 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

**7. Registration and equipment inspection**

7.1 Registration and deposit should be made before practice session.

7.2 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.

7.3 A competitor that has become ill or injured may be replaced after approval by the OA.

**8. Sailing instructions and information**

8.1 Sailing instructions and other official information will be available at the race office at registration.

8.2 The race committee will when possible and appropriate broadcast information regarding the course, starting times, safety etc. on UHF. There will be a UHF radio on each racingboat.

8.3 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard located on the south wall of the clubhouse “Korvetten”.

**9. Schedule**

* + 1. Race office open from 08.30-19.00 on the 5th of July.
		2. Registration from 08.30-19.00 on the 5th of July before practise.
		3. Crew weighing from 08.30-19.00 on the 5th of July
		4. Practise sessions 10.00-12, 16.00-17.30 and 17.30-18.45
		5. First briefing at 19.00 on 5th of July at Korvetten
		6. Daily briefing for skippers sailing will be held at 09.00 at Korvetten.
		7. Pro-Am racing on the 5th between 13-16.
		8. Racing days from 6th to 9th of July.
		9. There will be no start after 18.00 on the last day of racing.
		10. Daily press conference 30 minutes after the last race of each day.
		11. Prize giving will be directly after racing on the final day.

Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

* + 1. Pro Am races during the event.
		2. First briefing, for skippers.
		3. Daily briefing, for skippers.
		4. Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.
		5. Prize giving for the top three skippers and crews.

**10. Event format**

10.1 The event will consist of the following stages

 Stage 1: 9 races planned for each team (2 days). 6 top ranked teams qualify for stage 2

 Stage 2 (semifinal): 5 races planned. 4 top ranked teams qualify for stage 3 (finals).

 Stage 3 (final): Top 4 ranked teams. The first team to score 2 wins will be the winner.

10.2 The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions or the remaining time scheduled do not permit the completion of the intended format.

10.3 There will be no start after 18.00 on the last day of racing.

**11. Venue and course**

11.1 The intended course area will be Marstrands southern inlet.

11.2 The course will be a windward/leeward course as described in the sailing instructions.

**12. Scoring**

12.1 RRS A2.1 is changed. No score will be excluded.

**13. Prizes**

13.1 The principal price for first place will be the Childhood Match Cup

13.2 Pricemoney

 1st price 100 000 SEK

 2nd price 70 000 SEK

 3rd price 55 000 SEK

 4th price 40 000 SEK

 5th price 20 000 SEK

 6th price 15 000 SEK

13.3 The Prize Money will be paid by Create Agency Sweden AB. Any prize money awarded during the event is referred to as a gross amount. Thus, the prize money awarded includes any applicable taxes and/or other fees. Tax and/or other fees may be deducted by Create Agency Sweden AB before payment. If a skipper’s country has a double taxation agreement with the relevant country, it may be possible for a skipper to claim the tax back through their own country’s taxation system.

13.4 These prizes have been approved by the national authority and World Sailing has been notified of these Prizes.

13.5 The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request from the OA, including attendance at official functions.

13.6 In order to receive prize money, the skipper will be required to send an invoice from a properly constituted and registered company or register

 with the Swedish tax authorities. Companies are required to be registered prior to the start date of the event.

**14 Coach Boats**

14.1 No coachboats are allowed on the race area.

**15 Risk Statement**

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| RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.’  By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks.  These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.** |

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