

NOTICE OF RACE

2026 EUROPE CLASS OPEN WEEK & WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Gdańsk, Poland
2nd – 12th July

On the occasion of the 60th Anniversary Edition of the Europa Class World Championships, this event represents not only a top-level sporting competition, but also an opportunity to highlight the history, traditions, and people who have contributed over the decades to the development and success of the Europa Class worldwide.

During these Championships, we come together to recall and reflect on sailors, coaches, officials, and all committed members of the Europa Class community who, in their respective countries, have played an important role in shaping and developing the Class. Their commitment, passion, and dedication form the foundation upon which the present strength and international character of the Europa Class are built on.

The organizing authority is Yacht Club Gdańsk in conjunction with COSA AZS Gdańsk and PSKE.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*
- 1.2. RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42 will apply. For the purpose of penalties count in RRS P2, Open Week and the World Championship are separate events.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration applies.
- 1.4. In all rules governing this regatta:
 - 1.4.1. [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 A5);
 - 1.4.2. [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat and for which the International Jury may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 63.1.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6. The IECU Rules for Major Events will apply.
- 1.7. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.
- 1.8. Competitors are reminded of their obligations under RRS 77 and Appendix G.
- 1.9. [DP] RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat.
- 1.10. Rule G3 applies: boats chartered or loaned for the event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. [NP][DP] Boats and competitors may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority as provided in World Sailing Regulation Advertising Code. If this Rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 Advertising code applies.



3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be online at <https://europe-worlds-2026.upwind24.com/notice-board>
- 3.2. The Race Office will be located in front of the Hotel Galion main entrance in the COSA AZS Marina.
- 3.3. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee or Organizing Authority, a boat shall not make voice, radio or data transmissions and shall not receive voice, radio or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available by 1 July 2026 on the Official Notice Board.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1. World Sailing Eligibility as described in Regulation 19 is required for all competitors.
- 5.2. Open Week: only currently fully paid members of their National Europe Class Association may enter the regatta. The number of entries for the Open Week is unlimited.
- 5.3. World Championships: only currently fully paid members of their National Europe Class Association who have been classified according to the National quotas may enter the regatta. The number of entries per nation for the World Championships is subject to the quota system of IECU. Sailors qualifying through the Open Week will need the approval of their National Europe Class Association to enter the World Championships.
- 5.4. Competitors under 18 years of age shall present a signed and completed parent or guardian consent and declaration form at registration. The forms are available for download on the event website or at the Race Office.

6. ENTRIES and ENTRY FEE

- 6.1. Entry shall be submitted through the event website: <https://europe-worlds-2026.upwind24.com>
- 6.2. The entry fee shall be paid through online payment on event website or via bank transfer to account:
Accountholder: Yacht Club Gdansk, ul. Gradowa 11, 80-802 Gdansk
IBAN: PL79 1750 0012 0000 0000 3892 9728
SWIFT: PPABPLPK
Title/object:
- for Open Week: EUR OW + SAIL NUMBER + NAME OF ATHLETE
- for World Championship: EUR WC + SAIL NUMBER + NAME OF ATHLETE

- 6.3. Entry deadlines and fees are as below:

Event	Early entry fee		Late entry fee	
	Fee	Deadline	Fee	Deadline
Open Week	210€	2 nd June	315€	1 st July
Worlds	320€	2 nd June	480€	6 th July

- 6.4. Sailors qualifying from the Open Week may enter by paying only Early entry fee and complying with NoR 6.1 and 6.2.



7. SCHEDULE

7.1. OPEN WEEK

Day 1	02.07.2026 Thursday	Registration
Day 2	03.07.2026 Friday	Registration
		Racing – First warning signal not before 13:00
Day 3	04.07.2026 Saturday	Racing
Day 4	05.07.2026 Sunday	Racing
Day 5	06.07.2026 Monday	Racing

8 fleet races are scheduled. No more than 3 races will be sailed in a day.

7.2. WORLD CHAMPIOSHIP

Day 1	06.07.2026 Monday	Registration + Measurements
Day 2	07.07.2026 Tuesday	Registration + Measurements
		Nations Cup
		Opening ceremony + Open Week & Nations Cup prize giving
Day 3	08.07.2026 Wednesday	Racing – First warning signal not before 13:00
Day 4	09.07.2026 Thursday	Racing
Day 5	10.07.2026 Friday	Racing
Day 6	11.07.2026 Saturday	Racing
Day 7	12.07.2026 Sunday	Racing
		Prize giving ceremony

10 fleet races are scheduled. 2 races a day.

No more than 3 races will be sailed in a day.

7.3. On the last day of racing for each event no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

8. FORMAT

8.1. For Open Week female and male will compete together:

8.1.1. If there are more than ninety (90) boats, they will be split into fleets.

8.1.2. If the Event is split into fleets, the opening series will be divided into a qualifying series and a final series.

