

CHAMPIONSHIP RULES FOR THE OPEN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

FOR

THE INTERNATIONAL 6 METRE CLASS

1. THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1.1. The Open European Championship of the International Six Metre Class is normally competed for every 2 years.
- 1.2. The Championship will rotate between such European nations in which a Six Metre fleet exists.
- 1.3. A yacht club wishing to host the Championship shall make a formal request at an ISMA General Meeting. Approval for the request shall require a simple majority of the votes.
- 1.4. The location and date of the Championship shall be published with 6 months' prior notice in the ISAF Events Calendar. The Organising Authority shall be responsible for registering the Championship with ISAF.
- 1.5. The Championship shall be open to all yachts of the International Six Metre Class holding a valid Certificate of Rating. If agreed by the Organising Authority and by ISMA, yachts which do not hold valid Certificates but which have not undergone hull modification or ballast changes may be allowed to enter in order not to exclude older yachts suffering from hull deformation or water retention. All measurement certificates shall be posted for the duration of the regatta.
- 1.6. All entrants shall be members of the International Six Metre Association having paid their membership.
- 1.7. The Championship shall be valid if at least 12 yachts representing at least 3 European nations are entered.
- 1.8. The Championship shall be sailed in 2 classes – Modern and Classic – with 2 different scores and the champions shall be the yachts with the best score. There will be 2 starts if the total number of entrants exceeds 15.
- 1.9. All yachts are to be weighed and flotation observed in the prescribed time, her sails measured, and further inspection of measurement as the Jury or the measurer shall deem fit. All required hull and spar measurement marks must be affixed to the yacht.

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2. THE RULES

The championship shall be governed by : these Championship Rules, the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, the International Six Metre Class Rating Rule, the International Six Metre Association Class Rules, the Organising Authority's Notice of Race, as approved by ISMA, the Organising Authority's Sailing Instructions, as approved by ISMA.

3. THE TROPHIES

3.1. The Yacht Club Italiano offers the "**Coppa Giovannelli**" as the perpetual challenge cup of the Championship for the Modern class.

3.1.1. The Cup will be held by the current champion's yacht club; this same yacht club shall accept responsibility for the safe-keeping of the Cup and for its restitution.

3.1.2. The Cup shall remain the property of the Yacht Club Italiano. In the event that for any reason the Cup cannot be awarded, it shall be returned to the Yacht Club Italiano for safe-keeping until such time as a valid Open European Championship of the Six Metre Class can be held.

3.2. The Royal Danish Yacht Club offers the „**President Woodrow Wilson Trophy**“ as the perpetual challenge cup of the Championship for the Classic class.

3.2.1. The Trophy will be held by the current champion's yacht club; this same yacht club shall accept responsibility for the safe-keeping of the Trophy and for its restitution.

3.2.2. The Trophy shall remain the property of the Royal Danish Yacht Club. In the event that for any reason the Trophy cannot be awarded, it shall be returned to the Royal Danish Yacht Club for safe-keeping until such time as a valid Open European Championship of the Six Metre Class can be held.

3.3. The Ringvold Family Trust of Oslo, Norway offers the "**August Ringvold Memorial Trophy**“ to be awarded to the 6mR yacht that carries a valid measurement certificate designed and built in accordance with the First (1907-1919) or Second (1919-1933) Interna-

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tional Rule and that accumulates the highest aggregate score among such yachts.

- 3.3.1. The Trophy will be held by the current champion's yacht club; this same yacht club shall accept responsibility for the safe-keeping of the Trophy and for its restitution.
- 3.3.2. The Trophy shall remain the property of the Ringvold Family Trust. In the event that for any reason the Trophy cannot be awarded, it shall be returned to the Ringvold Family Trust or The Royal Norwegian Yacht Club for safe-keeping until such time as a valid Open European Championship of the Six Metre Class can be held.

4. RACE SCHEDULE

- 4.1. The championship shall be sailed over 7 days according to the following schedule :

Day 1	Friday	Boat measurement
Day 2	Saturday	Boat measurement + Practice day
Day 3	Sunday	Boat measurement + Practice day + Opening Ceremony
Day 4	Monday	Race 1 + Race 2
Day 5	Tuesday	Race 3 + Race 4
Day 6	Wednesday	Race 5 + Race 6
Day 7	Thursday	Race 7 + Race 8
Day 8	Friday	Prize-giving Ceremony

- 4.2. A maximum of 8 races will be sailed. 5 races shall be completed to constitute a valid championship.
- 4.3. 3 races may be sailed on Day 7 in order to achieve a minimum total of 5 races.

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- 4.4. It will be the responsibility of the Organizing Authority to organise practice races on Day 2 and Day 3, either directly or in cooperation with another yacht club in the vicinity.

5. COURSES

- 5.1. There shall be 2 courses as follows:

Course A: 3 windward legs and 2 leeward legs of approximately 2 nautical miles each.

Course B: 2 windward legs and 2 leeward legs of approximately 2 nautical miles each, with a finish at the leeward mark. Course B shall be used when another race is scheduled for the same day.

- 5.2. The Organizing Authority may, with the approval of ISMA, use modified courses to suit local conditions.
- 5.3. The sailing instructions shall prescribe that RR 32.1(c) is deleted and that the second sentence of RR 33 is deleted.

6. TIME LIMIT

There shall be a time limit of 50 minutes for Modern yachts and 55 minutes for Classic yachts to complete each leg. The time will be measured as the elapsed time between the first roundings by any yachts of the two marks defining a leg. All yachts finishing the race within the prescribed time or within one hour after the first yacht to finish shall be scored. All others shall be scored DNF.

7. CREW

- 7.1. Each boat shall file a crew list of maximum 6 persons prior to the first race.

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7.2. Substitutions of crew shall only be allowed in special cases and subject to approval by the International Jury.

8. **RACE COMMITTEE/INTERNATIONAL JURY**

The Organizing Authority shall publish a notice of race and, in accordance with RRS 89.2(a) and appoint a Race Committee as per RRS 89.2(b) and an International Jury as per RRS 91(b), after having consulted with ISMA.

9. **ADVERTISING**

The Class is subject to ISAF advertising code 20, category "C" in accordance with regulations 20.4.1 (a) and 20.4.4.

10. **REVISIONS**

Revisions of these championship rules can only be made with the approval of ISMA in accordance with its By-Laws.