



Swiss Sailing League 2K Club Team Racing “Blueprint”

07 January 2024

Dear all,

as announced at the General Assembly 2023 in Bern last November, SSLA is organising the first 2K Club Team Racing event in October 2024 in Oberhofen.

With this information we would like to keep you posted about the activities, rules, background information and other useful stuff for you and your club.

Basically, we are proud to make this move and look forward to have a good time, and accept this challenge of new experiences.

1 Organisation world

While Team Racing formats are well known, the 2K team racing has started in Europe not so long ago. 2K team racing is simply '2 keelboats vs 2 keelboats' racing.

In Europe exist a "2K Team Racing International Association" that is run by some persons (sailors) dedicated to the 2K sailing. The 2K team Racing is a trade name registered in NL.



The association (group) runs a tour with about 8 events per year in Europe where teams can participate on a first come first serve basis. Additionally, other 2K events are held in England, USA and Australia.



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With the launch of 2K Club Team Racing in Switzerland, **SSLA will provide our members (clubs) new opportunities for their club members (sailors)**. For the more ambitious clubs, there are 2K events throughout Europe ("2K Tour") to participate.

As announced by World Sailing, the New York Yacht Club for instance will host the first Open Keelboat Team Race World Championships at Newport from 28 May till 1 June 2025. The event will be 2 vs. 2 sailed on the boat type Sonars. Sweden has won the World Sailing bid for the Worlds 2026 and it is stated that it will also be sailed with Sonars.

About other events, SSLA will publish events periodically. For instance, in 2024 a 2K event will take place on 25-27 October in Berlin, just one week after our first 2K event in Oberhofen.

2 2K Association

In the meantime, SSLA has established contacts to Dirk-Jan "DJ" Korpershoek. DJ is the president of the "Association 2K". He is also captain of the Dutch Match and Team Race Association, and he's a national umpire.

Hopefully, DJ will support us at schooling and practise events, and umpiring in our 2024 event.

The homepage of the association is www.2kteamracing.com. It is proposed to use standardised 2K Notice of Races (NoR), 2K Sailing Instructions (SI) and Local Sailing Instructions (LSI) where modifications can be placed. The race schedules (pairing lists) will be provided to optimise the events. SSLA will make use of the templates as much as possible and where appropriate for our needs and direction.

As membership fee, SSLA will pay to the 2K association € 2.00 (two Euro) per participating team per event. This fee is included in the registration fee for a SSLA 2K Club Team Racing event.

3 Organisation SSLA

The board has now a new "baby" on the agenda: "SSLA 2K Club Team Racing". On the structural and organisational part, we made the following decision:

3.1 Communication and Information

In general, communication and information will be integrated into the existing channels such as SSLA Update, Manage2sail, etc.

Currently we are in the development of the Notice of Race for the event in Oberhofen. The document will be reviewed also by the SSLA Principal Chief Umpire and Regattaclub Oberhofen (the event organising club).



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3.2 General issues

Having gotten recommendations from various persons in the 2K world, we made the following decisions:

1. **We race without gennaker.** You are wrong when you think, the bowman whose main job is to be at the front of the sailboat, will become obsolete. This or another person of your existing SSLA-Team can now be fully involved as tactician for instance.
2. **How many people on the boat?** We keep it up to the clubs of how many crews are in a team. The clubs will decide whether 3 or 4 or 5 fit their requirements best. There's no weight limit. Basically, we follow the same rules for sailing with 4 or 5 crews as valid in the Swiss Sailing League Series. Over time, 3-4 crews per team will tend to become the standard.
3. **Gender issue.** We do not follow the 2K Association's request to have crews with 50:50 male:female sailors. SSLA clubs are responsible and know which sailors in the teams they register to the events. However, participating in World Sailing events (World Championships, Europeans), crews shall be 50:50 male:female.
4. **Team Racing Umpires.** As stated in the presentation at the General Assembly, we will assign experienced (Team Racing) umpires in order to have a lot of competence on the water, at the debriefings (that are kind of a must to be participate by the sailors), and at the "2K-Friday-afternoon-clinics".

SSLA's Principal Chief Umpire is well aware that, provided it is going to fly in Switzerland, 2K sailing requires a set-up and a continuous development of this new umpiring discipline.

Mind: per race we need 2 umpire boats (=4 umpires). Since we are always on the way with 2 races, 2K events require in total 8 umpires. According to "DJ", sailors often accompany the experienced umpires on the ribs and exercise the flag showing.

3.3 Event Organisation

The first Swiss Sailing League event is scheduled for 19-20 October 2024. We thank RCO for supporting SSLA organising the first 2K event. On Friday 18th October, the day before the start, we are going to propose a so-called "2K-Friday-afternoon-clinic" with coaches and umpires, and with a professional expert sailor to have the best preparation for the starting event.

1. ELIGIBILITY

Max. **12** clubs, each with 2 teams, on a first come, first served basis.



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There may be clubs that can only participate with 1 team. If two different clubs want to participate each with one team, called "mixed clubs", then we allow this but it shall be communicated by e-mail when registering. **This proposal offers clubs with less sailors the experience of 2K sailing right from the beginning.**

2. TEAMS / CREW MEMBERS

Each team shall consist of 3, 4 or 5 crew members. When 5 crew members: the same rules apply as in the Swiss Sailing League Series (key word: women, youth). There's no weight limit.

The team composition shall be registered in manage2sail (Club x Team 1, Club x Team 2) and can be changed at the check-in. Crew changes during the event are valid as long as the number of crews per boat will not change as determined at the check-in, and the replacing crew member fulfils the requirements, such as be a club member and consequently active member of Swiss Sailing. Basically, we keep the rules and procedures as in our Swiss Sailing League Series.

