



## 2026 OPTIMIST EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP Gdynia, POLAND July 24 - 31

### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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The 2026 Optimist European Championship is organized by the Marina Gdynia and the Polish Yachting Association under the authority of the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA).

### NOTICE OF RACE

**[NP]** denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

**[SP]** denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee or technical committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the international jury with a hearing. This changes RRS 60.5(b) and RRS A5.1.

#### 1. RULES

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- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 **[SP]** The current Conditions of the IODA will apply.
- 1.3 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 **[SP]** RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. The personal flotation device shall conform to Class Rule 4.2 (a).
- 1.5 RRS 90.3 (e) shall apply.
- 1.6 In all rules governing this championship, both 'athlete', 'sailor', and 'competitor' mean a person competing in the event. The term 'support person' means a person as defined in the RRS.
- 1.7 **[NP][DP]** A sailor or support person shall not act in a way likely to denigrate or offend others at the event or elsewhere.
- 1.8 English is the Official Language of the Championship. If there is a conflict between languages the English text shall take precedence.

#### 2. **[NP][DP]** ADVERTISING

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- 2.1 Competitor advertising is permitted on the hull as per World Sailing Advertising Code Regulation 3.2.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

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**3. [NP][DP][SP] CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

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- 3.1 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. Information from this equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes RRS 63.4 (b).
- 3.2 The equipment provided once placed on the boat as instructed by the Organising Authority, shall not be manipulated by the competitor or the coach in any way, except when so required by the Organising Authority.
- 3.3 Drones are prohibited in the racing area at all times during the championship except those operated by the Organising Authority.
- 3.4 Electronic or mechanical timing devices may include a compass but shall not have any other function /capabilities.

**4. ELIGIBILITY**

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- 4.1 The Championship is open to competitors sailing on boats of the Optimist class that fulfill the eligibility requirements stated below. On March 1, 2022 WS published the following recommendations in relation to the situation in Ukraine: <https://www.sailing.org/2022/03/01/world-sailing-statement-6/> To help preserve the integrity and safety of the 2026 Optimist European Championship, entries shall be open to all nationalities but not to competitors holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality, but this does not apply to bona fide residents that fulfil the requirements of Condition 10.2 of the IODA Continental Championships as of March 1, 2022. The Organising Authority may amend this rule following any further World Sailing decisions on the situation with Russia and Belarus.
- 4.2 Competitors shall enter through the National Association Member of IODA (hereinafter 'Member') they represent.
- 4.3 Competitors shall have been born in 2011 or later.
- 4.4 Each European member of IODA may enter up to 7 competitors with a maximum of 4 being of the same gender.
- 4.5 Each non-European member of IODA may enter up to 4 competitors with a maximum of 3 being of the same gender.
- 4.6 The defending European (closed) champions may participate, if eligible, in addition to the 7 competitors allocated to their members.
- 4.7 The Host Member may enter 14 sailors, which is twice the number of competitors permitted to other Members. Of the 14 sailors, 8 shall be of the opposite gender.

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- 4.8 Competitors entering the 2026 Optimist European Championship will not be permitted to participate in the 2026 Optimist World Championship. This rule does not apply to the defending 2025 European (closed) champions (boy and girl), who may participate, if eligible, in both events.
- 4.9 Each team shall be accompanied by two adults: a Team Leader who shall be responsible for the team at all times and a Coach who shall also be responsible for the sailors while on the water.
- 4.10 Competitors shall be either national or bona fide residents of the country they represent, unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive Committee. A competitor who has represented one country at an IODA World or Continental Championship shall not represent another member country except in cases of alteration of residence, which cases shall be approved by the IODA Executive Committee. As per Condition 10.3 of the Optimist Continental Championships, when bona fide resident sailors are members of a team, they shall not be more than 50% of the sailors of their team.
- 4.11 As per the World Sailing Eligibility Code, and in accord with item 3.1 (d), IODA events require competitors to have 'World Sailing Eligibility' as defined in item 2.

