

sailing informations 2025

last update from: June 5, 2025

new topics: umpire

The Basic Rules

1. Wind is the only permitted driving force. (The motor can only be used to charge batteries, but not to propel the boat.)
2. The clutch must be disengaged at the "15 minute signal" before the start.
3. You are free to choose the route and any stopovers.
4. If you use the motor for a stopover, then you must return to the location where you started the motor, and resume from there under sail.
5. The crew may be exchanged, but not the skipper. The maximum crew number counts.
6. Every skipper must adhere to the International Collision Regulations (TSS's can trigger a protest if they are sailed incorrectly).
7. Each skipper is responsible for the safety of his/her crew and boat.
8. Every crew must give their contact details & emergency contacts to the organizer.
9. Each participant must sign a disclaimer, that they take part at their own risk.
10. Every boat must have appropriate third-party insurance.
11. Every skipper must attend the briefing the evening before the race.
12. The GPS tracker must be displayed on every boat.
13. Every boat must pay an entry fee for the race.
14. All mooring fees must be payed by the respective skipper.
15. You can sail IRC corrected. The crew size is not taken into account.
16. Communication takes place either via Ch 72, or mobile phone.
17. Underage participants need a clear consent from their parents.
18. Rule violations are punishable by time penalties or, in extreme cases, disqualification.
19. Protests are to be presented to the race organiser.
20. Protest informations, hearings, judgments and announcements, can and will be done with computer, mobile phone and via Internet.
21. The race flag should be flown in the place of the national flag.

entry fee

- The entry fee is **270 euros** per participating yacht.
- Please transfer it as soon as you know your starting number (1 - 100). A confirmation will follow via email.
- **Everything from start number 101 onwards is considered as waiting list - please do not transfer money!**
- The boats on the waiting list do not have to pay until they moved up.
- Registration is not effective until the entry fee has been received, stating the start number and boat name on the following account.

name: Agora direct MidsummerSail GmbH
bank: Deutsche Bank
IBAN: DE38 2907 0024 0327 8637 00
BIC: DEUTDE33HAN

- In cases of force majeure or due to official orders or for security reasons, the organizer is entitled to make changes to the event or to cancel it completely. In these cases, the organizer is not liable to pay compensation to the participant.
- Reimbursement of the entry fee is only possible in the event of a complete cancellation of the event, if the cancellation is the responsibility of the organizer.
- If you cancel your registration and submit a medical certificate by May 21, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded.
- Refunds will not be made after May 21st.

starting field

- The limit for the number of yachts is 100.
- Please do not block starting places if non-participation becomes known.

disclaimer

- Each skipper must sign a disclaimer, that they take part at their own risk.
- **Send it signed per email to midsummersail@gmail.com**

date & time

- The start time 2025 will be **June 21** at **1pm**, which is midsummer.
- The time limit for the race is July 5, 2025 at 1pm.
- The measured time of the organizer applies, not the tracker.

prizes

- Line Honours monohull / trophy & 1000,- €
- Line Honours multihull / trophy & 1000,- €
- Smallest crew arriving / trophy & 1000,- €
- Smallest boat (LOA) arriving / trophy & 1000,- €
- IRC / medal in etui
- Medal for everyone finishing the race successfully.

the course

- The route is about 900 nautical miles (1670 km) long.
- The start is in the bay of Wismar.
The most southern point of the Baltic Sea.
53°54'44.2"N 11°26'10.1"E & 53°54'46.7"N 11°26'17.6"E
- The finish is at Töre next to a yellow buoy.
The most northern point of the Baltic Sea.
65°54'02.0"N 22°38'58.0"E & 65°54'03.3"N 22°39'06.8"E



