

THE SCANDINAVIAN GOLD CUP

International 5.5 Metre Prize of the Nordic Sailing Federation
(former Scandinavian Yacht Racing Union)



RULES

ARTICLE I

Origin

The Scandinavian Gold Cup is a permanent International Challenge Prize, presented to the Scandinavian Yacht Racing Union in 1922 by Nyländska Jaktklubben, Helsinki (Helsingfors), Finland.

Competitors

The Cup may be competed for annually by the International 5.5 Metre Class yachts of the International Sailing Federation registered with recognised yacht clubs.

Challenges

One challenge only will be accepted from each country and with one yacht only, entered by the National Authority of the respective country.

Exception:

The winner of the previous year, the temporary holder of the Cup, may defend the Cup, even if there is another yacht from the same country.

ARTICLE II

Next competition

The competition in the following year shall be sailed in the week before next year's World Championship races at the same place.

ARTICLE III

Notice of Race

A "Notice of Race" in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing shall be distributed by the organising club one month before the first race to The International 5.5 Metre Class Association.

Challenges

Challenges are to be delivered by the National Authorities to the organising club at least 30 days before the first race.

Entries

The final entries are to be delivered to the organising club at least 7 days before the first race. Entries shall specify the following:

1. Name of yacht.
2. Sail letters and numbers.
3. Name of owner, helmsman and crew.
4. Name of yacht club.

Certificate of Rating

The entry shall be accompanied by a valid Certificate of Rating.

ARTICLE IV

Eligibility

The helmsman and at least one other member of the crew shall be nationals or residents of the challenging country.

ARTICLE V

Rules

The races shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Rules of the International 5.5 Metre Class, the Notice of Race, the sailing instructions and these rules.

Jury

An International Jury, as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing shall have overall supervision of the conduct of the event and shall hear and decide all protests.

ARTICLE VI

Course

The course shall be of the "Banana"-type. Each leg about 1.5 nautical miles.

The first leg to be laid in the direction of the wind. Three legs are to be sailed against the wind and three legs downwind.

The start shall be against the wind and the finish after the last downwind leg.

Exceptions

If the conditions do not allow legs of 1.5 nm, these may be reduced to 1.1 nm.

If it is still not possible to reach the minimum length, two additional legs may be added to the course.

Minimum length

The minimum total length of the course is to be 6.6 nm.

The course must not be shortened.

ARTICLE VII

Time limit

There shall be a time limit of 2 1/2 hours for the leading yacht in each race.

ARTICLE VIII

Races

The races are to be sailed on consecutive days, by having up to two races per day. After three races a yacht, which has not won a race shall no longer compete.

Winner

The yacht which first wins three races shall be declared the winner.

ARTICLE IX

Measurement

Before the first race, the rating of the entered yachts shall be verified by presenting valid measurement certificates to the racing committee at the venue. The class measurer may call for sample checks during anyone of the racing days.

ARTICLE X

Cancelling

If only one yacht arrives for the competition, the race will be cancelled.

ARTICLE XI

Cup

The Cup is to be handed over into the care of the winning club, and a record of the winning yacht, club, owner and crew shall be made in the Record Book accompanying the Cup. No inscriptions are to be made on the Cup itself.

Responsibility

The winning helmsman undertakes to place the Cup at the disposal of the organising club for the competition of the following year. The International 5.5 Meter Class organisation is responsible for the proper insurance of the Gold Cup.

ARTICLE XII

Remembrance prize

The club which arranges the competition shall present to the helmsman of the winning yacht a cup in remembrance of its victory.

ARTICLE XIII

Interpretations

Questions concerning the interpretation of these Rules shall be referred to the Nordic Sailing Federation.

ARTICLE XIV

Alterations

Alterations to or deviations from these Rules are to be decided by the annual meeting of the Nordic Sailing Federation.