8.2. Nations Cup format is as in Addendum A

8.3. For World Championship female and male will complete in separate fleets.

8.4. The complete format for each Event will be defined in the Sailing Instruction.

9. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS MEASUREMENTS [DP]

9.1. All boats participating in the World Championships will be inspected and must pass the measurement control which will take place according to the schedule published



on ONB. Each boat entered shall have a valid Measurement Certificate and Measurement Forms.

- 9.2. Each boat is required to fill the inspection Entry form available on the event website. This form shall be filled out on-line, printed beforehand and presented at the measurements desk during the measurement control.
- 9.3. At all times the Technical Committee may require boats to be inspected, as described in the Sailing Instructions. Boat shall then be presented fully rigged with all control lines in position.
- 9.4. Buoyancy, wet clothing, measurement and equipment check may be made throughout the Regatta at the discretion of the Class Representative, Race Committee, Technical Committee or the International Jury.

10. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 10.1. Competitors may not enter more than one hull, two sails, one mast, one boom, one centerboard, one rudder and one rudder head.
- 10.2. In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the Technical Committee. If the damage occurs later than 90 minutes before the first scheduled start on a racing day and before the start of the last race of the day, a provisional verbal permission must be obtained from either the Race Committee, the International Jury or the Technical Committee. A written permission shall then be applied for before the end of the Protest Time on the day in which the substitution takes place.

11. VENUE AND RACING AREA

- 11.1. The venue will be at AZS COSA Galion in Górkki Zachodnie. Notice of Race Addendum 1 shows the location of the venue.
- 11.2. The racing area is Bay of Gdansk as shown in Notice of Race Addendum 2. The location of the racing area may be changed by the Organizing Authority in the Sailing Instructions.

12. COURSES

- 12.1. The course will be a trapezoid course, with inner and outer loops or a windward - leeward course.
- 12.2. The target time of the race is 50 minutes.
- 12.3. The time limit for the first boat to finish is 90 minutes.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. Scoring for all Events will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 13.2. For Open Week 1 race is required to constitute the series
- 13.3. For World Championship 3 races are required to constitute the series.
- 13.4. For each event:
 - 13.4.1. When fewer than 4 races are completed, a boat series score will be total of her race scores.
 - 13.4.2. When four 4 to eight 8 races are completed. A boats series score will be the total of race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 13.4.3. When nine 9 or more races are completed, a boats score will be the total of her scores excluding her 2 worst scores.

14. INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 14.1. An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b).
- 14.2. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.3(a).



15. SUPPORT BOATS

- 15.1. All support boats shall register through the event website:
<https://europe-worlds-2026.upwind24.com>
- 15.2. The entry fee shall be paid through online payment on event website or via bank transfer to account:
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IBAN: PL79 1750 0012 0000 0000 3892 9728
SWIFT: PPABPLPK
Title/object: EUR RIB + NATIONALITY + NAME OF COACH
- 15.3. The registration fee is:
50€ for the Open Week
70€ for the World Championship
100€ for both events (provided the same coach and boat will be present at both events)
- 15.4. Support vessel drivers and crews shall wear a life jacket or other adequate personal buoyancy securely fastened at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.
- 15.5. All support boat must be equipped with active kill cords and VHF marine radio set to the official radio channel. The official radio channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions. The kill cord shall be used at all times when the engine is running.

16. BERTHING

- 16.1. Boats ashore shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.

17. TRAILER AND CAR PARKING

- 17.1. The car parking will be free only for sailors participating at the event and only exposing the coupon available in the secretary office. The club denied any responsibility of any kind of fees given to cars not complying with this regulation.
- 17.2. Trailers must be only parked in designed parking areas.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. Open Week: prizes will be given to the top 10 sailors.
- 18.2. World Championships: the best man and the best women will both be titled World Champion and will each be given a Gold Medal. The second best in each division will be given a Silver Medal and the third best each a Bronze Medal. Additional prizes will be given to top 10 sailors in each division.

19. INSURANCE

- 19.1. Each boat shall hold a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage of at least 1,500,000 euros (or equivalent) per incident.
- 19.2. Each support vessel shall have valid insurance including third party liability coverage of at least 1,500,000 euros (or equivalent) per incident.
- 19.3. The Organizing Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of certificates.

20. RISK STATEMENT

- 20.1. Competitors and support persons participate in the event entirely at their own risk. Rule 3 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a



race or to continue racing is hers alone.” Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 20.1.1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- 20.1.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 20.1.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 20.1.4. By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 20.1.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- 20.1.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances
- 20.1.7. It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

21. [DP][NP] ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

- 21.1. Recalling the Basic Principle that states: "Participants are encouraged to minimize any negative environmental impact of the sport of sailing", it is recommended that the utmost attention be paid to environmental protection in all moments accompanying the practice of the sport of sailing before, during and after the event.

