



EUROPEAN ICE-BLOKART CHAMPIONSHIP 2009

Announcement: The First European Ice-Blokart Championship will be held on Rėkyva lake, near Šiauliai, Lithuania on February 20th-22nd, 2009. The organizing authority of this event is „Irklakojis“ and Lithuanian Bokart Team.

Venue: Rėkyva lake one of the best places for ice sailing in Eastern Europe. DN and Ice Opti World Junior championship 2007 was held there and most likely the DN World Championship 2009 will be transferred from St. Petersburg to Rėkyva (ice in St. Petersburg is thick, but it is covered with a lot of snow, ice sailing is virtually impossible at the moment). At the moment Rėkyva lake has 22-28 cm thick and clear of snow ice.

Program:

20th February (Friday):

11.00 – sunset Press, sponsors' & demo session
11.00 – sunset Training on race area
11.00 – sunset Registration

21st February (Saturday):

9.30 – 10.30 Registration
10.30 – 10.45 Briefing
10.45 - sunset Play-off races
19.00 Blokart party at Farmstead „Žarija“ (dinner, sauna)

22nd February (Sunday):

10.00 Briefing
10.15 Start of the final races
15.30 End of the final races, prize giving ceremony at Šiauliai Yachtclub

Inventory:

Participants not having their own Ice-Blokarts will be provided with VŠI „Irklakojis“ Ice-Blokarts (6 units) and Estonian Blokart team Ice-Blokarts (4 units) for rent and will compete in relay in their weight divisions and subdivisions if needed.

Fees: Entry fee is 50 Litas (14.5 Euro) if paid before 1/02 by banktransfer; 100 Litas (30 Euro) if paid 1/02 or after. Entry fee includes sandwiches and hot drinks.

The Ice-Blokart (production class) rent price is 100 Litas (30 Euro) for training session, play-off and final races.

For organizing purposes we kindly ask you to inform us of your participation on beforehand ASAP through the registration form found at www.blokart.lt. Data for bank transfer can be found here: http://www.blokart.lt/en/about_us/contacts

Accommodation: Accommodation will be organized in the suburb of Šiauliai in farmstead „Žarija“ with various facilities: <http://www.smuklezarija.lt/mos/Frontpage/> (30 km from the lake Rėkyva).

Options of accommodation there are as following: double 35 euro, triple 43 euro, four bed room 50 euro, bed in 10 person room: 10 euro. Breakfast 5 euro.

European ICE-Blokart championship

February 20th- 22th Šiauliai, Lithuania



Blokart party:

Blokart party will be organized in the farmstead's „Žarija" restaurant. Price for blokart party is 15 euro for participants and 20 euro for non-participants. Party fee includes dinner and sauna.

Racing:

Races will be done in two weight categories: lightweight (<85 kg) and heavyweight (>85 kg). Only production class Ice-Blokarts, with standard BIL manufacture ice-blades are allowed to participate in this event. Helmets are mandatory in order to race! Usage of Blokart safety belts is not allowed!

Races will be done on windward leeward course. Further racing details will be announced during the briefing before racing. Ice-Blokart sailing rules are to be found in the Annex 1 of this document.

Vilnius - European Capital of Culture 2009: For those wishing to get the max of the visit to Lithuania: we are celebrating 1000 years anniversary (Lithuania was first mentioned in the history in the year 1009) and our capital Vilnius is declared European Capital of Culture 2009. Here's a link for other events: <http://www.culturelive.lt/en>





ANNEX I. Sailing rules (in conformity with US National Iceboat Authority).

