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Prior to the Europacup & Euro Master Regatta the Laser Group Belgium organizes a

LASER CLINIC on August 25th and 26th, info & registration:

<https://www.lasergrouobelgium.net/2020/01/11/lgb-clinics-introduction-days/>

LASER EUROPA CUP & EURO MASTER OSTEND BELGIUM

OSTEND BELGIUM August 28th – 30th, 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

Local information is printed in bold characters. Updates -if any- in green

*The notation [**C-19**] means that due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus disease (Covid-19) additional rules apply for this event to protect the health of both the participants and officials. We urge everyone to read the NOR and Sailing instructions carefully and to adhere strictly to the rules. Exceptions shall not be accepted. It is in our general interest to put aside our "pre-corona habits" and adjust them to the current situation of controlling the spread of the virus and the disease. The team of the Royal North Sea Yacht Club and the Race Officials will do everything possible to make it a fantastic event for you, but this will only work with mutual respect, cooperation and commitment. As we use to a large extent a popular beach and boulevards in Ostend during the touristic season, we insist to strict adherence to the guidelines given by the club and its volunteers regarding parking, movement to and from the beach, use of water hoses, etc.... This is of utmost importance. The fact that the Mayor of Ostend has given permission to hold this Euro Master and Europa cup event is a great honour and we as sailors and organizers must give absolute priority to adhere to all relevant measures. Give respect and space to tourists spending their holidays in Ostend. We would like to thank you in advance for respecting the applicable rules during the event for hand hygiene, social distancing and the wearing of face masks. '[DP]' in a rule in this NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. '[NP]' means a breach for that rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.*



1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 No National Authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 Rule 7 (a) of the Laser class rules is restricted as follows: "Only one person shall be on board whilst racing. The person shall be named on the entry form."
- 1.4 Sails shall have the full sail number and national letters in accordance with the Class Rules and RRS. The national letters shall denote the National Authority of which the sailor is a member in accordance with RRS 75.2 and with 1.1 Entry regulations above. This changes RRS Appendix G 1.1
- 1.5 **[C-19]** Appendix P and T will apply, with some amendments specified in Sailing instructions.
- 1.6 The Laser Europa Cup & Euro Master of Ostend also qualifies as the Open Belgian Championship 2020 Laser Standard, Radial overall, Radial female, 4.7 overall and 4.7 female and as Open Belgian Championship Master Laser Standard, Radial overall and Radial woman.
- 1.7 **[C-19]** COVID-19 infection prevention:
National infection prevention and hygienic regulations will apply. The regulations can be consulted on the official website <https://www.infocoronavirus.be/en/> and https://mobiliteit.belgium.be/nl/scheepvaart/covid_19_coronavirus.
- 1.8 In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race, the Class Rules and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instruction shall prevail.
- 1.9 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will prevail.

2 CHARTER BOATS

For charter boats please contact VAN LAER SAILING, <mailto:info@vanlaersailing.be> phone +32 477 34 96 66.

3 ADVERTISING

- 3.1 The event is "free advertising" as per World Sailing regulation 20.
- 3.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 **[C-19]** [NP] Only current fully paid members of the International Laser Class Association and of an World Sailing National Authority may enter the Regatta These memberships shall be with the Laser Fleet/District Association and with the World Sailing National Authority of the country, where the sailor normally sails, even though such place may not be his permanent residence; however, such member, for any valid reason and with the approval of both District Chairmen, may select instead the Fleet/District and the World Sailing National Authority in which he has permanent residence in accordance with the ILCA constitution article 10 (3) and ILCA rule part two article 9. The sailor can only be member of one Laser Fleet/District Association. **Each sailor shall mail a scanned recto/verso copy of his 2020 National Laser Association membership card to ro@rnsyc.be or to send a picture of it to WhatsApp group "RNSYC Race Office" before 26.08.2020 at noon to prove his membership.** (the EurILCA card).
- 4.1.1 Sailors must have a valid World Sailing ID to enter a race. To register as a World Sailing Sailor go to: <http://members.sailing.org/sailors/profile.php> The World Sailing Sailor ID must be with the World Sailing National Authority of the country, where he is a member of the International Laser Class Association as of 4.1 To avoid scoring errors, sailors should ensure to use only one World Sailing ID for all entered regattas of the series.
- 4.1.2 The sailor will be scored as member of the District they belong to and is normally reflected in his/her World Sailing Sailor ID as in 4.1.a.
- 4.2 **[C-19]** The maximum number of boat entries will be limited to 160. More entries can be allocated in view of actual persons registered and if national COVID-19 regulations allow for this. In case stricter



