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Introduction to the "Sails of Szczecin 2026" Ham Radio Award Event

Dear Ham Radio Operators from Poland and around the world! We warmly invite you to participate in a unique radio event – the "Sails of Szczecin 2026" Ham Radio Award Event. This edition is special for us as it coincides with one of the most beautiful and exciting maritime events in Europe, gathering the world's most magnificent sailing ships in the heart of our city.

Our goal is not only to promote amateur radio but also to propagate the maritime heritage of Szczecin, sailing traditions, and modern navigation. What makes our event unique is the location of the organizer's station. Contacts will be made directly from the deck of the m/s "Nawigator XXI" – the flagship research and training vessel of the Maritime University of Szczecin.

Whether you prefer classic HF contacts or your domain is modern satellite communication (including the QO-100 satellite), we have prepared scoring challenges adapted to different operating modes. Earn points, make contact with the deck of the "Nawigator," and receive a unique commemorative award.

RULES OF THE AWARD EVENT "Sails of Szczecin 2026" August 15, 2026, Chrobry Embankment and Łasztownia, Szczecin

1. ORGANIZER Ham Radio Club SP1PMS "Nawigator" at the Maritime University of Szczecin.

2. PURPOSE OF THE EVENT Promotion of the Sails 2026 festival on the airwaves worldwide, popularization of maritime emergency communication standards (GMDSS) in the ham radio community, and testing of coastal and maritime equipment in difficult field conditions.

3. DATE OF THE EVENT The event is a one-day, intensive activity (sprint). QSOs will be scored exclusively on August 15, 2026, between 17:00 and 21:00 UTC (19:00 – 23:00 local time).

4. SCORING STATIONS AND POINTS Two organizer stations will take part in the event, operating directly from the deck of the Maritime University's research vessel m/s Nawigator XXI, testing various antenna systems. Due to the activation of the satellite band, a special point bonus for QO-100 QSOs has been introduced:

- **SN0HA** (main special event station – for HF bands: maritime GMDSS SAILOR 6000 series HF 150W transceiver, vertical polarization antenna)
 - QSO on HF bands (40m, 80m): 3 points

- QSO via QO-100 satellite (SAT): 5 points
- **SP1PMS** (supporting club station – for HF bands: wire antenna suspended along the ship, horizontal polarization)
 - QSO on HF bands (40m, 80m): 2 points
 - QSO via QO-100 satellite (SAT): 5 points

RULES

- **Bands:** 40m, 80m, and the QO-100 geostationary satellite (SAT).
- **Mode:** Voice/Phone SSB only (for both HF and SAT).
- **QSO repetition rules:** Only one scored QSO per band can be made with each station (SN0HA and SP1PMS). Duplicate QSOs on the same band (DUPE) yield 0 points.
- **COMMUNICATION DISCIPLINE (ICAO/NATO):** Due to the maritime nature of the event and the GMDSS profile, the organizer's stations will strictly use the international ICAO/NATO phonetic alphabet. In case of calls by correspondents using local alphabets, SN0HA and SP1PMS operators will not reject the QSO but will strictly reply using the ICAO/NATO standard, enforcing correct maritime radio discipline on the fly.

6. AWARD CONDITIONS Participants compete for commemorative digital awards. Due to the short duration of the event, we encourage actively looking for our stations on various bands.

- **Stations from Poland (SP) and Europe (EU):** Minimum of 5 points.
 - **Stations outside Europe (DX):** A minimum of 1 QSO with the main special event station SN0HA on any band is required. *(Hint: For an SP/EU station to score the required 5 points, it must, for example, log a QSO with SN0HA and SP1PMS on HF [3+2 pts], make a QSO with SN0HA on two different HF bands [3+3 pts], or make just one bonus QSO via the QO-100 satellite [5 pts]).*
- ## **7. SHORTWAVE LISTENERS (SWL)**

- SWL stations are subject to the same scoring rules and thresholds (5 pts for SP/EU; for DX stations, a minimum of 1 logged reception of the SN0HA station on any band is required).
- In a single SWL log, a given callsign of a station communicating with the organizer may appear only once per band.
- Submissions (log extract in Cabrillo or ADIF format) should be sent to: sp1pms@pm.szczecin.pl

- The final deadline for submitting SWL logs is August 31, 2026.

8. RESULTS AND AWARD DOWNLOAD We will make every effort to upload logs from SN0HA and SP1PMS to the system immediately after the event. After verification and reaching the required point threshold, a high-resolution commemorative e-award will be automatically generated and available for download at: www.radiodyplom.pl

9. RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

- <https://www.qrz.com/db/SP1PMS>
- www.sp1pms.pl
- <https://www.zstw.szczecin.pl/pl/wydarzenia/2026/zagle-2026/informacje-o-wydarzeniu>
- <https://zagleszczecin.eu/>