

Caférace 2025

16, 17 & 18 mei 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is the Caférace committee from N.S.Z.V. De Loefbijter.

Contact: caferace@loefbijter.nl

Event website: www.loefbijter.nl/caferace

Location: Camping Heerenzijl

Address: Hearresyl 1, 8542 AV Terkaple

RACING COMMITTEE

The racing committee consists of Freek Vermeer (chairman) and Nienke van der Wall.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the *Rules and Regulations*, which will be made available at www.loefbijter.nl/caferace.
- 1.2 Changes to the rules will be made public by the organising authority.

2. COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1 The race office is located at the main tent on Camping Heerenzijl.
- 2.2 Notices to competitors will be posted in the skippers WhatsApp group.
- 2.3 All skippers shall attend the daily briefings, unless excused by the racing committee.
- 2.4 All skippers shall join the skippers WhatsApp group.

3. ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Teams wishing to enter this event shall complete the online entry form for the event posted on the event website, and for the entry to be valid pay the entry fee as detailed in 3.4.
- 3.2 All team members must be at least 18 years old.
- 3.3 Entry procedure:
 - a) The minimum number of teams needed to hold the event is 8. The maximum number of teams that can sign up for the event is dependent on the boats available. This will likely be between 15 and 20 teams.
 - b) Entry opens on January 28th and closes on April 15th.
 - c) If at 23:59 on the closing date the minimum number of teams have entered, the event will proceed.
 - d) If at 23:59 on the Closing Date there are insufficient entries the event will be cancelled, and the entry fee less any already made expenditure will be returned.
 - e) If on the closing date the event is oversubscribed the organising authority will advise the team(s) concerned, these teams may request to be placed on a waiting list or have their entry fee returned. All teams that have entered correctly and are not offered a place will have its entry fee refunded.
- 3.4 The entry fee of € 390,- per team is, unless stated otherwise, non-refundable and shall be received on the bank account of N.S.Z.V. De Loefbijter before May 4th.

4. DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 4.1 All skippers shall sign the Sailing Agreement (Appendix A, prints will be provided at the race office) prior sailing at the race office during registration on 16-05-2025.
- 4.2 The damage deposit of € 200 per team must be paid before registration at the sailing office on 16-05-2025.
- 4.3 The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident, with some exceptions specified in Appendix A. If a deduction is made from the deposit during the event, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to maintain eligibility.
- 4.4 The organising authority will refund or authorise the refund of any remaining damage deposit within 10 business days after the event.
- 4.5 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the racing committee.

5. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 5.1 The total number of crew for one team, including the skipper, is 4 or 5. Replacement of a missing crew member is the responsibility of the skipper.
- 5.2 While afloat, there should always be at least 2 people including the skipper on the boat, unless in the case of an emergency, or otherwise stated by the racing committee. Violation of this may result in disqualification.

6. BOATS AND SAILS

- 6.1 The event will be sailed on Polyvalk boats.
- 6.2 The organising authority will provide the boats and sailing essentials.
- 6.3 Boats will be allocated by the racing committee.
- 6.4 Differences in boats will not be ground for redress.
- 6.5 Competitors are allowed to make changes to boat rigging in accordance with the *Rules and Regulations*.
- 6.5 Other restrictions or instructions may be given to the boats by the racing committee.

7. EVENT FORMAT

- 7.1 The event consists of three independent rankings in which teams can score points called 'mylen': Fryske mylen, Crea mylen and Sonnema mylen. Each ranking has a winner.
- 7.2 There will be an overall ranking for the whole event which will be determined by a combination of all three independent rankings. The team with the highest overall ranking wins the event.
- 7.3 The total amount of Fryske mylen scored by all teams together will account for half of the total points in the overall ranking. The total amount of Sonnema mylen and Crea mylen scored by all teams together will each account for a quarter of the total points in the overall ranking.
- 7.4 The means by which teams can acquire points (mylen) for each ranking are dictated by the rules and regulations.

8. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

8.1 Schedule

- a) Registration will be on 16 May from 18:00 till 21:00 at the race office unless extended by the organising authority.
- b) The daily briefing for the skippers will be on 17 May at 09:30 and on 18 May at 9:45.

