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OPEN BELGIAN MULTIHULL CHAMPIONSHIP

2 – 3 and 4th JUNE 2011

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY:

The Open Belgian Multihull 2011 will be organised by the Royal Belgian Sailing Club vzw.

LOCATION:

Royal Belgian Sailing Club
Zeedijk 871Y
8300 Knokke-Heist (Het Zoute)
Belgium

1. RULES:

The Open Belgian Multihull 2011 will be governed by:

- The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS) and any amendments.
- The prescriptions of the KBYV/FRBY. A boat, while racing, may display a national ensign or club burgee. This change the prescription of the KBYV/FRBY 77.
- The Class rules.
- The Notice of Race.
- The Sailing Instructions.

In case of conflict between languages the English text will prevail.

2. ADVERTISING:

Boats may be required to display advertising of the event sponsor on the forward 25% of each side of the hull. Such advertising, if any, shall be fixed in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

Boats may be required to present a valid publicity certificate delivered by their National Authorities.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES:

The Open Belgian Multihull 2011 is open to all multihulls from the classes C1 – C3 – C4 listed in the SCHRS rating. Entries shall only be made on the official Royal Belgian Sailing Club website, www.rbsc.be. Entries and non-refundable registration fees shall be received at registration before 2th June 2011 11.30am.

Competitors shall show during confirmation of registration:

- A valid sailing licence
- A valid insurance certificate
- A valid membership of their class association (if any)
- The measurement form of the boat (if any)
- A valid authorization of advertising (if necessary)
- A valid parents' permission for the minors (if necessary)

4. EVENT FEES:

The event fee is:

	1 person boat	2 persons boat
Races (Thursday+Saturday)	30€	40€
Long Distance (Friday)	20€	30€
Combined (3days)	45€	60€

BBQ Friday Evening :

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Participants can participate to the BBQ at 15€/pp and have to subscribe during the registration at the regatta office. Other persons who want to attend to the BQ can subscribe at the bar of the clubhouse for 20€/pp. Payments (in Euro only) shall be received on site registration, by cash.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND ON SITE REGISTRATION:

Open Belgian Multihull 2011		
Date	Time	Event
2 th June Thursday	09:00-11:30	Registration.
	12:55	Warning Signal 1 st race of the day. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
		Free evening.
3 th June Friday	09:00-11:30	Registration only for long distance.
	11:55	First warning Signal long distance race.
	19:30	Price giving Long Distance and diner participants.
4 th June Saturday	10:55	Warning Signal 1 st race of the day. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. No first warning signal will be made after 17:00 unless a general recall has been made.
	ASAP	Price giving Open Belgian Multihull Championship .

Maximum 10 races are scheduled with a maximum of 5 sailed races a day.

3 sailed races must be completed to validate the Open Belgian Multihull Championship 2011.

6. MEASUREMENTS:

Each competitor shall present a valid measurement certificate on the first day of his on site registration.

To prevent any dispute, no **fundamental** measurement need be carried out on the spot.

Any boat or equipment may be inspected for **compliance with the class rules and the sailing instructions** at any time. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for measurements checks.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

The Sailing Instructions will be given to each competitor on completion of registration.

8. VENUE:

The Open Belgian Multihull Championship 2011 will be held at the North Sea, in front of the Beach Club Het Zoute / Knokke-Heist Belgium.

9. COURSES AND COMPETITION FORMAT:

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The event shall use on Thursday 2th June and Saturday 4th June: Windward/ leeward sausage courses with a gate. On Friday 3th June one Long distance race will be set according to the prevailing weather Conditions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM:

The alternative penalty rules RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the 720° turn shall be replaced by a 360° turn and shall include one tack and one gibe.

11. SCORING SYSTEM:

The RRS Appendix A4.1 - Low Point Scoring system will be used.
When 4 or more races have been completed, the worst score (except DNE) will be excluded.
3 races are required to be completed to validate the Open Belgian Multihull Championship.
The two following rankings will be established :
Race (on Thursday and Saturday): Corrected time system for each group C1, C3, C4
Long distance (on Friday): Corrected time system for each group C1, C3, C4

12. SAFETY EQUIPEMENT

A towing rope of 15 meters long and 6 mm in diameter
A righting rope of 4 meters long and 10 mm in diameter
2 personal flotation devices in accordance with EC specifications
A wetsuit or drysuit are obligatory at all times while afloat
Competitors must have a mobile phone on board, this must be used in case of emergency.
The following numbers can be reached:

Robby beachmaster Duinbergen	+32495202903
Sven beachmaster Het Zoute	+32475928005
Beachclub Duinbergen	+3250515593
Beachclub Het Zoute	+3250621171

For long distance: 2 red "handheld distress" flares.

Note: lengths and diameters specified in this article have to be read as minimum.

13. PRIZES:

Prizes will be awarded by the RBSC.
The first Belgian Team (skipper and crew) in each group from the Race ranking (on Thursday and Saturday) will be Belgian Multihull Champion 2011.
The VINTAGE F18 ranking will be as followed:
o Own a F18 boat who is build before 2008
o Not be ranked in the 15 first boats from previous Open Belgian Multihull Championships or Belgian F18 Nationals.
A separate ranking for the Long Distance of Friday is foreseen.

PRIZES WILL BE REWARDED ONLY TO TEAMS WHO ATTEND THE PRIZE GIVING (REPRESENTED BY THEMSELVES)

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See 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 prior to, during, or after the Open Belgian Multihull Championship 2011.
Any competitor under the age of 18 yrs will be required to obtain parental/guardian consent prior to commencement of the Open Belgian Multihull Championship 2011.

15. COMPETITOR'S INSURANCE:

All competitors entering one or more events as described in this N.O.R. shall have third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of € 500,000.00.

16. RIGHT TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS:

In sailing this event a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time and at their discretion, any motion,





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or still pictures, and live, taped or film television and any other reproductions of him/her during the period of the Open Belgian Multihull Championship in which the competitor competes and in all material related to the Open Belgian Multihull Championship without any compensation.

17. ACCOMODATION:

General informations are available on the web page from the local tourist office.

Early reservations are recommended as it is high season on the Belgium coast. It is advised to bring bikes to go from Hotel/Camping to beach area.

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www.hotelbelair.be

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18. GENERAL:

The North Sea is challenging. Knowledge of the sea and tides will help the crew.

Lifejacket, wetsuit or drysuit are obligatory at all times while afloat.

EVENT INFORMATION:

For all information please contact:

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