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## VINTAGE YACHTING GAMES RULES

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Vintage Yachting Games shall be held every 4 years starting in 2008
  - 1.2 The term host club shall mean a yacht club or other organization affiliated to and recognized by its national authority. It may also mean any organization, or association of two or more yacht clubs, which may have been designated by the national class organization of the host country as the body responsible for the Vintage Yachting Games
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### 2. TROPHIES, PRIZES AND MEMENTO'S

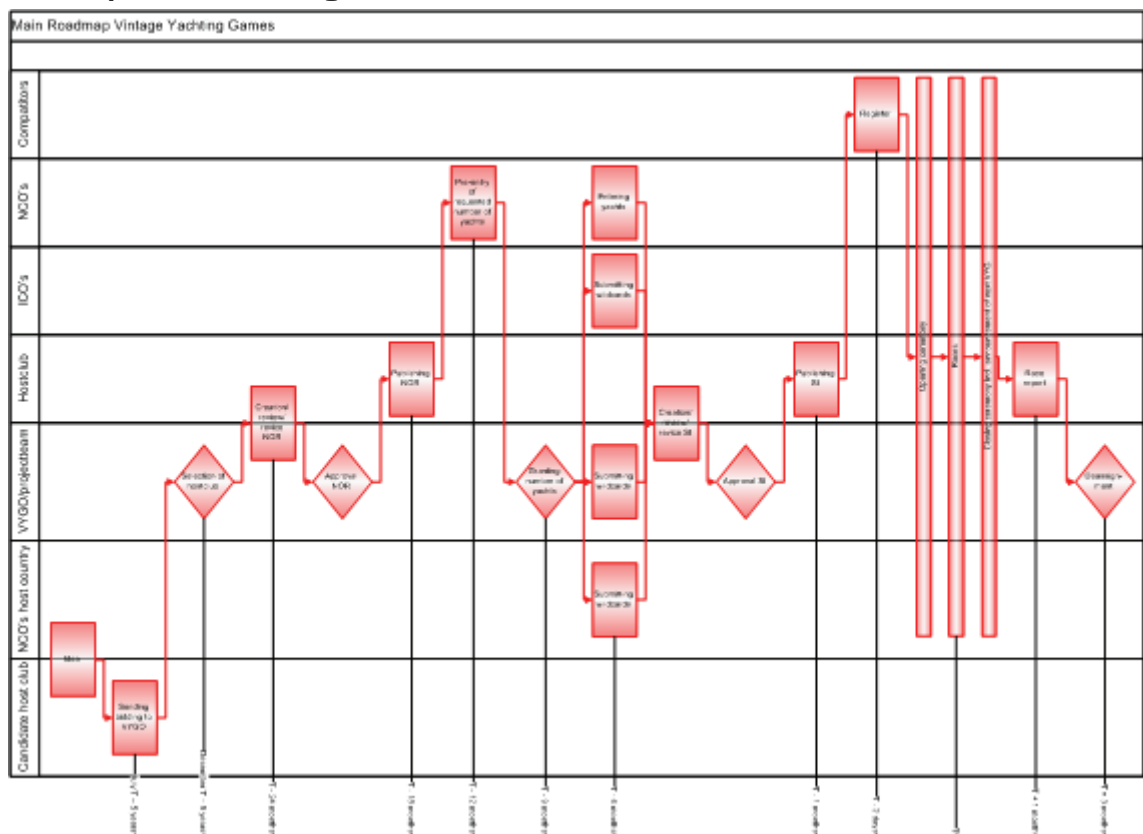
- 2.1 For each Vintage Yachting Games:
  - ▲ The Perpetual Menno Meyer Trophy for the best performing country
- 2.2 For each Vintage Yachting Games event:
  - ▲ Perpetual Vintage Yachting Games trophy
  - ▲ Right to carry specific colored Vintage Yachting Games logos in the mainsail
  - ▲ Prizes for places 1, 2 & 3
  - ▲ For each competitor a memento to the event
  - ▲ Per event extra prizes may be awarded
- 2.3 VYG trophy and the country trophy are the property of the Vintage Yachting Games Organization who upon its satisfaction that the events have been completed in accordance with the following rules will award it to the winners of the Vintage Yachting Games
- 2.4 The Vintage Yachting Games Organization grants yachts to carry the following colored Vintage Yachting Games year logos:
  - ▲ Gold for the first placed yacht
  - ▲ Silver for the second placed yacht
  - ▲ Bronze for the third placed yacht
- 2.5 In addition the Vintage Yachting Games Organization shall present prizes to the helmsmen and, when relevant, crew members of the first 3 yachts in all events of the Vintage Yachting Games
- 2.6 In case of **NON**-completion of a Vintage Yachting Games event, the Vintage Yachting Games trophy shall **NOT** be presented and the right to carry colored logos in the mainsail shall **NOT** be granted. The other prizes referred to in Rule 2.1 will be presented as long as a minimum of one race is completed
- 2.7 The Menno Meyer trophy for the best performing country is donated by Menno Meyer, International Judge and Umpire and metal art designer in Gouda the Netherlands. These trophy shall be rewarded to the country that has the lowest combined scores of all event taking the score of the best ranking boats of each event from each country

