



2026 İSTANBUL SAILING WEEK

İstanbul, Türkiye

14-19 July 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

Round 2 of South-Eastern Europe Grand Prix 2026

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA)

2026 İstanbul Sailing Week will be organised by the İstanbul Sailing Club, in İstanbul, Türkiye, under the authority of Turkish Sailing Federation.

[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 63.2(a) and RRS A5.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. (RRS).
- 1.2. No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix P will apply.
- 1.4. The “class rules” for the purposes of the definition of “rules” are the relevant Class Rules.
- 1.5. RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. The personal flotation device shall conform to Class Rules
- 1.6. Each competitor shall carry a whistle securely attached to the personal buoyancy device
- 1.7. In all rules governing this regatta, both “athlete”, “sailor” and “competitor” mean a person competing in the event. The term “support” person means a person as defined in the RRS.
- 1.8. [NP][DP] A sailor or support person shall not act in a way likely to denigrate or offend others at the event or elsewhere.
- 1.9. English is the Official Language of the regatta. If there is a conflict between languages, the language of the English version of the relevant document will take precedence.

2. [NP][DP] ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Sailor advertising is permitted on the hull as per World Sailing Regulation 2.4 but as restricted by Class Rules
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display bow numbers and/or advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. Optimist class competitors shall have been born in 2011 or later. Competitors are required to comply with their respective MNA’s regulations and to be current members of IODA or the Optimist OA.
ILCA 4 class competitors shall have been born between 2014 and 2009
- 3.2. Sailors shall complete a registration form consisting of:
 - 3.2.1. Entry Form
 - 3.2.2. The waiver and release of liability form that must be signed by the coach and a parent or legal guardian or a designated adult to the child’s safety, of each competitor for acceptance.
 - 3.2.3. Pre-Registration on YBS system (only for Turkish sailors)



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- 3.3. Registration forms shall be submitted to the <https://www.istanbulyelken.org.tr/isw/> **not later than June 30th 2026**, accompanied by the registration fee of 75 Euro (Fees shall be free of bank commissions. Any bank fee shall be charged to the corresponding sailor). Payment instructions are found on the event page on club web site <https://www.istanbulyelken.org.tr/isw/>
- 3.4. It is the OA prerogative to accept late admission till the July 5th 2026 with 20% surcharge for the entrance fee.
- 3.5. Competitors entering and withdrawing their entry no later than June 30th 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. Also, the charter boat fees, shall not be refunded.
- 3.6. Competitors and Coaches shall complete the on-site registration check-in at the Race Office. The final registration of each competitor shall not be concluded until the entrance fee is fully paid, and the registration check-in is completed in the Race Office on the registration check-in day.

4. SCHEDULE

Tuesday 14 th July	11:00 – 17:30	Registration check-in
	18:00	Coaches Briefing
	19:00	Opening Ceremony
Wednesday - Sunday 15 th , 16 th , 17 th , 18 th July	09:30	Coaches Briefing
	TBA	First Warning Signal
Sunday 19 th July	09:30	Coaches Briefing
	TBA	First Warning Signal
	15:00	Last Possible Warning Signal
	18:00	Awards Ceremony

Ten races are scheduled with a maximum of three races per day.

5. REGATTA FORMAT

- 5.1. If necessary, the boats will be divided into fleets with as nearly as possible equal size. The initial allocation to fleets will be done by the Race Committee on July 14th 2026.
- 5.2. At least 4 qualifying races shall be completed. If the fleets have not completed the same number of races by the end of the day, the fleets with fewer races will continue racing on the following day until all fleets have completed the same number of races. All race scores from the Qualifying Series will be carried forward to the Final Series.
- 5.3. Details of regatta format will be defined in Sailing Instructions.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available at the time of registration check-in at the Race Office and on the official notice board along with other governing documents for competitors' convenience.

7. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

- 7.1. Official Notice Board (ONB) will be online on the [racingrulesofsailing.org](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org) platform. Links will be published on the event web site (<https://www.istanbulyelken.org.tr/isw/>)
- 7.2. It is competitors/coaches' responsibility to follow ONB. Failure to do so will not be a reason for a request of redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

8. VENUE

The regatta will be held in İstanbul, Türkiye.