regulations are imposed by Law, the order of payment of the entry fee will be governing.

5 RIGS AGE ELIGIBILITY AND CATEGORIES

5.1 EUROPACUP

5.1.1 [C-19] For each sailor under 18 years old on the first day of the regatta, a completed and signed parent/guardian consent form (available on the entry website under notice board/documents) shall be sent by email to ro@rnsyc.be before August 26. For the duration of the regatta, each sailor under 18 years old shall be supervised by the responsible adult named on the parent/guardian consent form. They take the minors' responsibility to race during the event. Juvenile sailors shall have this form with them, in case of doubt the organizing authority can ask a designated participant to present it.

5.1.2 Competitors are divided and scored in the following categories:

- Laser Standard Rig: Overall, Under 21 (born 2000-2003), Boys Under 19 (born 2002- 2003),
- Laser Radial Rig Women: Overall, Women Under 21 (born 2000-2005), Women Under 19 (born 2002-2005), Girls Under 17 (born 2004-2005)
- Laser Radial Rig Men: Overall, Boys Under 19 (born 2002-2005), Boys Under 17 (born 2004-2005),
- Laser 4.7 Rig Boys: Overall (born 2003-2008), Boys Under 16, (born 2005-2008),
- Laser 4.7 Rig Girls/ Women: Overall, Girls Under 16 (born 2005- 2008).

5.1.3 The Laser 4.7 eligibility is restricted to sailors who are born in 2008 or earlier having his/her 12th birthday before the first day of the race.

5.2 EURO MASTERS

5.2.1 Competitors shall reach the following ages during 2020 and

5.2.2 are divided and scored in the following categories:

5.2.2.1 Standard Fleet:

- Laser Apprentice Standard (35 to 44 years)
- Laser Master Standard (45 to 54 years)
- Laser Grand Master Standard (55 to 64 years)
- Laser Great Grand Master Standard Men (from 65)

5.2.2.2 Laser Radial Fleet:

- Laser Apprentice Radial Men (35 to 44 years)
- Laser Apprentice Radial Women (35 to 44 years)
- Laser Master Radial Men (45 to 54 years)
- Laser Master Radial Women (45 to 54 years)
- Laser Grand Master Radial Men (55 to 64 years)
- Laser Grand Master Radial Women (55 to 64 years)
- Laser Great Grand Master Radial Men (from 65)
- Laser Great Grand Master Radial Women (from 65)
- Laser Legend (from 75)

5.3 Competitors shall carry a tracker on board while racing if such a device should be provided by the organising authority for live tracking trials.

6 ENTRY PROCEDURES

6.1 To enter a Europa Cup regatta a sailor needs to be registered at the EurILCA.eu website and enter for the Europa Cup he wishes to enter.

6.2 Application of entries must be submitted until the entry closing date of 18.08.2020.

6.3 **[C-19]** Boats shall enter by completing the online entry form at <https://www.rnsyc.be/regattas> (redirecting you to <https://www.manage2sail.com>) and paying online (by choosing "Mollie" as the payment method, after which you will be directed to a menu with multiple safe payment methods such as credit cards, bank transfer, iDeal, and more), before August 18, 2020. (If you are not familiar with the regatta-site "Manage2sail", you can find useful hints via <http://bit.ly/M2S-ENhelpSailors>).



