

46TH “KÉKSZALAG” OF THE LAKE BALATON (Blue Ribbon)

International Long-distance Regatta 2014

BALATONFÜRED, 10-12 JULY 2014

**QUALIFICATION RACE
4th RACE IN BALATON CUP SERIES**

NOTICE OF RACE

Venue and date of the event:	Balatonfüred, 10-12 July 2014
Organizer:	Hungarian Yachting Association - HYA
Race Officer:	Kázmér Kerekes
Head of the Jury:	Mrs. Gabriella Tusnai
Medical Officer:	Dr. Balázs Kádár

1. RACING RULES:

The “*Racing Rules of Sailing*” for 2013-2016 (hereinafter referred to as “RR”), the *Sailing Regulations of HYA* for 2014, *the rules for all participating classes* as well as this Notice of Race (“NOR”) and the *Sailing Instructions* (“SI”) to be issued later, shall apply for this event.

In case of contradictions between the documents prepared in various languages the Hungarian version shall prevail.

2. ADVERTISING:

Advertisements can be displayed in accordance with the HYA’s Advertising Rules for year 2014. All boats participating in the Race shall place self-adhesive labels with the logos of the Race’s supporters on both sides, within 2.5 m from the bow.

3. PARTICIPANTS OF THE REGATTA, ELIGIBILITY:

3.1. Classes allowed to enter the race:

3.1.1. All the registered and measured boats of classes acknowledged by the Hungarian Yachting Association and boats registered abroad, with the following limitations:

- Single-hull keelboats
- Centreboard boats with a total surface area of mainsail and jibs equal to or exceeding 25 sqm (as prescribed by the class rules or registered in the measurement documents) plus the boats of the 15 sqm Jolle Class as an exception.
- Multihull boats with a total surface area of mainsail and jibs equal to or exceeding 25 m² (as prescribed by the class rules or registered in the measurement documents) are allowed to enter the “Kékszalag” races.

The boats not registered in due time in the HYA Register or has not forwarded fully completed registration sheets to the HYA’s Technical Committee by 10 June 2014, at the latest, will be scored based on the worst Yardstick score belonging to their class or group.

3.1.2. The boats shall meet the requirements of the Sailing Regulations of HYA for 2014, point 1.2 (Eligibility), point 3 (Official signs, class marks, start numbers), and point 16 (Safety regulations) of HYA General Sailing Instructions for year 2014, and they must also have the necessary night light signals as required by the Sailing Regulations.

3.1.3. The Skiff and Libera type boats as well as all cabinless multihull boats are allowed to enter the race if they ensure their escort by motorboats of adequate size which possess the relevant operation permissions for Lake Balaton. The escorting motorboat shall be able to reach the required speed and to accommodate the crew of the escorted boat in addition to its own crew. The commander/driver of the motorboat shall sign a written obligation to escort and rescue the sailboat during the whole race. The escort motorboat shall keep on board a radio receiver-transmitter unit (Balatrönk and VHF) and a mobile phone, which enables the crew to make general emergency calls and to contact the organizers of the race. The organizers of the race will assign each escort motorboat to a sectional rescue zone if it is justified by bad weather conditions and can supervise them during the whole race. If the activities of a supervised

motorboat do not meet the relevant requirements, the sailboat escorted by it can be excluded from the race.

- 3.1.4. All the Skiff/Libera type and/or single-hull boats which are proven to have not passed the so called “inclining test” shall exclusively be allowed to enter the race in the “*Open class*”. The relevant tests shall be carried out by the Technical Committee and supervised by the Large Boat Committee. The boat classification shall be performed based on the measurement records validated for year 2014 within the HYA Large Boat Register. An exception from this rule shall be made for the HYA boat classes (15 sqm Jolle, 25 sqm Jolle, Asso99).