### 3. GENERAL RULES FOR THE TROPHIES

- 3.1 The trophy shall be the full responsibility of the holder
- 3.2 The names of the winning yacht, the crewmembers shall be engraved on the trophy by the Vintage Yachting Games Organization.
- 3.3 The winner shall be responsible for delivering the trophy to the next Vintage Yachting Games venue so that it may be awarded to the new winner
- 3.4 In case of **NON**-completion of a Vintage Yachting Games event the trophy shall be retained by the Vintage Yachting Games Organization
- 3.5 Seven races per event will be scheduled. If more than four valid races in an event are completed one race will be discarded. If not less than four valid races are completed in an event, the Vintage Yachting Games trophy will not be granted in that event and the event will not count for the Menno Meyer Trophy.

### 4. VINTAGE YACHTING GAMES MAIN ROADMAP

- 4.1 For the organization of the Vintage Yachting Games after 2008 the following main roadmap will be used as guideline:



## 5. LOCATION

- 5.1 The courses used for the Vintage Yachting Games shall **NOT** be used at the same time for any other event, **NOR** shall the host club organize any **NON**-Vintage Yachting Games event concurrently with the Vintage Yachting Games without the special permission of the Vintage Yachting Games Organization
- 5.2 Before selecting the site of the next Vintage Yachting Games the Vintage Yachting Games Organization shall:
- ▲ Ensure that the host club has a copy of the current:
    - ▲ Vintage Yachting Games rules
    - ▲ Standard Vintage Yachting Games sailing instructions
    - ▲ Responsibilities of the liaison officer
  - ▲ Require the host club to state in writing that it will comply with the provisions therein
  - ▲ Ascertain that the host club has suitable shore and water facilities at the proposed location of the Vintage Yachting Games, including:
    - ▲ Slipway(s)
    - ▲ Two hoists
    - ▲ Dry storage, rigging, measuring and parking areas for cars and trailers
    - ▲ Adjacent parking, docking or mooring
    - ▲ Clubhouse and attendant facilities
    - ▲ Sufficient and suitable boats to perform all race functions including committee boats, mark boats, patrol, towing and spectator boats
    - ▲ Sufficient open water to lay sufficient two mile circles within which the regattas shall be conducted no point on which is closer than one mile to any substantial body of land
    - ▲ At least one free high-speed internet connection available for the organization
    - ▲ Ascertain that the host club has the written approval of the national class organizations of its country to apply for the Vintage Yachting Games, and to hold it at the intended location
  - ▲ Approve the dates proposed by the host club.
- 5.3 Vintage Yachting Games Organization shall not later than the end of the Vintage Yachting Games announce the location and dates of the next Vintage Yachting Games
- 5.4 The Host Club shall send a representative to a major Vintage Yachting Games Organization meeting not less than September five years prior to the Vintage Yachting Games to secure outline approval for its proposals
- 5.5 Locations shall be pre-approved by the Vintage Yachting Games Organization. Pre-approved locations are:

City	Country	City	Country
Arhus	Denmark	Auckland	New Zealand
Douamenez	France	Dublin	Ireland
Kingston	Canada	Mallorca	Spain
Marstrand	Sweden	Medemblik	The Netherlands
Perth	Australia	Punta Ala	Italy
Rio de Janeiro	Brazil	San Francisco	United States
Athens	Greece	Villamoura	Portugal
Warnemünde	Germany	Weymouth	United Kingdom

## 6. ELIGIBILITY

6.1 Eligibility is confined to the owner of a certificated yacht or his nominated representative who shall for the purposes of the event take over all the owner's responsibility, and who has satisfied all measurement and registration requirements as specified in the notice of race including the submission (at the completion of measurement) of properly completed measurement work sheets.

