



INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

NOTICE OF RACE

23rd MAPFRE EUROMED INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

16th to 19th December 2023

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The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. The international jury may refuse to hold a hearing when a boat protests based on these rules. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 63.1.

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.

1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.

1.3 English is the official language for the event, notwithstanding that Notices may be issued in another language. The English text will take precedence.

1.4 The Euromed International Championship is a Class Ranking event of the Malta Sailing Federation.

1.5 RRS 90.3(e) will apply.

1.6 The Official Notice Board will be online. Hearing requests shall also be lodged mainly online. You are hereby advised to bring an electronic device with internet connectivity.

2. [DP][NP]ADVERTISING

2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to Sailors in the following classes: -

[a] OPTIMIST CLASS

Either; [1a] **Senior Division** – Boys & Girls born between 2011 and 2008 (12 – 15yrs)

Or [1b] **Cadet Division** – Boys & Girls born between 2015 and 2012 (8 - 11yrs)

These two Divisions will sail together and results will be extrapolated from the whole results.

Sailors registering in the Cadet division shall present an official document showing the sailors date of birth.

[2] **Beginners Division** - Boys and Girls born between 2015 and 2009, (8 – 14yrs) and have been sailing for not more than 12 months. Sailors in this division will have separated results from the other two divisions.

3.2 Four or more boats are needed to constitute a class or division.

3.3 Eligible sailors shall enter by completing the electronic entry form found on the MYSC website, <https://www.maltayoungsailors.com/registration/> and submitting it online until 30th November 2023. No applications without payment will be accepted.

3.4 Entries are accepted on a first come first served basis, late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organizers.

3.5 Maximum restrictions on the number of boats competing may apply. The following numbers are indicative only and are at the discretion of the Organizing Authority:

[a] Optimist - Senior & Cadet Divisions 250 entrants in total,

[b] Beginners Division 60 entrants.

3.6 All entries, when accepted, will be displayed on the regatta website. This display can be considered as confirmation of acceptance of entry, when payment has been submitted, but it will not imply confirmation of accommodation.

4. CATEGORIZATION

4.1. The World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code will apply.

5. FEES

5.1. Entry fee shall be EUR 100 per entry. This includes the daily provision of water and light snacks afloat between races, and a cooked meal with a hot drink on return to shore.

5.2. Late Entries may be accepted upon the discretion of the Organizing Authority subject to late entry fee of EUR 150 per entry.

6. QUALIFYING AND FINAL SERIES.

6.1. The regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series for Optimist Senior and Cadet Divisions. Beginners will sail a single series. A maximum of 12 races may be sailed.

7. SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Description
15/12/2023	10:00-13:00/14:00 – 17:00	Insurance check + Collection of Welcome Packs and Ribbons
16/12/2023	-	Race Day 1
17/12/2023	-	Race Day 2
18/12/2023	-	Race Day 3
19/12/2023	-	Race Day 4
19/12/2023	19:00	Prizegiving

7.1. Notice of Registration is to be effected via the club website and social media platforms. Finalizing of registration, presentation of documentation and registration of support boats will be at the Race Office at the venue, which shall be open on the 15th December from 10:00 until 13:00 hours and 15:00 until 18:00 hours.

7.2 The number of races on each day may vary depending on the weather conditions and may be reduced or cancelled altogether at the sole discretion of the Principal Race Officer in consultation with the Organizing Authority.

7.2. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs.

7.3. A Coach/Team Leader meeting will be held daily 90mins before the first scheduled warning signal.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The sailing instructions will be available, as from 15th December, on the Official Notice Board.

9. VENUE

9.1 The Regatta will take place on the waters in and outside Mellieha Bay on the northeast shore of Malta.

9.2 The Boat Park and Race Office will be located at Munchie's Beach Lido, Ghadira Bay.

10. THE COURSE

10.1. Optimist classes will sail an IODA Course.

10.2. Course diagrams will be available in the Sailing Instructions.

11. INTERNATIONAL JURY

11.1 An International Jury will be appointed and its decisions will be final as provided in *RRS 70.5*

12. SCORING

12.1 The Low Point Scoring system shall be used.

12.2 In each division three races are required to be completed to constitute the regatta.

12.3 Depending on the number of entries a division fleet may be divided into several fleets.

12.4 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

12.5 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13. [NP][DP] SUPPORT BOATS

13.1 Support boats shall be marked to be easily identified. It is recommended that each team provides their own national flag as a means of identification. Support boat flags will be distributed during registration at the Race Office.

13.2 Support/Coach Boats shall fill in the required forms upon registration and submit them to the Race Office before the start of the regatta.

13.3. Support/Coach Boats shall be at least 4 meters in length with a minimum engine capacity of 20HP. Teams shall ensure that the vessel is seaworthy and correctly registered with the competent authorities.

13.4. Support/Coach Boats shall have adequate safety equipment mainly: a functional VHF, anchor with reasonable amount of rope and lifejackets for all passengers onboard.

14. [NP][DP] STORAGE OF BOATS

14.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the designated boat park as indicated by the Organising Authority.

15. PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be awarded for the following classes:

- i. 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Optimist Senior, Cadet and Beginners Overall
- ii. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Female in Optimist Senior, Cadet and Beginners

If there are less than 6 competitors in each division, only the prize for the 1st place will be awarded.

15.2 The best ranked Maltese competitor in Optimist Overall will be awarded a prize.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16.2 Parents or guardians of entrants below eighteen years of age are to sign the disclaimer form and undertake all responsibility. Disclaimer forms will be available on the website.

17. INSURANCE

17.1. Each Competitor shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 1.500,000 (one million five hundred thousand Euro) or equivalent there of in any other currency.

17.2 Each competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible for third party liability insurance on the boat that he or she is sailing and for his or her personal accident and health insurance.

17.3 Each competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible to maintain his boat in a safe and seaworthy condition checking it before going afloat.

18. [DP][NP] BOAT CHARTER

18.1 Charter boats will be provided by the Organizing Authority, in limited quantities, and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Charter conditions, prices and booking shall be available on the website.

18.2 Charter boats will be fully equipped, excluding sail, and it is intended that these be available during the week preceding the regatta. An extra charge will be imposed for charter boats used prior to the regatta.

18.3 Any Competitor not using personal boat and equipment shall ONLY make use of and charter hull and equipment provided by newblu.com. Other boats cannot and shall not be used unless with the express consent in writing from the Organizing Authority.

18.4. Coach/Support Boats are to be chartered directly from owners. For assistance, contact the Organizing Authority in the email provided below.

19. SUSTAINABLE SAILING

19.1. To do our part to save our planet and eliminate the use of single-use plastic, drinking water stations will be available in the vicinity of the venue. We recommend that you bring refillable bottles.

19.2. The Organizing Authority will not provide or distribute any water bottles or plastic bottles during the event.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Details of recommended hotel accommodation are available on the event website www.maltayoungsailors.com

For further information please contact the Malta Young Sailors Club Secretary, Ms. Anna Rossi by email to euomed@maltayoungsailors.com .