The boats to be tested shall be reclassified to “*Open class*” by the Technical Committee by 31 March 2014. The necessary tests can be made until 30 June 2014. All the sailing boats not possessing Hungarian boat bills and not passing the inclining test in due time shall be allowed to enter the race in “*Open class*”.

3.1.5. Definitions:

Traditional single-hull (mono-hull) boats

All the single-hull boats passing the 90° inclining test in compliance with the requirements of the Hungarian National Transport Authority, proving this fact by relevant documents, and on which the crew’s center of gravity (weight) is not placed outside the boat hull (non-trapezoidal and non-framed boats) shall be deemed to be traditional single-hull boats.

The boat classes acknowledged by HYA are automatically entitled to participate in the competition of the traditional single-hull boats.

“Open class”

All the boats not meeting the requirements for the traditional single-hull boats shall be classified to “*Open class*”. All the multi-hull boats shall compete in “*Open class*”.

3.2. **Eligibility:**

The Hungarian competitors must meet the requirements of the HYA Sailing Regulations for 2014, point 1.1 (Eligibility for participation).

The foreign competitors shall be members of clubs or organizations, which are recognized by their national sailing federations.

3.3. **Competitors with starting permission (only for hungarian competitors):**

The *owner* of the boat or the *responsible person* may invite one or more guests not being eligible competitors in sailing, above the specified minimal crew, to participate in the *race*. The total number of persons on board must not exceed the maximum number of crew indicated in the boat bill.

Requirements for obtaining a starting permission:

- admission declaration by the responsible person on board;
- minimal age of 17 years (reached by 09 July 2014);
- a certificate from a physician issued for the name of the given invited person which allows him/her to participate in the competition;

- a written declaration by the invited person to comply with all the regulations relating to the given race.
- the payment of an entry fee of 22,000 HUF.

The competitors with starting permissions will be indicated in the scoring list with a sign (RE).

4. BOAT CLASSES:

4.1. Boat classes **Sing on the sail** **Minimum crew**

4.1.1. Open class

Single-hull and multi-hull boats meeting the requirements described in paragraph 3
own mark + 2 ribbons 3 persons

These boats are scored in the absolute order of arrival at the finish line or in the following categories within the combined multi-hull class, based on the ranking:

M0 class **own mark + 2 ribbons 3 persons**
with hull length exceeding 35 feet

M1 class **own mark + 2 ribbons 3 persons**
with 28-35 feet hull length

M2 class **own mark + 2 ribbons 3 persons**
with 21-28 feet hull length

M3 class **own mark + 2 ribbons 3 persons**
with hull length less than 21 feet

4.1.2. Classic fleet classes:

Combined cruiser class	own marks	4 persons
(8 R, 6 R, 75, 55 classes)	(8, 6, 75, 55,)	
Cruiser class 70	70	4 persons
Cruiser class 50	V	4 persons
Cruiser class 40	40	3 persons
Cruiser class 30	30	3 persons
Cruiser 22 and Europe 30	22, E	3 persons
25 sqm Jolle	C	3 persons
15 sqm Jolle	P	3 persons
Folkboat	F	3 persons

4.1.3. One Design fleet classes:

Asso 99 Class	99	4 persons
8 m One Design Class	8 (8 m OD logo)	3 persons
Elliott 770 Class	E770	3 persons
11 m One Design Class	11 m OD logo	4 persons
Melges 24 Class	Melges 24 logo	3 persons
X-35	X-35	4 persons
Dragon Class	D	3 persons
Scholtz 22 Class	S22	3 persons
Sudár Regatta Class	S (Sudár logo)	3 persons
Elan 310	Elan 310	3 persons

4.1.4. **Sport boat fleet classes:**

Nautic Class	NAU	4 persons
Class 33	33	3 persons
Regina Class	RAX	3 persons
Sudár Sport Class	S + stripe on the batten	3 persons
Dolphin Class	DOL	3 persons

