

38th ROUND TEXEL

JUNE 06, 2015

For Texel rated beach catamarans

NOTICE OF RACE

The 38th Round Texel, the World's Biggest Catamaran Race, will be sailed around Texel (the Netherlands) on Saturday June 06, 2015. A contingency date is scheduled for Sunday June 07, 2015.

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

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Round Texel will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The Texel Rating Rules will apply.
- 1.3 The sailing instructions may change racing rules.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.5 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 Round Texel is open to all open beach-catamarans with a maximum length of 27 feet and a maximum depth of 0.30 meter (excluding rudder and dagger boards) and 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 Boats without a valid Texel Rating may enter, but can only compete in the ranking for first finishers ('line honors'). For administrative purposes, the TR will be 50 in this case.
- 3.3 A responsible person of a boat may enter by completing the entry form, available on our website (www.roundtexel.com). The entry form will be available from March 23 through June 05. A printed entry form is available on request.
- 3.4 In order to appear in a class ranking on boat type, a boat's valid measurement certificate needs to be shown at the boat's registration.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 The minimum age of a person to compete in the Round Texel race 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 FEES

4.1 The following required fees will be charged for the Round Texel 2015:

| Entry and payment received... | Double-handed | Single-handed |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| ... before May 11, 2015 | € 125 | € 115 |
| ... on or after May 11, 2015 | € 160 | € 150 |

The day of the receipt of the payment is the definitive date of entry. An entry is not complete until the required fee is received by the OA.

4.2 TESO will sponsor a 20% reduction refund on all catamaran trailer ferry crossings made on Tuesday June 02, Wednesday June 03 and Thursday June 04. This refund can only be collected at the Regatta Office upon registration and presentation of the original full fare TESO ticket.

4.3 The entry fee for the Round Texel 2015 includes participation in:

- the Texel Dutch Open Championship (TDO) from June 03 through June 05 (see also separate Notice of Race),

OR:

- the 'Horstocht' on Thursday June 04 and
- the 'Tocht om de Noord' on Friday June 05.

4.4 The entry fee will be paid in Euros on:

IBAN code NL61RABO0362585733

BIC-code RABONL2U

In the name of "Stichting Ronde om Texel", Den Burg

Credit cards or any other kind of payment will not be accepted.

4.5 Payment of the entry fee after June 01, 2015 should preferably be done at the Regatta Office on the beach.

4.6 Registered participants who decide not to participate in the race will not receive a refund of the entry fee.

4.7 If the Round Texel is cancelled, no entry fees will be refunded.

4.8 Around May 21, 2015 a confirmation of receipt of entry and fee(s) will be sent to all registered competitors so far. Hereafter confirmations will be sent accordingly or handed over upon registration at Texel.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Upon arrival at the event premises, competitors need to first report to the parking desk at the parking lot for boat and car details.

5.2 Competitors shall register for the Round Texel and/or the Texel Dutch Open Championship at the Regatta Office on the beach at Paal 17 (Texel) on:

- Tuesday June 02 16:00 – 20:00 (TDO participants only)
- Wednesday June 03 08:00 – 20:00 (08:00-10:00 TDO only)
- Thursday June 04 09:00 – 20:00
- Friday June 05 09:00 – 22:30

Registration on Saturday June 06 or Sunday June 07 will **not** be possible.

5.3 For the 'Horstocht' and/or the 'Tocht om de Noord', on the day of the events(s), a separate registration (sign in) at the Regatta Office is required and mandatory to actually participate.

5.4 The skippers briefing for the Round Texel will be held at 09:00 on the beach on Saturday June 06. In case the contingency race date will be used, an additional skippers briefing will be held at 09:00 on Sunday June 07.

5.5 The start of the Round Texel race will be between 10:30 and 11:30. In case the race cannot be sailed on Saturday June 06, a contingency date has been scheduled for Sunday June 07, for which the start is planned between 10:45 and 11:45.

6 MEASUREMENTS AND RATING SYSTEM

- 6.1 Spinnakers must have been measured and provided with a stamp or button, either by a National Authority or by the class organization concerned. In the absence of such a stamp or button, measuring will be provided at Paal 17 on:
- Thursday June 04 10:00 - 12:00 Sailors Beach House
 - Friday June 05 10:00 - 12:00 Sailors Beach House.
- 6.2 The Texel Rating system will be used for ranking the Overall classification and Open Class classification.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 Foreign competitors with a boat without a Texel Rating have to have their boat measured at home by an official measurer. They then have to register on Thursday June 04 or on Friday June 05 until noon in order to have their Texel Rating established.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The sailing instructions will be available on our website from around the middle of May and at the Regatta Office.
- 7.2 Separate sailing instructions will be made available for the Texel Dutch Open Championship, the 'Horstocht' (Thursday June 04) and the 'Tocht om de Noord' (Friday June 05).

8 VENUE

- 8.1 Attachment A shows the location of the venue for the Round Texel.

9 THE COURSE

- 9.1 Attachment A also shows an indication of the course to be sailed around Texel on Saturday June 06 (and on contingency race date Sunday June 07). A more detailed description will be provided in the sailing instructions and during the skippers briefing.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 For all competitors, rule 44 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 10.2 An international jury will be appointed. Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 The Round Texel is a one-race event, so the series consists of one race.

12 BERTHING

- 12.1 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.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 13.1 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.

14 SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- 14.1 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.

- 14.2 While afloat competitors have to wear:
- a life jacket;
 - a wet- or dry suit.
- 14.3 While afloat competitors have to have at least one approved hand flare per person, to be carried on the body.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded and given as follows:
- first finishers ('line honors', 1st, 2nd and 3rd place);
 - fastest team of each boat type with more than 10 competitors (one prize), with more than 15 (two prizes) and more than 20 (three prizes);
 - Round Texel Record Attempt.
- based on Texel Rating:**
- trophies for the overall winners (1st, 2nd and 3rd place);
 - fastest single-handed competitor;
 - fastest mixed team;
 - fastest ladies team;
 - fastest team under 21 years of age;
 - fastest Texel team;
 - Texel Club Challenge.

16 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 16.1 By participating in the Round Texel, a competitor automatically grants the Organizing Authority and the sponsors of the Round Texel 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 Round Texel without any compensation.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 Competitors will participate in the Round Texel 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 Round Texel.

18 INSURANCE

- 18.1 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.
- 18.2 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.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1 Please consult our website for updated information: www.roundtexel.com
- 19.2 For information on registration please contact:
- Stichting Ronde om Texel
Postbus 182
1790 AD Den Burg - The Netherlands
Phone +31 (0222) 327079
entry@roundtexel.com
- 19.3 For information on accommodation please look at our website or contact the Texel Tourist Information (www.texel.net):
- VVV Texel
Postbus 3
1790 AA Den Burg - The Netherlands
Phone +31 (0222) 314741
info@texel.net

Attachment A (the venue and the course):

Please note: This diagram is not for navigational purposes and is only indicative of the official course that will be described in the sailing instructions and during the skippers briefing.

