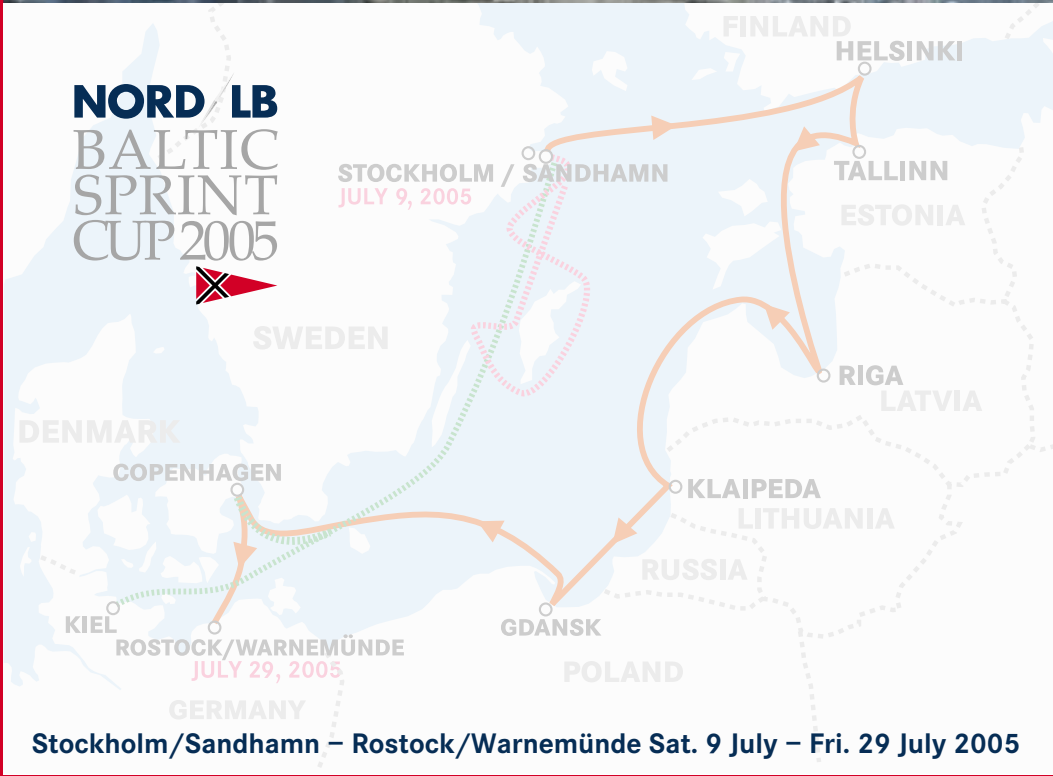


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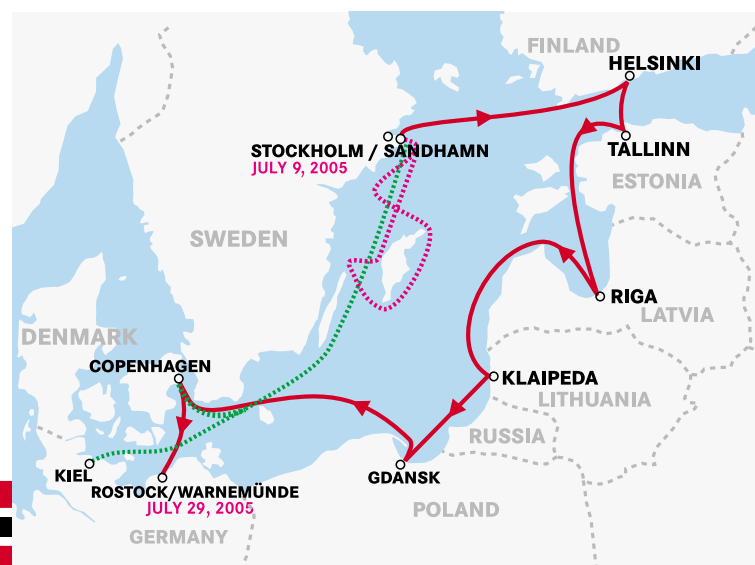
The Regatta is a celebration of the tradition of Baltic Trade and the historic commercial relations within the Baltic region, promoted by principal sponsor and title partner NORD/LB, the Norddeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale, Hanover. The regatta is organized under the auspices of NRV, the Norddeutscher Regatta Verein, Hamburg.