4.1.5. **Yardstick fleet groups:**

Yardstick I/1 group (YS No. 89 & below)	white ribbon	4 persons
Yardstick I/2 group (YS No. 90-99)	red ribbon	4 persons
Yardstick II Class (YS No. 100–109)	yellow ribbon	3 persons
Yardstick III/1 group (YS No. 110-115)	green ribbon	3 persons
Yardstick III/2 group (YS No. 116 & above)	orange ribbon	3 persons

The mono-hull boats, which are not listed above (e.g. Star and Soling), will be scored with the relevant Yardstick group according to their YS numbers. The boats registered in foreign lists will be scored in the relevant Hungarian classes or in the YS group, according to their German YS numbers. Those foreign boats which do not have either Hungarian or German YS numbers will be uniformly scored in the YS-I group with YS number 65.

The boats competing in the YS group – independent of their sail signs – must wear the above-mentioned ribbons (with a size of 5-7 cm x 1 m) on the aft (or side) shroud.

The ribbons necessary for the class signs of both the catamaran and single-hull boats must be purchased and displayed by the boat crews themselves.

4.2. Considering the long distance of the race and the necessity of navigation at night as well as possibly of storm-force winds, the organizing committee accepts the entry of only those boats which are operated by the above-listed minimal crews with **all crew members (competitors) being at least 17 years of age (reached by 09 July 2014).**

4.3. The number of crew including guests with starting permissions shall not exceed the number indicated in the boat's bill or the measurement certificate. Independently of the boat documents, the organizers determine a maximum crew of 12 people for the traditional boats.

5. ENTRY:

5.1. **Preliminary entry only for foreign competitors:** from 01 April 2014.

e-mail: hunsail@hunsail.hu.

Website: www.kekszalag.hu

5.2. **Electronic entry for the HYA members:**

The eligible competitors possessing racing permissions from HYA for 2014 can send their electronic entries through the VIHAR system (<http://vihar.grepton.hu/vihar>).

from 10.00 hours on 01 June to 22.00 hours on 04 July 2014.

The electronic entry shall be finalized at the times and places indicated below, at a separate table, where:

- all the necessary documents proving compliance with the entry conditions and all documents not registered in the system shall be presented;
- the representative of the crew shall sign the entry;
- the entry fee shall be paid;
- the representative of the crew will be given the entry package of the boat (start number, Sailing Instructions, etc.) and will acknowledge the receipt with his/her signature,

otherwise the entry of the non-complying crew will be cancelled!

Those teams entering through the electronic system and whose documents necessary for the entry are stored in the VIHAR system can pay their entry fees on-line, by adequate bank cards (VISA, EC). The participants making their payments through the VIHAR system will be granted a 5% discount on their participation fees.

5.3. **Places and dates of entries registration:**

Budapest:

From Wednesday 02 July 2012 between 13.00 and 20.00 hours in the Head Office of the Hungarian Yachting Association, 1146 Budapest, Istvánmezei út 1-3

Balatonfüred:

On Wednesday 09 July 2014 between 11.00 and 22.00 hours in the organizers' tent. The organizers will not accept any entries after the above-mentioned dates and times.

No entry shall be accepted on the day of the race!

All participants are requested to present the necessary documents not registered in the VIHAR system – boat bill, insurance policy, blue book, boat driving license, etc. – during the entry procedure.

5.4. **Entry fee:**

HUF 8,000 per person (*approx. 25 Euro per person*)

Competitors born between 01 January 1996 and 31 December 1999 pay a lower entry fee of **HUF 3,000** per person.

Competitors born on or after 01 January 2000 ("mocos") pay no entry fee.

The entry fee can be paid either in cash or by a bank card.

6. **RACING RULES**

Sailing Instructions will be prepared and distributed to each boat crew during the entry procedure, and they will also be available on the HYA website (www.hunsail.hu) and on the Kékszalag (Blue Ribbon) website (www.kekszalag.hu) from **25 July 2014**.

