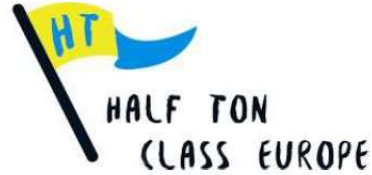


Half Ton Classics Cup

5th – 9th August 2024



Organizing authority:
Koninklijke Yacht Club Nieuwpoort
with the support of the Half Ton Class Europe asbl

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification (see RRS Introduction).

RACE MANAGEMENT

Organising Committee

Chair: Baudouin Meyhui (Commodore KYCN)
Members: Philippe Pilate
Luc Coppens
Nathalie Lacroix

Race Committee

Chair: Paul Charlier
Members: Michel Couliou
Jan Peeters
Dany Ouvry
Marc Cornelissen
Chantal Charlier

Protest Committee

Chair: Philippe Godeau
Members: Jean Pierre Van Daele
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1 RULES

- 1.1 In addition to NoR 1 following Racing Rules are changed:
- | | |
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| RRS 35 | Race time limits and scores (see SI 16.3) |
| RRS 62.1(a) | Redress (see S.I. 12.4 and S.I. Addendum 2 – 3.4) |
| RRS A5.1, A5.2 and A10 | Scoring (see S.I. 12.5, SI 16.3 and SI 18.1) |
- 1.2 All competitors will be honorary members of the KYCN for the duration of the event.
- 1.3 In compliance with Belgian maritime law, it is compulsory to wear an individual lifejacket:
- When the height of the waves exceeds 1m;
 - For crew members under 13 years of age
 - Between sunset and sunrise.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00h on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00h on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the windows of the Race Office and on www.manage2sail.com.
- 3.2 The race office is located as shown in SI Addendum 1.
telephone +32 497 47 80 03 (chair RC), email: htcc2024rc@gmail.com
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 77.
- 3.4 The following communications may be made by the race committee on VHF channel 77:
- intention of R.C. for next race
 - starting sequences
 - sail numbers of OCS boats
 - any communication of general interest
- 3.5 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment and place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagstaff near the Race Office (see SI Addendum 1) .
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Schedule

Sun 4/8/2024	15:00h	Practice starts followed by a practice race
Mon 5/8/2024	10:00	Briefing
	13:55	First warning signal 1 st race of the day 1 other race back-to-back.
Tue 6/8/2024	08:30	Briefing
	10:25	First warning signal 1 st race of the day 2 other races back-to-back.
Wed 7/8/2024	08:30	Briefing
	10:25	First warning signal 1 st race of the day 2 other races back-to-back.
Thu 8/8/2024	08:30	Briefing
	10:25	Warning signal for long inshore race
Fri 9/8/2024	08:30	Briefing
	10:25	First warning signal 1 st race of the day 1 other race back-to-back.
		No warning signal after 12:55
Asap after end of protest time	Prize giving	

6.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The Class flag is IC "5"

7.2 Unmodified production and one-off boats (IOR trophy) shall display an additional IC "I" flag

7.3 Boats having a group 3 sailor on board shall display an additional IC "C" flag

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area is Belgian coastal waters off Nieuwpoort within the 6 NM limit.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The diagrams in SI Addendum 2 show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left and the approximate course length.

9.2 The race committee signal vessel will display the course number (black numerals on a white background) together with the starting line flag at least five minutes before a warning signal is made, and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg (orange numerals on a black background) no later than the warning signal.

9.3 If the race committee signal vessel displays a green flag together with the course number, Mark 1 must be rounded at starboard.

9.4 Courses may be shortened provided 3 or more legs will have been sailed.

10 MARKS

10.1 See SI Addendum 2

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 The area delimited by the navigational bouys :

- ZB1-N (Appox. 51°10,963' N – 2°38,142' E)
- ZB4-S (Appox. 51°09,789' N – 2°38,938' E)
- ZB6-S (Appox. 51°09,400' N – 2°37,596' E)
- ZB9-N (Appox. 51°10,584' N – 2°36,786' E)

is designated as an obstruction

12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The starting line is defined in SI Addendum 2
- 12.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF. Failure to broadcast her number, failure of her to hear such a broadcast, or the order in which boats are broadcasted will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.4 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line is defined in SI Addendum 2

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 15.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within protest time limit.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

	Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
Course 00	30 min	90 min	20 min
Courses 01 to 40	30 min		30 min
Courses 41 to 50	30 min		90 min

- 16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office and on www.manage2sail.com.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located as shown in SI Addendum 1, beginning at the time posted.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 The Low Points scoring system, RRS Appendix A will apply, modified as follows:
- the long inshore race (courses 41 to 50) will be scored with multiplying coefficient of 1.5 and will not be discarded.
 - the short inshore race(s) (courses 01 to 40) will be scored with multiplying coefficient of 1.1.
 - the windward-leeward race(s) (course 00) will be scored with multiplying coefficient of 1
- 18.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When 7 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. (VHF Ch 72 or mob +32 487 47 80 03).
- 19.2 In addition to ORC Special regulation Appendix B, the following safety equipment must be available on board:
- Permanently installed manual bilge pump
 - A fixed marine VHF radio
 - A second handheld waterproof marine VHF
 - A first aid kit and manual
 - Two orange smoke flares
 - An effective means to quickly disconnect or sever the standing rigging from the boat
- 19.3 On any day, a boat not intending to race, shall inform the RC of their intentions.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race committee. The crew list shall reflect the actual situation. At least half of the crew will have been on board during the whole series.
- 20.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

22 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 22.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows:

	Name	Identifier
RC Signal Boat	Free Dolphin	Big Sponsor flag
Mark Layers and rescue	Different RIB's	Flag "RC"
Protest Committee	Rescue One	Flag "Jury"

23 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1 [NP] [DP] Trash shall be disposed of in the ad-hoc containers at the marina.

24 BERTHING

- 24.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the harbour.

25 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 25.1 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

26 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 26.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

27 RISK STATEMENT

- 27.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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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