- 6.4 [C-19] The Organizing Authority guarantees you, if the event should have to be canceled due to new COVID-19 restrictions, immediate refund of the full amount of registration fees.
- 6.5 The entry fee is € 90 if paid online before August 18, 2020 and includes a snack after sailing and a souvenir hoodie.
- 6.6 [C-19] Late online introduced and paid entries will be accepted at a supplemental cost of € 20 until August 27, 2020
- 6.7 [C-19] [NP] REGISTRATION OR PAYMENT ON SITE AT THE RACE OFFICE IS NOT PROVIDED and will only be possible after written demand stating the reason for not registering and paying online mailed to ro@rnsyc.be before August 27 at noon; and will only be allowed by appointment at the discretion of the organizing authority at a supplemental cost of € 50 (payable in local currency) and with the requirement to wear a mouth mask and the use of alcohol gel to disinfect your hands.
- 6.8 [C-19] The Organizing Authority may refund the Entry Fee due to withdrawal of the entry until August 26th, 2020 and credible justification resulting from an unpredictable COVID-19 situation.
- 6.9 [C-19] [NP] [DP] Corrections and/or completion of equipment data (rig type, request to change a sail number,...) shall be made through an electronic "Request-to-change-Equipment-form" that will be available on the manage2sail entry website under notice board/documents before August 27, 2020 18:00 h. The acceptance or refusal of your request will be posted on the electronic notice board under "Equipment Substitutions".
- 6.10 [C-19] [NP] Corrections and/or completion of equipment data (rig type, request to change a sail number,...) requested physically on site at the race office will be accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority at a supplemental cost of € 20 (payable in local currency) and with the requirement to wear a mouth mask and the use of alcohol gel to disinfect your hands.
- 6.11 [C-19] [NP] All Belgian participants must be bearer of a Belgian Sailing License. If a BELGIAN sailor is unable to mail a scanned recto/verso copy of his 2020 sailing license (issued by WWSV or FFYB) to ro@rnsyc.be or to send a picture to WhatsApp group "[RNSYC Race Office](#)" before 26.08.2020 at noon, he/she shall complete an online "Missing Sailing License declaration" available on the www.manage2sail.com entry website under notice board/documents stating he shall send a copy of this license within 8 days to above mail or WhatsApp addresses and he shall deposit a warranty of €50 (payable in local currency) which will be refunded when the copy has been provided, otherwise the warranty will not be refunded and the sailor/boat will be disqualified and removed from the final results.
- 6.12 After the closure of the registration, crew substitution of the registered sailor is not permitted.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Racing:

- 7.1.1 Friday 28.08.2020: 3 races back-to-back, first warning signal at 11:55 h
- 7.1.2 Saturday 29.08.2020: 3 races back-to-back, first warning signal at 10:25 h
- 7.1.3 Sunday 28.08.2020: 2 races back-to-back, first warning signal at 10:25 h
- 7.1.4 On Sunday, no starting procedure will be launched after 14:30h, except in case of a general recall.
- 7.2 On the last day, a third race may be sailed when in delay with the program, with the agreement of the EurILCA representative.
- 7.3 [C-19] [NP] The race committee may split the Radial group into Masters and non-masters
- 7.4 The race committee may decide to split some or all the classes into groups where each class has more than 60 entries. This split is mandatory if the entries of a single class are more than 85. A grouping system will be used, and the colors will be re-assigned every day as specified in the sailing instructions.
- 7.5 If the fleet is split as per 7.4 above, and at least 4 races were sailed, the last day the fleet will be



divided in Gold and Silver fleets and raced in "finals" format.

8 BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 8.1 All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, mast, boom, centerboard and rudder.
- 8.2 Sails shall have the full sail number and NATIONAL LETTERS in accordance with the Class Rules and the RRS. The national letters shall denote the National Authority of which the sailor is a member in accordance with RRS 75.2 and with the Notice of Race clause 4.1 Eligibility and Entry Regulations. This changes RRS Appendix G 1.1.
- 8.3 Women competitors shall place a red diamond on each side of their sail (back to back) in compliance with class rule 4(g).

