



GARMIN Predator Cup Latvia 2024

RULES

1. PURPOSE AND MISSION OF THE EVENT

- 1.1. To promote angling as a component of an exciting, active and healthy lifestyle - sports, hobbies and recreation, which are freely available to every inhabitant Latvia and visitors.
- 1.2. Exchange of experience between participants, identification of the best anglers.
- 1.3. The principle is followed in the event - catch, take photos, release.

2. ORGANIZER

- 2.1. "Makskernieku klubs OSPREY", Reg. No. 40008205046.
- 2.2. Martins Balodis, martins@eholotes.eu; +371 29415814.

3. Jury

- 3.1. Jury President, responsible for public order, compliance with hygiene, fire safety and security regulations: Elvijs Meisters, baits@eholotes.eu; +371 26663303.
- 3.2. Jury member responsible for the implementation of epidemiological safety measures, availability of medical assistance: Karlis Vingris.

4. EVENT PROGRAM

August 13-15, Tuesday-Thursday

9:00 – 18:00 Registration, accreditation cards, boat number stickers, measuring boards at Eholotes.eu shop, Austuves street 3a, Riga. For registered teams starting from Tuesday boat launch ramp, place for boat trailer at <https://riversidecamping.lv/lv/> and place for boat at marina <https://pilsetasjahtklubs.lv/en/city-yacht-club-marina/> free of charge.

August 16, Friday

6:30 - 8:00 Inspection of participants' boats and equipment and issuance of stickers for the first day

8:10 - departure to the starting place (river Daugava near the City Yacht Club)

8:25 - Start of boats and start of fishing

Results online 8:25 - 17:00

17:00 - End of fishing (by this time the crews must return to the City Yacht Club.

17:30 Announcement of intermediate results

17:45 Awarding of the leading crews of the first day

18:30 -19: 30 - Boat parade on the route: City Yacht Club - Andrejosta - Riga City Canal - City Yacht Club

August 17, Saturday

6:30 - 8:00 Inspection of participants' boats and equipment and issuance of stickers for the second day

8:10 - departure to the starting place (river Daugava near the City Yacht Club)

8:25 - Start of boats and start of fishing

Results online 8:25 - 17:00

17:00 - End of fishing (by this time the crews must return to the City Yacht Club.

17:30 Announcement of results / Awards ceremony / Closing of the competition

5. VENUE

Riga, Kipsala, Balasta dambis, City Yacht Club.

Marina for all registered participants from August 13th to August 19th free of charge. For additional training days please contact City Yacht Club directly. There are enough places for guests.

<https://pilsetasjahtklubs.lv/en/city-yacht-club-marina/>

For registered participants boat trailer parking and slipway (boat ramp) located nearby and free of charge from August 13th to August 19th

<http://riversidecamping.lv/en/camping/>

National fishing card can be purchased online

<https://www.makskeresanaskarte.lv/products>

Gas stations on water

<https://goo.gl/maps/P9EF4UNfvXZX2FFK9>

<https://goo.gl/maps/sYrwbsytzUhUipet6>

Recommended hotel near marina.

<https://islandehotel.lv>

Riga city information <https://www.liveriga.com/en/>

Ferry from Sweden: Nynäshamn-Ventspils; Ferry from Germany: Travemünde-Liepāja
<https://www.stenalinetravel.com/routes>

Feel free to contact Martins Balodis +371 29415814 by WhatsApp message or call at any time for any logistical and practical questions.

6. PARTICIPANTS

- 6.1. Any Latvian resident or foreign guest can participate in the competition. Participation is prohibited for athletes from the Russian Federation and Belarus. Participants must be 18 years of older.
- 6.2. Crews (boat) consisting of two athletes.
- 6.3. Teams consisting of two crews (boats).

7. APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES

- 7.1. Athletes may apply for the competition as an individual crew or as a team, in accordance with the provisions of these regulations.
- 7.2. Registration and payment of the participation fee is done electronically on the website www.sportfishing.live, each participant creates an athlete's profile (the new Latvian Fishing Card number must be entered in the existing profile). The team captain from 4 registered athletes forms a team or a team from 2 registered athletes, if only one boat start. Both crews/boats start with one team name - it is not necessary to specify TEAM 1 or TEAM 2. When registering, the crews select a team and register for the competition. (Your team/crew will not show up for registration if it has not been created before. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XL3RErmztZ8>)
- 7.3. Applications for the event are accepted until August 10, 2023 at 23:59.

8. ENTRY FEE

- 8.1. Entry fee for the crew/boat is € 300 when registering until 10.06.2024; € 350 until 10.07.2024; € 400 until 10.08.2024.
- 8.2. The organizer of the competition reserves the right to refuse the participant to participate in the competition without explanation, notifying the participant in writing by 13 August 2022. Participants must have an impeccable reputation. In this case, the paid participation fee is returned to the participant.

9. OBLIGATIONS OF PARTICIPANTS

- 9.1. When applying for the competition, the participant undertakes to: pay the entry fee set by the organizer within the specified period; to observe and fulfill the requirements and instructions of the organizer; decisions of jury; these rules; Regulations on Fishing, Crayfish and Underwater Hunting (Cabinet Regulation No. 800 of 22 December 2015); Regulations on Vessel Traffic in Inland Waters (Cabinet Regulation No. 92 of 9 February 2016); Regulations of the Freeport of Riga (binding regulations No. 77 of 4 February 2020), as well as other laws and regulatory enactments that are in force at the place and time.
- 9.2. The participant confirms that his / her health condition, skills and abilities allow him / her to participate in fishing sports competitions and by his / her actions undertakes not to create conditions and to avoid actions that pose another danger to safety or health.
- 9.3. Confirms that it is known that the use of photo, video and audio recording material taken during the event for commercial purposes without the written permission of the organizer is prohibited.
- 9.4. The participant agrees that persons accredited by the organizer will photograph and film the course of the competition, including the angling process in the athlete's boats.
- 9.5. Confirms that the organizer of the event may use the data provided by the competitor for their own and sponsors' needs as far as the organization, conduct and reporting of the competition is concerned, and authorize the organizer and accredited persons to make public results of the competition, photos and videos of the event, in which the anglers are recognizable, in the press, on television, and on the internet, including on the website of the competition organizer.

10. COMPETITION AREA

Public waters that can be accessed from the starting point of the competition using the competitor's boat. Mana Cope application map should be used to follow speed limits and restricted areas.

<https://apps.apple.com/lv/app/mana-cope/id1461453079>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=lv.llkc.manacope>

For maps/charts of fishing venue contact our sponsor <https://eholotes.eu/en/depth-maps/>

11. COMPETITION PROCEDURE

- 11.1. The competition takes place according to the program and schedule compiled by the organizers. Both athletes of each crew must participate in the boat parade, boat inspection, awards ceremony and other activities organized by the organizer.
- 11.2. The sticker on the participants' measuring board must be received for each day of the competition separately.
- 11.3. Athletes are given an accreditation card, which must be carried throughout the competition.

- 11.4. If any of the athletes does not arrive on any of the competition days, single athlete may start.
- 11.5. Boats start one after another in order of numbers on stickers driving through the start gate. Boat nr. 1 starts first, boat nr. 2 starts second... The same start orders applies for both days.
- 11.6. Start number stickers are issued according to registration numbers in sportfishing.live system. Earlier registration – higher start number.
- 11.7. The numbers issued must be fixed by competitors to both sides of their boat in such a way as to be clearly visible from a distance and must be kept throughout the competition.
- 11.8. Stickers issued by the organizers with the supporters of the competition, participants must fix on their boat on both sides and ensure that they are kept throughout the competition.
- 11.9. The start will be organized from the river Daugava (Infront of the venue City Yacht Club).
- 11.10. Fishing area is not limited. The place where the crew can fish is freely chosen by evaluating the technical condition of the boat, technical possibilities and fuel stocks, with a calculation in order to be able to follow the competition schedule.
- 11.11. The fish are caught in the angling technique, one athlete using one rod equipped with one artificial bait.
- 11.12. Artificial lure may be equipped with one to three single, double or triple hooks.
- 11.13. Photos of the fish caught and videos of the release are taken by the crew. Photos and a result application will be sent by one of the crew's athletes. The result report is filled in and signed by both crew members and submitted to the crew in person.