- c) Only one race (Grote Caférace) will be held on 17 May.
- d) One or more races (Kleine Caférace) will be held on 18 May.
- e) A debrief and prize giving will be organised as soon as possible after the last race on 18 May.

8.2 Unless excused by the organising authority, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- a) Daily briefing for skippers
- b) Prize giving for all teams

9. ADVERTISING

9.1 Each boat may be required to display advertising as supplied by the organising authority.

10. CODE OF CONDUCT

10.1 Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from the organising authority and shall not behave in a manner so as to bring the event into disrepute.

10.2 Competitors shall handle the boats and equipment with proper care and seamanship and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations as well as the Dutch inland waterway police regulations (BPR).

11. MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

11.1 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the organising authority's supplied media equipment.

11.2 The organising authority has the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge. If you object to this, it is possible to state this during registration at the race office on 16 May.

12. RISK STATEMENT

12.1 The responsibility for a teams decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

12.2 By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough conditions, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

APPENDIX A

SAILING AGREEMENT

This sailing agreement has to be completed and signed by the skipper before sailing.

The skipper _____ (Full name) has agreed to the following:

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1.1 The skipper declares that they and their team members are sufficiently competent sailors.
- 1.2 The skipper declares that they are familiar with the Dutch inland waterway police regulations (BPR).
- 1.3 The skipper declares that they have read and will abide by the *Notice of Race* as well as the *Rules and Regulations*.
- 1.4 The organising authority can at any point during the event prohibit setting sail or instruct immediate return to a safe place.

2. BOATS

- 2.1 The organising authority will make sure that provided boats are in good condition.
- 2.2 The organising authority will provide the skipper with an inventory list.
- 2.3 The skipper is obligated to check and report any damage to the provided boat and missing inventory before sailing.

3. LIABILITY

- 3.1 The organising authority is not liable for bodily injury sustained during the event.
- 3.2 The organising authority is not liable for any loss or theft of personal items during the event.
- 3.3 The organising authority is not liable for any damage caused by other competitors or third parties.
- 3.4 A skipper can be held accountable by the organising authority to damage or loss of the provided boats. The racing committee will appoint responsibility in case of damage due to contact between two participating boats. If responsibility cannot be appointed to one party with certainty, the racing committee may decide both parties are partly responsible.
- 3.5 A skipper can be held accountable for a maximum of € 200 per incident, with the exception of the following cases, for which a maximum of € 500 per incidents applies:
 - a) The damage has not been timely reported to the racing committee.
 - b) The damage was caused by gross negligence. Not complying to the obligations in 4.1, 4.2 or 4.3 of the *Sailing Agreement* will always be considered as gross negligence.
 - c) The skipper did not follow the directions of the organising authority or racing committee, while doing so could have (partly) prevented the damage.
 - d) The skipper did not act in accordance with the *Rules and Regulations* in a way in which it could have led to (more) damage.
 - e) The damage was caused by an adaptation made to the rigging of the boat.

4. OBLIGATIONS

- 4.1 The skipper is obligated to abstain from being intoxicated during sailing.
- 4.2 The skipper is obligated to make sure the helmsman and any other crew needed to safely sail abstains from being intoxicated.

- 4.3 The skipper is obligated to make sure everyone on board during sailing abstains from being under the influence of drugs that are on list I (harddrugs) or list II (softdrugs) of the Dutch Opium Law.
- 4.4 The skipper is obligated to follow instructions of the organising authority.
- 4.5 The skipper is obligated to return the boat in the same state in which it was provided.
- 4.6 The skipper is obligated to return the boat whilst it is clean.

5. DEPOSIT

- 5.1 A deposit of € 200 will be paid no later than 21:00 on 16 May 2025 to
NL77 RABO 0135 8860 66
N.S.Z.V. De Loefbijter
with a description indicating: "Deposit Caférace 2025 [FULL NAME]".
- 5.2 The organising authority will refund or authorise the refund of any remaining damage deposit within 10 business days after the event.
- 5.3 If the skipper is held accountable for damages above the deposited amount the remaining amount still needs to be paid. This payment needs to be made within 10 business days after the event.

Date:

Signature:
