



NOTICE OF RACE

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The Royal Swedish Yacht Club





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Dear participants, visitors, volunteers and partners,



On behalf of the Royal Swedish Yacht Club, RSSS. I would like to welcome you to Gotland Runt Offshore Race. Gotland Runt is the world's largest annual offshore race and for many years we have attracted hundreds of yachts, thousands of sailors as well as a large group of spectators. It has been a cherished tradition since 1937.

For the 2026 edition, like the last 2 years, we will take our sailors back to Sandhamn, both for the start and the finish, while providing the spectators great opportunities to enjoy the racing, both from land, sea and digitally.

RSSS has a very broad range of activities; from youth training and sailing camps for over 800 youngsters each year, we arrange a wide variety of yacht races, we deliver family cruises to our members, we run a number of harbours in the archipelago appreciated by members and guests alike, and we have Olympic ambitions through our elite sailors. As part of this wide spectrum of activities, Gotland Runt always holds a very important position as one of our prime events, for both members, partners, guests, and participants.

Gotland Runt truly delivers a range of experiences. From some unique moments around the numerous islands and skerries in the Stockholm archipelago to the demanding and often unpredictable Baltic Sea. Once we are all back in Sandhamn, we look forward to salute the winners and greet all participants. We feel certain you will have memories for life while also making great friendships during a unique sailing experience.

I would also like to send a cordial thank you to all our partners and the large number of race officials and volunteers who contribute to the race. It would not be possible without your support and commitment.

So once again, a warm welcome the Gotland Runt Offshore Race 2026.

**Sailors greetings,
Patrik Salén
Commodore of the
Royal Swedish Yacht Club**

0 Dear sailors and race officials,



The spirit of Gotland Runt Offshore Race lies in the variety of its competitors, challenging conditions, and warm atmosphere in the Race Village. We strive to challenge you to perform in all aspects, strategy, tactics, and manoeuvres.

We have been racing with Gotland in focus for almost 90 years. The Visby course has been exclusive for the Classic yachts. Starting in 2026, we introduce the possibility to sail either the Gotland Rund course or the Visby course no matter boat type. We strive to offer the best possible conditions for all participants. By offering more course options, we hope to meet the wishes of our participants.

The Gotland Runt Offshore Race 2025 was a challenge for the crews, and their skills were tested under varying conditions. But not only were the competitors put to the test, but also the Race Committee, by the very rapid changing weather conditions. For the first time in the history of the race, we decided to postpone the start by 18 hours, moving the start to the next day. The weather forecast came true on Sunday evening when strong winds and intense rain passed Sandhamn and the course area.

Looking back on the fantastic start in the morning sun and moderate winds at dawn on Monday, the decision to postpone the start appears to have been a good one.

The race welcomes a mix of international and national boats and crews, and we prepare a range of classes in the Swedish Rating System (SRS) and in ORC international. After you passed the finish, the Gotland Runt Race Team will welcome you to activities and entertainment in the Race Village in Sandhamn.

To tune-up and to enjoy the scenery of Stockholm archipelago, we run the Eton Archipelago Race from KSSS Club house in Saltsjöbaden to the starting area in Sandhamn. We welcome all competing boats and crews, families, and friends as well as partners and sponsors to join this tune-up race.

My Race Management Team and I are looking forward to seeing you all this summer for the 2026 edition of Gotland Runt Offshore Race.

Håkan Andersson
Race Director
Gotland Runt Offshore Race

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Gotland Runt

Date: 25 June – 1 July 2026

Organizer: The Royal Swedish Yacht Club, KSSS

The Race: The Gotland Runt Course is approx. 350 nautical mile race and the Visby Course is approx. 245 nautical mile race. The race starts and finish in Sandhamn. Details of the courses will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

Rating: Swedish Rating System (SRS) and ORC International (ORCi) will apply. ORC Club is not valid for racing ORCi.

Note that SRS certificate is mandatory for all participating boats.

