NOTICE OF RACE

O'PEN SKIFF EUROCHALLENGE 2026

11th September – 13th September 2026

BALATONMÁRIAFÜRDŐ

Eurochallenge2026.openskiffclass.org

Organising Authority:
Balatonmáriafürdői Vízisport Egyesület
in co-operation with the Open Skiff Class Association

[NP] Denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 The OSCA Class Rules and Open Skiff Umpiring Policy 2025-2028 will apply: see https://www.openskiff.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026-Open-Skiff-Umpiring-Policy-12.01.2026.pdf

1.3 Any national prescriptions that will apply will be posted on the online Official Notice Board.

1.7 [DP] Support boats shall:
1.7.1 maintain a distance of at least 50 meters from any competitor after his start:
1.7.2 do not enter the regatta area when one or more races are in progress:
1.7.3 always remain under the WAITING AREA, if positioned, or 50 meters from the starting line meters after the preparatory signal:
1.7.4 sail towards the windward mark from the left side of the race course and never on the right side:
1.7.5 do not enter the course area with two or more legs during one or more races:

1.8 [NP] [DP] Failure to comply with point 1.7 shall result in a penalty of one point without a hearing to be imposed on all competitors who report support staff to the boat with reference to the race in progress in which the breach of the rules was detected. This type of decision cannot give request to redress. Amends RRS 61.1(a) and A5

1.8 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. World Sailing Regulation 20 'Advertising Code' shall apply.

3 DIVISIONS

3.1 Eurochallenge divisions shall (boy and girl) be:

3.1.1 UNDER 13 - born in 2014, or not later than 2017.

3.1.2 UNDER 17 - born in 2010, or not later than 2013.

3.2 A minimum of 5 competitors is required to constitute a division.

3.3 U13 Competitors shall use the 3.5 Sail and U17 Competitors shall use 4.5 Sail.

3.4 Competitors born in 2014 may compete with the 4.5m2 sail and in this case, they compete as Under 17, the competitor registered for the single event shall always compete with the same sail.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 Competitors shall meet the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19-Eligibility Code.

4.2 Competitors shall be members of an O'pen Skiff National Class Association recognised by the International Open Skiff Class.

4.3 Eligible competitors may ***enter online*** – Online payment required. Online entry will close on 10th **September 2026.**

4.4 The entry is limited to the first valid entries of each division as follows:

- U13 – 90

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- U17 – 180

4.5 An entry is not valid until paid.

4.6 Foreign competitors shall be in compliance as prescribed by the national authorities to which they belong.

4.7 All competitors requiring a charter boat shall first confirm the allocation with OSCA.
Go to Additional Information in this NoR for further details of the Charter Service.

4.8 The following shall be presented upon registration at the race office:

- Evidence of valid third-party insurance (see also NoR #18)
- Proof of age
- Parental Consent Form **(Annex A** - *for those underage of 18)*

5 ENTRY FEES

5.1 The required competitor entry fee for the Eurochallenge 2026 is **140 Euro until 10thAugust 2026**.

5.2 Late payments received, and late entries accepted, after 10th August2026, but **not after 7th September 2026**, will be charged an entry fee of **180 Euro**.

5.3 Entry fees paid by bank transfer to:

OWNER: Open Skiff Class Association
IBAN: CH7909000000160451759
BIC: POFICHBE
BANK: PostFinance AG, 3030 Bern
COUNTRY: Switzerland (CH)
Please include "EC3rd in your payment advice and e-mail confirmation of payment to:
secretary@openskiff.org

6 RACE FORMAT

6.1 Number, format, length, of races for all divisions will be settled by Class Representative. Any amendment in SI shall be approved by class representative.

