

NOTICE OF RACE
VOLVO SUURSAARI OFFSHORE RACE
June 11– 13th 2010

The committee of the Espoo-Suursaari Race
welcome you to the year 2010 race

ORGANIZING YACHT CLUBS

Espoon Merenkävijät	EMK
Espoon Pursiseura	EPS
Esbo Segelförening	ESF
Kivenlahden Venekerho	KLV

RULES

ISAF Yacht Racing Rules with additions by the Finnish Yachting Association (SPL/FSF), this notice of race, sailing instructions, the ORC special rules and regulations, the Finnish LYS rule, and IRC rule will govern the race. In addition rules for other possibly participating classes are followed (X-99 etc.)
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 250.000 € for material damage and 500.000€ for personal damage.

RACING CLASSES

ORC: According to finnish offshore racing ranking recommendations by Avomeripurjehtijat. IRC according to FINIRC
LYS: 2-4 classes according to number of boats participating.
Open class
Possible other classes (X-99, etc.) will be decided by the committee in cooperation with class organisations. The Race committee may make changes to the class limits.

RANKING

For the ORC and IRC classes the race is a part of Avomeripurjehtijaty / FINIRC ranking series.

SCORING

ORC time allowance will be based on the Performance Line Scoring/Offshore.
IRC will be based "time-on-time".
LYS classes will be based on "time on distance".
Open class race on scratch.

SAFETY INSPECTION

Yachts racing under foreign flag has to fulfil the safety regulations of ORC category 3 for the year 2010 or according to finnish SPL/FSF class 2. Each yacht is required to have a Marine VHF radio with an external antenna at least 2 meters over the deck level. The yacht must have spare navigation lights (e.g. a red/green torch), on deck lifelines as well as safety harnesses for everyone.
Inflatable life raft is recommended.
Safety inspections can be executed before or after the race.
The crew shall be min. 3 pers. regardless of class rules.

START

The starting line is outside Haukilahti in Espoo. The first start is on Friday June 11th 2010 at 20 p.m.

RACING INSTRUCTIONS

The final racing instructions will be available from the Race office in Haukilahti on Thursday June 10th from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Friday June 11th from 3 p.m. Preliminary Racing Instructions available on the web
www.volvosuursaarirace.fi

SKIPPER'S MEETING

The skippers' meeting will be in front of the Race office in Haukilahti on Friday June 11th at 6 p.m.

ENTRY

You can enter by Internet at www.volvosuursaarirace.fi and by paying the entry fee.

The entry fee is 80 € when entry and payment is registered latest on Friday April 30th. Thereafter the fee is 100 €. The latest day of entry is 28.5.2010. Entries withdrawn after June 4th will not be refunded. Before that, the fee minus 20 euros for administrative costs will be refunded. The fee should be paid on the account: Espoo-Suursaari Race, SAMPO 800017-70763283. The boats sail number and skipper must **absolutely** be mentioned.

Entry and payment are separate and the entry will be accepted only after payment of fee.

RATING CERTIFICATE

Yachts must be prepared to present a valid rating certificate, or possible LYS certificate dated not later than June 5th 2010 when registering at the office for sailing instructions. (IRC non endorsed)
LYS-yachts not mentioned in the LYS table and non-standard LYS-yachts must have a LYS-certificate approved by a finnish LYS-representative.

COURSES

Long course:
Starting line at EMK/ Haukilahti, Helsinki Lighthouse, Kotka Lighthouse, the island of Suursaari, Kotka Lighthouse, Helsinki Lighthouse and the finishing line at EMK, Haukilahti. The length of the course is approx. 160 nautical miles.
Short course: As above excluding the Helsinki Lighthouse. The length of this course is about 150 nautical miles.
An exact description of the course will be included in the racing instructions.
A possible alternative course will be announced with the sailing instructions.

INFRINGEMENTS AND PENALTIES

Infringements against any part 2 rules of ISAF will be penalised according to rule 64 and the alternative penalties described in the racing instructions.

ADVERTISING

ISAF Regulation 20 will be applied.
The organizers have the right to require the yachts to carry labels of race sponsors during the race.

PASSPORTS AND VISA

Everybody participating, need to have a valid passport aboard during the race. The organizers have requested for permission to sail around Suursaari without visa. In case permission is not granted, participants will need visa and they will be informed accordingly.

MOORINGS

Berths for participating yachts can be provided for one week before and after the race in the harbours of EMK, ESF, EPS and KLV.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded according to the recommendations of the Finnish Yachting Association. The Prize Giving Ceremony will take place on Tuesday June 15th at 7 p.m.
We will inform you about the location of the event in the racing instructions.

INFORMATION

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