9 MEASUREMENTS

Boat and equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, wet clothing rules and sailing instructions at the discretion of, race committee, including the class measurer or the international jury.

10 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

[C-19] The approved Sailing instructions for the Laser Europa Cup 2020 will be posted on the Official Notice Board and the EurILCA website if received on time and **will be available on August 18th, 2020 on the www.manage2sail.com entry website under notice board/documents. Hardcopies on paper will not be distributed.**

11 THE COURSES

Trapezoid courses will be used with inner and outer loops or windward leeward courses.

12 PROTESTS AND PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.
- 12.2 Scoring penalties will be applied as specified in Sailing instructions.
- 12.3 To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, jury members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule. If no boat takes a penalty, the jury may lodge a protest.
- 12.4 **[C-19] If a protest needs a full hearing, this hearing can be scheduled, or online after the regatta, or on site with the requirement to wear a mouth mask and the use of alcohol gel to disinfect your hands.**

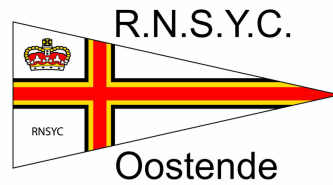
13 SCORING

13.1 The single Europa Cup regattas and the Euro Master Belgian loop

- 13.1.1 Where a fleet is split into Gold and Silver groups, the 1st ranked in the silver fleet will be ranked in the subsequent place of the gold fleet.
- 13.1.2 Where men and women fleets sail together (in Radial and Laser 4.7 Fleets) the men and women will be ranked separately by simply extracting the women's positions from the overall positions and rescored as 1st, 2nd, ... etc.
- 13.1.3 **Tree (3) valid races are required to be completed to constitute a series for the Open Belgian Laser and Laster Master Championships.**

13.2 The Europa Cup Trophy 2020 overall

- 13.2.1 The assigned score corresponds to the final position in each event.
- 13.2.2 Sailors sailing a boat only scored as DNC, DNF, DNS, DSQ, DNE, OCS, UFD, BFD will have a score equal to the number of entries plus one.
- 13.2.3 Sailors having not yet sailed any event, will take 3 times the score based on the higher number of competitors in the same class plus one, each time they sail a regatta, that penalty will be substituted by his score taken at the respective event.
- 13.2.4 The sum of the best 3 scores (lower) at Europa Cup regattas determines the competitor's total ranking score.
- 13.2.5 Scoring for series results in any of these above categories shall be made by extraction from the



overall series results without rescoring.

13.2.6 The Europa Cup trophy final ranking will be available at www.eurilca.org

14 PRIZES

14.1 **[C-19]** A prize giving will be organized to the extent permitted by the Covid 19 regulations.

14.2 PRIZES ASSIGNMENT BY CATEGORY.

14.2.1 EUROPACUP

Prizes are assigned following age categories as per item 5.1.2 and 5.2.2:

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- Laser Legend (from 75)

14.3 SINGLE REGATTA AND EUROPA CUP TROPHY 2020 AND EURO MASTERS IN OSTEND

Prizes will be awarded to at the first 3 places in each overall category and for the first in each subcategory noted in item 13.1 above. EurILCA prizes will be awarded for the Europa Cup Trophy.

15 SAFETY

15.1 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes RRS 40.

15.2 Each event may introduce a Check-in and Check-out system, which will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions for each relevant event.

15.3 **[C-19]** '[NP]' Not later than Friday August 28th, 2020 08:30 AM, every competitor and coach shall inform the Organizing Authority of his medical condition. (This will be kept confidential and will only be used for medical tracing purposes). Therefore, from Wednesday August 26th at 08:30 AM an online form will be available on the www.manage2sail.com entry website under notice board/documents and has to be replied within 48 hours. Without this information of a sailor's medical condition, the competitor will be asked to leave the venue without any refund. Participants who suspect Covid 19 or who exhibit symptoms such as fever, severe cough, sneezing, loss of taste and odor etc. are asked to



stay home and to inform the organizing committee of this. A fever test can be organized at the venue.