6.2 Boys and girls shall race together.

6.3 Divisions may race as one fleet or in groups depending upon entry numbers.

6.4 Three races are required to validate the championship for each division.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1

DAY	10.00 - 16:00 Arrival Day, charter boat distribution, equipment inspection, registration
2026. 09. 11.	9.00 – 9:30 Late registration 10:00 Skipper Meeting 12:00 Races
2026. 09. 12.	Tbd Races 19:00 Official Dinner
2026. 09. 13.	Tbd Races, last possible warning signal: 15:00 18:00. Prize Giving

7.2 The first possible warning signal for each day will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 20:00 of the preceding day.

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8 EQUIPMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1 Equipment inspections may be made at any time during the event.

8.2 Upon completion of registration and until the end of the event, at all times when ashore except when launching and retrieving, all equipment shall be kept in their assigned places at event site. Removal of any equipment from the event site requires prior written approval from the race committee. Access to equipment in the storage area during certain hours, including hours of darkness may be restricted.

8.3 Unless otherwise directed by the organizing authority, boats and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area at the event site.

9 NOTICE BOARD

9.1 The official notice board will be online on Racing Rules of Sailing at the link available at the event website - Eurochallenge2026.openskiffclass.org

10 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions (SI's) will be available upon registration. Any changes to thSI's shall be approved by the Class Representative at the event.

11 COURSES

Courses will be as described in the sailing instructions.

12 INTERNATIONAL JURY

An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with WCR Appendix N. Their decisions shall be final as provided by RRS 70.5.

13 SCORING

13.1 U13, U17 divisions shall be scored separately

13.2 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A, except for the discard profile. If 4 races have been completed a boat may discard their worst score; if 9 races have been completed a boat may discard their two worst scores.

14 COACHES AND SUPPORT BOATS

14.1 Coaches and support personnel may register onsite payment will be made during registration

14.2 The registration fee is 50 euro.

14.3 Coach boat charter is available, please contact by mail: tosoky.andi@gmail.com

14.4 All coach boats shall be registered.

14.5 All Support Persons with assistance boat shall be accredited with the Local Organising Authority and shall have:

- VHF on board.
- accepted the "rules for support personnel and assistance boats" described in the Sailing Instructions;
- provided numbers of the accompanied competitors.

Accredited Support Persons will be subject to the technical and disciplinary directives of the RC and the PC which, in the event of an infringement, will be able to act on the basis of rule 64.5 of the RRS

15 SAFETY

15.1 Personal buoyancy is mandatory for every competitor and support boat crew member at all times while afloat except, briefly, while changing clothes.

15.2 Every competitor and support boat crew member shall wear a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard of ISO 12402-5 (level 50), or as specified in the SI's. World Sailing Rules 40 shall apply when on water.

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16 PRIZES

16.1 Prizes will be awarded to first (male or female) overall and the first three male and female competitors of each properly constituted division.

16.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

17 EUROCHALLENGE FINAL RANKING 2026

a. The final Ranking for a boat in the 2026 Open Skiff EuroChallenge Series will be the sum of the final positions in her best 2 Rounds out of 3 planned Rounds.
b. In case one Round is not valid or cancelled the final score for the Ranking 2026 will be the sum of the final positions in her best 2 Rounds.
c. In case 2 Rounds are not valid or cancelled the final score for the Ranking 2026 will be the sum of the final positions in her best 2 Rounds.
d. A boat's final position in a single Round will be as stated in the Round's final results provided by Local Organising Authorities.
e. The Prize Giving of Eurochallenge Circuit will take place during the Prize Giving of the fourth Eurochallenge Regatta in Balatonmáriafürdő, Hungary.

18 SPARE

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to remain in the race is hers alone."
Therefore: by participating in this event each competitor agrees and recognizes that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity that carries risks. These risks include the possibility of facing strong wind and rough sea, sudden changes in weather conditions, breakdowns / damage to equipment, manoeuvre errors of the boat, poor seafaring by other boats, loss of balance due to boat instability and fatigue with resulting in an increased risk of injury. The risk of permanent and serious injuries or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes is inherent in the sport of sailing.