### 5. ENTRY

- 5.1 Entries shall be made by completing the relevant online registration forms found at <http://2026europeans.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race> and by paying the **required fees** according to the following schedule.
- 5.1.1 The **First Entry Stage** and a payment for 50% of the total required fees shall be received by the Organising Committee not later than **March 15, 2026**.
- 5.1.2 The **Second Entry Stage** and a payment for the balance of fees (50%) shall be received by the Organising Committee **April 30, 2026**.
- 5.1.3 The **Final Entry Stage** deadline is **June 15, 2026**. Failure to define the members of the team delegation with the required personal data in the online registration area by this date denotes non-compliance with the entry requirements of this championship, and therefore, by the rules of this Notice of Race, sailors shall no longer be considered competitors and will not be able to compete.
- 5.2 Required fees are described in paragraphs 6 (Entry Fees), 15 (Support Team Vessels); and 16 (Charter Boats). See the payment instructions in 6.3, 15.3, and 16.7 below.
- 5.3 A surcharge of 20% will be charged on all late payments to the Organising Committee.

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**NOTE:** Throughout this document, 'late payment' refers to the amount of money not paid before the relevant deadline, and the surcharge will be applied to the amount paid late, not to the total amount due before the deadline, or to the total amount corresponding to the relevant item. This includes all early arrival fees.

- 5.4 Competitors entering and withdrawing their entry not later than **May 15, 2026**, will be refunded 50% of the deposit (except for any bank costs incurred due to the refund). **Competitors withdrawing their entry after this date will not be refunded, including all early arrival fees.** The same schedule applies for any payment made according to paragraphs 15 and 16 except for the charter boat fees which shall not be refunded.
- 5.5 Competitors, Team Leaders, and Coaches (when they are members of the official delegation) shall complete the on-site registration at the Race Office. The on-site registration of each competitor shall not be concluded until the completion of measurement has been confirmed by the technical committee to the Race Office. (see item 9)

**6. ENTRY FEES**

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- 6.1 Entry fees will be **EURO 695** per competitor and **EURO 795** per adult, maximum two adults according to paragraph 4.9.
- 6.2 Accommodation and meals are included in the entry fee for the duration of the Championship (from the official arrival day to the official departure day).
- 6.3 Payment instructions, including banking information, can be found on the PAYMENT page of the online entry system at <http://2026europeans.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race>
- 6.4 Fees shall be paid in EUROS.
- 6.5 Fees shall be free of bank commissions.

**7. FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP**

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- 7.1 The Optimist European Championship comprises two equal events, one for boys and one for girls. Girls and boys will sail in separate fleets.
- 7.2 Each fleet will be divided into divisions, as far as possible with the same number of boats.
- 7.3 The allocation to divisions will be done by the Race Committee after the close of on-site registration on **July 25, 2026**.
- 7.4 Divisions may sail a qualifying series followed by a final series.

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- 7.5 If a minimum of 5 races have been completed at the end of the third scheduled racing day in the qualifying series, the following days will be final series.
- 7.6 If minimum 5 races have not been completed until the end of the third scheduled racing day, the following day(s) will be sailed in the qualifying series until the minimum 5 races have been completed, and then the qualifying series will include all races sailed until the end of that day.
- 7.7 A qualifying series race for a particular fleet will not count until all divisions in that fleet in the qualifying series have completed that race.
- 7.8 If 5 races are not completed in the qualifying series for all divisions in a particular fleet by the end of the program racing days as described in 8.1, that fleet shall not be divided into Gold, Silver, or Bronze.

### 8. PROGRAM

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#### 8.1

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| Friday, July 24    | Official Arrival Day.<br>Registration and Measurement.<br>Official accommodation: available from 1400. |
| Saturday, July 25  | Registration and Measurement.<br>Team Leaders' meeting.<br>Opening Ceremony.                           |
| Sunday, July 26    | Races  |
| Monday, July 27    | Races  |
| Tuesday, July 28   | Races  |
| Wednesday, July 29 | Races  |
| Thursday, July 30  | Races<br>Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony   |
| Friday, July 31    | Official Departure Day<br>Accommodation provided until 11:00   |

- 8.2 Ten races are scheduled.

### 9. [DP] MEASUREMENT

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- 9.1 Each boat shall produce a valid Registration Book or if a boat is manufactured after January 1, 2026, this may be digital. Each sail shall be accompanied by the corresponding Sail Measurement Certificate which may also be digital (CR 2.5.6 and 6.1.4).