Feeder Races

Regatta dates have been planned to give owners the maximum opportunity to include in their the most attractive sailing events in the Baltic, both before and after the NORD/LB Baltic Sprint Cup 2005. Besides the 365-mile Gotland Runt Race organized by the KSSS, the largest race of its kind in the world, there are two dedicated feeder races for the Gotland Runt Race and NORD/LB Baltic Sprint Cup 2005:

- Kiel-Sandhamn starting on 26th June, the last day of Kiel Week, organized by Kiel Yacht-Club (KYC) and
- Copenhagen-Sandhamn starting on 27th June, organized by the Royal Danish Yacht Club (KDY).

Yachts taking part in the Atlantic Challenge 2005 organized by the New York Yacht Club and the Royal Yacht Squadron, from New York to Cowes will be especially welcome to join the NORD/LB Baltic Sprint Cup 2005.



Stockholm



Copenhagen



Warnemünde



Helsinki



Tallinn



Riga



Klaipeda



Gdansk

Social

The NORD/LB Baltic Sprint Cup will be remembered not only for its great sailing competition but also for its superb parties and social activities at each of the ports. The party schedule includes:

- Bon Voyage Party at Sandhamn 8th July
- Skippers' lunches at Stopover-Partner Clubs
- Prizegiving ceremony at Warnemünde 29th July
- NORD/LB Sailors' Party – the "Final Showdown" 29th July

Internet/Registration

The regatta and associated activities will be detailed at www.NordLBCup.com in English and German. You're welcome to register on the web site to assure receipt of information as it is published. The web site will be updated regularly. Race Entries will be officially confirmed after publication of the Notice of Race. Expressions of interest from owners are welcome at any time.

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On behalf of Norddeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale I have great pleasure in extending a warm welcome to competitors in the NORD/LB Baltic Sprint Cup 2005. The event is entirely new in Baltic offshore sailing and complements perfectly our philosophy at Norddeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale to consolidate and expand services to customers through our network of banking centres around the Baltic Rim.

It is often the case that a sponsor is simply a name and a source of finance. We at Norddeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale are proud to be different. Just as we value and support our customers in banking so our staff members will greet you at every port to show that we value and appreciate the opportunity for personal contact.

I am certain that in the capable hand of the Norddeutscher Regatta Verein and the co-organising clubs we shall have an excellent regatta and a lot of fun. We look forward to making many new friends.

Good Sailing!


Dr. Hannes Rehm
Vorstandsvorsitzender

Following the success of the DaimlerChrysler North Atlantic Challenge in 2003, the Norddeutscher Regatta Verein was approached by the Norddeutsche Landesbank with an innovative proposal for a sailing event in the Baltic. The result is the NORD/LB Baltic Sprint Cup 2005 which, from the moment of its first announcement attracted great interest.

The NRV is privileged to be the lead club working with our fellow-clubs in seven other Baltic nations.

Feeder races from Kiel and Copenhagen will deliver yachts to Sandhamn for the Royal Swedish Yacht Club's 175th anniversary Gotland Rund race. At Sandhamn we may be joined by majestic craft from the USA following the New York Yacht Club's Transatlantic Challenge.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank NORD/LB for their foresight and support and all the co-operating clubs and authorities for the magnificent co-operation they have given us. Both the Norddeutscher Regatta Verein, and the participating sailors, are truly grateful.


Gunter Persiehl
President NRV



1.0 AMENDMENT POLICY

The organizers have the intention to keep amendments to this Notice of Race to the absolute minimum. Amendments will be communicated promptly to those who have officially registered as entries or potential entries.

Nomenclature – the words “yacht” and “boat” are interchangeable; the descriptions “crew member” and “competitor” are interchangeable; the descriptions “skipper” and “person-in-charge” are interchangeable; use of the masculine gender shall be taken to apply if appropriate also to the feminine gender. All times are in local time unless otherwise stated. Positions are approximate in WGS84.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY / HANDICAP SYSTEM

2.1. The event is open to offshore yachts which comply with the requirements of the ISAF (International Sailing Federation) Offshore Special Regulations (OSRs) Category 3 plus liferaft(s) as defined in OSRs Category

2; and also hold an ORC (Offshore Racing Congress) Club certificate. The following limitations apply:

- LOA minimum 32ft (9.75m)
- GPH maximum 650

GPH (General Purpose Handicap) is the unmodified GPH produced by the ORC Club handicap program.

LOA is length overall not including pulpits, bowsprits, boomkins etc.

