



Nacra 15 Europeans and Nacra 17 Junior Worlds

**Knokke-Heist / Duinbergen, Belgium
21st to 28th July 2023**

**The Organizing Authority is the Royal Belgian Sailing Club in
conjunction with the International Nacra 15 and the
International Nacra 17 Class Associations**

NOTICE OF RACE

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury.
[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Nacra 15 and Nacra 17 Equipment Inspection regulations will apply and will be published on the Event website.
- 1.3 Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, shall apply, with RRS P2.1 to P2.4 deleted and replaced by: "When a boat is penalised under RRS P1.2, her penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty under RRS 44.2. If she fails to take the penalty she shall be disqualified without a hearing.
- 1.4 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.5 The Nacra 17 and Nacra 15 Class Rules will apply except for any that are altered by the Notice of Race.
- 1.6 The Nacra 17 Class Race Management Guidelines (which can be found [here](#)), and the Nacra 15 Class Race Management Guidelines (which can be found [here](#)) will also apply,

but a failure to follow these Guidelines is not on its own grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.8 No National Authority prescriptions shall apply.
- 1.9 For Nacra 17 this is a World Sailing 100-point ranking event.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on 14 July on the [Official Online Notice Board](#).

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The regatta website will be <https://www.nacra15class.com/n15-ec-2023/> . The Official Notice Board will be part of [Manage2Sail](#).

The website content will be mirrored at <https://nacra17.org/events/2023-junior-worlds/>

- 3.2 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee or Organising Authority, a boat shall not make voice, radio or data transmissions and shall not receive voice, radio or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Competitors shall comply with the World Sailing Eligibility Code (Regulation 19).
- 4.2 The event is open to all boats of the standard Youth “C” foil Nacra 15 class and the Nacra 17.
- 4.3 Crew limitations: For Nacra 15 - there will be no minimum or maximum age limit but a competing teams shall be able to right the boat from capsized unassisted and may be asked to demonstrate this afloat prior to racing. For Nacra 17 - only mixed teams are allowed and competitors must be under 24 on 31st December 2023.
- 4.4 All competitors shall be fully paid-up members of the International Nacra 15 or Nacra 17 Class Association.
- 4.5 Russian and Belarusian nationals are not permitted to enter either [Championship\[EL1\]](#).
- 4.6 If an athlete is less than 18 years old on the date the regatta starts, he/she shall upload to the online registration system their completed Parental Consent form available from the regatta website.
- 4.7 Entries should be received by the Organising Authority and will only be accepted after 14th July 2023 with the payment of the Late Entry Fee.

5. ENTRY FEES

- 5.1 Entry Fees:
 - Standard Entry Fee : Euro 475 (until 14th July 2023).
 - Late Entry Fee : Euro 550 (after 14th July 2023)
- 5.2 Entries will only be accepted after 14th July 2023 at the discretion of the Class Executive and with the payment of the Late Entry Fee.
- 5.3 These fees include the International Class Championship Fees.
- 5.4 Coach Entry Fee:
 - Standard Entry Fee : Euro 75 per coach boat
 - Late Entry Fee : Euro 125 per coach boat
- 5.5 Cancellation; in the case of a team withdrawing from the Championship, the paid entry fee will be refunded as follows:
 - Up to 14th July 2023: 75% of the entry fees will be refunded

- After 14th July 2023: No refund will be made
- 5.3 Competitors can enter and pay the fee via [Manage2Sail](#)

6. FORMAT

The regatta will consist of a single series and will be detailed further in the Sailing Instructions.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The schedule, including registration, equipment inspection and racing, is as follows:

Friday 21 July	1300 - 1800	Registration and Equipment Inspection
Saturday 22 July	0900 – 12.30	Registration and Equipment Inspection
	1330 – 18.00	Registration and Equipment Inspection
Sunday 23 July	0900 - 1200	Registration and Equipment Inspection
	1100	Competitor Briefing
	1300	Practice Race for Nacra 15
	1400	Practice Race for Nacra 17
	1700	Opening Ceremony
Monday 24 July	1030	Racing
Tuesday 25 July	1030	Racing
Wednesday 26 July	1030	Racing
Thursday 27 July	1030	Racing
Friday 28 July	1000	Racing