Schedule of events

27 November	1st Information meeting (MS Teams)
1 December	Release of Notice of Race
10 December	Entry opens
24 April	2nd Information meeting (MS Teams)
1 May	Entry closes
8 June	Late Entry & last day to register MMSI number
11 June	3rd Information meeting (MS Teams)
15 June	AIS test opens, and Safety form released
	Last day for applying for an SRS-certificate at Swedish Sailing Federation and last day to have a published ORCi certificate at www.orc.org
22 June	Sailing Instructions published
25 June	Race Office opens in Saltsjöbaden
26 June	Eton Archipelago Race, Saltsjöbaden - Sandhamn
	Race Office & Race Village opens in Sandhamn
	Opening Party & Eton Archipelago Race price giving ceremony
27 June	Registration closes
	"One More" Network lunch
	Opening Ceremony & Skippers Meeting
28 June	Start of Gotland Runt Offshore Race
1 July	Price giving ceremony and Regatta dinner

MAIN PARTNERS



1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028.
 - a) RRS Part 2 is replaced by the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) between 23:00 and 03:00.
 - b) The prescriptions of the Swedish Sailing Federation will not apply.
- 1.2. The SRS rule will apply for SRS classes.
- 1.3. International Measurement System (IMS) and ORC Rating Systems (ORCi) will apply for boats racing in the ORCi class.
- 1.4. RRS 40.1 applies at all times while a boat is afloat. However, it does not apply for a boat when she is made fast or moored or if the competitor is below deck. A boat breaking this rule may be warned or penalized at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 1.5. World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 will apply with the following amendments:
 - a) One fire extinguisher must be reachable from the cockpit.
 - b) Emergency navigation lights, according to paragraph 3.27.3, do not have to comply with the IRPCAS concerning light angles (2.03.3).
 - c) Inflatable life jackets must have been inspected after 2026-05-01 by the person in charge and the auto inflation devices must have expiry dates that will not become overdue during the time of the race.
 - d) All boats shall carry either a storm trysail or mainsail reefing to reduce the luff by at least 22 % (or rotating wing mast if suitable) (changes OSR 4.26.1)
 - e) A boat in the Classic Class with construction limitations that make it impossible to fulfil World Sailing Special Regulation Category 3, may apply for exemption. Such application shall present alternative means of achieving equal level of safety and shall be done in writing to the Technical committee, safety@ksss.se, no later than 13rd of June.
- 1.6. Boats shall in accordance with World Sailing Advertising Code display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 1.7. RRS 41 (c) is changed to: a boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except help in the form of information available to all boats.

- 1.8. RRS 51 is modified to allow the moving of canting keel and declared water ballast only. All other movable ballast as defined by RRS 51 shall be subject to that rule.
- 1.9. RRS 52 will not apply.
- 1.10. All boats shall be equipped with AIS and have it in active mode (transmitting and receiving) when racing, and complete mandatory testing of the AIS as part of registration. Competitors shall use their best endeavours to ensure that their AIS Transponder is switched on (i.e. transmitting and receiving) throughout the race. AIS online test period opens 15th of June at 12:00 hrs and closes 26 June at 12:00 hrs.

For more information on how to do the AIS test visit www.gotlanrunt.se.
- 1.11. In the area for Sandhamn heavy commercial traffic might appear. A boat shall not impede the passage of commercial shipping – see IRPCAS rule 9.
- 1.12. After grounding or colliding with another boat or a vessel, a boat may use an engine as provided for in RRS 42.3(h) and (i).



2. Eligibility requirements

- 2.1. Boat
 - 2.1.1. Boats less than 7 meters in length is not allowed unless approved by the Race Committee.
 - 2.1.2. A boat racing may be asked to accept a journalist/photographer or other person, appointed by the Race Committee, to stay on board during the race. Such a person does not count as part of the crew weight.
 - 2.1.3. A boat racing may be required to carry camera equipment on any given position on board during the race. Such equipment shall be in transmitting mode during the race. The Race Committee will provide the equipment.
- 2.2. Insurance
 - 2.2.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 450 000 EUR, or in an equivalent currency.
- 2.3. Course and Classes
 - A boat shall enter one of the following classes. Depending on number of entries of each class may be divided in sub classes.
 - 2.3.1. The Gotland Runt Course - approx. 350 NM
 - (a) Fullcrew (SRS)
SRS according to SRS table 2026 or SRS rating certificate dated 2026, with SRS rating not less than 0,85.
 - (b) Double Handed (SRS)
Double Handed according to SRSs table 2026 or SRSs rating certificate dated 2026, with a SRSs rating of not less than 0,85.
 - (c) Fullcrew (ORCi)
ORCi class according to 2026 ORC international rating certificate.
 - (d) Multihull (SRS)
Multihull according to SRS table 2026 or SRS rating certificate dated 2026, with SRS rating not less than 1,06.

2.3.2. The Visby Course - approx. 245 NM

(a) Fullcrew – Monohull (SRS)

SRS according to the SRS table 2026 or SRS rating certificate dated 2026, with SRS rating no less than 0.85.

(b) Classic yachts (SRS)

SRS according to SRS rating certificate dated 2026 with SRS rating no less than 0,85. Definition of Classic yachts according to KSSS will be found at the ONB, definition of classic yachts. Only boats from category A, B, C and E may enter the race.

