



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Gotland Runt Offshore Race

Visby Course

Date: 28 June 2026

Organizer: The Royal Swedish Yacht Club, KSSS

1 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.1 Changes to SIs, if any will be posted on the Official Notice Board, "ONB" online at gotlandrunt.se/onb no later than 20:00 Saturday 27 June 2026.

2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB. Messages to competitors may also be transmitted via SMS to the registered skipper on each boat.
- 2.2 The race committee and race office can be reached by e-mail at raceoffice@ksss.se or by phone +46 (0)703065157

If you retire from the race, see SI 14.4

- 2.3 The race committee intends to communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72. This applies only during the starting sequence.
- Competitors are not allowed to call the Race Committee or transmit on VHF channel 72 during any starting sequence = during the time from the first warning signal to the last start signal of the day.
- VHF Channel 77 is recommended for boat-to-boat communication between competing boats. The Race Committee will monitor channel 77 during the start.
- 2.4 All boats shall maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF Channel 16 for the duration of their race.
- 2.5 Any actions or non-actions by the Race Committee concerning calls on VHF radio will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the ONB.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 The first warning signal will be at 13:55 hours on 28 June 2026, with the starting signal at 14:00 hours.
- 4.2 Starting program and starting order will be published on the ONB 27 June.

5 CLASS AND IDENTIFICATION FLAG

- 5.1 Class- and identification flags will be published at the latest in the starting order on ONB 27 June.

6 RACING AREA

- 6.1 The racing area is between Sandhamn and round the island Gotland in the Baltic Sea. The starting area is situated southeast of Sandhamn, special conditions apply. Further information in SI 8 and Appendix 1.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 Positions in latitude and longitude (WGS84 DDM) are approximate.

7.2 Start

Starting line appr. **Southeast Sandhamn** 59°16.313'N 18°53.547'E
59°15.982'N 18°53.488'E

Final approximately coordinates for starting line will be communicated on ONB, 11.30, on starting day.

Lighthouse **Svängen**, to SB 59°16.196'N 18°58.466'E

Cardinal mark **Q(6) LFI W 15s**, to Port
South Södergrynnan 59°14.599'N 19°3.006'E

Cardinal mark **BYB**, to SB 59°24.895'N 19°36.901'E
Southeast Svenska Högarna

Special mark yellow light buoy (FI Y 3s 3M)

app. 0,2 NM west of **Visby**, to Port 57°38.599'N 18°17.000'E

A large inflatable buoy, approximately 3 x 3 m and branded with the Gotland Runt logo and the logo of the event's navigation partner, Skippo, may be present near the special mark approximately 0.2 NM west of Visby. Together with the special mark, it may form the Skippo Gate.

The Skippo buoy may be located in shallow water. The Skippo Gate is not part of the course, and the Skippo buoy is not a mark of the course and shall be disregarded

Almagrundet lighthouse, to Port 59°9.304'N 19°7.565'E

The finish line is W of **Skanskobb** defined by 59°16.937'N 18°56.357'E
two positions, approximately marked by two 59°16.863'N 18°56.149'E
white and black checkered buoys

The length of the full course is app. 245NM

- 7.3 While racing, boats shall not enter areas declared by local government or other regulations as forbidden to enter, forbidden to pass or otherwise. These areas are obstructions as defined in the RRS Definitions.

8 ENTERING THE STARTING AREA

8.1 Start details

The starting area is situated Southeast Sandhamn. The location and special details of the starting area are shown in Appendix 1.

Check-in by passing a gate marked by black/white, checkered buoys. In the direction of West to East. Passage through the gate must be under engine operation. The flags with the boat reporting number and class shall be readable from the gate vessel, and the flags shall, if no wind, be stretched out by hand.

You are allowed to sail in the start box, -15 before your starting time.

8.2 Boats shall keep clear of commercial traffic at all times.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks for the starting area are yellow buoys.

9.2 Mark for the port-end starting mark will be red. There will be an inner limit mark, a red buoy close to the starting vessel.

9.3 The finish line will be marked by checkered black and white buoys.

9.4 For other rounding marks, see description of course SI 7.

10 THE START

10.1 RRS 26 is changed as follows:

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal displayed	Visual signal removed	Sound	Meaning
10+	Orange		One	Attention
6	Class flag		No	Class to start
5	White flag with number 5		One	Warning signal
4	Blue flag with number 4	White flag with number 5	One	Preparatory signal
3	White flag with number 3	Blue flag with number 4	One	Three minutes
2	White flag with number 2	White flag with number 3	One	Two minutes
1	Yellow flag with number 1	White flag with number 2	One long	One minute
0		Yellow flag with number 1	One	Start signal
+1		Class flag	No	

10.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting vessel and a cylindrical red buoy at the port end.

An inner limit mark, consisting of a red buoy, will be positioned close to the starting vessel. Boats shall not pass between the inner limit mark and the staff displaying an orange flag on the starting vessel.

If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line during the last minute before her starting signal, the penalty is 0.5% additional time added to her elapsed time. In addition, she shall sail across an extension of the starting line and round the starting vessel so that her hull is completely on the pre-start side of the starting line before she starts.

