

2008 INTERNATIONAL FLYING DUTCHMAN CLASS

OPEN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

30. May – 07. June 2008

RABAC , CROATIA

Kvarner Bay

Notice of Race

1. Organizing Authority and Venue

The 2008 International Flying Dutchman Class Open European Championship will be held from 31st May to 07th June 2008 in Rabac, Labin, Croatia. The organizing Authority is the Fly Sailing Club Opatija, the City of Labin-Rabac tourist association, the Croatia Sailing Federation, in conjunction with the Croatian FD Class Organisation and the International Flying Dutchman Organisation.

The Host Center will be Rabac Harbour.

2. Rules

The championship will be governed by:

- the *Rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 –2008 RRS
- the IFDCO Class and Championship rules
- the Equipment Rules of Sailing

The International Flying Dutchman Open European championships are classified Category "C" in accordance with the ISAF Advertising Code (Regulation 20) as restricted by the IFDCO Class Rule 119.

Competitors may be required to display Event sponsors name(s)/logo(s) and bow numbers. If required, the Organising Authority will supply these items and they shall be affixed and/or worn as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.

The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor when it is in conflict with Croatian laws.

IFDCO Class Rule 113 (limitations) will apply to these championships.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 The Open European Championships are open to all boats of the International Flying Dutchman Class.

3.2 The Championships are open to all those who are fully paid up members of IFDCO. All participating helms and crews must be Full International Sailing Members and must comply with all appropriate IFDCO Bylaws and Class Rules.

3.3 Eligible boats may enter on the official Entry Form which shall be lodged with the Organising Authority or through the official electronic form on the website of the club: www.fly.hr

3.4 The fully completed entry form shall be received at the entry address no later than 30th April 2008 accompanied by the required fee. Entries may be accepted after the closing date at the discretion of the Organizing Authority, but will be subject to €50,- late entry supplement.

3.5 Entries shall be sent to:

Fly Sailing Club Opatija

M. Tita 170; 51410 Opatija; Croatia

E-mail: info@fly.hr

Fax: +385 51 712 421 / +385 51 712 764

Online: www.fly.hr

4. Fees

4.1 International Flying Dutchman Open European Championships: €300,--

4.2 Bank transfer:

Fly Sailing Club Opatija

Erste&Steiermarkische Bank, Fil. Opatija

IBAN:HR3224020061100126601

SWIFT:ESBC.HR22

All bank charges are at the expense of the competitor.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration and measurement:

Friday	30.05.	13:00 – 19:00 Registration and measurement
Saturday	31.05.	09:00 – 19:00 Measurement
Sunday	01.06.	09:00 – 19:00 Measurement

5.2 Racing:

Monday	02.06.	Races. First start not before 12.00hrs.
Tuesday	03.06.	Races.
Wednesday	04.06.	Reserve Day (if 4 races are not completed).
Thursday	05.06.	Races.
Friday	06.06.	Races.
Saturday	07.06.	Races.

5.3 Number of races scheduled: Nine (9)

5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 11.55 a.m. on Monday, 02.06.2008.

The last possible time for the warning signal on the last day will be given in the Sailing Instructions.

6. Measurement

Each boat must have a valid certificate and measurement form available for verification at regatta equipment inspection. In accordance with the class rules, regatta equipment inspection will be carried out as per the event schedule. Measurement checks and inspections may be carried out on the water or at any other time. A boat notified for inspection shall follow the instructions of the Measurement Committee.

7. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration on 30.05.2008.

8. Racing Area.

The racing area will be on the waters of the Kvarner Bay in the vicinity of Rabac harbour.

9. Courses

The courses will be Triangular as described in the sailing instructions.

10. Scoring

The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A 4.1 will apply.

A minimum of 4 races are required to award the Championship. If 5 or more races are completed there will be one discard, if 8 or more races are completed there will be two discards.

11. Penalties

RRS 44.2 - 720 Turns Penalty will apply.

12. Decisions of the Jury

An international Jury will be appointed for the World Championship in accordance with RRS Appendix N and its decisions will be final and not subjected to Appeal (RRS 70.4).

13. Support Boats

Team Managers, Coaches and other support personnel shall keep at least 100 m clear of the course area during racing except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

All support and coach boats shall prominently display an identification flag (white with black letters 600mm hoist by 600mm fly) bearing the three-letter code or the Nationality Flag of the competitor's nation that they are supporting.

14. Radio Communications

A boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. The use of electronic devices is forbidden and includes GPS, radio and telephones.

15. Prizes

The following prizes will be awarded:

- Open European Championship Overall Winner.
- European Champions (Best European team)
- European Master Champions (Best team 100+ combined ages)
- European Junior Champions (Best team up to 26 years old individually)
- European Women Champions (Best Ladies team)

Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. Details will be given in the Sailing Instructions.

16. Rights To Use Name and Likeness

By participating in the Championships a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event the right, in perpetuity to make use, and show from time to time and at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and any other such reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

17. Entry Disclaimer

It is the competitor's decision whether to enter the event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in an event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. Refer RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority and the Host Center, their officers, members servants and agents, accept no liability in respect of loss of life personal injury or loss or damage to property which maybe sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in an event or how so ever arising in connection with an event.

18. Insurance

All boats competing in the Championship shall have third party liability insurance for a minimum cover of **€300,000 (recommended €2,500,000)** or equivalent.

All competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed, by doing so, to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding this cover shall immediately withdraw his entry.

19. Buoyancy

All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times whilst racing. The devices should be in good condition and adequate for the wearer, as determined by the equipment inspector. It shall be in accordance with the current specifications issued or approved by a National Authority affiliated to the International Sailing Federation, or a Standards Organisation or Certification Authority recognised for that purpose by its respective government.

Attention is drawn to RRS **Fundamental Rule 1,2**

20. Substitute Helmsperson/Crew

Only ONE substitution is allowed per boat. Either, the Helmsperson or Crew, may be substituted before the first race, after informing the International Jury in writing or, after the first race, with the approval in writing from the International Jury.

21. Further Information

For further information please contact Tin Matulja (Organization of the EC 2008): tin.matulja@riteh.hr or mobile: +385 91 570 8241.

22. Accommodation:

For accommodation please contact:

City of Labin-Rabac tourist association

Aldo Negri 20, 52220 LABIN, CROATIA

Tel/fax: +385 52 855 560; +385 52 854 886

E-mail: tzg.labin@pu.htnet.hr

Web: www.rabac-labin.com

23. Amendments

Any amendment to this Notice of Race will be posted on the event website: www.fly.hr