



SWAN 45 NORTHERN EUROPEAN CIRCUIT 2012

The 2012 SWAN 45 NORTHERN EUROPEAN CIRCUIT, organised by the Swan Racing Office, is a circuit for all Swan 45 yachts, to be sailed in Northern European waters at a series of individual events. The Organising Authority for each individual event will be as specified in the Notice of Race for each individual event.

1. EVENTS, VENUES AND DATES.

- North Sea Regatta, Scheveningen, 25 – 28 May 2012
- Kieler Woche, Kiel, 16 – 20 June 2012
- Breskens Sailing Weekend, Breskens, 31 August – 2 September 2012

Further information on the events, venues and dates will be sent via e-mail to the boats registered in the circuit.

2. RULES.

2.1 The 2012 Swan 45 Northern European Circuit will be governed by:

- a) The rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2009 – 2012).
- b) The ISAF Sailor's Classifications Code.
- c) The Swan 45 Class Rules
- d) The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the individual events.

2.2 The official language of the Circuit shall be English.

2.3 Any modification to this notice will be distributed to the Circuit participants.

3. ADVERTISING.

3.1 Advertising category and limitations will be specified in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for each individual event.

4. ELIGIBILITY.

4.1 The 2012 Swan 45 Northern European Circuit is open to all Swan 45 yachts.

4.2 In order to qualify for the Swan 45 Northern European Circuit, and compete for the Circuit trophy, a boat must participate in one event named as part of the Circuit. The other two Circuit events, outlined in Paragraph 1 will provide further scoring opportunities for competitors.

4.3 In order to be considered in the Circuit competition, a boat will race under a valid Swan 45 One Design certificate in the designated Circuit events.

4.4 All competitors shall comply with the eligibility requirements of each individual event.

4.5 The North European Swan 45 Committee, comprised of participating Swan 45 Owners with each country involved in the Circuit represented, will rule on any further eligibility matters within the Circuit events.



5. PROGRAMME AND SCHEDULE.

5.1 The programme and schedule for each event will be described in their respective Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

6. INSPECTIONS AND MEASUREMENT.

6.1 Inspection and measurement for each event will be described in their respective Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

7. SCORING AND RESULTS.

7.1 For the purpose of determining **2012 SWAN 45 NORTHERN EUROPEAN CIRCUIT** scores, a boat's score shall be the sum of her final overall finishing position (Swan 45 entrants only will be extracted from overall results if necessary) in each of the three Circuit events. Boats shall be placed in the circuit series in order of their total score, lowest points first.

7.2 In the event of a tie between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their overall result in last event of the series. Any remaining ties shall be broken by the next to last event and so on until the ties are broken.

8. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS.

8.1 The procedure for protests and requests for redress will be described in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the respective events.

8.2 All protests and requests for redress that may affect individual event scores shall be determined by the protest committee appointed for that event.

8.3 Any request for redress regarding scoring in the 2012 Swan 45 Northern European Circuit shall be decided by a protest committee appointed by the Swan 45 Class Association and the Swan Racing Office. These requests may be submitted by email to the Swan Racing Office but otherwise in accordance with RRS 62.2. The protest committee may determine the procedures for conducting the hearing and deciding the case. These procedures may include a hearing conducted by email. This changes RRS 63, 64 and 65.

9. TROPHIES AND PRIZES.

9.1 Trophies will be awarded to the overall 1st placed yacht competing in the Circuit. Other trophies may be presented.

9.2 Circuit event trophies will be described in each event's Sailing Instructions.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.

10.1 Competitors participate in the 2012 Swan 45 Northern European Circuit at their own risk. Attention is drawn to the Fundamental Rule 4: DECISION TO RACE, of Part 1 of the RRS, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone".

10.2 The Swan Racing Office will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the 2012 Swan 45 Northern European Circuit.