Race committee will give this penalty without a hearing, and this changes RRS A5.1

10.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course-side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the Race Committee may, in addition to RRS 29 as a service, and if possible, call her sail number on VHF channel 72. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

10.4 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

- 10.5 After a general recall
- a) Subsequent starts will proceed in accordance with the Starting Order communicated over VHF 72. Any restart(s) will be made after the last scheduled start.
 - b) Flag First Substitute will be displayed until four minutes after the starting signal.
 - c) Boats shall wait outside the starting area until they are called back to the starting area for restart, on VHF channel 72 and race official boats showing class flag.
 - d) This changes Race Signal First Substitute and RRS 29.2

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between two positions (see 7.2) approx. in line with a flagpole with KSSS pennant hoisted at Skanskobb. As a service the line will be shown by two checkered black and white inflatable buoys that will/may not be exact on the finish line positions; buoys not on the exact line position will not be ground for redress.
- 11.2 A boat approaching the finishing line shall make sure the reporting number is visible from starboard side of the finishing line 100 meters before and 100 meters beyond the finishing line, when finishing at night or in bad visibility, the flag and the sail number must be illuminated.
- 11.3 When a boat finishes, she shall report her finish time in accordance with SI 18 Reporting.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 RRS T1 applies and T1(b) is changed so that the penalty is a 1% additional time to the elapsed time.
- 12.2 In addition to RRS 60.5(c), a boat may be penalized with an addition of up to 10% of her elapsed time as decided by the Protest Committee.
- 12.3 In the start, you are not permitted to pass between the red mark and the staff displaying an orange flag on the starting vessel. There will be an inner limit mark, a red buoy close to the starting vessel. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line during the last minute before her starting signal, the penalty is 0.5% additional time added to her elapsed time. In addition, she shall sail across an extension of the starting line and round the starting vessel so that her hull is completely on the pre-start side of the starting line before she starts.
- Race committee will give this penalty without a hearing, and this changes RRS A5.1

13 HEARING REQUESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 When the display of a red flag is required for a valid protest, the flag shall be displayed minimum 1 hour after the incident. No need to continue to be displayed after the protesting boat has notified or tried to notify the other boat. Aim to display the protest flag when you finish. This changes RRS 60.2(a).
- 13.2 RRS 60.2(a)(1) is changed so that a boat shall also try to inform the other boat of her intention to protest by VHF radio channel 77
- 13.3 Protests or requests for redress shall be written on the hearing request form and

following the instructions available on the ONB

- 13.4 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the protestor finishes the race. If a boat finishes between 20:00 and 07:00 her protest time limit is extending to 09.00.
- 13.5 Protests received will be published on the ONB. The time and place for hearings will be e-mailed to the parties and posted on the ONB and in accordance with SI 2.1 as follows:
- Monday 29 June, 16:00
Tuesday 30 June, 10:00, 13:00, 16:00
Wednesday 01 July, 10:00, 13:00.
- 13.6 Protests received after 13:00 on Wednesday 01 July, will be heard at a later date. Calls for such hearings will be e-mailed to the parties.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1 Identification flag with the reporting number and class flag will be handed out after completed registration at the Race Office in Sandhamn or Saltsjöbaden (see NOR for opening hours).
- 14.2 In the starting area in Sandhamn, commercial traffic can appear. A boat shall not impede the passage of commercial shipping – see IRPCAS rule 9. In an immediate risk of collision with a commercial vessel, a boat may use her engine to keep clear (see RRS 42.3(i)). If she does so, she shall note the time and place of the incident and the time the engine was used. A boat or the Race Committee may protest her if she may have gained a significant advantage in the race.
- 14.3 If you are in distress or if you have an urgent need of medical support, call Sweden Rescue on VHF channel 16. More details in appendix 3.
- 14.4 The person in charge of a boat retiring from the race shall and is obliged to notify the Race Control immediately upon retirement by calling number: +46(0)76-764 53 03

15 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 15.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 15.2 No person on board shall intentionally leave, except when ill or injured, or to help a person or vessel in danger, or to swim. A person leaving the boat by accident or swimming shall be back in contact with the boat before the crew resumes sailing the boat to the next mark.
- A Crew Member having left when ill or injured, shall not return or be replaced during the race. The Boat must come to a complete stop before an intentional departure. The departure of the Crew Member shall be immediately reported to race control. This changes RRS 48.2.
- 15.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Technical Committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

16 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 16.1 Official vessels will be identified by flags marked with Gotland Runt logo, and additional flags marked with functions like, Jury, Safety, Media etc.

17 BERTHING

- 17.1 Official event harbor is KSSS Harbours in Sandhamn.