2.3. Crew

2.4.1. The person in charge shall be at least 18 years old the year the event takes place

2.4.2. Crew shall consist of a minimum of two persons.

2.4.3. Every person in charge shall be a member of a club that is a member of the Swedish Sailing Federation, or her national authority.

If the person in charge is Swedish, she or he shall have a Competition license (Tävlingslicens) issued by the Swedish Sailing Federation. Competitors from other countries than Sweden are exempt from this requirement.

2.4.4. By participating in this event competitors grant to the organizing authority and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photos or any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete and boat during the period of the competition without compensation.

2.5. Boats with ownership or registration in Russia or Belarus, or boats with competitors that are Russian or Belarusian citizens are not allowed to participate in the competition.

3. Entries

3.1. Entry shall be made no later than 1st of May 2026, at www.gotlandrunt.se. The entry will be followed by registrations. Information and entry for the Eton Archipelago Race will be separately.

3.2. Entry fees for all classes (shown in Swedish krona, SEK)

<u>Boat length (m)</u>	<u>Entry fee</u>	<u>Late entry</u> (2 May – 8 June)
< 10	4 600	5 800
10-12	5 500	6 900
12-14	7 700	9 700
14-16	9 200	13 600
16-20	12 900	16 200
>20	13 900	17 100

The entry fee shall be paid in connection with filling in the entry form at www.gotlandrunt.se.

3.3. If an entry is withdrawn before 8th of June 2026, entry fee will be refunded after deduction of an administrative fee of 1 500 SEK.

4. Rating certificates

4.1. All participating boats must have an SRS certificate to compete.

4.2. Swedish Rating System, SRS
All participating boats in classes that use SRS should be found in the SRS table 2026 or have a valid SRS rating certificate dated 2026 and published at the Swedish Sailing Federation (SSF) website, www.svensksegling.se.

Last day for applying for an SRS-certificate at SSF is 15th of June 2026.

The rating certificate may not be changed after 15th of June 2026, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct adjusted data from the SSF's rating office. This changes RRS 78.2.

4.3. ORC international
All participating boats in the ORCi classes shall have their ORCi-certificate valid and published online at www.orc.org at the latest 15th of June.

No changes shall be made on ORCi certificates after 15th of June, unless prescribed and approved by the technical committee in correcting any error that may be found in boat's certificate before or during the pre-race equipment inspection and before the start of the first race.

5. Information, registration, and inspections

5.1. Official Notice Board

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) online www.gotlandrunt.se.

5.2. Registration

Registration opens 2nd of May 2026. The registration will be found at the Official Notice Board at www.gotlandrunt.se.

The mandatory information about the MMSI number (for the AIS tracking) shall be completed no later than 8th of June.

The mandatory information about boat, crew, safety, and AIS test shall be completed no later than 27th of June 15:00.

After the registration is completed the Race package (event flag, start group flag etc.) shall be collected at the Race Office.

5.3. The Gotland Runt inspection protocol for WS Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 shall be completed by the person in charge and submitted to the race office as part of the registration. When audited and approved it will be acknowledged at the ONB. If needed, the person in charge may contact the Technical Committee for guidance at safety@ksss.se.

5.4. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with her rating certificate, Class rule, World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

5.5. Measurement control: a number of boats will be randomly selected for control of compliance with her rating certificate.



6. Sailing Instructions

6.1. The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be published on the Official Notice Board (ONB) www.gotlandrunt.se, 22nd of June. Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5 (c). Starting order will be published on the ONB 26 June at the latest. Sailing Instructions, starting program, and starting order will not be printed by KSSS.

7. Time schedule

Monday 22 June Sailing Instructions published

Thursday 25 June

15:00–20:00 Registration Office open in Saltsjöbaden

Friday 26 June

08:00–10:00 Registration Office open in Saltsjöbaden
11:00 Start Eton Archipelago Race, Saltsjöbaden - Sandhamn
15:00–20:00 Race Office open in Sandhamn
Opening Party and Prize-giving for the Eton Archipelago Race

Saturday 27 June

09:00 - 20:00 Race Office open in Sandhamn
15:00 Registration closes and boats start time is published
17:00 Opening Ceremony & Skippers meeting

Sunday 28 June

09:00 – 12:00 Race Office open in Sandhamn
12:00 Check in gate open
13:55 First warning signal

Wednesday 1 July

17:00 Prize-giving ceremony in Sandhamn
followed by Regatta Dinner

Thursday 2 July Reserve day for Prize-giving ceremony.