6.2 The Vintage Yachting Games Organization aims at 20 yachts at the starting line of each event using the following table as guideline:

# of countries	Maximum yachts per country	Minimum yachts at starting line	Maximum yachts at starting line
Less than 5	NO EVENT	0	0
5	4	5	20
6	3	6	18
7	3	7	21
8	3	8	24
9	2	9	27
10	2	10	20
11	2	11	22
12	2	12	24
13	2	13	26
14	2	14	28
15	2	15	30
16	2	16	32
More than 16	1	# of countries	# of countries

6.3 Selection, pre-entering and entering yachts for the Vintage Yachting Games is the sole responsibility of the NCO of each class. In absence of a national class organization, the international class organization will have to exert this responsibility on request of the sailors of the country in question

6.4 With the exception of wildcard yachts, at least 50% of the sailors on a yacht must be of the same nationality as the country of the NCO that entered them (Holder of a passport of the specific country).

6.5 In each event three wildcards will be issued:

- ▲ National wildcard
- ▲ International wildcard
- ▲ Vintage wildcard

6.6 The NCO's of the organizing country will issue a wildcard in each event for a special team that failed to qualify. The NCO's can only pick a team from the organizing country

6.7 The ICO's will issue in each event a wildcard for a special team. The ICO's cannot pick a team from the organizing country

6.8 The Vintage Yachting Games Organization will issue a wildcard in each event for a special team.

6.9 Wildcard holders in each wildcard category (NCO, ICO or Vintage Yachting Games) will sail for the Country trophy as if they were a separate country

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## 7. NOTICE OF RACE

- 7.1 The host club shall submit a draft of the notice of race to the Vintage Yachting Games Organization for its approval. It shall include:
- ▲ A statement as to the location and all-inclusive dates of the Vintage Yachting Games.
  - ▲ A brief description of the city or area and marine and weather conditions to be anticipated
  - ▲ Storage, launching, and mooring facilities
  - ▲ Types, approximate prices, and proximity of accommodation available
  - ▲ Schedule of events, listing:
  - ▲ The dates for measurement and the latest date by which all yachts shall be available for measurement.
  - ▲ The date of the first race - but not of the subsequent races. The racing will take place over a six or seven day
  - ▲ The time on the last scheduled day after which no race may be started
  - ▲ A statement specifying that the regatta will be governed by the racing rules of sailing, the prescriptions of the national authority when they apply, and the Vintage Yachting Games rules
  - ▲ The last date for receiving final completed entry
  - ▲ A notice advising competitors that they compete at their own risk and responsibility, and that every yacht must be in possession of a valid third party liability insurance cover of not less than **€ 1,000,000** to be effective for the duration of the regatta
- 7.2 When the notice of race has been approved by Vintage Yachting Games Organization, the host club shall send e-mail and in English notices of race to the national class organizations according to a mailing list supplied from the international class organization.

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## 8. ENTRIES

- 8.1 Each NCO must requested number of participating yachts to the Vintage Yachting Games Organization.
- 8.2 The Vintage Yachting Games Organization responds to the NCO with the granted number of yachts.
- 8.3 After receiving the granted number of yachts the national class organization must enter the actual competitors. The maximum entry fee will be € 250 per sailor. There will be **NO** refund by a **NO**-show
- 8.4 The final entry list will be published by the host club
- 8.5 Each competing sailor must be a member of the relevant NCO or in special cases of the relevant ICO
- 8.6 National class organizations or the host club may set a fee for attending special organized social events other than the opening, prize giving and closing ceremonies
- 8.7 Coaches must register at arrival. The maximum registration fee is € 250 (This includes mooring and craning of their coach boat and memento

