



The decision to take part in or carry on a race is solely the responsibility of the helmsman and with this in mind he or she is also responsible for the crew. The helmsman is also responsible for the aptitude and correct seamanlike behaviour of the crew as well as the suitability and the seaworthy condition of the registered boat.

The organiser is authorised in cases of force majeure, official regulatory measures or safety reasons to make changes in the conduct of the event or to call it off. Under these circumstances the organiser bears no liability for damages towards the participants, unless the reasons for changes or the call off are deliberately wrong or grossly negligent.

The organiser's liability in whatever the legal grounds may be, for damage to property and financial loss of any kind and their consequences, which the participant suffers during the event or in connection with it and is caused by the behaviour of the organiser, his representatives, assistants, appointees - for violating duties which are not thought to be major respectively contractual duties (cardinal duties) are limited to those damages with a deliberate or grossly negligent cause.

By violating cardinal duties the liability of the organiser in case of minor negligence is limited to predictable, typically occurring damages. As far as the liability of the organiser is barred or restricted, the participant also disburdens clerks, employees and co-workers - representatives, assistants, sponsors and persons who provide, steer or assist towing, safety and salvage crafts as well as all other persons who have been obliged a task in connection with the event.