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- 9.2 Competitors shall use only one hull, daggerboard, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the Championship. These parts of the equipment will be scrutineered and may be measured by the technical committee according to the Measurement Regulations and approved by the technical committee to be complying with the Class Rules.
- 9.3 Repair or substitution for damaged or lost equipment shall be requested as soon as possible using the relevant forms online in the 'Sailor Account' which is located on the official event microsite <http://2026europeans.optiworld.org> or on the event APP. Both the damaged and substituted equipment shall be presented for inspection to the technical committee. Requests should be made to the technical committee at the first reasonable opportunity before the event Protest Time Limit on the respective day. The technical committee shall extend the time if there is a good reason to do so.
- 9.4 Boats chartered through the Organising Authority shall carry the national letters of the country entering the chartered boat. This may mean a contravention of the Class Rules and is allowed by RRS G3.
- 9.5 Hulls chartered through the Organising Authority are exempt from complying with Class Rule 2.4.3 (b) and (c) and hence from CR 2.4.1.
- 9.6 Competitors are allowed to compete in the championship in boats correctly registered in the country of the competitor or charter boats officially chartered for the championship through the Organising Authority.
- 9.7 Sails measured to the maximum limits during the measurement days may be inspected again.
- 9.8 Sails to be used during the Championship shall have been measured before inspection at the Championship. If a sail is presented unmeasured (or without a Sail Measurement Certificate) it will be measured at the Championship either by an Official Measurer appointed by the Organising Committee, or by an IODA Measurer. In the latter case the certificate shall be issued at a cost of USD \$50, payable to IODA. Measurement of country letters and sail numbers is available for free.
- 9.9 GRP boats shall be equipped with epoxy foils.
- 9.10 Hulls, foils, and daggerboards, once measured shall not be cleaned using any substance other than water unless otherwise permitted by the technical committee. A boat and all items of equipment shall not be removed from the boat park or nautical venue without written permission of the technical committee.

**10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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Sailing instructions, along with other governing documents will be available at  
<http://2026europeans.optiworld.org/>

**11. VENUE AND RACING AREA**

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The Championship will be held at the **Marina Gdynia** in the waters of **Gdansk Bay** as shown in Attachment 1.

Venue: Marina Gdynia  
Club Address: Aleja Jana Pawła II 13A, 81-345 Gdynia, Poland  
Phone: +48 785-174-719

For general information:  
Contact: Oskar Miotk  
Email: o.miotk@pya.org.pl

**12. THE COURSE**

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The course will be an outer-loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg.

**13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

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- 13.1 Appendix P will apply.
- 13.2 The intention is to appoint an international jury as provided in RRS 70.3.
- 13.3 Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.3

**14. SCORING**

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- 14.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a valid championship.
- 14.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 14.3 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**15. [NP][DP] SUPPORT TEAM VESSELS**

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- 15.1 Team support vessels shall be registered with the Organising Committee and used according to the following conditions:
  - 15.1.1 Each vessel shall be a minimum of 4.5 metres in length, shall have a tow rope minimum 15 metres in length/10 mm diameter, and shall have a

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- functional 'kill cord', plus anchor chain and tackle adequate for conditions and depth.
- 15.1.2 Each vessel shall display white flags bearing the three-letter national code of the countries it supports. Flags shall be supplied by the Organising Committee. **A deposit of Euro 10 for each flag will be collected at the race office during registration and refunded at the end of the championship** upon return of the flag. No other flags shall be displayed by support team vessels.
- 15.1.3 Unless otherwise decided by the Organising Committee, from **July 24** each vessel shall meet the requirements of the maximum number of adults per team allowed on the water in support team vessels as per 15.2 and 15.3 (hereinafter 'coaches') at any one time.
- 15.1.4 Fuel and other consumables shall be paid by teams using the support team vessel. Information regarding refueling will be provided closer to the event.
- 15.1.5** Coaches are encouraged to use a VHF radio. Radios will not be provided, and coaches should bring their own.
- 15.1.6** Coaches and other personnel on support vessels shall wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) and be in compliance with the local law and shall be asked to sign a Disclaimer Form upon registration at the venue.
- 15.1.7** All coaches shall provide I.D. and shall be required to register an international driving/marine license valid for 2026 and submit to the Organiser by the Final Entry Deadline of **June 15, 2026**.
- 15.1.8** A suitable engine safety cut out switch and tether (kill cord), also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine mobilizer shall be securely attached to the driver at all times when the engine is running.
- 15.1.9** Personal Support Team Vessels not chartered through the Organising Committee shall be registered with the Organiser and the following documents provided by the **Final Entry Deadline of June 15, 2026**:
- RIB engine registration document (engine brand name & engine serial numbers)
  - Insurance
  - Driver's identity document
  - Proof of Int'l Marine License
- 15.2 Each support team vessel shall be shared by at least two coaches at all times. The Organising Committee will allocate places in support team vessels to coaches, subject to the above limits, and its absolute discretion.