Skipper briefing	<p>The skipper briefing will take place on Friday, June 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Marina Weisse Wiek. The skippers are obliged to take part. Then there will be music and if the weather cooperates there will be fireworks.</p>																		
race village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The „race village“ is in the Marina Weisse Wiek (Wismar/Boltenhagen). - It is a full service marina with a shipyard for engine, rig and sailing work, as well as a slipway and trailer parking. - The participants will find a berth there from June 1st (alongside) at 50% of the normal berth fees. <p>There is a place for everyone who registers for a berth by the end of May. Yachtwelt Weisse Wiek +49 388 25 26 39 0 info@yachtwelt.de</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The distance to the starting line is approx. 8nm. - Very long mooring lines, lots of fenders and a fender board are recommended as well as long land power cables (also for Töre). 																		
„office“	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I'll be there from June 19th to hand out start numbers and trackers. 																		
Other harbours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - https://marina-westhafen-wismar.de/ - https://hafen.wismar.de - www.ycwismar.de - www.segelclub-inselpoel.de - www.marina-hohenwieschendorf.de 																		
the Start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The start line is between the "Swedish heads". 53°54'44.2"N 11°26'10.1"E & 53°54'46.7"N 11°26'17.6"E <p>starting groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Your start group can be seen on starting list of the website (detail view). - Number pennants of the starting group must be hoisted. - The times will be compensated at the finish. - It is not compulsory to cross the start line exactly on time. You can also start later, and lose time. <table> <tr> <td>-</td><td>starting group 1</td><td>01.00 pm</td><td>up to: 10,50 meter LOA</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>starting group 2</td><td>01.15 pm</td><td>from: 10,51 meter LOA</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>starting group 3</td><td>01.30 pm</td><td>from: 12,20 meter LOA</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>starting group 4</td><td>01.45 pm</td><td>Multis & Special</td></tr> </table>			-	starting group 1	01.00 pm	up to: 10,50 meter LOA		starting group 2	01.15 pm	from: 10,51 meter LOA		starting group 3	01.30 pm	from: 12,20 meter LOA		starting group 4	01.45 pm	Multis & Special
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time penalties	early start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - starting group 1 - 1 hour penalty - starting group 2 - 2 hours penalty - starting group 3 - 3 hours penalty - starting group 4 - 4 hours penalty 																	
	TSS's (in case of a protest, for every single one)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - starting group 1 - 2 hours penalty - starting group 2 - 4 hours penalty - starting group 3 - 6 hours penalty - starting group 4 - 8 hours penalty 																	



sound signals

Start	starting group 1	12.45 pm 12.59 pm 01.00 pm	preparation warning start	fog horn fog horn cannon
	starting group 2	01.00 pm 01.14 pm 01.15 pm	preparation warning start	cannon fog horn cannon
	starting group 3	01.15 pm 01.29 pm 01.30 pm	preparation warning start	cannon fog horn cannon
	starting group 4	01.30 pm 01.44 pm 01.45 pm	preparation warning start	cannon fog horn cannon
Finish	fog horn sound			

umpire

- There is an umpire who, after hearing and considering the facts, will make an independent decision in order to advise the race organizer.
- The final decision will be made by the race organizer.
- The time limit for a protest ends on July 5th, 1.00pm
- Protests are to be presented to the race organiser.
- Protest informations, hearings, judgments and announcements, can and will be done with computer, mobile phone and via Internet.

navigation

- The International Collision Regulations apply and TSS's should be carefully considered (there could be time penalties).
- Ice moves the stones in the fjord every year.
Outside the buoys, things get „exciting“.

