



ROYAL BELGIAN SAILING CLUB vzw

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GAASTRA NORTH SEA SERIES F18 & F16

17th and 18th MAY 2014

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY:

The Gaastra North Sea Series 2014 will be organised by the Royal Belgian Sailing Club vzw.

LOCATION:

Royal Belgian Sailing Club
Zeedijk 430A
8301 Knokke-Heist (Duinbergen)
Belgium

1. RULES:

The Gaastra North Sea Series 2014 will be governed by:

- The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS) and any amendments
- The F18 Class rules.
- The F16 Class rules.
- The Notice of Race.
- The Sailing Instructions

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 Gaastra North Sea Series 2014 is open to all F18 & F16 multihulls.

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 17th May 2014 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: **40€ a boot** (10€ pp per day), **BBQ not included**, **see point 19 for reservation**
Payments (in Euro only) shall be received onsite registration, by cash.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND ON SITE REGISTRATION:

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Date	Time	Event
17 th May Saturday	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.
	19:00	Diner participants, if races are finished.





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18 th May Sunday	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 16:00 unless an general recall as been made.
	ASAP	Price giving.

Maximum 10 races are scheduled with a maximum of 5 sailed races a day.
3 sailed races must be completed to validate the Gaastra North Sea Series F18 & F16 2014.

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 Gaastra North Sea Series 2014 will be held at the North Sea, in front of the Beach Club Duinbergen / Knokke-Heist Belgium.

9. COURSES AND COMPETITION FORMAT:

The event shall use: Windward/ leeward sausage courses with a gate.

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. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

A Red flag is not mandatory. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

12. 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.
The Gaastra North Sea Series 2014 will be scored with the F18 and F16 combined, using the SCHRS rating system. In case of more than 15 boats in a class a separate scoring is foreseen.

13. SAFETY EQUIPMENT

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

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

14. PRIZES:

Prizes will be awarded by the RBSC.

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





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15. 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 Gaastra North Sea Series F18 & F16 2014.

Any competitor under the age of 18 yrs will be required to obtain parental/guardian consent prior to commencement of the Gaastra North Sea Series F18 & F16 2014.

16. 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.

17. 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 or still pictures, and live, taped or film television and any other reproductions of him/her during the period of the Gaastra North Sea Series F18 & F16 in which the competitor competes and in all material related to the Gaastra North Sea Series F18 & F16 without any compensation.

18. 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.

Sleep Inn at Lake Side Paradise, <http://sleep-inn.lakesideparadise.be/> thomas@lakesideparadise.be

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19. 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.

20. SIDE EVENT INFORMATION

Saturday 17th MAY there will be a Diner organized at the Clubhouse on the beach.

The Diner is not included in the entry fee. The price for the Diner is 22,00€ per person.

Reservation for the Diner must be done by mail at duinbergen@rbsc.be or by phone (+32 50 51.55.93) no later than MAY the 16th. Please consider our organization!

EVENT INFORMATION:

For all information please contact:

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