3. FORMAT AND BOATS

The format of the regatta is Umpired Team Racing. The regatta is a 2-against-2 boats Team Race.

In total 8 J/70 stand at disposition for the event, of which 7 from the Swiss Sailing League Association; one will be rented for this specific event.

Contrary to the presented format at the General Assembly 2023, the regatta in 2024 will consist of one or more Round-Robin(s), followed by the final race with the best two clubs at the starting line. Our intention is to let all teams sail as max as possible, and to gain experience and having a lot of enjoyment.

4. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

Friday, 18 October 2024

1300 Race office open/check-in

2K-Friday-afternoon-clinic

1330 Theory – "Crash course"

1600 Practise races

1900 Aperitif riche, celebrating the start of "SSLA 2K"

Saturday, 19 October 2024

0830 - 1000 Race office open/check-in

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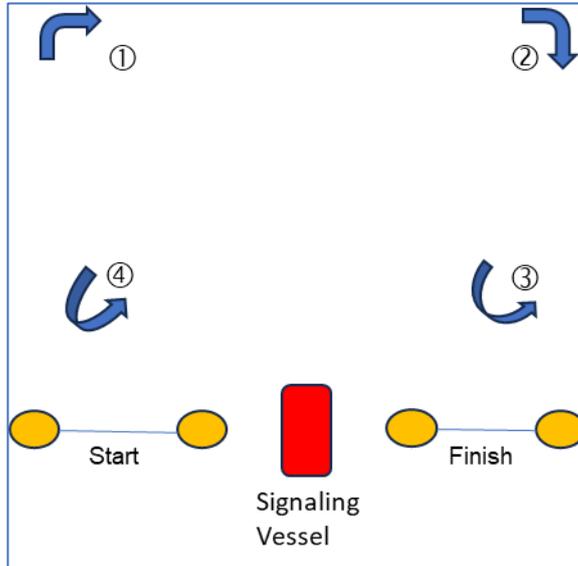
1000 First briefing
 1100 First warning signal
 after racing Debriefing with the umpires
 approx. 1900 Dinner

Sunday, 20 October 2024

0830 Morning briefing
 0930 First warning signal
 approx. 1530 Last warning signal
 after racing Hauling-out and preparing the boats for transport
 approx. 1700 Prize giving ceremony

5. RACE COURSE

Following the conform race course:



Based on the announcement signal flag (1 or 2), the following course has to be sailed:

1 = S-1-2-3-2-F **2** = S-1-4-1-2-F

8 Robo marks will be in mission.



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6. DAMAGE DEPOSIT

1:1 like in the Swiss Sailing League Series - by signing a contract "Irrevocable Payment in case of a damage".

7. REGISTRATION AND FEE

The fee is set to CHF 650 per team. The registration shall be done via manage2sail, link [Swiss Sailing League 2K Club Team Racing 2024 manage2sail](#).

All skippers shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at world-sailing-profile. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration (manage2sail).

The motivation is to be included in the European Ranking System.

4 SCHOOLING

Every start is challenging but exciting. We take the issue seriously and with respect.

1. 2K-Friday-afternoon-clinic

Our proposal is that the day before of three defined SSLA league events in 2024 and the 2K event itself, we are going to hold a 2K-Friday-afternoon-clinic. The clinics will be directed by Chris Rast, assisted with at least one experienced umpire. DJ is checking whether he can also participate at some of the clinics. For the clinic before the event, we have mandated a top experienced 2K-sailor.

2. "Clinic" Dates

To give as many clubs as possible some in-sight know-how, we propose the following 2K clinics:

- Friday 03.05.2024 start 13:30 before Swiss Sailing Super League ACT 1 in Oberhofen. Clinic K2/1
- Friday 07.06.2024 start 13:30 before Swiss Sailing Women's League ACT 2 Group West in Morges. Clinic K2/2
- Friday 23.08.2024 start 13:30 before Swiss Sailing Challenge League ACT 3 in Davos. Clinic K2/3
- Friday 18.10.2024 start 13:30 before Swiss Sailing League 2K Club Team Racing 2024 in Oberhofen. Clinic K2/4.

Even a club will not necessarily participate in 2024 can register to take part of a clinic and gain in-depth information.



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3. Program

At 13:30: start with the theoretical issues, such as

- Team composition in 2K sailing - Crew task assignments - Communication
- The race course and the related basic tactics of 2K sailing – what are the principal rules of the game.
- How do you prepare a 2K event at the club, how do you analyse a race (when waiting for the next race), how do you plan to communicate from boat to boat.
- Who shall sail in which club team, who is the skipper.
- Race procedures, signals, protest, penalty turns, crew exchange, etc.
- Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions; specific umpiring issues with regards to Team Racing.
- While racing, how can you help your club team being at the last position, to get at least second-last.
- Prepare your rules knowledge, within the club or region; study also [Rules Explanations | 2K Team Racing](#)
- Etc.

16:00 Practical races

4. Cost and Registration

- The cost to participate at the information and practise race is CHF 75.00 per club team; sailors that participate individually CHF 25.00. It helps SSLA to cover the additional cost, like setting up all the boats a day earlier, and financial remuneration for coaches and event organisers.
- Registration in manage2sail:
 - Clinic K2/1: [Swiss Sailing League 2K \(Club Team Racing\) Clinic 1/2024 Oberhofen manage2sail](#)
 - Clinic K2/2: [Swiss Sailing League 2K \(Club Team Racing\) Clinic 2/2024 Morges manage2sail](#)
 - Clinic K2/3: [Swiss Sailing League 2K \(Club Team Racing\) Clinic 3/2024 Davos manage2sail](#)
 - Clinic K2/4: [Swiss Sailing League 2K \(Club Team Racing\) Clinic 4/2024 Oberhofen manage2sail](#)

We hope our information finds you well.