7. **INFORMATION FOR THE COMPETITORS AND HELMSMEN'S MEETINGS:**

All information for the participants will be displayed on the official information board, which will be put on the wall of the Regatta Office in Balatonfüred (8230 Balatonfüred, Zákonyi Ferenc u.8.). Any possible changes in the Racing Rules will be displayed on

the above-mentioned information board by 22.00 hours on Wednesday 09 July 2014 at the latest and in the Kékszalag Entry Tent.

The Race Management will hold Skippers meetings at 19.00, 20.30 and 22.00 hours on 09 July 2014 in the Kékszalag Entry Tent.

During the race – from the moment of the departure of the Race Committee boats from the port to the end of the race – all messages of the Race Management relating to the organization of the race, course setting, starting procedure and safety regulations will be transmitted in the assigned VHF navigation channels **78** and **18** (the transmitter working in channel 78 will cover the eastern basin and eastern part of the western basin of Lake Balaton, and the transmitter working in channel 18 will cover the western basin of Lake Balaton).

8. THE COURSE:

The route of the long-distant race is: Balatonfüred (start) – Balatonkenese – Siófok – Tihany Strait – Keszthely – Tihany Strait – Balatonfüred (finish). The distance (measured in beeline) is approx. 145 km.

The exact course map indicating the starting and finishing line and the course marks (buoys) as well as the GPS co-ordinates will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

9. STARTING:

9.1. **The planned starting time** for all classes is **Thursday 10 July 2014 at 09.00 hours**. In case of a general recall, the new time of the warning signal for the repeated start will be at 09.50 hours.

9.2. **Postponement of the start:**

The race organizing committee is authorized to postpone the start in case of stormy weather endangering the safety of the yachts or for other reasons.

10. SHORTENING OR MODIFYING THE COURSE:

Shortening or modifying the course is not allowed. This modifies Rules No. 32 and 33 of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

11. INTERRUPTION OF THE RACE:

The organizing committee **will not interrupt the race even in the event of a storm**. The skipper of each yacht is **personally responsible** for continuing or giving up the race.

In case of bad weather conditions directly endangering the participants' lives, the local Water Police are entitled to *ban* or *suspend* the race.

12. TIME LIMITATION:

The organizers shall consider yachts not arriving at the finishing line within **48 hours** from the starting time as "DNF" (did not finish).

13. SAFETY REGULATIONS:

13.1. The *strict* safety rules for long-distance races are in force, namely:

- all competing yachts must have safety side rails that meet the specifications of their building plans;
- if no side rail has been prescribed by the building plan(s), in addition to life jackets, the use of a safety-harness with a carbine lock is compulsory for the crew working outside the cockpit when the strength of wind is above 10 knots.

- 13.2. In compliance with the relevant Decree of the Ministry of Economy and Transport of Hungary, it is compulsory for all competing yachts to have one or more mobile phones on board, which allow the crew to contact the race management, regatta office or rescue services in case of emergency situation. (The relevant phone numbers will be included in the Sailing Instructions.) It is also recommended to install a GPS device, which makes it possible to define and transmit the exact position of the boat that is in trouble.
- 13.3. It is recommended for the competitors to use a VHF navigation radio transmitter and receiver. **Channels 78 and 18** – information relating to the race, **channel 16** – request for help.
- 13.4. The competitors are obliged to permanently wear their brightly coloured life jackets depending on the storm signals issued by the Balaton storm warning station and the part of the day, in compliance with the following table:

	No storm signal	1 st grade storm signals (45 flashes per minute)	2 nd grade storm signals (90 flashes per minute)
Daytime (from sunrise to sunset)	-	Compulsory	Compulsory
Night (from sunset to sunrise)	Strongly recommended	Compulsory	Compulsory

The compulsory individual safety regulations relating to the multi-hull classes are recorded in the Sailing Instruction.