the Finish

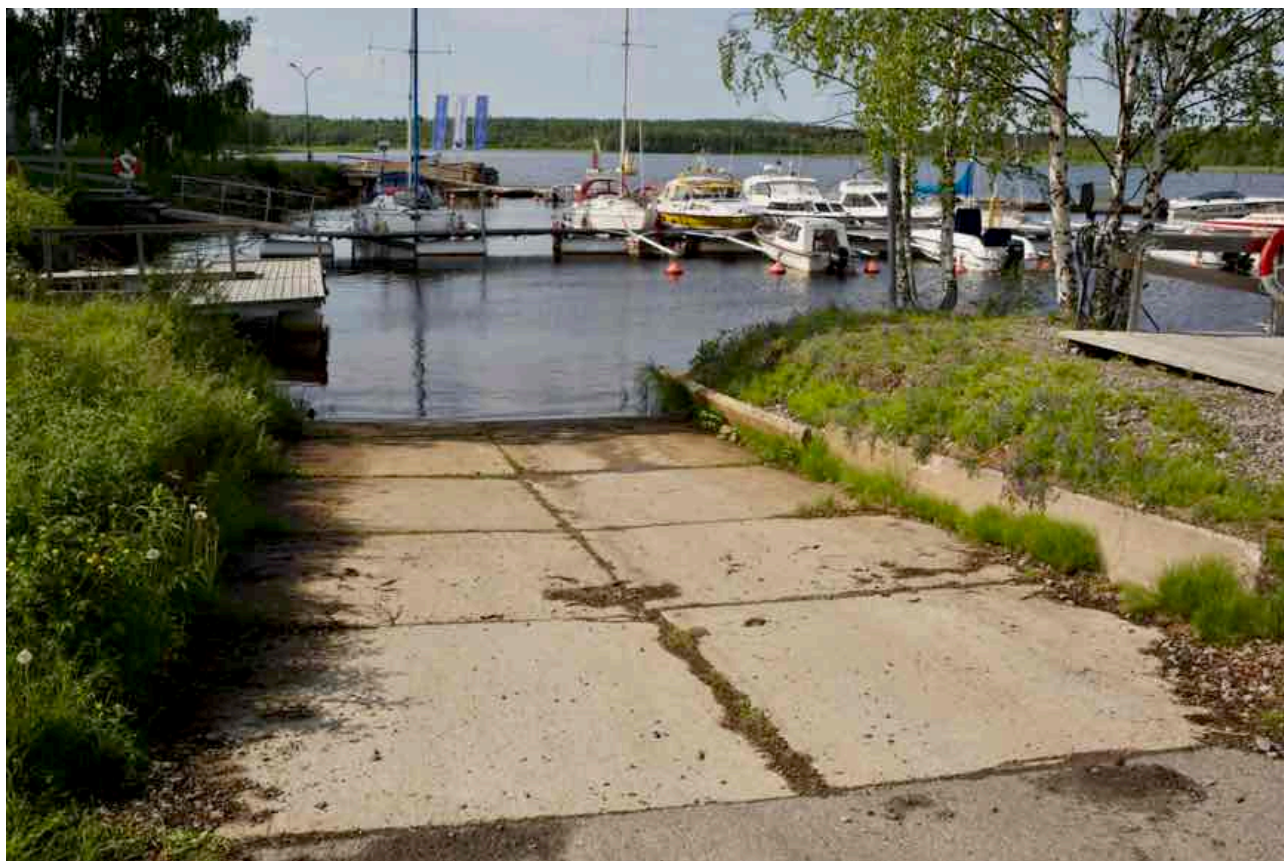
- The finish line is between the yellow buoy and the flags in Töre.
65°54'02.0"N 22°38'58.0"E & 65°54'03.3"N 22°39'06.8"E
- At the finish it is allowed to sail past both sides of the buoy.
- It is important to plan crossing the finish line ahead of time so that you can manage a fast turning maneuver. It gets relatively shallow behind the buoy.
- The finish signal is a blast with an airhorn.
- After crossing the finish line there is the yellow buoy photo, think about how to tie up there on the way :)
- If there is traffic jam, one after another...
- Time limit July 4, 2024, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. (depending on the starting group).
- Moorings are **only available on the outside of the quay wall/port**.
Larger packs are the norm.
- Töre is really small. It is likely that the larger boats might have to moor up at the quay wall. Maybe also lying in pack.
- The prizes giving depends on the situation.
- Water and electricity are available, but can only be reached with very long cables/hoses - if the connections are free.



race abandonment The race abandonment must be communicated to the organizer by telephone, SMS or email.
Not in the signal group !!!

slip way

Töre has a small slipway. However, there is an edge underwater that can jam small wheels.



mobile crane

Töre and Luleå don't have a crane. However, possibly a mobile crane can be ordered (no guarantee for this information) :

- Adam Wayman +46 70 100 87 27 / adam.wayman@havator.com
- Peter Johansson, +4670-568 78 60 / Peter@lulebargaren.se

Marinas with cran

- <https://www.norrkustmarina.se/>
- nbbmarina.se
070-618 48 00 / info@nbbmarina.se
Granuddsvägen 290, 972 51 Luleå



GPS tracker

- Each participant receives a tracker. This must be attached to the boat so that the antenna can see the sky.
- Please secure it well, as **the loss will cost you £ 650**. Please return it to me at the finish.
- Please return it to me after crossing the finish line.
- It is automatically "deactivated" when you give up the race.
- Should the race be abandoned, it must arrive at the following address **no later than July 7th, 2025:**
Agora direct, Schwäbische Strasse 5, 10781 Berlin, Germany
- One day of rental arrears cost £ 10.
- **Ship only from EU countries - not from Åland & Norway !!!**
Otherwise it will be considered as a lost tracker !!!
- The UN-number allows the tracker as air freight (stick it on parcel).

