

Dear friends,

as you all for sure know the theme of insurances and how to handle those, is a never ending discussion.

At the National Secretaries Meeting in April in Vilnius we decided that we will have from now online-registration for the big events on our IDNIYRA-Europe homepage (www.icesailing.org). This brought up, how we should control and verify the confirmations of cover of insurance of all sailors.

First of all I believe that it is important that all of you do understand that the things we request in the confirmation of cover are for the safety of all competitors.

If you have troubles to get them confirmed from your insurance company you probably will have serious troubles in case of being liable – so it's better to know now !!!

Last year I had so many senseless discussions at the site and at the check-in, that the National Secretaries gave me the advice to do that job this year in an other way and to control this confirmations at an early time at home and not at the site at check-in any more.

So please accept that everybody has to send a copy of the confirmation of cover to his National Secretary. He will send them to me and I will check these as soon as possible.

Entries to the events won't be confirmed without my confirmation that the insurance is "ok" and without confirmation of Christian Seegers that entry-fee and IDNIYRA-fee are paid. If decided that any confirmation of cover is "not ok" sailors will be informed via their National Secretary and can work on it to get a proper confirmation or purchase at check-in.

Once more the points for a proper confirmation of cover:

1. the confirmation of insurance must be in English
2. the covering sum must be at least 500.000,-- €
3. the confirmation must clearly show that this insurance covers sailing with iceboats including race events and training races.
4. because we check the insurances at a so early time the confirmation must show that the insurance covers the region of Europe including Baltic Sea and Northern Sea because you never know where we will be. (EC 2007 in Haapsalu for example has been on the Baltic Sea).

If your confirmation is from years before you have to bring something that makes sure that it is valid for this year, too. (e.g. payment form from this year with policy number). Otherwise we have to treat the insurance as not existing, because of missing proof that it's still valid.

Sailors who don't have any insurance because they can't get any or don't have a proper confirmation can buy latest an insurance at check-in for 40,-- €. Sailors who have a proper insurance with a too less covering sum can buy an insurance at check-in for 10,-- € so that the total coverage is a minimum of 500,000€

This insurance is only valid for WC and EC 2008 sailed in this week (16.02.2008 – 23.02.2008) and if bought before the official check-in also for the training races the days before. If you don't have any insurance please let me know as soon as possible (at the site) so that you will have coverage for the training races, too. This is the responsibility of every sole sailor. Unfortunately it's not possible to make sure that everybody has a proper insurance for the training races.

Please understand that buying insurances at check-in should be the exception !!!

Because we have enough other things to do and to organize we won't run after these confirmations any longer and I won't do any discussions any more. I'm sure that you all have enough time to get a proper confirmation.

I hope that we will have a superb week with many, many races and I wish you all a nice summer.

Think Ice

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