18 REPORTING

- 18.1 A boat shall report the times of the following rounding's/passings:
- rounding the lateral mark BYB Southeast to Svenska Högarna
 - rounding the special mark approximately 0,2 NM west of Visby
 - passing Almagrundet lighthouse
 - crossing the finish line SW Skanskobb
- 18.2 A boat shall via SMS (mobile text message), report passings and rounding's as listed in SI 18.1 to +46(0)70 90 32 04 15 40 (note the long number) and a confirmation SMS will be returned.
- 18.3 The boat's reporting number shall be used when reporting, not the sail number. A boat shall report: Reporting number, boat's name, passing/rounding mark, and time for passing/rounding.
- Send message in format: "Report No_Boat name_Mark_Time" Example: "009 BALLAD VISBY 13:45:05"

19 BOATS NOT STARTING

- 19.1 A boat that is not starting shall inform the Race Office without delay.
- The entry fee is not refundable.

20 RESULTS

- 20.1 Results will be posted on the web site www.gotlandrunt.se

APPENDIX 1 – RACE AREA INFORMATION

A. STARTING VESSEL – KSSS AMA

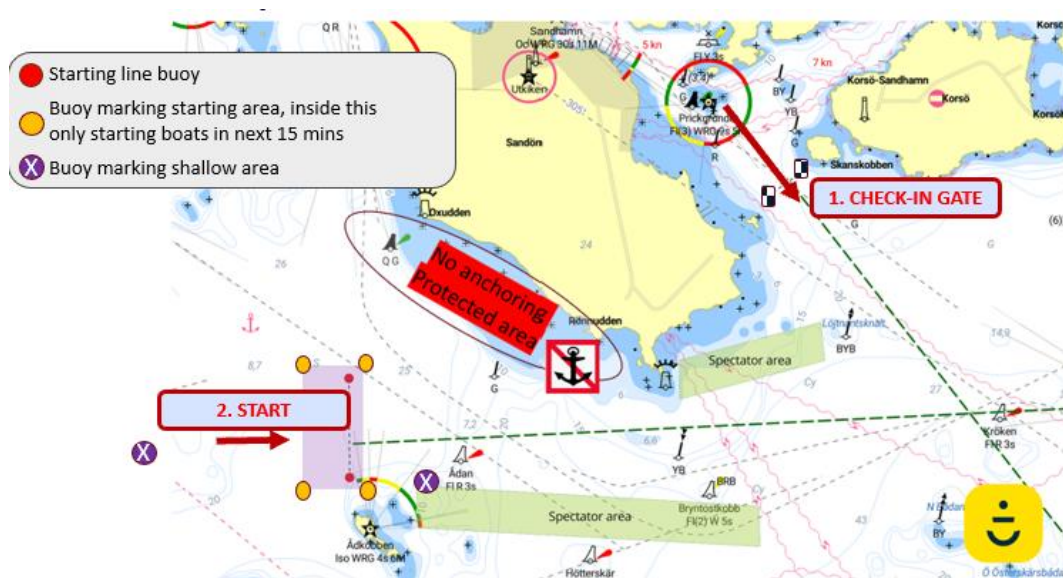


B. STARTING AREA

The starting area is situated in Sandhamn

1. 12:00-14:30 Pass the check-in gate (1) by engine for mandatory check-in, buoys are black and white checkered.
2. 20 min prior to your start time, stay close to starting area but stay out of the way for competitors about to start.
3. 15 min to your start. You are allowed to enter the start area marked with yellow buoys.

B1. Overview



B2. CHECK-IN GATE

Close to Skanskobb, check-in by passing a gate marked by two white and black checkered buoys approximately 59°16.937'N 18°56.357'E and 59°16.863'N 18°56.149'E



B3. Skippo Gate west of Visby

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APPENDIX 2 – WHATSAPP GROUP

Join by link or QR code:

WhatsApp Group Link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LgeNERrP63VBQLo03xrfyL>

WhatsApp Group QR code:



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APPENDIX 3 – SAFETY AND ON-WATER EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

The race committee has established emergency procedures to provide help in the event of an on-the-water emergency, including injury requiring medical assistance. Please take the time to review these procedures with your crew prior to the race.

1. Contact
 - a. 112, VHF 16 or
 - b. Race Control, +46 767 645 303
2. Identify your yacht, the nature of the emergency (type of injury, number of people injured), and your yacht's position.
3. Proceed at best speed to a designated rendezvous point as directed.
4. Depending on the nature and severity of the injury, should this be the emergency, safety boat personnel may come aboard your yacht to administer aid, evacuate the injured party and/or re-direct you for transfer of the injured person.
5. You are asked to cooperate fully with the Race Control, local law enforcement and emergency personnel, and follow their instructions.

EMERGENCY AND MEDICAL NUMBERS

	Phone	Radiochannel
Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre (JRCC)	112	VHF 16
Race Control – Regatta Safety Coordinator on Water and land	+46 767 645 303	
Race Committee - on water	+46 768 596 586	VHF 72 (Note! There can be limitations in reach)
Harbour Office Sandhamn	+46 8 571 53 285	
Race office	+46 703 065 157	
Royal Swedish Yacht Club, Office	+46 8 556 166 80	
Non Emergency:		
Healthcare Information	1177	
Poison information centre	+46 10 456 67 00 Giftinformation.se	
Police, non-emergency	114 14	