

Helsinki Tallinna Race

Notice Of Race 2024

The logo for the Helsinki Tallinna Race 2024, featuring the text "HELSINKI TALLINNA RACE" in white on a dark blue background. A stylized red and white wave graphic is positioned below the word "RACE".

Helsinki Tallinna Race 23.-25.8.2024

Organizations: Koivusaaren Pursiseura ry and Sailing Ladies ry

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The race will follow the 2021–2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the FinRating 2024 rule, and the ORC rule for the Racing class.
- 1.2. Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing will be replaced by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) between sunset and sunrise.
- 1.3. The sailing instructions modify the following RRS rules: 26, 29.1, 29.2, 44.1, 44.3, 51, 52, 61.2, 63.1, and 77.
- 1.4. The use of engines is allowed in emergency situations according to the sailing instructions.
- 1.5. Boats may be required to display advertisements chosen and provided by the race organizers.
- 1.6. Based on recommendations from the International Olympic Committee and World Sailing, Russian and Belarusian sailors and officials are excluded from participating in Finnish regattas. However, this exclusion does not apply to Russian or Belarusian sailors who reside in Finland and are members of SPV-affiliated clubs. Such individuals must register for the race as representatives of a Finnish club. The exclusion process should follow RRS 76.1.
- 1.7. Participating boats are encouraged to move to the starting area from the official race harbor at Katajanokka. Boats must follow the instructions provided in the invitation and on the official race notice board (manage2sail) regarding the starting areas.
- 1.8. In the Racing classes, the minimum crew weight defined in the ORC rules 102.3 and 200.1(b) applies.
- 1.9. In case of language conflicts, the Finnish text prevails.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. Participation in the race requires a FinRating 2024 handicap rating, a valid FinRating certificate, or an ORC measurement certificate.
- 2.2. Registration is possible for the Double Handed Racing class, which is sailed with a two-person crew. Participation in the pursuit start with a two-person crew is also possible with a DH certificate.

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- 2.3. Boats must have a sail number registered with their national World Sailing member organization and must display the national flag during the race.
- 2.4. Boats must either a) be inspected to at least SPV Class 3 standards and meet its requirements or b) meet the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 requirements. Boats must have a VHF radio and a radio operator's certificate allowing VHF use.
- 2.5. Boats must have valid insurance, including liability coverage.
- 2.6. The skipper of the boat must be a member of an SPV or other ISAF national member organization.
- 2.7. The minimum crew size is three people, including the skipper, except for DH Racing class or pursuit start entries with a DH certificate.

3. RACE CLASSES

- 3.1. **Business Class:** Exclusively for corporate boats, results are calculated based on elapsed time.
- 3.2. **FinRating Pursuit Race:** Four classes based on FinRating:
 - FinRating 1: 1.001 or higher
 - FinRating 2: 0.9501 – 1.000
 - FinRating 3: 0.901 - 0.9500
 - FinRating 4: 0.900 or lower
- 3.2.1. Starting times are calculated using the time-on-distance method. Results are determined by the order of finish. If the elapsed time of the first boat to finish deviates more than $\pm 10\%$ from the calculated sailing time, final results are calculated using the time-on-time method.
- 3.3. **FinRating Women's Class**
- 3.4. **Double Handed Racing Class:** For boats with a valid Doublehanded FinRating or ORC certificate. This class is part of the Musto DH ranking series. Results are calculated using the time-on-time method.
- 3.5. **One-Design Boats:** Separate class results can be calculated for one-design boats if at least three of the same type of boat finish in the pursuit race. Note: Calculating results for one-design classes does not affect the pursuit race results, and these boats also participate as part of the pursuit race.
- 3.6. **Swan Class:** Intended for Swan boats as part of the pursuit race.
- 3.7. The Race Committee reserves the right to adjust class divisions based on the number of participants. A class will be established if at least five participants register for it. The organizers retain the right to add classes as needed or cancel a class if the minimum registration threshold is not met by August 18, 2024.

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4. REGISTRATION AND FEES

- 4.1. Boats can register for the race as corporate boats, in which case the representing company or product will be listed in the start and result lists, and the boat will receive additional services in the harbors. Business class boats can register for any class.
- 4.2. Registration is done by filling out the registration form on the Manage2Sail website and paying the registration fee.
- 4.3. Registration must be completed by August 11, 2024, at the basic fee. Late registration with an increased fee is possible until August 18, 2024.
- 4.4. The registration fees for 2024 are as follows:

Class	Registration and payment by August 11	Registration and payment by August 18
Business boats	€1,000	€1,100
FinRating classes 2-4 (0.900 or below-1.000) First 31.7 Double Handed	€150	€170
FinRating 1 (1.001 or above) Swan class	€220	€240
Students	50% off FinRating prices	50% off FinRating prices

- 4.5. All updates and changes to registration information must be submitted by August 18, 2024.
- 4.6. Cancellations can be made via email to heltal@kopu.fi. If canceled by August 4, 2024, the registration fee will be refunded. If canceled by August 11, 2024, a partial refund of €20 will be given. If canceled by August 18, 2024, a 50% refund will be provided. After this date, no refunds will be given.
- 4.7. The Race Committee reserves the right to accept or reject registrations. The maximum number of participating boats is limited to 200. Boats will be accepted in the order of registration. If the maximum number of participants is reached, additional boats may be accepted until August 21, 2024.

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5 SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 22, 2024

Helsinki, Katajanokka

4:00 PM to 9:00 PM: Marina Bay race harbor at Katajanokka serves participating boats. Overnight fees between Thursday and Friday are included in the registration fee.

