



The Challenge 2019

Notice of Race

The Challenge will be organised by Seascope d.o.o. in cooperation with FreeSpirit Sailing Center, JK KON-TIKI Sailing Croatia and by the approval of the Croatian Sailing Federation. All parties mentioned above are addressed as the Organizing Authority in the following text.

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the following rules:

- Racing Rules of Sailing 2018 -2020 (RR)
- From sunset until sunrise International regulations for Preventing collision at sea (IRPCAS) applies which changes Part 2. RR
- Class rules, modifications and definitions

Below are modifications and definitions of class rules for the Seascapes and Firsts competing on The Challenge 2019 race. Their goal is to give general restrictions to the competitors to allow fair and fun competition. We recognise they are written in a very general form, but we believe that the more strict and detailed ones would not be aligned with the spirit of the race. There is no handicap – first one home is the winner.

Seascope14 and First14 class

Boats should be in a configuration as supplied by Seascope d.o.o.

- 1) The crew consists of 2 crew members – there is no crew weight limit.
- 2) Boats must carry all of the obligatory safety equipment as per NOR.
- 3) Outside assistance is prohibited as per ISAF rule 41.

Seascope18 and First18 class

Last version of International class rules with following modifications that alter the International class rules:

- 1) The crew consists of 2 crew members – there is no crew weight limit.
- 2) Boats must carry all of the obligatory safety equipment as per NOR.
- 3) Outside assistance is prohibited as per ISAF rule 41.
- 4) In and out sheeting of all sails is allowed. That includes the mainsail.
- 5) While in and out sheeting is allowed it must be achieved solely by the combination of ropes, blocks and shackles. No holes shall be drilled or attachments glued to the hull or deck.
- 6) Stacking of all movable equipment is permitted.
- 7) The boat should carry standard cushions as supplied by Seascope.

Seascope24 & First 24 class

Last version of International class rules with following modifications that alter the International class rules:

- 1) The crew consists of 2 crew members – there is no crew weight limit.
- 2) Boats must carry all of the obligatory safety equipment as per NOR.
- 3) Outside assistance is prohibited as per ISAF rule 41.
- 4) The number of sails that the boat can carry on board is limited to Main, Jib1, Jib2, Fractional Gennaker, Fractional reaching sail + storm jib.
- 5) In and out sheeting of all sails is allowed. That includes the mainsail.
- 6) While in and out sheeting is allowed it must be achieved solely by the combination of ropes, blocks and shackles. No holes shall be drilled or attachments glued to the hull or deck.
- 7) Stacking of all movable equipment is permitted.
- 8) The boat should carry standard cushions as supplied by Seascope.

Seascope27 and First 27 class

- 1) The crew consists of 2 crew members – there is no crew weight limit.
- 2) Boats must carry all of the obligatory safety equipment as per NOR.
- 3) Outside assistance is prohibited as per ISAF rule 41.
- 4) Hull, deck, rudders, keel, mast, boom, bowsprit and structure must be as originally supplied by Seascope
- 5) Number of sails that the boat can carry on board is limited to 7
- 6) One of the sails must be a storm jib as defined by OSR.
- 7) Masthead code 0 (as per definition: flying masthead sail is a Code0 in case that the mid girth of the sail is less than 75 % of the foot length) is forbidden.
- 8) Sail material and size is not limited.
- 9) Stacking of all movable equipment is permitted
- 10) The boat should carry front and saloon bench cushions as supplied by Seascope.

2. ADVERTISING

WS Advertising Code will apply with no restrictions. The organiser may require that the boats display the Event Advertising as follows.

The Organizing Authority may require sponsor stickers to be applied on a designated part of the boat.

The Organizing Authority may also require the installation of additional equipment such as video cameras or tracking devices (GPS).

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1. The Challenge 2019 is open for all Seascope boats including the now rebranded First boats that are equipped with mandatory safety equipment and comply with relevant class rules.

3.2. If there are less than 3 boats in a group, they may compete as wild cards and on their own terms.

3.3. The owner of a sailing boat or charter boat must have a valid insurance policy (for participation in the competition) for the sailing boat and all crewmembers on board.