12. RECORDING, PHOTOGRAPHY AND SUBMISSION OF FISH CAUGHT

- 12.1. In the Vertexo Sports (sportfishing.live) mobile phone application, two photos of the fish that meet the following criteria must be submitted electronically.
 - 12.1.1. The first photo - the fish is photographed on a ruler provided by the organizer so that it is clearly visible:
 - 12.1.1.1. the length of the fish, the figures on the ruler and sticker of the competition day (the muzzle of the fish must be supported against the stop of the ruler);
- 12.2. The second photo - the fish photographed together with the angler and a clearly visible ID card of angler. The fish and the angler are photographed by the other crew member.
- 12.3. Both photos must show clearly and completely the left side of the fish.
- 12.4. Both photos are taken only with the phones of the athletes who caught the fish.

- 12.5. When submitting photos, the species and length in centimeters of the fish must be indicated.
- 12.6. Only two photos may be submitted per fish, each photo may be submitted only once. Length of the fish is confirmed by jury.
- 12.7. Photos bleeding fish or unethical photos will not be accepted and fish will not count.
- 12.8. Photos of the fish must be sent no later than 5 (five) minutes after the fish has been lifted from the water.
- 12.9. An individual fish (double catch) can only count one time in the whole competition.
- 12.10. Fish that can't be released due to severe injuries must taken according to minimal size limits of local regulations. Jury President must be informed beforehand.
- 12.11. If the submitted photos meet the specified criteria, the jury will accept them. If the submitted photos, both or one of them, do not meet the specified criteria, the jury will not accept them without explanation. The decision of the judges is indisputable.
- 12.12. Jury have the right to request additional proof of the authenticity of the catch (additional evidence that the fish was caught on the day and during the competition), for which the participants must present a video of the release of the fish. In the video of the release must be clearly visible fish, and the action of lifting the fish from the ruler and release in the water. Competitors may also take additional videos showing that the fish was caught on the day and at the time allowed for the competition.
- 12.13. If the jury have doubts about the authenticity of the catch and the competitor can't convincingly prove otherwise, the jury will not count the fish in question.
- 12.14. Top 6 winning boats must show jury and submit to organizers video of all 9 caught fish capturing process of catching, retrieving, measuring and releasing of each fish. Action cameras must be used.
- 12.15. In Vertexo Sports mobile application GPS location tracking must be enabled to submit location to jury during competition fishing time.
- 12.16. Result of the day from crew that returns to marina after set time will not be counted.

13. RESULTS

- 13.1. Final result (both days) consists of points awarded for each centimeter of length for 3 (three) of the largest fish taken from the following species: pike, pikeperch-zander, perch and additional points. The crew gets 100 extra points if 3 perch, 3 pikeperch-zander and 3 pikes are registered during the competition both days. Competitors on the second day continue with the result achieved on first day.