The prize giving and closing ceremony as soon as possible after racing

- 7.2 The first warning signal for the first race on Monday 24 July 2023 will not be before 1030.
- 7.3 On Friday 28th July there will be no warning signal after 1530.
- 7.4 Three races per day are scheduled but the Race Committee may change the schedule to bring forward any number of races.
- 7.5 From 25th July a competitors briefing will be held 90 minutes before the first warning of the day.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 Boats shall comply with the Nacra 15 and Nacra 17 Class rules.
- 8.2 Each boat shall be checked during Equipment Inspection.
- 8.3 The teams will be able to book a specific time slot using [the following link](#)

9. VENUE

- 9.1 The 2023 Nacra 15 European Championship and the Nacra 17 Junior World Championship will be held at the Royal Belgian Sailing Club / Duinbergen, Zeedijk 430A, 8301 Knokke-Heist, Belgium. See Addendum-A.
- 9.2 For mailing / shipping contact RBSC Knokke-Duinbergen:
 Patrick Demesmaeker – patrick@rbsc.be - +32.495.21.99.22
 Edouard De Witte – duinbergen@rbsc.be - +32 477 88 40 48

10. COURSE

- 11.1 The course to be sailed will be windward / leeward with a spreader mark at the windward end and a gate at the leeward end of the course.
- 11.2 The target time will be 30 minutes.

11. INTERNATIONAL JURY

An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

12. SCORING

12.1 RRS Appendix A will apply. RRS B8 is deleted.

12.2 4 races are required to be completed to constitute an event.

12.3 For the Nacra 15 Class

- (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- (c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst scores.

12.4 For the Nacra 17 Class

- (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst scores.

12.5 Nacra 15 Under 19 and Under 16 results will be extracted from overall results without recalculation.

13. [DP] SUPPORT VESSELS

13.1 Support team vessels shall be registered with the Organizing Authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and the Class Support Vessel Regulations as detailed in Addendum C. Team leaders/ coaches shall register and complete on-site.

13.2 A support team vessel includes any vessel that is under the control or direction of a support person as defined in the RRS.

13.3 Support team vessels shall display the 3-letter code of their World Sailing MNA at all times while afloat clearly visible from both sides of the vessel. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200 mm.

14. SAFETY

14.1 In the event of an emergency the meeting point for safety personnel and the dropping off point for safety vessels coming from the racing area will be at the beach area in front of RBSC Knokke-Duinbergen. The meeting point will be where an ambulance will be waiting when required. The location of the Emergency Meeting Point is shown in Addendum A.

15. PRIZES

15.1 Nacra 15 prizes will be awarded to the:

- (a) top 3 boats overall,
- (b) top 3 boats under 19 years old (both competitors under 19 years old during the last racing day) and
- (c) top 3 boats under 16 years old (both competitors under 16 years old during the last racing day)

15.2 Nacra 17 prizes will be awarded to the top 3 boats.

15.3 The Organizing Authority may award additional prizes.

16. [DP] MEDIA RIGHTS

16.1 By participating in the event competitors grant to the Organizing Authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

16.2 Competitors may be required for interviews at the event.

16.3 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment and positioning equipment as specified and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

17. [NP] INSURANCE

17.1 Each participating boat shall hold a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage of at least Euro 1,500,000 (or equivalent) per incident.

17.2 Each support vessel shall have valid insurance including third party liability coverage of at least Euro 1,500,000 (or equivalent) per incident.

17.3 The Organizing Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of certificates.

18. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors and support persons participate in the event entirely at their own risk. Rule 3 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- d) By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

ATTACHMENT A – VENUE (incl emerging meeting point)



ATTACHMENT B – RACING AREA



ATTACHMENT C - SUPPORT VESSEL REGULATIONS

Support Vessels must carry the following Equipment on board

- Life jackets / buoyance aids for the driver and all passengers,
- Engine kill cord (also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobiliser) with a spare kill cord on the support vessel
- VHF radio capable of receiving instruction from Safety or Race Committee
- First-aid kit
- Device for making a sound signal
- Compass
- Adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth
- Tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick)
- Knife

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- Support Vessels must be registered with the Organising Authority and must be marked with their applicable national sail letters clearly displayed, the minimum height for these letters is 200mm.
- Support Vessels must comply with all local regulations
- Support Vessels must follow Race Committee instructions on the designated VHF channel
- **Kill cords shall be worn at all times when the engine is running**
- Life jackets / buoyance aids must be worn at all times when afloat (by all persons on board)
- Support vessels may not be positioned, except during rescue operations
 - Closer than 100 metres of any boat racing
 - Within 100 metres to leeward of the starting line and its extensions from the warning signal until all boats have left the starting area or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment
 - Within 100 metres of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark
 - Within 100 metres of the finishing line while boats are finishing
 - In addition, support vessels that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat racing