

## THE FINLAND SIRA CUP CLASS TROPHY - PROVISIONAL DEED OF GIFT

Every trophy has a story. This trophy is about racing and sport. Fittingly, where the Sira Cup was donated by his Majesty King Olav V for the classic eights in order to ensure their continuing racing in the World Cup level, The Finland Sira Cup Class trophy is donated to the Finnish Eight Metre Association to promote the spirit of sport and the even racing on national level between the very same boats that the Sira Cup has successfully kept racing all the years since its donation in 1983. His Majesty King Harald V has kindly given us his approval for the use of the Sira Cup name. It is worth noting that rarely in yacht racing history has such a large number of rather evenly performing yachts been built as were built in the meter classes from the late 1920's to late 1930's.

1 All boats racing for The Finland Sira Cup Class trophy must be designed before 1960 and comply with the Sira Cup requirements and have a valid certification of measurement.

2 The Finland Sira Cup Class trophy is to be raced annually during the Finnish 8mR Class championship regatta as part of the general eight metre start.

3 To reflect the spirit of sport and the concept of winning a race, The Finland Sira Cup Class Trophy is to be raced with a minimum of four boats actually participating.

4 The race course must be of windward-leeward-type and there must be a minimum of four starts. It is hoped that the Finnish Eight Metre Association together with the organizing yacht clubs would aim at six starts and with no or as few as possible other classes racing simultaneously.

5 To reflect the spirit of racing, when calculating the results, the results for this Cup must be calculated without taking into account boats that are not entitled to take part.

6 The year and the name of the winning yacht and its owner are to be engraved on separate plates and then attached to the pedestal of the Cup. The trophy cannot be taken out of Finland but can be held by the winning owner and finally duly returned to the next championship with a bottle of champagne to be consumed out of the Cup by the next winning crew. This is to symbolize the social aspect of yacht racing, as there are no races without fellow yachtsmen.

7 Alterations to these Rules shall be made by the donors acting together only, or, after them, by the Finnish Eight Metre Association after consulting with the organizing authorities of the last three championships.

8 Should racing with Sira Cup boats cease so that The Finland Sira Cup Class trophy cannot be raced for during three consecutive years, the Cup is to be given to the physical custody of the Yacht Club with most 8mR boats in Finland and its future is to be decided by the Finnish Eight Metre Association.

The Donors, Helsinki 8.8.2015

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## ANNEX

### Notes regarding The Finland Sira Cup Class trophy

1 Despite careful planning and the use of most sophisticated means of communication, the actual trophy was finally selected by one of the donators actually not having seen even a photo of it. The other two still owe him a dinner at the writing of this.

2 The trophy is from the beginning of the 1900's, roughly from the time of birth of the International Rule.

3 The pedestal is made of oak that is one of the most resistant wood species against rot and decay thus reflecting the durability and strength of the Classic 8mR boats. Suitably, the piece of wood used has been recovered from a wreck some three hundred years old.

4 We thank his Majesty King Harald V for his understanding and input in properly naming this trophy and accepting that the name and the definition of the Sira Cup also define the boats that are to race for The Finland Sira Cup Class trophy. We thank Jon Granström and Jyri Kuivalainen for their valuable input in communicating and negotiating this matter between the sailors and with his Majesty King Harald V.

5 This Deed of Gift is provisional as there is an open issue about the use of the word "class" in the name of this trophy. It is questioned, whether using the word "class" could be misused for trying to break The Eight Metre Class in moderns and classics. The Donors stand expressly against any such attempts and point out that by definition a class can consist of several other classes. The Donors are to reconsider using the word "division" or "category" instead of the word "class", make a decision and then hand over a final deed of gift.