8. The courses and racing area

8.1. The Gotland Runt Course starts close to Sandhamn and runs clockwise round the island of Gotland and finishes in Sandhamn. The total length of the course is approximately 350 nautical miles.

The Visby Course starts close to Sandhamn and runs west of Gotland to Visby and back to the finish in Sandhamn. The total length of the course is approximately 245 nautical miles.

The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions. This also defines the racing area.

8.2. Weather conditions may force the Race Committee to change the time and/or day for the start.

8.3. 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.

9. Protests and penalty systems

9.1. 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.

10. Scoring

- 10.1. RRS A1, A2, A4 and A8 does not apply. Boats recorded as DNS, DNF, RET, DNE, or DSQ will not be ranked.
- 10.2. Swedish Rating System (SRS)
SRS will use Time on Time scoring. The boat with the lowest corrected time will be scored first and other boats shall be ranked accordingly.
- 10.3. ORC International (ORCi)
ORCi results will be determined by corrected times calculated by the ORC Single number Time on Time with All-Purpose (APH).
- 10.4. Gotland Runt Overall Winner - monohull
SRS will be used for the overall Gotland Runt Trophy for monohulls. The boat with the lowest corrected time will be scored first and other boats will be ranked accordingly.
KSSS will support boats in the ORCi class that lack a valid SRS certificate to apply for a valid SRS rating certificate. See 4.1.
- 10.5. Results will be published on the Official Notice Board (ONB) www.gotlandrunt.se.



11. Prizes and Trophies

- 11.1. Trophies and prizes will be awarded as appropriate to the number of boats in each class. One price on each five boats, maximum three prices in each class.
- 11.2. A Gotland Runt plaque will be given to each crewmember on competing boats.
- 11.3. A list of the perpetual trophies can be found on the race website at www.gotlandrunt.se. The perpetual trophies are awarded based on a boats performance or nomination by a boat. Example of perpetual trophies are prizes to best female boat prize to the best bowman, and the best youth boat.

Only boats that finish the race may compete for rounding prizes related to rounding's along the course.

The award of some trophies can only be decided from information submitted before the start of the race. Boats wishing to be eligible for these trophies, listed at the Gotland Runt webpage under Trophies, must complete and return the Trophy Application Form posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) www.gotlandrunt.se no later than the 1st of July 2026 at 10:00.

- 11.4. The line honours trophy (Nirvana Trophy) will be presented to the Monohull with shortest sailed time on the Gotland Runt Course, on arrival at the dock in Sandhamn.
- 11.5. The Gotland Runt Overall Winner - monohull
The best three boats will be awarded prices, and the winner will receive the Gotland Runt Trophy (Revengepokalen).
- 11.6. Speed records
Gotland Runt official speed records are registered at World Sailing Speed Record Council. The speed records are average speed of 14,38 knots for Multihull (2008) and 14,24 knots for Monohull (2025).

// Gotland Runt Race Committee December 2025

Information

Information about the race, i.e. starting area, and starting order etc. will be published at the event website www.gotlandrunt.se.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are published at the event website www.gotlandrunt.se.

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World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 can be found at www.sailing.org. An illustrated version of OSR Category 3 can be found at www.gotlandrunt.se.

Mooring

Before the start in Sandhamn participating boats have free berthing at KSSS guest harbours in Sandhamn (Sandhamn, Telegrafholmen, Lökholmen) from Friday 26th of June to the start of the race.

More information about this will be published on the event website where contact information for nearby ports will also be available.

After the finish in Sandhamn, KSSS will provide free berthing for all participating boats in one of KSSS guest harbours in Sandhamn (Sandhamn, Telegrafholmen, Lökholmen) until Thursday 2nd of July at 12:00.

Swedish Sailing Federation's Rating System

SRS certificate for foreign boats shall apply for SRS certificate (free of charge) from the Swedish Sailing Federations Rating Office.

Please note: the Swedish Sailing Federation's rating office has a 10-day working process on all rating certificates. www.svensksegling.se



Boat Yard Service

Full facilities are available in a few places and, for hauling out, lifting and launching. For details, see addresses below:

Bullandö Marina	www.bullandomarina.se
Gåshaga Marina	www.gashagamarina.se
Moranvikens Marina	www.moranvikenmarina.se
Korsholmsvarvet	www.korsholmsvarvet.se

Media

Media representatives wishing to cover the event are requested to contact KSSS Media representative at media@ksss.se.

We encourage all participating boats to submit footage from the race that we can use in our race updates. More information on this will follow later.

// Gotland Runt Race Committee December 2025