16 TEAM AND SUPPORT BOATS

[C-19] [NP] [DP] All support boats shall register online via www.manage2sail.com and transmit the name, hull or tubes color, brand of motor and registration number before August 27. As requested by law, the registration number shall be present on both sides of the hull in printed characters with a height of at least 10 cm. Team and support boats shall, at all times when afloat, be conspicuously identified by the country name, national letters or national flag of the team they represent.

17 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show at their discretion, any photographs, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

18 LIABILITY

- 18.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 18.2 The sailing clubs, national authorities and the EurILCA, their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, personal injury or damage caused by, or arising out of, the Europa Cup and Euro master regattas, and competitors take part in the regattas entirely at their own risk.
- 18.3 The establishment of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat he or she is sailing.
- 18.4 A competitor must be of good health and a competent sailor able to sail in winds of up to 25 knots. It is the responsibility of each sailor to decide to participate in a race, to continue racing, **His/her boat shall be in good order, equipped to sail in the event.**

19 INSURANCE

- 19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,500,000 (1.5 million Euros) per event or equivalent thereof in any other currency.
- 19.2 Each competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible for third party liability insurance on the boat that he or she is sailing and for his or her personal accident and health insurance.
- 19.3 Each competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible to maintain his boat in a safe and seaworthy condition checking it before going afloat.

20 EVENT QUALITY REPRESENTATIVE: The EurILCA representative

- 20.1 The EurILCA appoints a representative who will be responsible of the Europa Cup Regatta Quality Assurance; he will be called to fill an assessment form about the regatta. The representative can be an already EurILCA District Officer or an experienced in Laser sailing person.
- 20.2 The representative will be on site to cooperate with the local EurILCA District Officer, the Organizing Committee Chairman, the PRO, the Jury Chairman for the best success of the event and for any matter related to EurILCA or the Sailing Instructions.
 - 20.2.1 He/she will take the decisions with PRO / RC / OC about the daily regatta's schedule and about safety when there are weather or wind unfavorable conditions.
 - 20.2.2 Every further change in Sis made on-site must be approved by the EurILCA Representative in cooperation with the organizers, race committee and the jury.
- 20.3 The competitors may refer to him for any question or need raised at the event. He will refer to the PRO /OC to clarify or solve any issue.
- 20.4 The competitors, after the regatta may receive an e-mail asking to fill a survey about the regatta.



21 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

21.1 Additional information will be notified either from the EurILCA or from the Royal North Sea Yacht Club.

21.2 *The full brochure of the regatta venue, free car parking on site, camper parking € 25 for the event, trailer parking, boat parking, mooring for coach boats and clubhouse can be viewed and downloaded [HERE](#). Tents are not admitted on site.*

21.3 Nearby recommended hotels in Ostend:

21.3.1 Europe Hotel (****, double room €115-170), Kapucijnenstraat 52, 8400 Oostende, +32 (0)59 70 10 12 - Fax +32 (0)59 80 99 79, www.europehotel.be