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## 9. MEASUREMENT

- 9.1 The Vintage Yachting Games Organization shall provide the host club with a measurement procedure per class, which is to be followed.
- 9.2 The host club may submit to the Vintage Yachting Games Organization for approval any amendments which it may consider advisable
- 9.3 The host club shall submit to the Vintage Yachting Games Organization the name of the proposed chief measurer. The Vintage Yachting Games Organization reserves the right to veto the proposal. Should no subsequent proposal of the host club be acceptable to the Vintage Yachting Games Organization, then the Vintage Yachting Games Organization shall appoint the chief measurer.
- 9.4 The chief measurer shall, in consultation with the relevant liaison officer and the relevant class measurer, have the final decision concerning interpretations of the class rules, and the acceptability of a yacht
- 9.5 During measuring are only the crew of the yacht being measured, and the measurers, permitted to be present
- 9.6 After the sails are measured and stamped, they may not be altered during the series. Repairs shall only be undertaken with written permission of the jury. If a sail requires major repair the jury may order the sail to be re-measured. Only sails that have been measured (or re-measured) and stamped may be used during the VYG. In the event of accidental damage, which, in the opinion of the jury cannot be suitably repaired, the jury may authorize a spare sail to be measured, stamped, and used for the remaining races of the Vintage Yachting Games. The damaged sail shall then be deposited with the race committee for the duration of the Vintage Yachting Games
- 9.7 National letters and distinguishing numbers shall be placed on mainsails and spinnakers
- 9.8 Prior to the first race the measurer shall provide, transmit to the race committee and the international jury, and publish, a list of yachts who have satisfactorily met the requirements of the notice of race and the Vintage Yachting Games rules and are eligible to race

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## 10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 All races shall be conducted under the racing rules of sailing and the sailing instructions for the event which shall be based on the Vintage Yachting Games standard sailing instructions and which shall not be varied without good reason relating to some particular local conditions and with the agreement of the relevant liaison officer
- 10.2 Per event, the sailing instructions can vary.
- 10.3 The host club shall submit a copy of the sailing instructions, complete in all details and in English, to the Vintage Yachting Games Organization for approval
- 10.4 The bonus point score system **MUST** be used
- 10.5 A DSO under means of propulsion may be counted as a discard in calculating the final score

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## 11. INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 11.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with rule RRS 87.2. for the Vintage Yachting Games
- 11.2 In accordance with RRS appendix AS 3.8(b), the organizing authority directs the international jury not to decide questions of eligibility or measurement unless a hearing is requested. During the pre-race period the international jury shall receive, endorse, and publish the decisions of the organizing authority and the chief measurer in regard to such questions
- 11.3 In accordance with RRS appendix AS 3.9 the organizing authority directs the international jury not to supervise or direct the race committee in the conduct of the race(s), but does authorize it with the agreement of the relevant liaison officer to initiate or authorize changes in, or additions to, the sailing instructions
- 11.4 The host club shall submit to the Vintage Yachting Games Organization the names of the proposed president and the other members of the Jury. The Vintage Yachting Games Organization reserves the right to veto the proposal in completely or in part. Should no subsequent proposal of the host club be acceptable to the Vintage Yachting Games Organization, then the Vintage Yachting Games Organization, shall appoint the president and the other members of the jury
- 11.5 **NO** member of the jury shall take part in the event as a competitor or perform any other organizational or administrative function in connection with the Vintage Yachting Games
- 11.6 A yacht may **NOT** be disqualified on means of propulsion by the jury without a hearing
- 11.7 **NO** "on the water judging" will be conducted, judges can record observations
- 11.8 Each hearing will have an exact timeslot. If a hearing takes more time, the hearing will be adjourn and a new timeslot will be set for the continuation
- 11.9 **NO** Jury hearings will take place between 23:00h and 07:00h

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## 12. RACE REPORT

- 12.1 Race results (including all crew names) shall be send to the VYGO by email
- 12.2 After the event a race report, including any Jury decisions, the chief measurer's report to the jury, the results and any other information of interest, shall be emailed to the Vintage Yachting Games Organization by the host club

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## 13. LIAISON OFFICER

- 13.1 Each ICO shall appoint a liaison officer for the Vintage Yachting Games. The liaison officer shall be consulted by all changes in and interpretations of the sailing instructions. As the representative of the organizing authority, he/she may direct the race committee to adhere to his/her interpretation of the sailing instructions. His/her name will be posted on the official notice board

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## 14. ALTERATIONS

- 14.1 Alterations to these rules shall be made only by the Vintage Yachting Games Organization. In case of dispute on any matter concerning these rules, the decision of the Vintage Yachting Games Organization, or its duly authorized liaison officer, shall be final. All changes in the sailing instructions shall be approved by and, prior to posting on the official notice board, signed by each relevant liaison officer