- 13.5. From sunset to sunrise the Shipping Rules regarding the use of lights shall apply for all yachts, i.e. they are **obliged** to continually use the light signals. Breach of these rules leads to disqualification from the race (this modifies Rule No. 63.1 of the ISAF Racing Rules). The Race Management will strictly supervise the use of the specified lights.

14. **MOORING:**

In the night before the start of the Race the competing boats can have berths free of charge if they can find free spaces in marina of the International Yacht Centre.

Vehicle parking spaces are not available in the closed area of the marina!

15. **GPS TRACKING DEVICES AND CAMERAS:**

The Race Management will install GPS tracking devices and onboard cameras on some designated boats. The selection of the designated boats will be carried out by 01 July 2014 in compliance with the proposals from the Large Boat Committee and the Technical Committee. The relevant boat list will be displayed on the official race website (www.kekszalag.hu) and the HYA website (www.hunsail.hu). The Race Management will also provide further GPS devices (max. 50 items) for the boats

participating in the race which make it possible to follow the tracks of the involved boats during the whole race. The boats supplied with GPS tracking devices shall ensure the safe operation thereof.

The requests for GPS devices must be submitted **by 25 June 2014**.

16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURE:

After the finish the organizers will carry out a random inspection of the competing boats and will perform the following:

- checking the presence of the safety equipment prescribed by the *Safety Regulations and Shipping Regulations*;
- comparison of the number and names of the persons present on the boat with those indicated in the entry forms;
- presence of a license for displaying advertisements;
- checking the consumption of drugs and/or alcohol by the competitors.

Any irregularities and divergence in the numbers and names of competitors, which have been revealed during the inspection shall be a subject for protest and may lead to expulsion from the race.

The organizers and the judges who will be present on the official control boats (with a label “46th Kékszalag”) at the buoys and other places, during the whole race, will check the presence of the compulsory waist and shoulder safety harnesses which facilitate the movement of the crew on the board and their safety in strong winds.

17. SCORING:

- 17.1. Absolute scoring in order of arrival at the finishing line shall be used for **all** yachts that entered for the race and arrived at the finish.
- 17.2. All yacht classes will be scored in the absolute order of their arrival at the finish line, and in the Yardstick groups and in the Combined Cruiser classes – on the basis of the corrected time in accordance with their handicap numbers. In the Open class, the Combined multi-hull boat class as well as in the M0, M1, M2 and M3 class, the boats will be scored in the absolute finishing order.
- 17.3. All yachts – except for the boats belonging to Open class – that entered for the race and arriving at the finish line will also be scored on the basis of the corrected time which will be calculated according to their own Yardstick numbers.
- 17.4. The traditional single-hull boats will also be scored separately, in the absolute finishing order.

18. PRIZES:

- 18.1. The fastest boat which will beat the Kékszalag record time of 10 hours and 34 minutes established by Fifty-Fifty in 2012 will be given the title “Holder of the Kékszalag Record”.
- 18.2. The absolute winning yacht shall be awarded the “Kékszalag of the Balaton 2014” prize and the “Kékszalag Grand Prix 46th Kékszalag International Long Distance Race

2014” Ornamental Cup as well as a commemorative plaquette to be placed on the boat. The competitors of the absolute winning yacht shall be awarded medals.