2.2. The handicap system will be time-on-time using the formula GPH/600 to generate a TMF (Time Multiplication Factor). The TMF is then used to calculate corrected times as follows:

$$\text{Corrected Time} = \text{Elapsed Time} \times \text{TMF}$$

3.0 PROGRAMME

3.1. The following programme is provisional and will be followed as closely as possible: all times are in local time unless otherwise stated

Leg	Start date	Warning Signal	From	To	Approx distance	Main Reception date / time
Check-in desk will be open at Sandhamn from 6th to 8th July (see § 28.1)						
Bon Voyage Party						Fri 8th tba
1	Sat 9th	1555	Sandhamn	Helsinki	195 miles	Tue 12th 1900
2	Wed 13th	0955 p	Helsinki	Tallinn	45 miles	Thur 14th 1900
3	Fri 15th	1355	Tallinn	Riga	190/235* miles	Sun 17th 1900
4	Mon 18th	1355	Riga	Klaipeda	225 miles	Thur 21st 1900
5	Fri 22nd	1355	Klaipeda	Gdansk	110 miles	Sat 23rd 1900
6	Sun 24th	1355	Gdansk	Copenhagen	260 miles	Wed 27th 1900
7	Thur 28th	0955 p	Copenhagen	Warnemünde	95 miles	
					Total distance	1120/1165* miles
The Final Showdown: NORD/LB Sailor's Party						Fri 29th 1900

p = pursuit start * = longer course for very large/deep draft yachts

4.0 IMPORTANT NOTICE

4.1. Offshore Racing can be dangerous. The attention of owners, skippers, persons-in-charge, crew members and all concerned with the NORD/LB Baltic Sprint Cup 2005 is drawn to:

4.2. ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) Fundamental Rule 4: The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone

4.3. ISAF OSRs 1.02.1, including: Responsibility of the Person-in-Charge Neither the establishment of these OSRs, their use by race organisers, nor the inspection of a yacht under these OSRs in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner or owner's representative. See Appendix 1 to this Notice of Race.

5.0 ENTRIES / CLOSING DATE

5.1 Entries can be accepted only for the entire event that is in the genuine expectation of taking part in all seven legs.

5.2 Entries shall be made on the official entry form (distributed with this Notice of Race or downloadable from www.NordLBCup.com). Closing date for entries is 1st May 2005 but early entry is encouraged so that race information can be sent to the entrant.

5.3 Late entries may be considered only when the number of entries has not reached the limit. A late entry fee will be payable.

5.4 Entries must be accompanied by entry fees or notification of bank transfer.

5.5 A condition of entering and participating in the NORD/LB Baltic Sprint Cup 2005 shall be the acceptance of and agreement to be bound by the race rules on the basis that they comprise a fair and reasonable framework including in particular the statement of exclusion of liability (Appendix 1 A1.1, A1.2 & A1.3).

6.0 ENTRY FEES

6.1 Entry fees for each yacht will be made up as follows and has to be paid latest on 1st May 2005. Cheques received will be presented for payment on or after 1st May 2005. In the event of cancellation a fee of € 200 is payable and any other fees received will be returned.

6.2 Basic fees for each yacht:

LOA (ft)	min	max	Entry fee Euro (€)
≥ 32.0	-	≤ 40.0	750.00
> 40.0	-	≤ 50.0	1,000.00
> 50.0	-	≤ 60.0	1,250.00
> 60.0			1,500.00

plus

6.3 Crew fees: €150 per person (counting the maximum number of persons who will be on board for any leg of the regatta). Crew fees allow entry to the crew party at each port. When a crew party is sponsored all refreshments will be provided at no extra charge. When a crew party is not sponsored a charge may be made for refreshments beyond those provided on entry to the party.

6.4 Youth crews with at least 50% crew members under the age of 25 on 9th July 2005 will get a crew fee reduction of 50% by approval of the crew list.

Bank account:

NRV-MARKETING GMBH
Bank: Vereins- und Westbank AG
BLZ 200 300 00 · Account-No. 15 217 920
IBAN: DE08 2003 0000 0015 2179 20
SWIFT (BIC): VUWBDEHHXXX



7.0 CLASSES / VERY LARGE YACHTS

The fleet will be divided into classes.

If possible a division will be established for classic yachts. Very large yachts and those with draft >3.5m will sail a course for leg 3 Tallinn-Riga outside the islands of Hiiumaa and Saaremaa. Details in Sailing Instructions.

8.0 POINTS SYSTEM

The event will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS using the Low Points System when:-

- each leg shall be scored according to table A 4.1, regardless of the leg distance, and
- of the seven legs in the event, the worst two shall be discarded except that the result of leg 7 Copenhagen – Warnemünde, shall not be discarded.
- points will be given within classes.

9.0 PRIZES & KEEPSAKES

- 9.1 Prizes will be awarded for performance in both individual legs and overall, and will be given in classes.
- 9.2 Keepsakes will be given to every competitor.