Club Address: Fenerbahçe Mah. Alara Sok. No:8/A Kadıköy İstanbul



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Website: www.istanbulyelken.org.tr

Event website: <https://www.istanbulyelken.org.tr/isw/>

The Race Office, the boat park and the shore base, will be located at Istanbul Sailing Club.

9. COURSE

- 9.1. The course will be an outer-loop trapezoid for ILCA class and Optimist Class Course.
- 9.2. RC may publish alternative courses in compliance with SI. These changes will be published on the ONB.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1. Appendix P will apply.
- 10.2. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.3(a).

11. SCORING

- 11.1. Scoring will be Low Point Scoring in accordance with RRS Appendix A.
- 11.2. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta series.
- 11.3. When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.4. For the South-Eastern Europe Sailing Grand Prix circuit for Optimist Class and ILCA 4 Class:
 - 11.4.1. The assigned score shall correspond to the final position in each event of the South-Eastern Europe Sailing Grand Prix 2026 circuit.
 - 11.4.2. Sailors sailing a boat only scored as DNC, DNF, DNS, DSQ, DNE, OCS, UFD, BFD will have a score equal to the number of entries plus one.
 - 11.4.3. Sailors having not yet sailed any event, will take 3 times the score based on the higher number of competitors in the same class plus one. Each time they sail a regatta, that penalty will be substituted by his/her score taken at the respective event.
 - 11.4.4. The sum of the best 3 scores (lower) at South-Eastern Europe Sailing Grand Prix 2026 regattas shall determine the competitor's total ranking score. South-Eastern Europe Sailing Grand Prix 2026 final ranking will be available at www.see-sailing-gp.org after the last event of the circuit.

12. [NP][DP] SUPPORT VESSELS

- 12.1. All Support Vessels including Coach Boats should carry a number which is displayed on a visible area on the vessel.
- 12.2. Those number stickers are required to collect during registration by Coaches/Team Leaders.
- 12.3. All Support Vessels should comply with the restricted areas which will be published on the Notice board.
- 12.4. The Kill Cord of the support vessel shall be always attached to the driver properly while engine is switched on.

13. CHARTER BOATS

- 13.1. Charter boats will be available first come first serve basis.
- 13.2. Check for event web page for details.



14. MEASUREMENT

- 14.1. Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta. Substitution of such equipment shall occur only with the Race Committee's approval.
- 14.2. There may be measurement inspection on the water at any time.
- 14.3. All equipment may be subject to a safety check at any time.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. İstanbul Sailing Week **special prizes** will be awarded to the top three boats in overall classification.
- 15.2. **Optimist Class:**
 - Top 5 classified boys in overall classification
 - Top 5 classified girls in overall classification
 - Top 3 classified boys in U13 classification (born 2015 and later)
 - Top 3 classified girls in U13 classification (born 2015 and later)
- 15.3. **ILCA 4 Class:**
 - Top 5 sailors in overall classification
 - Top 3 sailors in girls classification
 - Top 3 sailors in junior classification (born 2011 and later)
- 15.4. OA may give additional special prizes
- 15.5. The South-Eastern Europe Sailing Grand Prix 2026 prizes will be awarded to the sailors placing first, second and third in the overall ranking for Optimist Class and ILCA 4 Class after the last event of the circuit.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1. 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. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.
- 16.2. Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organizers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organizers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organizing authority, the race committee, the race officer, jury, patrol boats and beach-masters.

17. INSURANCE

All participants shall have personal liability insurance, and a copy of this insurance shall be provided to the OA by the Final Entry Deadline of July 14th 2026.

18. SAFETY AND ADULT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 18.1. The designated adult, who has been entrusted to by the parents or legal guardians of the competitors, is responsible for the safety of each sailor of his/her team. It is the responsibility solely of this adult to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are totally responsible for the risks of the sailor.
- 18.2. The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.



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19. MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in this regatta, a competitor automatically grants to the OA, and the sponsors of the regatta, 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 regatta, and of all of his or her material related to the regatta, without compensation.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1. For further information please contact the OA at:

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20.2. Each participating country shall designate a person to be the official contact with the OA and provide an email address.

Organising Committee

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