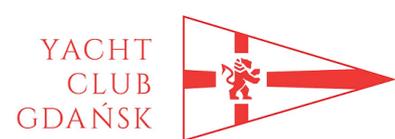
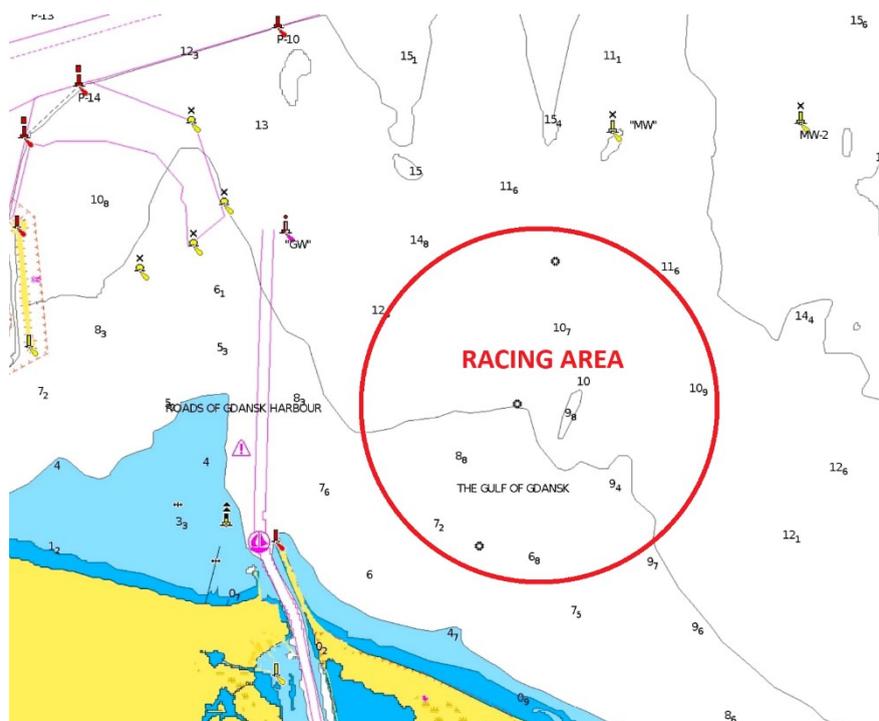
22. RIGHT TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

- 22.1. The Organizing Authority holds all media rights to any motion pictures, still photographs, live or taped film or video on television and/or other media showing any competitor during the regatta as well as content use it without compensation in any media for either editorial, press or advertising purposes.
- 22.2. Competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the sponsors of the Event, the full right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition in this event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said event without compensation.
- 22.3. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment and positioning equipment as specified by the Organizing Authority.
- 22.4. All competitors may be required to attend media or press events at any time while not racing and may be required for interviews.



ADDENDUM 1

VENUE AND RACING AREA LOCATION



ADDENDUM A

NATIONS CUP

The World Championship 2026 have incorporated the NATIONS CUP REGATTA, which is a one-day Team Racing Regatta for nations entered in the Worlds Championships, and according to the regulations described in this Addendum A. The event will take place at the same venue, with the same facilities and logistics as the World Championship.

A1 RULES

A1.1 The racing will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

A1.2 Appendix D, Team Racing Rules and the Nations Cup Sailing Instructions apply.

A2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY REGULATIONS

A2.1 A team shall comprise of 4 boats with their respective sailors. 2 of each from Man and Woman divisions.

A2.2 Each nation competing in the Europe Class World Championship is entitled to nominate 1 team. A nation not able to create a full team on their own, may nominate a team together with a second nation, but only if that nation is not already represented in another team. A team may not comprise boats from more than 2 nations. The minimum number of boats from one nation in any team is 2.

A2.3 If the number of teams is not even the host nation is entitled to nominate a second team.

A2.4 Eligible countries shall register their teams at the Race Office no later than 16:00 of the 6st of July. The Nations Cup entry form will be available at the Race Office from the 4th of July.

A2.5 No entry fee will be applicable for this event.

A2.6 Only officially registered and qualified participants of the World Championship may participate in the event. After registration, no team member may be changed without prior permission from the Race Committee. Such permission will only be given in exceptional circumstances.

A3 SCHEDULE AND EVENT FORMAT

A3.1 Competition format and pairings will be described at the Nations Cup Sailing Instructions, which will be available as an Appendix to the 2026 Europe Class Open Week and World Championship Sailing Instructions.

A3.2 A coach and sailors meeting for this event will be held.

A3.3 Event format may be modified during the event in a fair and practical way, solely determined by the Race Committee, due to entries, weather conditions, time constraints or any other relevant factors.