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- 15.3 Team support vessels will be available for charter from the Organising Authority during the championship days (**July 24 - 30 inclusive**) at a Support Team Vessel Charter Fee of **EUR 1400 per vessel (EUR 700 per coach)**.
- 15.4 Reservations shall be made by completing the relevant online entry form at <http://2026europeans.optiworld.org> and transferring a first payment of **Euro 350** (50% of the total amount), which shall be received on or before **March 15, 2026**. The balance of fees **Euro 350** (50%) shall be received on or before, **April 30, 2026**. Availability of places on support team vessels is not guaranteed for reservations and/or payments made after **March 15, 2026**.
- 15.5 Fees shall be paid in **EURO**. Fees shall be free of bank commissions. Any bank fees will be charged to the competitors.
- 15.6 A damage deposit of **EURO 500 per vessel** will be charged upon receipt of the vessel and refunded at the end of the championship provided the vessel is in good condition. Should the Organising Committee decide to deduct from the damage deposit, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the coaches are permitted to use the vessel again. Any remaining deposit will be refunded at the end of the Championship. Damage deductions will be shared by the teams using the vessel. **Damage deposits shall be paid by CASH only.**
- 15.7 A surcharge of 20% will be charged to late reservations and/or payments of support team vessels.

**16. [NP][DP] CHARTER BOATS**

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- 16.1 Charter boats are not mandatory.
- 16.2 The charter boats will be provided by the Organising Committee. The method of allocation of charter boats shall be defined by the IODA Executive Committee as per IODA Condition 14.3 for Continental Championships.
- 16.3 Competitors shall not modify the boats or cause them to be modified in any way except that:
- A compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
  - Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat
  - All fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the Class Rules are complied with.
- 16.4 Competitors may use their own foils, spars, fittings and running rigging. Any requests for changes shall be made to the technical committee.
- 16.5 Charter boats will be delivered:

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**WITH:** hull fittings, two mainsheet blocks attached to the hull (one of them a ratchet block), 3 airbags, padded toe straps, shock-cord to keep the dagger board in place (Class Rule 3.3.5), mainsheet, block and becket (to attach the mainsheet to the boom), daggerboard safety cord (Class Rule 3.3.4), racing spars, racing foils, paddle, bailers (2), bowline, and trolley with top cover.

**WITHOUT:** sail numbers, tell tales, top pins or wind indicators.

- 16.6 Sails will not be provided.
- 16.7 The charter fee for 7 championship days (**July 24 - 30**) will be **EURO 495** per boat.
- 16.8 Reservation of charter boats shall be made by completing the online Charter Boat Reservation Form and by transferring **Euro 247.50 (50% of the total charter fee)** on or before **March 15, 2026**. The balance of the charter fee **Euro 247.50 (50%)** shall be due on **April 30, 2026**. Payment instructions are found on the PAYMENT page of the online entry system at <http://2026europeans.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race> . Charter boat fees shall not be refunded.
- 16.9 Fees shall be free of bank commissions. Any bank fee will be charged to the competitors.
- 16.10 Late registrations and payments will incur a surcharge of 20% of the charter fee. Charter boat availability will not be guaranteed for reservations and/or payments made later than **March 15, 2026**.
- 16.11 In addition to the charter fee a damage deposit of **EURO 200** will be required on receipt of each boat, to be refunded if no damage has occurred. **Damage deposits shall be payable by CASH only.**

**17. PRIZES**

- 17.1 Prizes will be awarded at least to:
- 17.1.1 The three best-placed boy competitors, regardless of their continent of residence.
- 17.1.2 The three best-placed girl competitors, regardless of their continent of residence.
- 17.1.3 The three best-placed boy competitors whose IODA member is European, the first of whom will become the 2026 European Boy Champion.
- 17.1.4 The three best-placed girl competitors whose IODA member is European, the first of whom will become the 2026 European Girl Champion.