4. GROUPS AND CLASSIFICATION

4.1. Sailboats will be divided into groups according to their classes:

- Seascope14/First 14
- Seascope18/First 18
- Seascope24/First 24
- Seascope27/First 27

4.2. All boats compete for the fastest sailing boat to complete the route prescribed for their group prize.

5. ROUTES

This year the routes will be defined for each group. There will be no decision points, and all the boats within the group compete on the same route, start to finish. The exact route will be defined on Thursday morning briefing – weather permitting. Routes will be defined according to the predicted sailing time estimated from the weather prognosis and not by fixed distance

The 14 route – 10 h sailing time – approximately 50 NM

The 18 route – 20 h sailing time – approximately 90 NM

The 24 & 27 route – 30h sailing time – approximately 150 NM

Organising Authority reserves the right to change the routes to assure the safety of the crews.

6. ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEE

- 6.1. Pre-entries should be submitted to the Organizing Authority only by an online entry form (<https://event.meetpoint.si/seascapefirstchallenge2019/Registration>) no later than Thursday midnight 2nd of May 2019. Late entries can be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority with a double entry fee.
- 6.2. The entry fee can only be paid by bank transfer before the registration. Cash payment when registering is not possible!
- 6.3. Entry fee is 220 € and applies to all groups. Additional training program on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th of May costs extra 80 €.
- 6.4. Entry fee is non-refundable.
- 6.5. The Organizing authority shall not be liable for any costs due to the failure to register the boat or failure to participate.

Entry fee it includes:

- berth
- slip
- trailer and car parking
- welcome drink by nginius
- dinner
- onshore briefs and lectures
- organised warm up on the water
- finishers' beer and goulash
- prize giving
- the organisation of the event

7. REGISTRATION

- 7.1. Each owner or skipper of the boat must personally register at Free Spirit Regatta Office at the waterfront of Jezera (Obala sv. Ivana 36, Jezera, Murter). The Regatta Office and inspection of the boats will be open between 10 am and 6 pm on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th of May.
- 7.2. The following documents must be available upon registration:
 - Valid third-party insurance
 - Filled and signed registration form complete with an emergency contact (phone number ashore with the name of a contact person) – form available at the Regatta Office
 - Signed safety equipment checklist
 - Signed responsibility statement from the owner or skipper including the co-skipper
 - Number of CSF Vignette for 2019 or filled form: Notification of appearance on one calendar regatta of the CSF without vignette – form available at the Regatta Office

8. PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Pre-event Program – Training Camp:

Tuesday 07. 05.

Arrivals

12:00 General brief, boat assembly and trim, pain point identification

18:00 Lecture and optional group dinner

Wednesday 08. 05.

08:00 Short brief and training on water,

12:00 Break for lunch

13:00 Afternoon session

16:00 Debrief after sailing with video analysis,
End before the start of the official program

Main Event Program:

Wednesday 08. 05.

09:00 – 17:00 Arrivals and Registrations – meeting point @FreeSpirit

Launching/Craning the boats

19:00 Welcome drinks on the main square

20:00 Meet the locals and the official ceremony

21:00 Grill Party

Thursday 09. 05.

09:00 Main Skippers meeting & Meteo brief for 14 & 18

10:00 Main Skippers meeting & Meteo brief for 24 & 27

Security check throughout the day

Midday On the water warm up / in case of bad weather a guest lecture

19:00 Dinner social event

Friday 10. 05.

TBD Start 24 & 27

TBD Start 14 & 18

Saturday 11. 05.

Expanding your comfort zone

Finishers' beer and goulash

TBD Prizegiving

TBD Party @Juno

Sunday 12. 05.

09:00 Breakfast

10:00 – 16:00 Craning and slipping the boats

9. INSPECTION

9.1. All boats shall be inspected before the start of the race to determine whether they meet all safety requirements.

9.2. An additional inspection may be carried out after the race, and there is a possibility that the RO will disqualify the team if it does not have all the equipment it has had at the first inspection before the race.

9.3. List of equipment that must be on the boat before official registration:

- **Personal strobe**

High-Performance Lifejacket light with water contact sensor for automatic firing. Essential for safety during night sailing. Will be fitted directly onto the lifejacket and fire in case the lifejacket is immersed in water.

