



NORTH SEA TROPHY 2024 BULLETIN



Dear orienteering friends,

On behalf of the Kempische Oriëntatielopers, I warmly welcome you to 'North Sea Trophy 2024.'

Directly after the 2022 edition, we saw the opportunity to organise this wonderful event again in 2024, as Armistice Day provides another extended weekend this year. We didn't hesitate long, as the next opportunity to organise something similar will only arise in 2030.

More than 75 volunteers are ready to provide you with an unforgettable orienteering weekend at the Belgian coast. For this edition, we have created a new map of the historic town of Veurne, and the maps of the dune areas have been completely revised.

It is thanks to our volunteers, but certainly also to the willingness of various authorities, that we can welcome you in such large numbers once again.

For now, I wish you a pleasant stay and hope that we can all enjoy our sport in an atmosphere of friendship and fair play.

Ronald Somers, president KOL



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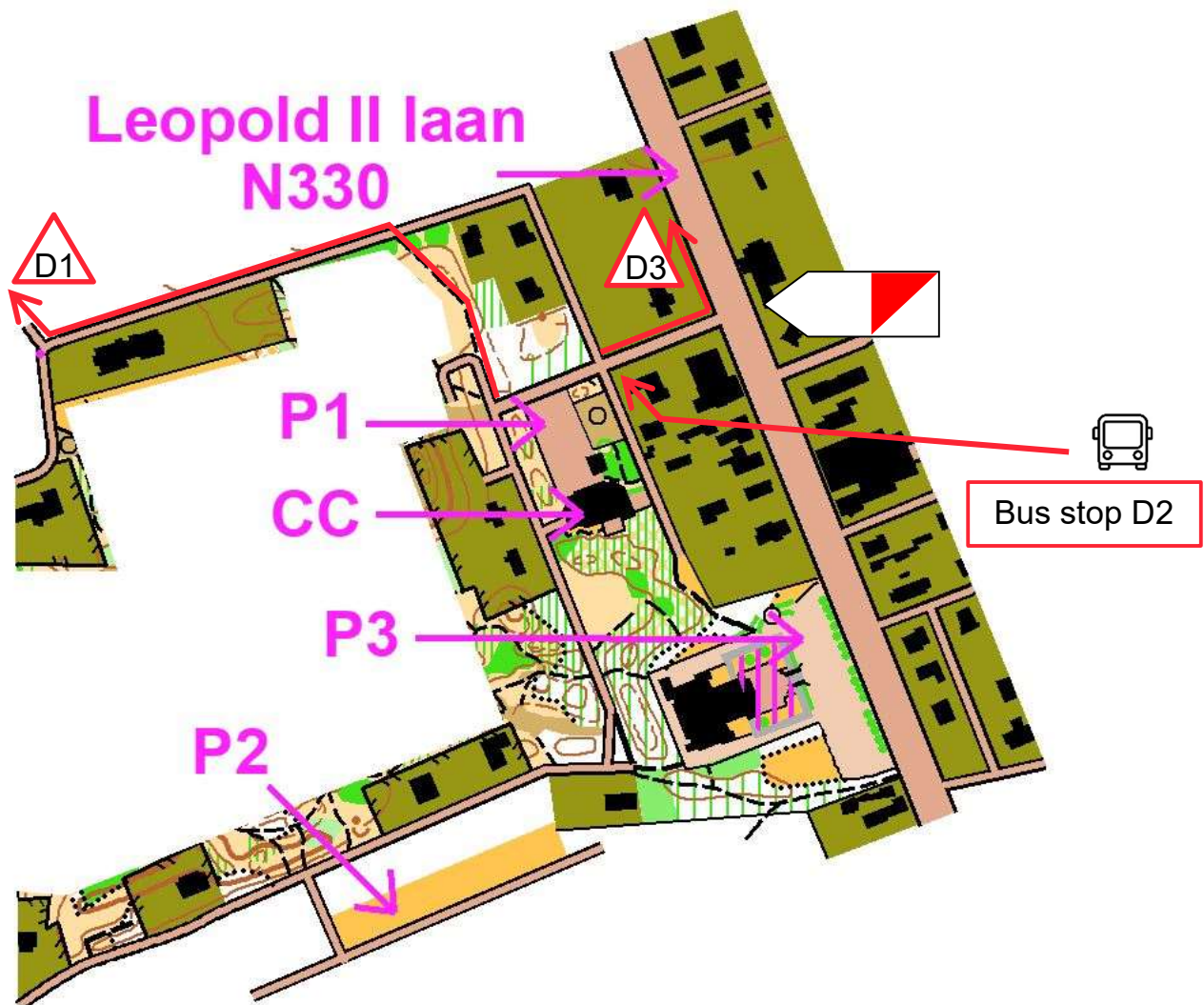
LOCATION

The CC is located in De Witte Burg in Oostduinkerke, signposted from the Leopold II Laan, N330.

There are three parking areas:

- Parking 1: reserved for the staff
- Parking 2: main parking for participants (450 m to CC)
- Parking 3: when parking 2 is full (350 m to CC)

The Competition Centre will open on Saturday November 9th, at 9 a.m. On the other days, it will open one hour before the start of the competition and it will remain open until two hours after the last start.