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- 17.1.5 The top three boy sailors and the top three girl sailors in their respective Silver and Bronze fleets (if applicable) will receive medals or small tokens.
- 17.1.6 Team Prizes: The top three placed 'teams' (which determine the 2027 European Team Racing Championship qualification) whose members are from Europe shall each receive medals or small tokens.

**18. RISK STATEMENT**

- 18.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor and the responsible adult agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

**19. INSURANCE**

- 19.1 The purchase of third-party liability insurance from IODA is mandatory. The purchase will be arranged through the IODA at a cost of **EURO 10** per competitor and per coach payable to the IODA before the end of registration at the venue.  
**Cash only.** Note: There is a EURO 150 deductible payable on any claim.

**20. MEDIA RIGHTS**

By participating in this championship, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, the IODA, and the sponsors of the championship, the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures, and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the championship, and of all of his or her material related to the championship, without compensation.

**21. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 21.1 For further information please contact:

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| Event Chair | Weronika Wieżynis |
| Email       | events@pya.org.pl |



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- 21.2 Each participating country shall designate a person to be the official contact with the Organising Committee and provide an email address.

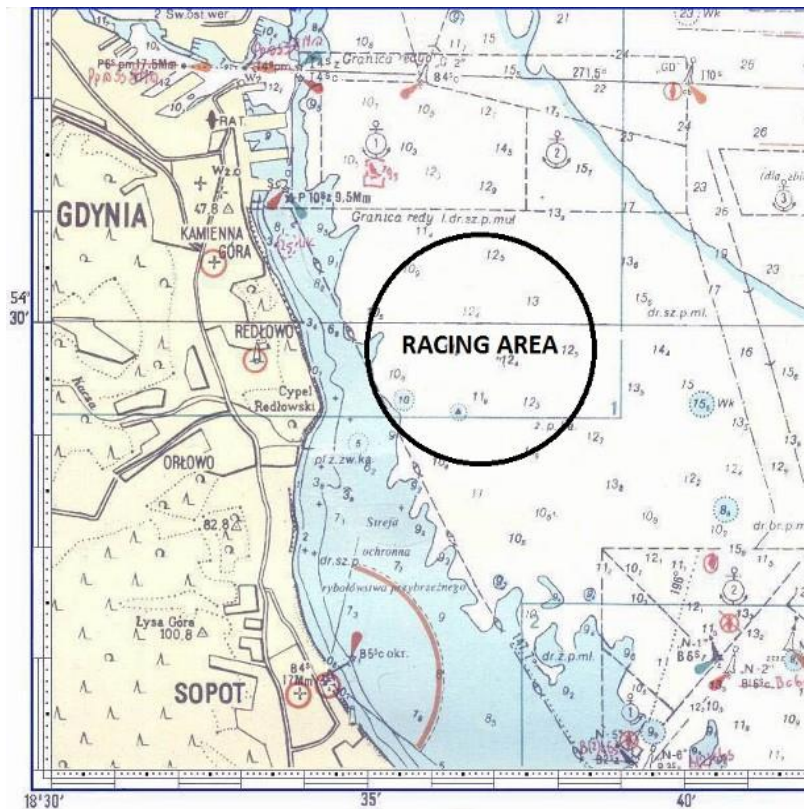
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**A. BEHAVIOUR**

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Team members and officials shall observe the regulations of the host club and the house rules of the hotel and shall behave correctly at all times. Bad behaviour at any time, whether on shore or afloat; with or without any damage to the facilities, may be investigated by the Jury who may call a hearing and impose a scoring penalty when appropriate.

