



Open Swiss Championship class RG-65

April 12./13., 2025 CH-8266 Steckborn

Racing Rules

1. Rules

The regatta will be organised in accordance with

- the RG65 class rules - in the currently valid versions;
- the race rules of the organiser.

The sailing instructions can be changed by posting or announcement at skipper meetings. Changes will be announced at least 3 minutes before a race.

The representatives appointed by the regatta management are equal to the regatta management within the scope of the tasks and powers entrusted to them.

Boats that are published in the rcstu.ch entry list by the entry deadline are authorised to start. Skippers must be registered with their boats in accordance with the programme before the first skippers' meeting. The regatta organisers will decide on any late entries or registrations on a case-by-case basis.

All participating boats must have clearly legible sail numbers in order to differentiate between them and to ensure that the finishes are clearly recorded. Deviations from this or a change to the sail number registered in the entry list require the approval of the regatta organisers.

Each participant is responsible for complying with the broadcasting regulations applicable in Switzerland. The channels/frequencies allocated in the entry list may only be changed with the consent of the regatta management.

2. measurement and authorised equipment

In keeping with the spirit of the class, the skippers must trust that their boats comply with the class rules and that only the authorised equipment is used (corinthian spirit!).

Up to four rigs and two keels per boat may be used in this regatta. However, only one keel may be used per regatta day. At the request of participants or the regatta organisers, random measurements may be carried out.

3. Course of the races

According to the regatta programme.

4. Scoring and race system

Scoring: Scoring will be according to the low-point system.

System: If there are more than 20 participants, the heat management system (HMS) will be used with 4 ascending/descending teams, if there are 20 or fewer participants in one field.

The start lists will be posted on site if group divisions are used. Each participant must inform himself/herself about his/her respective starting group in order not to miss a start.

5. remote control position

The area to be used by the sailing participants and observers is limited by the harbour wall and barriers. Changes and restrictions will be announced by the race officer. It is forbidden to enter the harbour wall during the regatta (risk of accident).

6. start / start signals

Start signals are always given acoustically. The acoustic signal will be announced in the following manner: 2 min, 1 min, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 'Start signal'

The start takes place with free sailing boats (no pushing from the shore / jetty).

7. Behaviour in the event of a false start and general recalls

If a single early starter is recognised by the race committee, the race committee will call out his sail number.

The early starter sails back behind the starting line ('dipping') without hindering other boats and starts again. If the early starter does not restart according to the rules, this race will be scored as DNS for him.

If the race officer cannot identify a single early starter, the race will be cancelled as a 'mass early start'.

If a start is cancelled and repeated several times due to too many early starters, the 'black flag rule' applies from the 3rd restart. Boats violating this rule will receive a DSQ and must leave the regatta course immediately.

If 3 or more boats jam in the starting minute, the start must be repeated. It must then be assumed that at least 1 boat got into this situation through no fault of its own.

8. Course

The regatta course is formed by course marks. The sequence of course marks to be sailed will be announced by the race committee in a suitable form at least 2 minutes before the start.

At the starting point, the current course will be indicated by a sketch, verbal explanation and/or by stating the course number. Within the start time, but no later than one minute before the start signal, the first valid course mark from several alternative course marks can be determined by the regatta management by shouting.

Touching buoys is permitted. However, other boats must not be obstructed (e.g. LUV buoy). This can be restricted by the race officer if necessary

9. crossing the finish line / finishing a race

When crossing the finish line, each participant must call out their sail number loudly and clearly for the observers to hear, unless the organiser expressly waives this. Every boat crossing the finish line must keep clear of following boats that are still in a race. If a boat is nevertheless obstructed, it will be disqualified for that heat by the race organisers.

A boat that abandons a heat or gets out of control must inform the regatta organisers immediately. A boat reported as out of control will be counted as abandoned.

10. time limits / maximum time

If no boat has reached the finish line within 30 minutes of the start signal, the race will be cancelled.

If it is obvious that the conditions do not allow for fair sailing, the race officer may stop the race before this time limit.

After the first boat has crossed the finish line, the following boats have 10 minutes to complete the race. Boats that have not crossed the finish line by the end of this period will be scored as DNF.

11. Protests and exonerations

A boat wishing to protest a breach of the rules must inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity by shouting ('(own sail number) protest (sail number of the other boat)').

Violations of the rules should therefore be rectified immediately on the water / during the race by free sailing and curling (360 degree turn with at least one tack and one gybe). If observers are used, their instructions must be followed. If a clearing only takes place after a request from the race committee, a 720 degree turn (2 tacks and 2 gybes) must be sailed instead of a simple curl to clear the course, otherwise the race will be disqualified.

In the spirit of the class, protest negotiations are not welcome!

12. Jury

The jury will be appointed and announced by the race committee from among the participants before the start of the regatta. One member of the jury will chair the protest or redress hearing. Each participant involved must be heard and may nominate further witnesses who must also be heard. After the decision of the jury, the race director announces the result (DSQ of one or more yachts, rejection of the protest, redress). The decisions of the jury are final.

13. Yacht out of control

A yacht out of control is considered an obstacle. The competitor shall, after being certain that he is no longer in control of his yacht, immediately and loudly - so that all competitors and the race officer are aware - announce the loss of control of the yacht. A yacht that is out of control will be considered to have been withdrawn from the race, even if it regains control later.

14. Responsibility / Exclusion of liability

Participation in the regatta is at the participant's own risk and responsibility. The organiser and all other participants in this event accept no responsibility for loss, damage, injury or other events concerning the boats used in the regatta and the persons participating in or present at this regatta, insofar as these are not the responsibility of the aforementioned.

This applies to events on the water as well as on land.

Participants are solely responsible for the safety of their boat and themselves and for their decision to take part in the regatta.

By submitting the entry form, each participant agrees that photos, name and sail number may be published in entry and result lists as well as in any reports on the event.

By participating in this regatta, participants accept these conditions.