- 13.2. Pike from 50 cm, pikeperch-zander from 45 cm, perch from 25 cm in accordance with these Rules shall be accepted.
- 13.3. The length of the fish must be submitted as follows:
- 13.3.1. catch size, if in accordance with the Fishing, Crayfish and Underwater Hunting Regulations and these Rules, counted in full cm, examples, perch 31.0 cm -registered as 31 cm, and perch 31.9 cm - registered as 31 cm.
- 13.4. Places will be allocated to crews according to the points received and additional points (if applicable). More points - higher place.
- 13.5. In case of equal points, the highest place gets the crew with 9 fish. If that's not the case, crew who caught the longest fish, if the size of the longest fish coincides, the crew that caught the fish closer to the end of the time given for fishing. If the time coincides, the crew that catches the registered fish first gets the highest place.
- 13.6. The result of a team is the sum of the points received by its crews and the number of additional points (if applicable). Higher team points, higher place.
- 13.7. In the case of equal team points, the highest place gets the team with 18 fish. If this is not the case, the team whose crew caught the longest fish, if the size of the longest fish is the same, the highest place gets the team whose crew caught the longest fish closer to the end of the fishing time, if the time coincides, the team whose crew first registered fish.
- 13.8. If the result of the crew is not registered, the crew has not started, is not allowed to compete or is disqualified, crew gets the place below the last +1.
- 13.9. The jury reserve the right to clarify the recorded results based on the photos of fish submitted by the participants if the violations found.

14. REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPANTS

- 14.1. Athletes' physical abilities, state of health, knowledge and skills allow them to participate in competition.
- 14.2. Athletes have been registered for event and the entry fee has been paid in full for the crew or team within the term specified in the regulations.
- 14.3. Athletes must provide themselves with:
- 14.3.1. charged mobile phone with an internet connection, a photography function and install the sportfishing.live application, thus providing the opportunity to take and send photos and fish release videos for duration each day of the competition;
 - 14.3.2. action camera to record process of fishing;

- 14.3.3. a valid Latvian Fishing Card <https://www.manacope.lv> or a document authorizing fishing without it;
- 14.3.4. a valid document certifying the right to operate a boat (at least for one of the athletes in the boat);
- 14.3.5. angling gear, artificial lures and accessories for the gentle capture and release of the fish;
- 14.3.6. weatherproof clothing and footwear;
- 14.3.7. water and food supplies, if needed.
- 14.4. The crew must have a boat that is equipped in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations, the needs of the athletes and is in good technical condition.
- 14.5. Participants must take care of their angling equipment and boat. The organizers are not responsible for the boats, equipment and personal belongings of the competitors.
- 14.6. Competitors are solely responsible for their own safety on the water, fishing and navigation rules.
- 14.7. Athletes do not object to the inspection of the boat and its equipment before the start of the competition on each day of the competition and during the competition fishing time.
- 14.8. Athletes must take a photo / video operator on their boat during the competition to provide live video coverage. Team have an option to participate with their own video operator who provides live stream from the boat. Phone with good quality camera needed. Organizers must be informed about it during registration and video operator must participate in meeting on Thursday evening at City Yacht Club to test live stream.
- 14.9. Athletes must place a video camera provided by the organizer on the boat during the competition.

15. PROHIBITED

- 15.1. Participate in competitions under the influence of alcohol (noticeable alcohol is determined by the jury and this decision is not subject to appeal).
- 15.2. Apply for registration and send photos with fish caught before the competition, caught by another person, or caught by hooking behind the gill cover, fin or tail or otherwise cheated.
- 15.3. Use live or dead natural bait.
- 15.4. Use moral rudeness or physical force at the place and time of the competition.
- 15.5. Demonstrate or show obvious disrespect for other competitors, athletes, jury, spectators, organizers.
- 15.6. Participate in a competition without the official ruler and ID card issued by the organizer.

- 15.7. Start fishing before the time allocated for fishing, fish after the time allocated for fishing.
- 15.8. Move with an main engine without a life jacket on.
- 15.9. Feeding or otherwise attracting fish.
- 15.10. Use two or more lures at the same time.
- 15.11. Use more than one rod at a time.
- 15.12. Angling in ship routes.
- 15.13. Trolling.
- 15.14. Be closer than 50 m to other boats. To those participating in the competition and those not participating. If another boat approaches closer than 50 m the boat of athletes at anchor, the athlete is obliged to warn to observe the distance of 50 m.
- 15.15. Disrupt other anglers in any way.
- 15.16. In the narrow space where required to pass, continue angling until the boat is closer than 50m.
- 15.17. Leave the boat during the competition time without the permission of the Jury President.