YB3 Rental Tracker Basic Instruction Guide (Updated 11 June 2018)



The YB Rental Tracker is a self-contained battery powered GPS Tracking device.

It uses satellites to get GPS fixes and transmit its positions back to base. Therefore, it needs to have a good view of the sky to operate properly.



To turn the tracker ON:

To Turn the tracker on, press the LEFT ◀ and RIGHT ▶ keys together on the keypad. The screen will light up and you will be prompted to 'press UP to start' ▲.

Make sure the unit is outside when it is turned on:

The tracker will attempt to transmit as soon as it has been turned on, and will then revert to transmitting at its normal frequency. Whenever the tracker is trying to transmit, a green light will flash on the keypad.

Sending a 'one-off' position report (manual position report):

To send a one-off position report, press and hold the UP ▲ key for 5 seconds. The screen will wake up and a countdown will be displayed to confirm that the position is being sent.

To send an alert message:

Lift the flap at the bottom of the tracker, and hold down the red alert button for 5 seconds. The screen will say 'Sending Alert...' - ensure that the unit has the best view of the sky possible and leave until the green LED stops flashing. You can repeat this process.

To charge:

If you need to charge the tracker, simply unscrew the cap covering the USB port on the bottom of the unit and plug into the USB charger. A red LED will turn on when the unit is charging. After charging, check that the USB cap is done back up again very tightly to ensure the unit remains fully waterproof.

To turn the tracker OFF:

To turn the tracker off, simply press the OK key to enter the main menu, scroll all the way down to 'Deactivation' and press OK, and OK again to confirm.



„Bye“

- If your families and friends want to wave goodbye, the Wendorf pier (Seebrücke Wendorf) is well suited for this.
- A place on the Wissemara can also be booked:
<https://www.poeler-kogge.de/kogge.html>

IRC

- In order to sail IRC corrected, please show the valid IRC certificate.
- The crew size is not taken into account.
- IRC is not mandatory

pictures

- There will be a photographer, videographer and a drone pilot at the start & finish. The pictures will be used for the website and media publications.
- There is no guarantee that every boat will be photographed !

money

- In Sweden, cash has almost disappeared. Payment is made by card or cell phone. In Germany it is often the other way around and only cash is accepted.

Signal

- If you want, you can be part of the signal group.
It is intended for interaction among the participants.
- Contact me and you will get the link.

BBQ

Near the harbor there is a simple fireplace with a grill. There have always been fun barbecue evenings there in recent years. Everyone brings what they need.

Töre harbour fest

If the municipality of Töre celebrates a harbour festival, we are very welcome!

Yachtwelt 360

- The Marina of the Race Village organizes the "YachtWelt Sail 360".
- The 5 winners of the „YachtWelt Sail 360“ are automatically qualified for the MidsummerSail.
This qualification is valid until the 21st of January and the respective skipper must have signed up until this date.
- Returnees of the MidsummerSail get a berth at 50% of the normal price in the Yachtwelt Weisse Wiek, until the start of the "YachtWelt Sail 360".

distress

- In case of distress or emergency there are various ways to trigger a rescue operation. Bremen Rescue are aware of the regatta and a simple call or radio message would have them on their way.
- The DGzRS is informed about the MidsummerSail.

Recommended equipment

The boat and its equipment must be safe and in a seaworthy condition.
The organiser reserves the right to reject participants.

- steering compass / bearing compass
- up to date sea charts
- GPS
- echo sound
- radar reflector
- VHF maritime radio
- AIS
- up to date maritime traffic information
- navigation lights
- logbook
- life jacket (with whistle)
- safety harness
- life raft
- up to date flares & distress rockets
- fire extinguisher
- first aid kit
- min. 1 powerfull bailer
- ground tackle
- powerful torch
- lighter, matches
- binoculars
- barometer
- signal horn
- knife
- broadcast receiver
- boat hook
- many fenders & fender board
- very long mooring lines
- very long shore power cables & adapters
- warm, weatherproof clothes
- mosquito repellent
- self steering system