10.0 TROPHIES and SPECIAL AWARDS

These awards will be decided on points totals after discards.

- 10.1 Yacht Club Team. Award. For the best team formed of any two yachts representing any two yacht clubs. Teams shall be notified to the Race Committee not later than the Bon Voyage party on Friday 8th July 2005.
- 10.2 Youth Awards. For the best yacht in each class with at least 50% crew members under the age of 25 on 9th July 2005. Other trophies and awards may be announced

11.0 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The organizing authority is the Norddeutscher Regatta Verein, Hamburg.

12.0 RULES

- 12.1 The NORD/LB Baltic Sprint Cup 2005 will be governed by:
 - the Racing Rules of Sailing RRS except that between the hours of sunset and sunrise the rules of RRS Part 2 will be replaced by the steering and sailing rules of the IRPCAS Part B
 - the ISAF OSRs for Category 3 plus ORC Cat 2 Liferaft
 - this Notice of Race
 - the Sailing Instructions
- 12.2 Where there is conflict between items in the above list, the succeeding item shall take precedence.
- 12.3 Sailing Instructions and other information will be sent on publication in June 2005 to each registered entry.
- 12.4 The Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and other race documents and information will be displayed and available for download from the official web site at www.NordLBCup.com.

13.0 TURNS PENALTY

The 720° turns penalty in RRS 44.2 is changed to a 360° turn penalty and shall be available also for an infringement of a right-of-way rule of the IRPCAS as between competing yachts, however no penalty under RRS 44.2 shall be taken until it is safe to do so.

14.0 COURSE

The course for each leg will be detailed in Sailing Instructions. The course for leg 3 will be longer for very large and deep-draught yachts (see NoR 3 and 7 above).

15.0 SHORTEN COURSE

In order to try to maintain the published schedule, the Race Committee may shorten a course in accordance with a procedure to be described in Sailing Instructions. A shorten course may be ordered by means of taking an electronic position fix on all boats via the on-board IRMS Inmarsat D+ Box and making a calculation accordingly.

16.0 ADVERTISING RULES

- 16.1 The NORD/LB Baltic Sprint Cup 2005 is open to all boats including those in ISAF Advertising Category C.
- 16.2 Advertising chosen by a boat, on a boat and on her sail plan, rig and crew clothing may be permitted within ISAF rules provided that the Organizing Committee is satisfied in its opinion that the design does not contravene reasonable standards of good taste. A boat may apply on this basis to the Organizing Committee at any time.
- 16.3 Every yacht shall carry an event sponsors' sticker on each bow and also an event sponsors' flag during the event.

17.0 CREW

- 17.1 A minimum of four persons shall be on board when racing. Provided that the Race Committee is informed in writing in advance of each leg, there is no restriction on the number of changes allowed to the make-up of a crew (including the skipper) between one leg and another.

- 17.2 No crew member shall join a yacht racing except that official media personnel accredited by the Race Organization may join and leave a yacht with the permission of the person in charge, at any time during the race provided that the media personnel take no part whatsoever in racing the yacht and that the yacht shall not seek redress in respect of actions of the media personnel or their boarding or leaving operation (changes RRS 62.1) and that the Race Committee shall be kept fully informed by the yacht including identities of the persons involved. When Media Personnel join a yacht it shall be the responsibility of the person in charge of the yacht to ensure that the personnel are suitably fit and properly equipped especially in regard to safety and that the capacity of all safety equipment on board is maintained under race rules to cater for the number of persons on board at any time.

18.0 SELF STEERING

Self-steering (including e.g. automatic and wind-vane devices) is not permitted.

19.0 MOVING BALLAST, MECHANICAL POWER

Provided it is declared to and accepted by the Rating Authority, ballast and dead weight may be moved for the purpose of changing trim or stability. Mechanical power may be used for charging batteries, pumping bilges, loading, unloading or transferring water-ballast, moving keel and rudder appendages or for weighing anchor. The operation of engines, motors or pumps must not provide any element of propulsion. In handling the vessel's sails and gear, there is no objection to various forms of power transmission, such as hydraulics, provided there is no element of power storage beyond that associated with materials in their normal sailing applications. The foregoing changes RRS 51 (movable ballast) and RRS 52 (manual power).



20.0 RACE HEADQUARTERS and RACE INFORMATION

The location of an official notice board and Race HQ at each port will be described in Sailing Instructions. Race information will be continuously updated on the web site www.NordLBCup.com.

