

OPEN LITHUANIAN ICE-BLOKART CHAMPIONSHIP

Notice:

Open Lithuanian Ice-Blokart Championship is dedicated to promote Ice-Blokarting and will be held 23th-24th February in Nida, Curonian Spit (on the UNESCO heritage list), Lithuania. Ice-Blokart Championship is scheduled during Winter Festival in Neringa municipality. A number of outdoor and indoor activities will be available as well. More information about the locality can be found at: www.visitneringa.com

Organizing Authority:

Organizing authority for this Championship is VŠĮ „Irklakojis“ the founder of Blokart Sailing School in Nida.

Participants:

All yachtsmen from Lithuania and foreign countries, as well as all blokarters are welcome.

Venue:

All racing will be held on the Curonian lagoon ice in Nida. Details on the Ice quality will be posted by a newsletter 7 days before the event.

The start of the Championship – 11.00, 23th February.

Inventory:

Participants not having their own Ice-Blokarts are provided with VŠĮ „Irklakojis“ Ice-Blokarts (6 units) with 3.0 and 4.0 m. sails for rent and will sail in relay in their weight divisions and subdivisions.

Program:

23th February:

- 10.00 – registration of the participants.
- 10.30 – briefing of the race committee and participants.
- 11.00 – the opening of Championship.
- 11.30 – start of the play-off races.
- 17.30 – end of the play-off races.

24th February:

- 10.00 – briefing of the race committee and participants.
- 10.30 – start of the final races.
- 14.30 – end of the final races, prize giving.

Format :

- This Championship is organized for the Production class only. There are 2 weight divisions: lightweight (till 85 kg) and heavyweight (85 kg+).
- Objective of the play-off races are to give a chance to compete for the maximum number (42 persons) of yachtsmen not owning a Ice-Blokart yet and to select the best yachtsmen for the final races.
- Play-off races will be short-track races of approx. 10 minutes. After 4 races there will be 1 discard.
- Final races will be short-track races of approx. 10 minutes. After 4 races there will be 1 discard.
- Sailing rules : see sailing instructions.

Fees :

The entry fee is 20 Litas (7 Euro) if paid before 8/02 by banktransfer; 50 Litas (15 Euro) on Saturday the 23th February.

The Ice-Blokart (Production class) rent price is 90 Litas (26 Euro) for play-off (4 races) and final (4 races) races.

For organizing purposes we kindly ask you to inform us of your participation on beforehand ASAP through the registration form found at the end of this document.

Prizes & trophies :

Trophies & trophies for :
1st, 2nd and 3rd in each weight categorie.

Arrival, accomodation, catering info:

For arrival, accomodation, catering please contact the tourist office, +370-469-52345, info@visitneringa.lt, www.visitneringa.com, accomodation without intermediary: www.kopos.lt

For any questions regarding the Championship please contact Matas +370-618-81957, info@irklakojis.lt



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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.

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

II. Briefing. Before each race there is a briefing for all parttaking pilots. A briefing will be announced by running up a green with yellow stripe flag. The pilots must gather immediatly at the sailing master.

III. Schedule of races. Depending on the ice and weather conditions.

IV. The finish. The end of a race will be announced to each competitor by showing a black and white chequered flag. The finish line will be between two orange flags. Finished Ice-Blokarts will go to the waiting zone.

V. 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, after 7 races the 2 worst results will be discarded.

VI. 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 30 litas.

VII. 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.

VIII. Safety.

1. 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.
2. All pilots **MUST** wear helmets and ski-type goggles.
3. For safety reasons safety belt shall not be used!

IX. Instructions race committee. Not obeying instructions given by the race committee will result in penalty points or disqualification.

X. Language. The official language during this event will be Lithuanian and English.

REGISTRATION FORM (to be emailed at info@irklakojis.lt):

Name, Surname:

Age:

Weight division: lightweight (till 85 kg) or heavyweight (85 kg+)

Mobile:

E-mail:

Rent of Blokart: YES/NO

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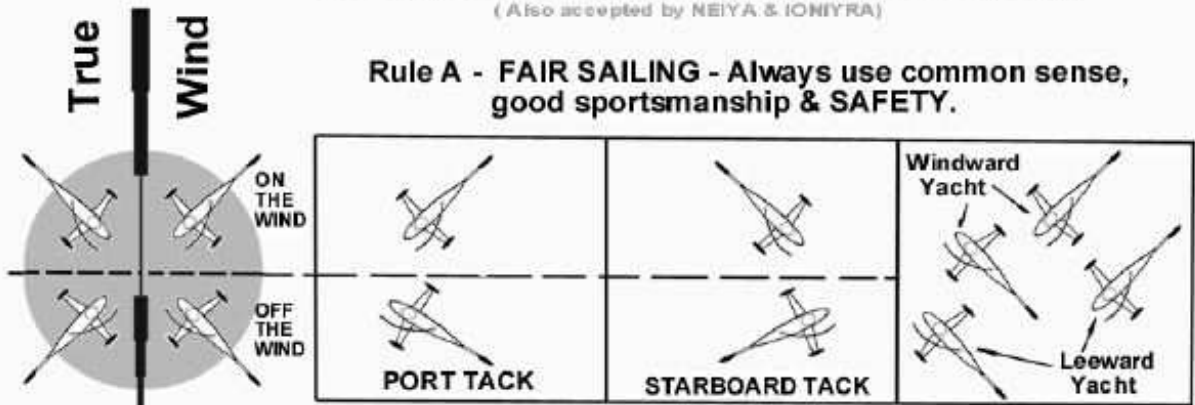
ANNEX I. Visualised Racing Rules according to US National Iceboat Authority

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