5:00 PM to 9:00 PM: Tracker distribution.

6:30 PM Skippers' meeting at Helsinki Marina, Kanavaranta 4.

Friday, August 23, 2024

Helsinki, Katajanokka, and Tallinn, Haven Kakumäe

12:00 PM to 5:00 PM: Race office open at Katajanokka.

3:30 PM: Business FinRating start

4:00 PM: Double Handed Racing start

4:30 PM: Pursuit starts for the slowest FinRating boat heading to Tallinn.

7:00 PM: Race office opens at Haven Kakumäe and serves until 5:00 PM on Saturday.

Saturday, August 24, 2024

Tallinn, Haven Kakumäe

12:00 PM to 3:00 PM: Business boat brunch.

5:00 PM: Race office closes.

6:00 PM: Prize giving and HTR party after the awards ceremony.

Sunday, August 25, 2024

Tallinn, Haven Kakumäe

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM: Race office serves.

10:00 AM: Informal return race towards Helsinki departs from Haven Kakumäe.

6 MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATES, DOCUMENTS, AND CREW LIST

Necessary measurement certificates must be available to the race organizers and valid by August 18, 2024, at 11:59 PM. The boat skipper is responsible for the accuracy of boat information and registration documents.

For boats inspected in Finland (option a in the race invitation section 2.3), a valid inspection certificate is required. Boats must also have the necessary permits and documents as required by authorities.

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All crew members must have the travel documents required for travel between Finland and Estonia.

The crew list must be completed in the race system by the registration deadline of August 18, 2024. The crew list should be updated if there are any changes before the race.

Crew List Updates, If there are any changes to the crew before the race, the crew list must be updated. Unfortunately, updating the crew list in the Manage2sail system is not possible after registration closes, and the organizer does not update the crew lists in the Manage2sail system after registration has closed.

However, you can provide written updates to the race organizers either via email (heltal@kopu.fi) or at the race office. The accuracy of crew lists submitted after the registration deadline is the responsibility of the boat skipper.

7. INSPECTIONS

Boats may be subject to inspections before departure within the harbor area, when transitioning to the race starting area, and after finishing at Haven Kakumäe.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be published on the official race notice board in the Manage2sail system by August 22 at 6:00 PM. Additionally, the sailing instructions will be emailed to all registered boat crews after publication. Printed copies of the race invitation and sailing instructions will be available at the skippers' meeting.

9. TRACKERS

Boats must use the tracking devices provided by the race organizers. These trackers will be distributed during the skippers' meeting and must be returned to the Haven Kakumäe race office after the race.

10. SKIPPERS' MEETING

Boat representation at the skippers' meeting is mandatory. The boat skipper can authorize another person to represent the boat. The skipper must sign an insurance form confirming compliance with the boat's requirements. Insurance forms should be submitted, and trackers collected, at the Helsinki Marina guest harbor on Thursday between 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM.

The skippers' meeting will take place on Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 6:30 PM at Helsinki Marina, Kanavaranta 4.

11. RACE LOCATION

The race harbor will be MarinaBay guest harbor in Katajanokka from Thursday to Friday and Haven Kakumäe marina in Tallinn from Saturday to Sunday. Harbor fees during the race and access to shared saunas are included in the registration fee. The race flag serves as proof of paid harbor fees.

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Participating boats are welcome to Helsinki's race harbor according to their own schedules.

Overnight stays at MarinaBay guest harbor between Thursday and Friday are included in the registration fee if a berth reservation has been made during registration.

To reserve a berth in Helsinki, select the appropriate option during registration. For more information about harbor services, visit MarinaBay's website. Contact the harbor by phone at +358 50 544 8008 or on VHF channel 68.

Participating boats are encouraged to arrive at the race harbor well before departure. Transition to the race area should follow each boat's assigned departure schedule.

12 COURSES

- 12.1. The starting line is located off Hernesaari, and the finish line is at Haven Kakumäe.
- 12.2. The FinRating and Swan classes will sail a straight course, approximately 44 nautical miles long. The course involves leaving Helsinki's Kasuuni to the right and Tallinn's shallow area to the left.
- 12.3. The Double Handed Racing class will sail either a straight or long course, depending on wind conditions. The various versions of the long course are approximately 53–54 nautical miles long. The specific course will be announced on the official notice board in the Manage2sail system by Friday, August 23, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

13. PENALTIES

The Race Committee or Protest Committee may impose time penalties for any violations of the rules mentioned in section 1. These penalties may be less severe than disqualification if the Protest Committee deems it appropriate.

14. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top three boat crews in each of the listed race classes. Additionally, the best Business boat will be recognized in all classes where Business boats compete.

Prizes In addition to the previously mentioned criteria, prizes will also be awarded based on the following:

Best Average Speed: Recognizing the boat with the best average speed during the race.

FinRating Women's Class: Awarding the best women's crew in the FinRating classes.

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The logo for the Helsinki Tallinna Race is located in the top right corner. It consists of a dark blue square containing the text 'HELSINKI TALLINNA RACE' in white, uppercase letters. A small red wavy line is positioned below the word 'TALLINNA'.

FinRating Student Boat: Recognizing the best student crew in the FinRating classes. The skipper of the awarded boat must be a student or at least 50% of the crew members must be students.

15. DISCLAIMER

Participants compete in the race entirely at their own risk. Refer to the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 3 for the Decision to Race. The race organizers assume no liability for any material damage, personal injury, or fatalities that occur during, before, or after the race.

16. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further details, please contact us via email at helta@kopu.fi.