COMPETITIONS

Day 1: Dunes: shortened long distance; first start at 12:45 p.m.

Day 2: City: double distance of a sprint; first start at 10:00 a.m.

Day 3: Dunes: shortened long distance; first start at 09:30 a.m.

GENERAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION

The scale of the dune maps is 1/5000. The following distance rules were used:

- North lines are set 150 meters from each other
- The diameter of the circles indicating the controls is 40 meters (8 mm on the map)
- The controls are a minimum of 40 meters apart for similar objects and 20 meters apart for distinctly different objects.

The scale of the city map is 1/4000. For this competition, the sprint orienteering rules have been followed.

The vegetation (undergrowth) on the dune maps consists largely of thorn bushes. If they are depicted on the map as dense vegetation - undergrowth (IOF symbol 409), they are generally impassable.

The composition of the jury will be posted at the CC. Complaints can be submitted through the organisation or directly to the jury until 10 minutes before the start of the prize giving ceremony.

The courses will be published after the competitions on [Livelox](#).

BIB NUMBERS, FINISH, AND REGISTRATION

All participants in the three-day courses will receive a bib number. They can be collected by the club representative or individual participants at the CC before the start of the first race.

SPORTident will be used. SI-Air is activated.

Rented SPORTidents will be distributed along with the bib number. They must be returned after the last stage.

Registration (read out your SI) after the finish is mandatory, even in case of withdrawal, and will take place daily in the De Witte Burg (CC).

ON-SITE REGISTRATION

On-site registration will only be possible for courses SD, LD, SE, LE, and SX. (SX is the day course at level W/M-10)

- W/M-18 and younger: €10
- W/M-20 and older: €15

KIDS-O

A Kids-O is scheduled for all days. Participation fee: €1.

PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY

The first three participants in each unaccompanied age category will receive a prize after day 3. Participants in the W/M -10 and W/M -10 B categories will all receive a participation prize.

CATERING

Water will be provided at the finish. The cafeteria will offer drinks, sandwiches, and soup daily.

O-SHOP

The O Shop "O-Crew" will be present in De Witte Burg hall throughout the three days.



MEDICAL POST

Iepersesteenweg 99 bus 0101, 8630 Veurne

Telephone : 1733

START TIMES AND RESULTS

The participant list and start times are available via <https://helga-o.com/start/>. You can find the results at <https://helga-o.com/webres/>.

Day courses SE, SD, LE, LD, SX, and W/M -10 and W/M -10 B have a free start.

SAFETY

There are many participants, which can lead to a very busy CC. Therefore, the organisation requests that bags be placed in the entrance hall as much as possible. Emergency exits must always be kept clear..

INFO DAY 1 : SCHIPGATDUINEN – NOVEMBER 9, 2024 (Start : 12:45 – 15:00)

Terrain : Next to the beach, open dune area combined with dunes covered in impassable thorn bushes, featuring a winding path network. Sandy ground with various high dunes.

Distance from CC to the start = 1700 m (signposted)

Distance from finish to CC = 1300 m (distance from finish to start is 1500 m), return path is marked on the map.

Control descriptions are separately available at the start and are only on the map for W/M -10(B) and SX.

Training vests, jerseys, etc., can be left at the start in the designated bin. Every 30 minutes, the contents will be taken to the finish, and participants can retrieve their clothing. Unretrieved clothing can be collected at the CC after the race. The organisation is not responsible for lost items.

Course	Category	Scale	Distance (km)	Controls
1	ME	1/5000	7,7	29
2	M21, M35	1/5000	7,1	27
3	M-20, M40, WE	1/5000	6,8	28
4	M-18, M45	1/5000	6,6	28
5	M50, W21, W35	1/5000	6,0	25
6	M-16, M55, MB, W-20	1/5000	5,7	26
7	M60, W40	1/5000	5,5	23
8	M65, W-18	1/5000	5,1	26
9	W45, W50	1/5000	4,7	27
10	M-14, W-16, W55, WB	1/5000	4,5	23
11	M70, W60	1/5000	4,0	23
12	M75, W-14, W65	1/5000	3,5	19
13	M80+, W70+	1/5000	2,7	17
14	M-12, W-12	1/5000	2,8	17
15	M-10(B), W-10(B)	1/5000	2,0	13
16	LD	1/5000	6,3	29
17	LE	1/5000	6,3	29
18	SD	1/5000	4,0	22
19	SE	1/5000	4,0	26
20	SX	1/5000	2,0	13

INFO DAY 2 : VEURNE – NOVEMBER 10, 2024 (Start : 10:00 – 12:15)

Terrain : Old city centre and city park for all courses; the longer courses also visit the new residential area and the landscape park.

Gathering at the CC in Oostduinkerke. The organisation provides transport from the CC to Veurne and back. Duration: 10 to 15 min. The schedule will be posted at the CC on Friday, November 9. SI readout will take place at the CC. There is very limited parking at the bus stop at the end of the Nieuwpoortkeiweg for those who wish to drive, but this is discouraged. The normal parking areas are located on the competition area. The distance from the bus stop to the start and finish is 400 m (the start and finish locations are the same).