21.0 OUTSIDE HELP

There is no restriction on receiving information from outside the yacht (thus it is permitted for boats to access the event web site and view boat positions, when racing). Physical help is not permitted except for medical help of any kind. This changes RRS 41.

22.0 YACHT STARTING LATE

Yacht may start a leg not later than 30 minutes after her valid starting time.

23.0 MOORING FEES

Moorings Fees in the stopover ports are included the entry fees.

24.0 PARADES OF SAIL

Yachts may be requested by the Organizers to take part in Parades of Sail from the moorings to starting areas. Yachts shall if possible comply with such requests.

25.0 INTERNATIONAL JURY

An International Jury will be appointed whose decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.4. The International Jury shall have the authority to conduct hearings by voice, email or other communications systems. A penalty system will be described in Sailing Instructions and will include an option for the Jury to waive penalty (changes RRS 64.1(a)).

26.0 IRMS InmarSat D+ BOX LOCATOR BEACON

Each yacht will be issued with an "IRMS InmarSat D+ box locator beacon" and shall install and maintain it in accordance with instructions to be supplied. A fully refundable cash deposit of €300 will be payable in respect of this unit.

27.0 CHECK-IN DESK SANDHAMN

27.1 The check-in desk will be open at Sandhamn at the following times:

- Wednesday 6th July 10:00 to 17:00 (lct)
- Thursday 7th July 10:00 to 17:00 (lct)
- Friday 8th July 10:00 to 15:00 (lct)

27.2 A representative of each yacht shall report at the check-in desk with a final crew list and crew declaration forms. On receipt of these forms and completion of the entry formalities each yacht will be issued with an IRMS InmarSat D+ Box which shall be installed on board within two hours. On confirmation from the system engineer that the D+ Box is successfully installed and operational the race committee will issue to the yacht tickets for the Bon Voyage Party on Friday 8th July.

28.0 TIME LIMIT

Time limits may be applied in Sailing Instructions. A yacht shall not be entitled to redress due to the fact that she is delayed by sailing on a previous leg when the start of a subsequent leg takes place. (Changes RRS 35).

29.0 DUMPING RUBBISH

It is forbidden to dump into the sea any non-biodegradable material.

30.0 VHF RADIO

A Marine VHF Radio is required in accordance with OSR (Offshore Special Regulation) 3.29.1.

31.0 STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR

Every person connected with a boat entered in the NORD/LB BALTIC SPRINT CUP 2005 shall show due and proper regard for accepted standards of behaviour. Failure to observe this requirement may result in a boat being penalised or disqualified or a competitor being excluded from the race under RRS 69.

32.0 YOUTH CREW REGISTER

If possible, a register will be maintained of young people under 25 years of age from countries visited by the event who may be available to crew in the event. Please ask for details or see the event web site www.NordLBCup.com.

33.0 INSURANCE

- 33.1 Every competitor in the NORD/LB Baltic Sprint Cup 2005 has the individual responsibility to organise suitable and adequate personal insurance having regard for their respective commitments and liabilities
- 33.2 Every yacht shall have appropriate third party liability insurance.

34.0 DISPUTES

A competitor in dispute with the organizers, their employees and agents and their sponsors and employees or agents shall not take such dispute to a civil court of law but may take a dispute to the Court for Arbitration in Sport.

**Appendix 1
Responsibilities and Disclaimer**

A 1.1 It shall be the responsibility of the owner, the owner's representative and/or the person-in-charge without delay to bring to the attention of every crew member and every other person connected in any way with the respective owner's or person-in-charge's entry in the NORD/LB Baltic Sprint Cup 2005, the contents of this Notice of Race and its references and in particular Notice of Race paragraphs 4, 31, 33, and 34.

A 1.2 The organizers, their employees and agents and their sponsors, employees and agents shall have no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to crew members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property.

A 1.3 The organizers their employees and agents and their sponsors and employees and agents shall have no responsibility or liability toward any person or organisation in respect of the participation or intended participation in the NORD/LB Baltic Sprint Cup 2005 of any yacht or person for any actual or construed loss or damage, costs, revenues, expenses or other claims for compensation arising as a direct or indirect result of any cause beyond the reasonable control of NRV including (without limitation) any Act of God, war, military operations, accident, breakdown of plant or yachts or equipment or machinery, collision of any sort, riot, abnormally inclement or other weather, earthquake, tidal waves, fire, flood, tropical revolving storm or other storm, tornado, drought, explosion, lightning strike, lockout, trade dispute or labour disturbance, the act or omission of or refusal of any licence or permit by any government, sailing authority, highway authority, telecommunications operator or difficulty delay or failure in the provision, manufacture, production or supply by third parties of any information, goods or services.



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