- **Navigation lights**

27s have no problems, 18s should use battery powered Led light they stuck to the top of the mast and switch it on before the start. The optional idea is emergency lights that you tape on shrouds and back of the boat. Tri colour ones are preferred, but for the 18, technically, white 360 is enough. The 24 are somewhere in between, majority of the 24s have the electric pack and the mandatory lights. If that is not the case you will need to install battery powered tri-colour. One white 360 is not enough. Figure out how to turn them on and off without climbing the mast.

- **Emergency navigation lights**

Battery operated in case your primary ones go dark.

- **Life vest worn at all times**

Especially on the 18 use dinghy vests (like this), not a self-inflatable one since they are more comfortable and help you get back on board if you fall overboard. Put the safety harness with attachment over it (don't forget the crotch straps that go around your legs). On 27s use the inflatable ones.

- **Safety deck line to hook in a lifeline**

On the same topic make sure you put additional rope slings around the boat that help you climb back on board from the front or side if necessary. If possible, try the man-over-board by yourself fully clothed before the race.

27s are pretty straightforward on this but make sure you have a way to climb on board if you fall over.

- **VHF radio**

Double-check the batteries on handhelds.

- **Life Buoy with self-igniting light and floating rope**
Make sure it is well attached and available for quick use. Also, make sure you know how to use it, and that battery and bulb in the light are working.
- **Knife**
It is recommended that you have one on yourself, one somewhere in the cockpit and one on the mast.
- **Strong Flashlight and two headlights**
Check batteries; spare ones don't hurt.
- **Fire extinguisher**
- **2 hand flares and 2 distress rockets**
Very important. Keep them nearby. You can add white anti-collision ones as well.
- **Paper charts of the area**
Should be obtained locally if you don't have them. If you need assistance with this, please contact vid@thinkseascape.com
- **Anchor**
Make sure you have one that works. For Seascape 18 use the class rules for minimum requirement, but it is worth having a better one.
- **2 fenders**
Bring 4 since it will be crowded.
- **2 mooring lines**
Bring enough.
- **1 bucket (min 5l)**
Bring a comfortable one since you will need it as a toilette as well (recommended on 18, 24 and 27).
- **First aid kit**
Make sure it is practical for the cuts immobilisation and so on. There are only two of you on the boat so think practical.
- **Basic tools**
Tool kit must consist of basic equipment to be able to fix basic damages (sail cut, broken tiller on the 18, electric problems on 27, some tape and dyneema rope...).

9.4. Recommendations (not mandatory)

AIS PLB that is cheap and very efficient like this one.

Power bank for your electronic devices.

GPS plotting device (make sure you have enough energy for 30-35 hours). Also, find a good way to attach it - your hands will most likely be full.

On 18s & 24s rope bags on the side of the cockpit to store food, and other stuff. On 27 maybe additional rope bags for stuff.

Dry suit for those who have them, especially for the 18s.

For 18s also consider smaller sails: small jib (7m²) to use in 15+ kt wind, and smaller gennakers (about 24-26m²) are recommendable in case of stronger winds.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

11. NAUTICAL CHARTS

It will be used the Nautical charts of the Croatian Hydrographic Institute, which can be found at www.hhi.hr. You can contact marina@freespirit.center and get the charts delivered to Free Spirit before the race.

11. MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors, owners and their guests give the Organizing Authority the absolute right and permission to use their names, voice, image, biographical material as well as photographs of sailing boats in any medium (television, press and Internet media) including video footage without any compensation. These materials may be used exclusively for advertising, promoting, reporting and information dissemination of Signature events and products.

13. PRIZES

The Challenge 2019 hall of fame will consist of:

- first three 14 teams – The Challenge Trophy for the winners
- first three 18 teams – The Challenge Trophy for the winners
- first three 24 teams – The Challenge Trophy for the winners
- first three 27 teams – The Challenge Trophy for the winners
- winner of the Sailing Record 500 m speed challenge
- organising authority can also give additional prizes at their own discretion

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The Organizing Authority and any other party involved in the organisation of The Challenge 2019 disclaim any responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage or inconvenience that might occur to persons or materials, both at sea and ashore as a consequence of participation in the event.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION:

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