1. Ice-Blokart stopped: an Ice-Blokart in motion shall keep clear of the Ice-Blokart stopped.
2. Ice-Blokarts Off and On the Wind: an Ice-Blokart sailing Off the Wind shall keep clear of an Ice-Blokart sailing On the Wind.
- 3a. On the Wind Port tack: an Ice-Blokart sailing Port tack On the Wind shall keep clear of the Ice-Blokart sailing Starboard tack On the Wind.
- 3b. Off the Wind Port tack: an Ice-Blokart sailing Port tack Off the Wind shall keep clear of the Ice-Blokart sailing Starboard tack Off the Wind.
- 4a. On the Wind same tack: the Windward Ice-Blokart shall keep clear of the Leeward Ice-Blokart.
- 4b. Off the Wind same tack: the Leeward Ice-Blokart shall keep clear of the Windward Ice-Blokart.
- 5a. The right-of-way Ice-Blokart: The right-of-way Ice-Blokart has not to alter course so as to mislead or prevent a non right-of-way Ice-Blokart from keeping clear.
- 5b. Faster Ice-Blokart same tack overtaking: the faster Ice-Blokart shall keep clear of the slower Ice-Blokart.
6. Tack or Jibe: Do not tack or jibe if collision is probable!
7. Obstruction: Outside Ice-Blokart shall give room to clear an obstruction or rounding mark or finish line.
8. Rounding mark outside Ice-Blokart: Outside Ice-Blokart shall give room to Inside Ice-Blokart to round the mark.
9. Keeping clear of the course after a finish: every Ice-Blokart having crossed finish line, must keep clear of the race course.
10. Scoring: Low point scoring will be applied. The first place will give 0 points, the second place 2 points, the third place 3 points, and so on. The winner of the event is the blokart with the lowest score. After 4 races there is a discard of the worst result.
11. Protests: Protests can be put forward until 60 minutes after the arrival of the last participant of the present race at the jury. Protest forms can be obtained from the race committee after payment of 50 litas.
12. Liability: No part involved in the organization and running this event shall accept any liability for any accident, injury (even fatal), damage or loss wether personal, material or otherwise sustained prior to, during or after the event.
13. Safety:
 - a) The safety of the Ice-Blokart and her pilot, including insurance, shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner or entrant racing the blokart.
 - b) All pilots MUST wear helmets and ski-type goggles.
 - c) For safety reasons safety belt shall not be used!
14. Instructions race committee: not obeying instructions given by the race committee will result in penalty points or disqualification.
15. Language: the official language during this event will be Lithuanian and English.

REMEMBER to HAVE FUN and ALWAYS ACT IN TERMS OF COMMON SENSE, SAFETY AND GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP!

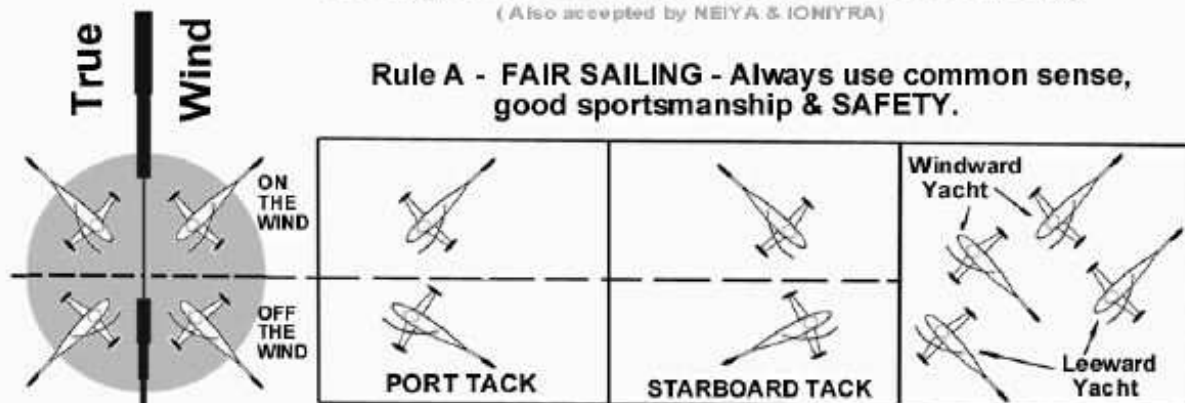


ANNEX II. Visualised sailing rules

RIGHT OF WAY and SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Racing Rules of the National Iceboat Authority

(Also accepted by NEIYA & IONIYRA)



Rule A - FAIR SAILING - Always use common sense, good sportsmanship & SAFETY.

Rule B - RIGHT-of-WAY - Yachts must KEEP CLEAR as follows:

<p>1 IN MOTION</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Keep clear of STOPPED YACHT</p>	<p>2 OFF THE WIND</p> <p>Must Yield</p> <p>ROW</p>	<p>3a ON THE WIND PORT TACK</p> <p>Must Yield</p> <p>ROW</p>	<p>3b OFF THE WIND PORT TACK</p> <p>Must Yield</p> <p>ROW</p>
<p>4a ON THE WIND SAME TACK</p> <p>Must Yield</p> <p>ROW</p>	<p>4b OFF THE WIND SAME TACK</p> <p>ROW</p> <p>Must Yield</p>	<p>5a RIGHT - OF - WAY YACHT</p> <p>Do not alter course so as to mislead or prevent a non right-of-way yacht from keeping clear.</p>	<p>5b FASTER YACHT SAME TACK OVERTAKING</p> <p>ROW</p> <p>Must Yield</p>
<p>6 TACK or JIBE</p> <p>DO NOT IF COLLISION IS PROBABLE ←</p>	<p>7 OBSTRUCTION</p> <p>Signal</p> <p>Must Yield</p> <p>ROW</p>	<p>8 ROUNDING MARK OUTSIDE YACHT</p> <p>Must Yield</p> <p>ROW</p>	<p>9 AFTER FINISHING THE RACE -</p> <p>↓</p> <p>KEEP CLEAR of the COURSE</p>