16. PENALTIES

- 16.1. For violation of these rules, the panel of jury may apply the following types of penalties:
 - 16.1.1. issue a warning;
 - 16.1.2. reduce points (30; 50; 100);
 - 16.1.3. cancel the day result;
 - 16.1.4. cancel the competition result;
 - 16.1.5. apply disqualification.
- 16.2. If athletes are caught in a fraudulent submission - if the fish were not caught by the athlete on the relevant competition day and time, but were caught in the past, brought in or caught in a trap or similarly concealed in the water, or obtained in any other way than the angling technique, the athletes will be immediately disqualified from this competition and further competitions of organizer.
- 16.3. 30 days after the end of the competition Jury based on the videos from boats and submitted photos has a right apply disqualification if violation detected. In this case prizes, medals and cups must be returned to organizer within 10 days.

17. ADVERTISING

- 17.1. Advertising is allowed on competitors' clothing, uniforms, hats, bags, boats, cars, but may not feature advertising related to a disqualified company, association or athlete.
- 17.2. It is forbidden to place or distribute advertising at the event venue without the consent of the event organizer.
- 17.3. It is forbidden to place a vehicle or means of transport containing advertising in the area where the opening and award ceremony of the competition takes place, without coordination with the organizer of the event.
- 17.4. During the event or at the request of the event organizer or the jury, participants must move their vehicle or boat to a designated place.
- 17.5. At the event venue flags of the crews/teams and their sponsors can be positioned only in the respective boat.

18. SAFETY, DATA PROTECTION, FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

- 18.1. By applying for the competition, the participant confirms that the organizer may use the data provided by participant for organizers and sponsors needs as far as the organization, conduct and reporting of the competition is concerned.
- 18.2. By registering for the event, the participant confirms that:
 - 18.2.1. his state of health, skills and abilities allow to participate in competition;
 - 18.2.2. he is fully responsible for his own safety, including on the water;
 - 18.2.3. undertakes not to create conditions and to avoid actions that pose another danger to safety or health;
 - 18.2.4. the participant gives permission to organizer and accredited persons to publish their name, surname, as well as competition results, photos and videos of the event, in which the athletes are recognizable, in the press, on television, and on the internet, including on the website of organizer;
 - 18.2.5. is informed that without the written permission of the organizer, the use of photos, videos or recorded audio materials taken during the event for commercial purposes is prohibited;
 - 18.2.6. undertakes to comply with the rules of this event;
 - 18.2.7. agrees that accredited persons photograph and film the course of the competition, including the angling process in the boat of participants.
- 18.3. Journalists must have accreditation to cover event.

19. AWARDS

- 19.1. The winners of the first ten places in the crew category are awarded.
- 19.2. The winners of the first three places in the team category are awarded.
- 19.3. The organizer may award prizes for other achievements.
- 19.4. It is responsibility of participants to comply with local regulations or regulations of their country of residence to pay taxes for income over the received awards and prizes.

20. PROTESTS

- 20.1. Protests are accepted in writing together with a security deposit of 100.00 EUR.
- 20.2. The verbal protest must be submitted within 15 minutes after the end of the competition and must be submitted in writing within 30 minutes after the end of the competition;
- 20.3. If the protest is satisfied, the security deposit is returned to the protester, otherwise it is not returned and is transferred to the bank account of organizer.
- 20.4. If any of the clauses of these rules is interpreted ambiguously and different interpretations are possible, the interpretation and meaning with which the clauses of the rules have been written shall be used. Rules written in Latvian language prevails.

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