

Attachment No. 1 to the Notice of Race
Safety Procedure
Baltic Single-Handed Sailors Regatta for the Polonez Cup
Polish National Single-Handed Sailing Championship

Date: 04-08.08.2025

Location: Świnoujście – Bornholm – Christianso – Świnoujście

1. Purpose of the Procedure

To ensure maximum safety for the participants of the regatta by establishing rules for weather conditions assessment, emergency communication, responding to crisis situations, and evacuation.

2. Weather Criteria for Cancellation or Postponement of the Regatta

The organizer will cancel or postpone the regatta if one or more of the following conditions occur:

- **Wind:**
 - Steady wind $\geq 6^{\circ}$ Beaufort (27+ knots / >14 m/s)
 - Gusts exceeding 30 knots (15 m/s)
- **Wave height** ≥ 4 meters (sea state ≥ 6)
- **Visibility** ≤ 1000 meters (fog, precipitation, smoke)
- Storm warning issued by IMGW, HydroMet, or other services
- Forecasted or ongoing thunderstorms with lightning
- Failure of communication systems or lack of safety equipment

3. Organizer's Responsibilities

The regatta organizer is responsible for:

- Monitoring the weather at least 72 hours before the start (updates every 6-12 hours)
- Contacting meteorological services and the Maritime Search and Rescue Service (SAR)
- Checking the readiness of the jury and support vessels
- Providing crews with a safety briefing (pre-start briefing)
- Preparing the procedure for cancellation/interruption of the race

4. Participants' (Crew) Responsibilities

Each vessel participating in the regatta is required to:

- Have operational communication means: VHF (regatta channel + 16), mobile phone with roaming
 - Be equipped with safety devices: life jackets, signaling devices, liferaft
 - Be ready to interrupt the race upon the organizer's command
 - Provide the organizer with the crew list and the captain's contact information
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5. Communication

- Regatta VHF channel: 77
 - SAR emergency channel: VHF 16
 - SAR emergency phone: +48 58 620 15 44
 - Regatta center / Chief Judge: Roman Gryglewski, +48 665 787 873
 - Regatta safety coordinator: Krystian Szyпка, +48 530 701 817
 - Contact hours with the organizer: 07:00–22:00
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6. Cancellation / Evacuation Procedure

In case of the need to immediately terminate the regatta:

- The organizer will send a communication via VHF on the regatta channel and channel 16
 - Vessels must immediately head to the designated emergency port
 - In case of life-threatening situations, crews must contact SAR
 - Upon returning, each crew must report to the organizer – via radio or phone
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7. Emergency Ports

The emergency ports are Noexo, Dziwnów, Kołobrzeg

8. Additional Guidelines

- The organizer may require a yacht to withdraw from the race if it is deemed unfit for sailing.
- All regatta participants must have insurance (public liability).
- A safety briefing will take place the day before the start – attendance is mandatory.