

TEXEL DUTCH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 2015

For Catamarans Texel Rating Open Class I and II

JUNE 03-05, 2015

NOTICE OF RACE



The Texel Dutch Open Championship (TDO) is part of 38th Round Texel, the World's Biggest Catamaran Race.

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Ronde om Texel Foundation, in conjunction with the Kustzeilvereniging Westerslag (KZVW), under the authority and with approval of the Royal Netherlands Watersport Association (RNWA).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Texel Dutch Open Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The Rules for Championships Sailing and Windsurfing will apply.
- 1.3 The Texel Rating Rules will apply.
- 1.4 The sailing instructions may change the racing rules.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6 Every person on board who has his domicile in the Netherlands shall have the appropriate license.

2 ADVERTISING AND IDENTIFICATION

- 2.1 Boats shall be required to display event advertising chosen and supplied by the OA on the 25% front from the bow on the outsides of both hulls while afloat.
- 2.2 While racing, boats shall display **start numbers**, as provided by the OA. These numbers shall be placed on the mainsail in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.3 Competitors may be asked to carry an electronic position indicator / responder beacon on board. This will be furnished by the OA. Selected competitors will be notified.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Texel Dutch Open Championship is open to all open beach-catamarans with a maximum length of 27 feet and a maximum depth of 0.30 meter (without rudder and dagger boards), with a valid Texel Rating. Any alteration to the design and manufacture of a boat requires a new TR number to be determined for that particular boat ('one-off') or boat type as per existing Texel Rating procedures.
- 3.2 The responsible person of a boat may enter by selecting "Yes" at the appropriate field on the entry form for the Round Texel 2015, available online at www.roundtexel.com.
- 3.3 Competitors who wish to participate as a Formula 18, must assert their compliance with the Formula 18 class rules, during registration at the Regatta Office. This includes weighing of helm and crew, showing a valid measurement certificate and confirmation of membership of the Formula 18 Class Association. Entry should also be made as boat type "Formula 18", instead of manufacturer name and/or -model.
- 3.4 The minimum age of a person to compete in the Texel Dutch Open Championship is 15 years (as calculated on the day of the Round Texel 2015), i.e. competitors must be born on or before June 06, 2000.

4 CLASSES

- 4.1 Two open classes will be formed on the basis of the boats' Texel Rating:
 - Open Class I TR less than or equal to 105 (TR ≤ 105)
 - Open Class II TR greater than 105 (TR > 105)



5 FEES

- 5.1 The required fee for participating in the Texel Dutch Open Championship 2015 is included in the entry fee for participants of the Round Texel 2015. The entry for the Round Texel must be completed before the first race of the Texel Dutch Open.
- 5.2 Refer to the Notice of Race of the Round Texel 2015 for all further details on (payment of) required fees.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Upon arrival at the event premises, competitors need to first report to the parking desk at the parking lot for boat and car details.
- 6.2 Competitors need to register at the Regatta Office for the Round Texel and the Texel Dutch Open Championship on the beach at Paal 17 (Texel) on:
- Tuesday June 02 16:00 – 20:00
 - Wednesday June 03 08:00 – 10:00
- 6.3 The skippers briefing for the first day of the Texel Dutch Open Championship will be held at 10:00 on the beach on Wednesday June 03.
- 6.4 A total of 10 races with 3-4 races per day are scheduled. Except when races have been postponed on previous days, then a maximum of 5 races per day will be scheduled.
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| • Wednesday June 03 | 3 races back-to-back | 1 st race 11:30 hours |
| • Thursday June 04 | 4 races back-to-back | 4 th race 10:00 hours |
| • Friday June 05 | 3 races back-to-back | 8 th race 10:00 hours |

The times shown are the times of the first warning signal of the first starting class. On Wednesday and Thursday no first warning signal for a race will be made after 18:00 hours. On Friday, no first warning signal for a race will be made after 16:00 hours.

7 MEASUREMENTS AND RATING SYSTEM

- 7.1 The Texel Rating system will be used for ranking the Overall classification and Open Class classification.
- 7.2 Dutch competitors with a boat without a Texel Rating have to have their boat measured by the Royal Netherlands Watersport Association ('Watersportverbond'), phone +31(0)30-7513700, Michiel Woort before May 06, 2015.
- 7.3 Foreign competitors with a boat without a Texel Rating have to have their boat measured at home by an official measurer and timely apply for a Texel Rating with the Texel Rating Organization. Based on the measurement certificate, Michiel Woort of the Watersportverbond (details see NoR 7.2) can also facilitate this application.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The sailing instructions for the Texel Dutch Open Championship will be available on our website from around the middle of May and at the Regatta Office.

9 VENUE

- 9.1 The Texel Dutch Open Championship will be sailed on the North Sea off the coast of Paal 17, Texel, the Netherlands.
- 9.2 Attachment A shows the location of the venue, including the location racing area, for the Texel Dutch Open Championship.

10 THE COURSE

- 10.1 The event will be sailed on windward/leeward courses.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 For all classes, rule 44 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.



- 11.2 An international jury will be appointed. Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
12.2 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13 BERTHING

- 13.1 Trailers will be assigned places on the beach by the operating tractor drivers of the Organizing Authority. Boats shall be kept in the vicinity of the assigned trailer places.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 14.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

15 SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- 15.1 While afloat each boat must have on board:
- a compass;
 - a paddle per person;
 - a righting line, at least 8 mm in diameter;
 - a towing line of at least 10 meters and at least 8 mm in diameter.
- 15.2 While afloat competitors have to wear:
- a life jacket;
 - a wet- or dry suit.
- 15.3 While afloat competitors have to have at least one approved hand flare per person, to be carried on the body.

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 For both classes (Open I en II), Helmsman and crew of the winning boat of the championship acquire the title "Dutch Champion" and receive the accompanying medal(s) of the RNWA. The responsible person of the winning boat acquires the Blue Pennant of the RNWA. Helmsman and crew of the boats that are placed second and third acquire also medal(s) of the RNWA.
- 16.2 Prizes will be awarded to each member of the crews placed first, second and third in each Class (Open I and II), provided the crew (and not their representatives) is present at the awards ceremony to be held with the awards ceremony on Friday evening.
- 16.3 Additional rankings may be organized and prizes may be awarded for participants within specific classes, upon request by a class organization.

17 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 17.1 By participating in the Texel Dutch Open Championship, a competitor automatically grants the Organizing Authority and the sponsors of the Texel Dutch Open Championship the right to, in perpetuity, make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any (still) motion pictures, live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the competitor and its material, during and after the Texel Dutch Open Championship without any compensation.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 Competitors will participate in the Texel Dutch Open Championship entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, "DECISION TO RACE". The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for personal or material damage, injury or death, sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the Texel Dutch Open Championship.



19 INSURANCE

- 19.1 Each competing boat has to have a valid third party liability insurance policy, **racing at the North Sea included** and with a minimum coverage of € 1.500.000 per incident.
- 19.2 In case a boat has caused damage to another boat and has been disqualified, relevant info of that boat's insurance policy will be made available to the other boat.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1 Please consult our website for updated information: www.roundtexel.com
- 20.2 For information on registration please contact:
Stichting Ronde om Texel
Postbus 182
1790 AD Den Burg - The Netherlands
Phone +31 (0)222 327079
entry@roundtexel.com
- 20.3 For information on accommodation please look at our website or contact the Texel Tourist Information (www.texel.net):
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Attachment A (the venue):