**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE RULES OF THE EVENT**

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**B. ACCOMMODATION, LOCAL TRANSPORTATION, AND MEALS**

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- B.1 Competitors and team officials will be housed in the Student Sailor's House No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4. Website: <https://akademikigdynia.pl/en/accomodation-for-guests/what-we-offer/> For more information contact the Organising Committee at [events@pya.org.pl](mailto:events@pya.org.pl) Official accommodation will be available from **14:00 on July 24, 2026, until 11:00 on July 31, 2026.**
- B.2 All three meals will be provided. Breakfast and dinner will be served **at the accommodation**. Packed lunches will be provided at the accommodation. The first official meal will be dinner on **July 24, 2026**, and the last official meal will be breakfast on **July 31, 2026**.
- B.3 The distance between the accommodation and the Marina Gdynia is maximum 3 kilometres and transport will be provided. Parking will be provided for those bringing their own vehicles.
- B.4 A refundable damage deposit of **Euro 200 per Team (Cash only)** is required by the hotel upon check in. Credit cards are accepted.
- B.5 Any extra charges will be paid directly to the hotel and may be paid by cash (PLN) or with a credit card. Credit cards are also accepted at the nautical venue.
- B.6 Special food to accommodate allergies or dietary restrictions can be provided if requested in advance. Please detail any special request for food by filling in the relevant field in the online entry form during registration.

**C. EARLY ARRIVAL**

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- C.1 Teams wishing to arrive before the Official Arrival Day from the early arrival date of **July 17, 2026**, should complete the relevant fields of the online registration entry system. The rate for early arrival accommodation is **Euro 75 per person per day**, including breakfast. **A lunch pack is available to be reserved for Euro 6 per person per day**. All accommodation shall be shared. Single rooms may be available upon

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request for an extra \$ amount per night TBD, but availability is not guaranteed after the first entry deadline of **March 15, 2026**.

C.2 The regatta facilities will be open from **July 17, 2026**.

#### **D. EARLY ARRIVAL SUPPORT TEAM VESSELS**

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D.1 It is possible to rent a support team vessel to be used before the Official Arrival Day, from **July 17, 2026**, at **EURO 200 per vessel per day**. Fuel and other consumables shall be paid by the teams using the vessel. The vessel shall be shared between two teams. Reservation of such vessels shall be made by filling in the relevant fields in the Support Team Vessel Reservation Form on the online entry system and **by transferring a sum equivalent to the total amount (100%)** which shall be received on or before **March 15, 2026**, to guarantee availability. Allocation of early arrival support vessels will be made in order of arrival at the discretion of the Organiser.

D.2 In addition to the support vessel charter fee a damage deposit of **Euro 500 per vessel** will be required upon receipt of each vessel, payable by **CASH ONLY**, to be refunded if no damage has occurred.

D.3 Late reservation and payments of early arrival support team vessels will incur a surcharge of 20%.

#### **E. EARLY ARRIVAL CHARTER BOATS**

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E.1 Charter boats will also be available before the Official Arrival Day from **July 17, 2026**, at **EURO 50 per boat per day**. Reservations of pre-Championship charter boats shall be made by filling in the relevant fields of the online entry system and **by transferring a sum equivalent to the total amount (100%)** on or **before March 15, 2026**. Charter boat fees will not be refunded.

E.2 In addition to the charter boat fee, a damage deposit of **EURO 200** per boat will be required, payable **IN CASH ONLY**, upon receipt of each boat. The damage deposit will be refunded if no damage has occurred.

E.3 Late reservations and payments of pre-Championship charter boats will incur a surcharge of 20%.

#### **F. TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT**

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F.1 **The Gdansk Lech Walesa Airport** is approximately **25 km** from the official accommodation. Transportation to and from the airport can be arranged for delegations arriving by air by contacting the Organiser at [events@pya.org.pl](mailto:events@pya.org.pl). You must submit your arrival and departure transport requests by the deadline of **April 30, 2026**, to guarantee the reservation.

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**G. HEALTH INFORMATION**

- G.1 It is advisable to check <http://www.healthmap.org/en/>, consult your travel agent, or the Consulate General in your country for the current health advisory regarding travel to Poland.
- G.2 Any personal protection, such as face masks or neck 'buffs', may be worn at each person's discretion.