20 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1,500,000 euro per event or the equivalent. The insurance policy presented at registration shall have an English translation.

21 RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said Event as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

22 TRASH DISPOSAL (DP)

22.1 The Basic Principle says: "Participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing". Therefore, all sailors are asked to follow RRS 47 – Trash disposal - before, during and after the event:
"Competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water (and ashore). This rule applies at all times while afloat. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be less than disqualification".

23 FURTHER INFORMATION AND ACCOMODATION

23.1 Final Registration will take place at race office located at Balatonmáriafürdő, Bernáth Aurél stny. 9-17, 8647

23.2 For further information please contact

Andrea Tósoky: tosoky.andi@gmail.com

Annex A

2026 Open Skiff Euro-challenge Championships

O'pen Skiff Eurochallende 2026 #3 at Balatonmáriafürdő

Parent / Guardian consent form

Sailor name: _____

Sail number: _____

☐ U13 ☐ U17 ☐ Male ☐ Female.

In the event of an accident, please inform

Legal guardian: _____ Emergency phone:_____

Declaration: **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY COGNOVITS CLAUSE**

The responsibility for the decision to participate in a race or to continue with it is solely with the skipper. The skipper is responsible for the qualification and the correct nautical conduct of the crew as well as for the suitability and the transport-safe-condition of the registered boat. In cases of force majeure or on grounds of administrative orders or for safety reasons, the organizer is entitled to make changes in the realization of the event or to cancel the event. This does not constitute any liability by the organizer towards the participant, if the reasons for the changes or the cancellation do not result from a willful or grossly negligent behaviour of the organizer. In case of a violation of obligations that do not constitute primary or material contractual duties (cardinal obligations), the liability of the organizer for financial and property damages incurred by the participant during or in connection with the participation in the event and resulting from a conduct of the organizer, its representatives, servants or agents, is restricted to damages that were caused willfully or grossly negligent. When a violation of cardinal obligations occurs due to minor negligence, the liability of the organizer is limited to foreseeable, typical damages. To the extent that the liability for damages of the organizer is excluded or restricted, the participant also relieves the staff - employees and representatives, agents, servants, sponsors and individuals who provide or drive salvage, safety or rescue vessels or assist with their use - from the individual liability for damages, as well as all other individuals who were instructed to act in connection with the realization of the event. The effective racing rules of World Sailing, the administrative regulations regatta-sailing, the class rules as well as the regulations of the invitation to the competition and the sailing instructions are to be complied with and are expressly recognized.

Privacy Policy

Reference is made to data protection of personal information and data. Any personal information and data given to the organizers will be used only as follows: All data regarding participating athletes, coaches and their boats will be processed and archived for the purpose of this sporting event. Personal information contains the participant's real name, date of birth, club. Sail number and address data. In particular, results, calculatory and visual analyses, position monitoring and race analyses will be published with reference to the competitors' names. In order to achieve this, the data will be transferred to our service providers and to such governing bodies like World Sailing and local organizers. It cannot be ruled out, that your data will be processed outside of the EU. Our service providers and governing bodies have been or will be committed by us, to exclusively use your data for the event and its preparation and post-processing, including ranking lists and global multi event scorecards. The commercial use of your data isprohibited.

Being the parent / legal guardian I approve the sailors entry to this event and confirm that I have read, understand and agree to the terms of the Notice of Race.

Permission is also granted for drug testing to be performed in accordance with World Sailing Anti Doping Code. This form does not constitute therapeutic exemption of a prohibited substance. Please contact your National Sailing Federation for obtaining such exemption when necessary.

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(Date /City) signature of parent / legal guardian

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (not part of the Notice of Race)

CHARTER SERVICE

Charter is not guaranteed. To apply contact - secretary@openskiff.org - before completing an entry form.

More information will be published on the regatta website – https://eurochallenge2026.openskiffclass.org

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