The city is not car-free; please respect the traffic rules.

The lawn at the courthouse is enclosed with a chain. This is marked on the map as a passable fence and may be crossed. There is permission to enter the grass.



Control descriptions are available separately at the start and are only on the map for W/M-10(B) and SX.

Training vests, jerseys, etc., can be left at the start in the designated bin and can be retrieved after your course. Unretrieved clothing can be collected at the CC after the competition. The organisation is not responsible for lost items.

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1	ME	1/4000	8,8	29
2	M21, M35	1/4000	8,1	27
3	M-20, M40, WE	1/4000	7,6	23
4	M-18, M45	1/4000	7,1	23
5	M50, W21, W35	1/4000	6,5	22
6	M-16, M55, MB, W-20	1/4000	6,0	20
7	M60, W40	1/4000	5,8	19
8	M65, W-18	1/4000	5,4	19
9	W45, W50	1/4000	5,3	17
10	M-14, W-16, W55, WB	1/4000	5,0	21
11	M70, W60	1/4000	4,7	18
12	M75, W-14, W65	1/4000	4,5	20
13	M80+, W70+	1/4000	3,5	18
14	M-12, W-12	1/4000	3,4	17
15	M-10(B), W-10(B)	1/4000	2,4	13
16	LD	1/4000	6,8	21
17	LE	1/4000	6,5	28
18	SD	1/4000	4,6	17
19	SE	1/4000	4,1	21
20	SX	1/4000	2,5	14

INFO DAY 3 : PLAATSDUINEN – NOVEMBER 11, 2024 (start : 9:30 – 11:45)

Terrain : Open dune area combined with dunes covered in impassable thorn bushes, featuring a winding network of paths. Sandy terrain with various high dunes. A very short urban section between the two dune areas.

During the competition, participants must cross a major road. This will be done with time neutralisation (maximum 1 minute). Supervisors will be present to assist with the crossing (via a pedestrian crossing). Don't forget to punch at both controls.

Distance from the competition center (CC) to the start = 1000 m (signposted).

Arrival at the CC.

Control descriptions are available separately at the start and are only on the map for W/M-10(B) and SX.

All courses, except for W/M-12, W/M-10(B), and SX, will have a map turn over (☞, map flip over). This will occur during the time neutralisation at the crossing of the major road.

Training vests, jerseys, etc., can be left at the start in the designated bin. Halfway through and after the last start, the contents will be taken to the finish at the CC, where participants can retrieve their clothing. The organisation is not responsible for lost items.

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1	ME	1/5000	9,0	29
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12	M75, W-14, W65	1/5000	3,8	23
13	M80+, W70+	1/5000	3,2	17
14	M-12, W-12	1/5000	2,6	19
15	M-10(B), W-10(B)	1/5000	2,1	14
16	LD	1/5000	6,4	28
17	LE	1/5000	6,3	29
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OUR GUEST LOCATIONS



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Greetings from the mayor

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the 3rd edition of the North Sea Trophy. Sporting events of this caliber have been an essential part of our municipal sports policy for years. We aim to delight residents, second homeowners, and tourists with leading sports events throughout the year. Recently, we hosted the Belgian Championship for Juniors in cycling, and in 2025, we will welcome “Vlaanderen Wandelt”, the hiking event of the year. And, of course, our annual “Vlaamse Duinencross” !

Our sports infrastructure remains something to be proud of: quality padel and tennis facilities, the largest water sports zone at the Belgian coast, and a historic open-air swimming pool by the sea. And of course, the beautiful dunes for walking or orienteering.

Good luck with the competition!

Marc Vanden Bussche



Veurne is one of the most important historical cities in the Westhoek region. Its origins can be traced back to the current Sint-Walburgapark, with the first mention dating back to 877.

On the main square (Grote Markt), the Town Hall and Land House shine, along with other historical buildings, including the Old Meat Hall and the Spanish Pavilion.

Construction of the Town Hall began in 1596, in regional Renaissance style. Originally, the building served as the concierge for the Land House, up until the French Revolution. During the first World War, the first floor was temporarily used as the headquarters for King Albert I.

The Land House was built in Italian Renaissance style, commissioned by Archdukes Albrecht and Isabella and started in 1613. The Land House is topped with a Belfry, also known as the Saint Cecilia Tower. It symbolises the administrative union of the city of Veurne and the Castellania Veurne-Ambacht. Since 1999, the Belfry has been listed on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

Next to the Grote Markt is the St. Nicholas Church with a belfry tower that offers views over the city and the Westhoek region.

Also next to the Grote Markt is the St. Walburga Church in the peaceful Sint-Walburgapark, where beautiful artworks by honorary citizen Willem Vermandere can be found. The park is surrounded by Zwarte Nonnenstraat, one of the oldest streets, where many beautiful listed facades can be seen.

Come discover and be enchanted by the beauty of Veurne!