- 18.3. The absolute 2nd–6th placed yachts will be awarded cups and commemorative plaquettes. The competitors of the absolute 2nd-10th placed boats shall be awarded medals.
- 18.4. The winning traditional single-hull boat shall be awarded the “Winner of the 46th Kékszalag International Long Distance Race among the traditional Monohull boats” Ornamental Cup and a commemorative plaquette. The competitors of the absolute winner traditional single-hull boat shall be awarded medals.
- 18.5. The absolute 2nd–6th placed traditional single-hull boats will be awarded cups. The competitors of the absolute 2nd-10th placed boats shall be awarded medals.
- 18.6. The winner of all scorable classes shall be awarded the “46th Kékszalag Grand Prix International Long Distance Race in 2014” Cup, the competitors of the 1st-3rd placed boats shall be awarded medals (scorable classes as described in para. 6.1 of HYA Sailing Regulations).
- 18.7. The special prize “The most successful boat of the classic fleet” shall be given to the absolute most successful boat among the combined classes, the cruiser classes 70, 50, 40, 30, 22, the Europe 30, the 15 and 25 sqm Jolle, 25 and Folkboat classes.
- 18.8. The special prize “The best navigated boat of the 46th Balaton Kékszalag Grand Prix International Long Distance Race in 2014” cup shall be awarded to the boat which achieved the best corrected time calculated in the Yardstick handicap number system among all the boats arriving to the finish line (except for the open class). The 2nd-3rd placed boats scored in the YS system shall be awarded cups. The competitors of the 1st-3rd placed yachts shall be awarded medals.
- 18.9. Perpetual challenge prize awarded to the boat rounding first the mark at Keszthely among the wooden boats built before 1945. The high quality statuette was originally ordered by the municipality of Balatonújhely in 1941 for use as a prize in MAC Regatta, and was offered again to the yachting sport by Dr. Pál Kiss, lawyer, in 1996.
- 18.10. The “Evelyn Gordon” prize named after the winner skipper of the Kékszalag Races in 1940 and 1942 shall be given to the most successful female skipper in the absolute scoring.
- 18.11. A special prize based on the absolute finishing order shall be awarded to the most successful purely female crew.
- 18.12. Special prizes shall be given to the youngest and the oldest competitor of the race.

19. PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY:

The prize giving ceremony is scheduled to be at 18.00 hours on Saturday 12 July 2014, at the open-air Kisfaludy Stage at the entrance of Balatonfüred Port. In order to ensure the undisturbed arrangement of the prize giving ceremony, the winners of the boat classes and the competitors winning the 2nd and 3rd prizes are requested by the organizers to occupy the area reserved for them in front of the stage by 17.45 hours.

19.1. RECOMMENDED CLOTHING:

In order to restore the prestige of the events and to respect the traditions of the Kékszalag races, the Hungarian Yachting Association requests the participants of the race – both the competitors and guests – to wear either the official T-shirt of the race or their team uniforms or pique T-shirts with light coloured sporty skirts/trousers (ladies) and long trousers (gentlemen) at the prize giving ceremony.

20. SOCIAL EVENT:

The Hungarian Yachting Association are pleased to invite the participants of the regatta to the official reception to be held on Saturday 12 July 2014 at 20.00 hours in the “Kékszalag” function tent in Balatonfüred. Only guests wearing the arm-band they received during the entry procedure are allowed to enter the tent. The program of the Kékszalag Festival connected to the Kékszalag Regatta will be published separately.

21. LIABILITY:

The crews of the boats are fully responsible for their own safety during the events both on the land and in the water, and their responsibility is not limited by either this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions or by any other regulations. The responsible person and all the crew of a given boat shall decide for themselves whether they have sufficient qualification to participate in the competition under the given weather conditions. Leaving the port by boat confirms that both the boat and the crew are suitable to compete in the given weather conditions. Each boat is obliged to have a liability insurance of the prescribed value (HUF 5 million).

The association, its employees, officials and delegates involved in the organization of the event will not accept any liability whatsoever for any personal injuries, casualties, fatalities or material damage connected with the race, with the participation in the race or which may occur during the race within the framework allowed by the relevant laws. The verification of the eligibility, certificates from sport physicians, insurance and observance of the safety regulations carried out by the organizers is aimed at ensuring a fair competition and does not exempt the participants from their own responsibility for complying with the relevant regulations.

By signing the entry form, the responsible person of the boat declares that he/she is aware of the rules and regulations relating to the race and the water transport, he/she accepts them and he/she makes the people in his/her scope of responsibility acquainted with them and he/she will ensure that they will fully observe all these rules and regulations both on the land and in the water during the whole race.

We wish you a good following wind!

Organizing Committee.