

# **ZWITSERLEVEN ROUND TEXEL 2012**

## **JUNE 09, 2012**

### **For all Texel rated beach catamaran classes**

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

*The 35<sup>th</sup> Zwitserleven Round Texel, the World's Biggest Catamaran Race, will be sailed around Texel (the Netherlands) on Saturday June 09, 2012 and is part of the Zwitserleven Sailing Week.*

*The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Ronde om Texel Foundation, the Royal Netherlands Yachting Union (RNYA/KNWV) in conjunction with the Kustzeilvereniging Westerslag (KZVW).*

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The Zwitserleven 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.

#### **2 ADVERTISING AND IDENTIFICATION**

- 2.1 Dutch competitors displaying advertising must have an Individual Advertising License issued by the National Authority.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 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 Zwitserleven Round Texel 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) and with a valid Texel Rating.
- 3.2 Competitors will enter in either the Gold Fleet or the Silver Fleet.
- 3.3 Dutch competitors in the Gold Fleet must have a starting license, issued by the National Authority as mentioned in the prescription of the Royal Netherlands Yachting Union (RNYA) with reference to RRS 78.1 and 78.2 and a boat registration is required as well.
- 3.4 Competitors not eligible for the Gold Fleet can enter and compete in the Silver Fleet. Competitors in the Silver Fleet will receive a one-day starting license and boat registration from the Organizing Authority.
- 3.5 The minimum age of a person to enter the Zwitserleven Round Texel race is 15 years (as calculated on the day of the Zwitserleven Round Texel), i.e. competitors must be born on or before June 09, 1997.
- 3.6 Eligible competitors may enter by completing the entry form, available on our website ([www.roundtexel.com](http://www.roundtexel.com)). The entry form will be available from March 01 through June 08. A printed entry form is available on request.

#### **4 FEES**

- 4.1 The entry fees are:

Double handed	€ 160
Single handed	€ 150

If the entry fee is paid before May 5, 2012 a € 35 reduction will apply.

- 4.2 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.

4.3 The entry fee for the Zwitserleven Round Texel 2012 for the Gold Fleet also includes participation in:

- the Texel Dutch Open Championship (TDO)  
or  
the Nacra Infusion World Championships (an additional charge to be paid separately to the Nacra Class Association, see NoR)  
both from June 6 through June 8 (see also separate Notices of Race)
- the 'Horstocht' on Thursday June 7.

For the Silver Fleet the entry fee also includes participation in:

- the 'Horstocht' on Thursday June 7
- the 'Tocht naar de Noord' on Friday June 8.

4.4 The entry fee will be paid in Euros on:

Bank account number 36.25.85.733

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

For international money transfers:

BIC-code RABONL2U

IBAN code NL61RABO0362585733

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

4.5 Payment of the entry fee after June 4, 2012 should preferably be done at the Registration 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 Zwitserleven Round Texel is cancelled, no entry fees will be refunded.

4.8 Around May 24, 2012 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 Zwitserleven Round Texel, Texel Dutch Open Championship and/or Nacra Infusion World Championship at the Regatta Office on the beach at Paal 17 (Texel) on:

- Tuesday June 05 16:00 – 20:00 (TDO & NIWC participants only)
- Wednesday June 06 08:00 – 20:00 (08:00-10:00 TDO & NIWC only)
- Thursday June 07 09:00 – 20:00
- Friday June 08 09:00 – 22:30

Registration on Saturday June 09 will **not** be possible.

5.3 Competitors who wish to participate in the Formula 18 Class (Gold Fleet) must report to the Formula 18 Desk on the beach at Paal 17 to assert their compliance with the Formula 18 class rules, **before** registering at the Regatta Office, on:

- Tuesday June 05 16:00 – 20:00
- Wednesday June 06 08:00 – 20:00
- Thursday June 07 09:00 – 20:00
- Friday June 08 09:00 – 22:30

5.4 On the day of the events(s), a separate registration (sign in) at the Regatta Office is required and mandatory to actually participate in any of the following two additional events: the 'Horstocht' and/or the 'Tocht naar de Noord'.

5.5 The skippers briefing for the Zwitserleven Round Texel will be held at 09:00 on the beach on Saturday June 09.

5.6 The start of the Zwitserleven Round Texel race will be between 11:00 and 12:00.

## 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 in the main tent on the beach at Paal 17 on:

- Thursday June 07 10:00 - 12:00
- Friday June 08 10:00 - 12:00.

- 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 Watersportverbond (KNWV), phone +31(0)30-7513700, Michiel Woort before May 01, 2012.
- 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 07 or on Friday June 08 until noon in order to have their Texel Rating established.

## **7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 7.1 The sailing instructions will be available on our website around the end of May and at the Regatta Office.
- 7.2 Separate sailing instructions will be made available for the Texel Dutch Open Championship, the Nacra Infusion World Championships, the 'Horstocht' (Thursday June 07) and the 'Tocht naar de Noord' (Friday June 08).

## **8 VENUE**

- 8.1 Attachment A shows the location of the Zwitserleven Sailing Week.

## **9 THE COURSE**

- 9.1 Attachment A also shows an indication of the course to be sailed around Texel on Saturday June 25. A more detailed description will be provided in the sailing instructions and the skippers briefing.

## **10 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 10.1 For all competitors, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty
- 10.2 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

## **11 SCORING**

- 11.1 The Zwitserleven Round Texel is a one-race event, so the series consists of one race. No specific point scoring system is applied.

## **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 approximately 10 meters and at least 6 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 (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place) of the whole fleet;
- winners of the Gold Fleet classes of
  - 30 or more entries: 3 prizes;
  - 20 or more entries: 2 prizes;
  - 10 or more entries: 1 prize;
- open class single-handed in the Gold Fleet;
- open class double-handed in the Gold Fleet;
- fastest mixed team in the whole fleet;
- fastest ladies team in the whole fleet;
- fastest team under 19 years of age in the whole fleet;
- fastest Texel team in the whole fleet;
- Texel Club Challenge in the whole fleet;
- TNG Round Texel Record Attempt;
- prizes for the overall winners (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place) in the Silver Fleet;
- extra prizes for classes with > 15 entries in Silver Fleet;
- The Zwitserleven-Trophies for the overall winners (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place) in the Gold Fleet.

## **16 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

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

## **17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

17.1 Competitors will participate in the Zwitserleven 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 Zwitserleven Round Texel. The Organizing Authority disclaims any and all such liability.

## **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 € 1.000.000 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](http://www.roundtexel.com)

19.2 For information on registration please contact:

Zwitserleven Sailing Week  
Postbus 182, 1790 AD Den Burg  
The Netherlands  
Phone +31 (0222) 327079  
Fax +31 (0222) 320420  
[info@roundtexel.com](mailto:info@roundtexel.com)

19.3 For information on accommodation please look at our website or contact the Texel Tourist Information ([www.texel.net](http://www.texel.net)):

VVV Texel  
Postbus 3, 1790 AA Den Burg  
The Netherlands  
Phone +31 (0222) 314741  
[info@texel.net](mailto: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.