**H. SUPPORTERS**

Supporters shall make their own reservations.

**I. SOCIAL EVENTS**

To enhance the friendship between the competitors and to make their stay in Poland more enjoyable, appropriate social events will be organised. Casual attire will suffice.

**J. MISCELLANEOUS**

- J.1 Each team is kindly requested to bring its own National Flag (100cm X 150 cm).
- J.2 The official currency in Poland is the **Polish złoty (PLN)**. Credit cards are accepted.
- J.3 Sailors are recommended to bring their own reusable water bottles, clearly marked.
- J.4 All participants are strongly recommended to bring a hat, suitable clothing for the weather conditions and sunscreen.

**K. SAILING CONDITIONS**

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| Daytime air temperature   | 18 – 30 Celsius         |
| Water Temperature         | 18 Celsius              |
| Prevailing Wind Direction | Western or Northeastern |
| Wind Speed                | 5 – 20 knots            |
| Hours of Good Wind        | 8                       |
| Tide                      | No tide                 |
| Current                   | Slight current          |

**L. VISA REQUIREMENTS**

VISAs may be required by some nationalities. Delegations should contact their travel agency or Consulate in their country to inquire about all entry requirements. Letters of invitation are available upon request from the Organiser. If you require an invitation letter to support your entry to Poland, please send an email to no later than **April 30, 2026, and allow 14 days for processing.**

**M. SPECTATOR BOATS**



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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

A spectator boat may be arranged for supporters and guests throughout the event at a cost to be determined. More information will be available closer to the event.

***N. AND REPAIRS***

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Chandlery and repairs will be available at the shore venue.

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**0. SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS**

| ITEM                                     | COST in EUROS                             | OBS.   |                          |
|--|---|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Required payments</b>                 |   |  | <b>NoR</b>               |
| Entry Fee Competitors                    | EUR 695                                   | 1st Entry: March 15, 2026 - 50%<br>2nd Entry: April 30, 2026 - 50% | 5 & 6                    |
| Entry Fee Adults                         | EUR 795                                   | 1st Entry: March 15, 2026 - 50%<br>2nd Entry: April 30, 2026 - 50% | 5 & 6                    |
| Support Vessel Charter Fee               | EUR 1400 per vessel/<br>EUR 700 per-coach | 1st Entry: March 15, 2026 - 50%<br>2nd Entry: April 30, 2026 - 50% | 15.3                     |
| Support Vessel Damage deposit            | EUR 500 per vessel                        | To be paid upon handover of boat.<br>Refundable. CASH ONLY.        | 15.5                     |
| Charter Boat Fee                         | EUR 495 per boat                          | 1st Entry: March 15, 2026 - 50%<br>2nd Entry: April 30, 2026 - 50% | 16.8                     |
| Charter Boat Damage deposit              | EUR 200 per boat                          | To be paid upon handover of boat.<br>Refundable. CASH ONLY.        | 16.11                    |
| Sail Measurement                         | USD 50                                    | Sails without certificate, payable to IODA. CASH ONLY.             | 9.8                      |
| Hotel Damage Deposit                     | EURO 200 per team                         | To be paid upon check-in to hotel –<br>CASH ONLY.                  | B.4                      |
| Insurance                                | EUR 10                                    | Competitors and coaches. CASH ONLY                                 | 19.1                     |
| Surcharge                                | 20%                                       | Late payments. Depends on item.                                    | Various, see NOTE in 5.3 |
| <b>Optional Payments</b>                 |   |  | <b>Extra info sheet</b>  |
| Accommodation Early Arrivals             | EUR 75 per person per day, shared         | Due March 15, 2026– 100%   | C                        |
| Support Vessel Early arrivals            | EUR 200 per vessel per day                | Due: March 15, 2026 – 100%<br>Fuel not included.                   | D.1                      |
| Charter Boat Early arrivals              | EUR 50 per boat per day                   | Due: March 15, 2026 – 100%   | E.1                      |
| Transportation from Airport to the Venue | Variable                                  | Contact Organiser to reserve                                       | F                        |
| Surcharge                                | 20%                                       | Late payments. Depends on ítem.                                    | Various, but NOTE 5.3    |