21.3.2 Hotel de Basin (****, double room €89-135), Visserskaai 1, 8400 Oostende, +32 (0)59 703 383, www.hoteldubassin.be

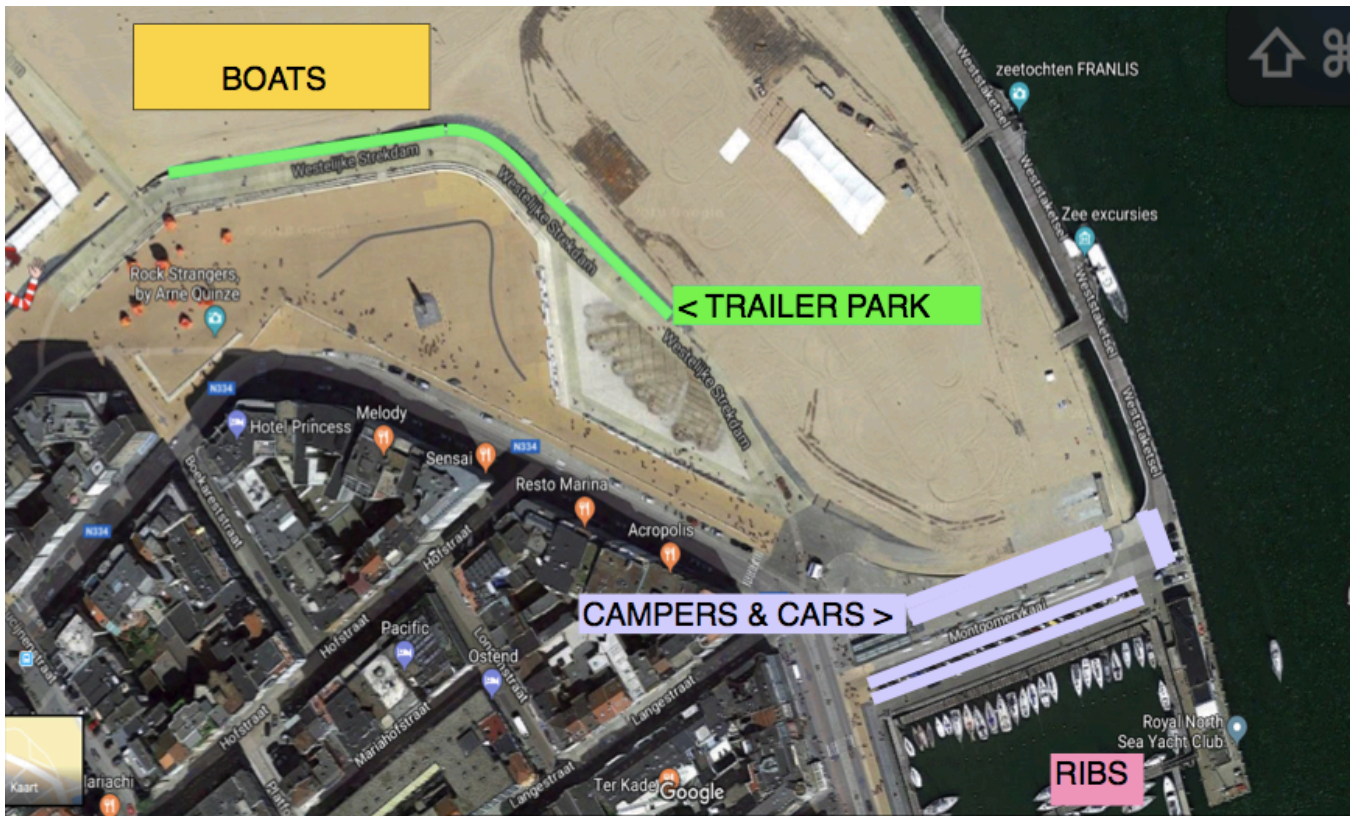
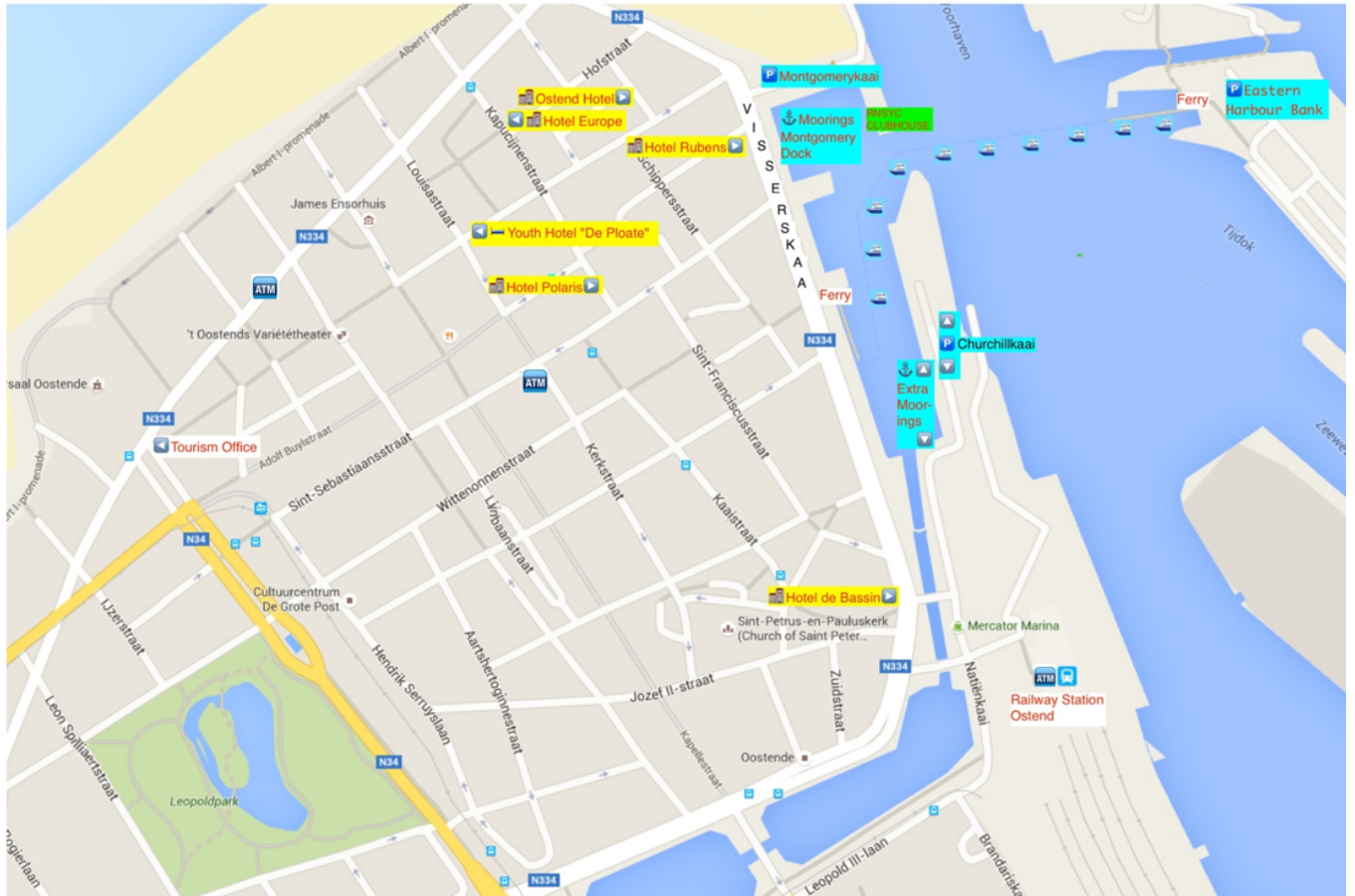
21.3.3 Hotel Polaris (****, double room €94-109), Groentenmarkt 19, 8400 Oostende, +32 (0)59 279 006, www.hotelpolaris.be

21.3.4 Ostend hotel (***, double room €105-135), Londenstraat 6, 8400 Oostende, +32 (0)59 704 625, www.hotelostend.be

21.3.5 Hotel Rubens (**, double room €80-120), Visserskaai 44, 8400 Oostende, +32 (0)59 808 508, www.hotelrubens.be

21.3.6 Youth Hostel "De Ploate" (*, €24,50 p/p) Langestraat 72, 8400 Oostende, +32 (0)59 805 297, www.jeugdherbergen.be

21.4 Tourism office Ostend: Monacoplein 2, 8400 Oostende, +32 (0)59 701 199, www.visitoostende.be





22 CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

22.1 This Notice of Race may be subject to amendments which will be identified in the Notice of Race in green and noted on the bottom o of this Notice of race.