



**MAPFRE**

**INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

# 24<sup>th</sup> MAPFRE EUROMED INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

Organizing Authority: Malta Young Sailors Club

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 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 The following Class Rules will apply.

- The International Optimist Dinghy Association

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

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

1.6 RRS 90.3(e) shall apply.

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

### 2. 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 2012 and 2009 (12 – 15yrs )

Or [1b] **Cadet Division** – Boys & Girls born between 2016 and 2013 (8 - 11yrs)

These Divisions shall sail together and results shall be extrapolated from the whole class.

**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 2016 and 2010, (8 – 14yrs) and have been sailing for not more than 12 months. Participants must provide a letter from National Class Authority in this respect.

3.2 Four or more boats shall constitute a class.

3.3 Entries shall be made via electronic entry form found on the MYSC website [www.maltayoungsailors.com/euromed-entry/](http://www.maltayoungsailors.com/euromed-entry/) and submitting same online until **30<sup>th</sup> November 2024**. No applications without payment shall be accepted. Late Entries shall be accepted upon the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority subject to a late entry fee provided below.

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 Race committee:

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

[b] Beginners Class 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 that will not imply confirmation of charter boat.

#### **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 125 per entry.

5.3. A fee of EUR 50 shall be charged for all coaches.

#### **6. QUALIFYING AND FINAL SERIES.**

---

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

#### **7. SCHEDULE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Description</b>
18/12/2024	10:00-13:00/15:00 – 18:00	Final Registration + Collection of Welcome Packs and Ribbons
19/12/2024	First Warning Signal - 11.30	Race Day 1
20/12/2024	TBD	Race Day 2
21/12/2024	TBD	Race Day 3
22/12/2024	TBD	Race Day 4
22/12/2024	18:00	Prizegiving

7.1. 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 shall be held 90mins before the first warning signal.

## **8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

---

8.1 The sailing instructions will be available, as from 16<sup>th</sup> December, on <https://www.maltayoungsailors.com/homepage-2/euromed/>, the Official Notice Board and at the Race Office.

## **9. VENUE**

---

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

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

## **10. THE COURSES**

---

10.1. Optimist classes shall sail an IODA Course.

10.3. Course diagrams shall be available in the Sailing Instructions.

## **11. INTERNATIONAL JURY**

---

11.1 Decisions of the International Jury 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 class three races are required to be completed to constitute the regatta.

12.3 Depending on the number of entries a class fleet may be divided onto several fleets.

12.4 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

12.5 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. No Discards will be allowed in the Optimist Final Series.

## **13. 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. STORAGE OF BOATS [DP]**

---

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 shall be awarded for the following classes:

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

If there are less than 6 competitors in each class, the prize for 1<sup>st</sup> place shall be awarded.

15.2 The best ranked Maltese competitor in Optimist Overall shall 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 thereof 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. BOAT CHARTER**

---

18.1 Charter boats will be provided by the official charterer entrusted 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 shall be fully equipped, excluding sail, and it is intended that these be available during the week preceding the regatta. An extra charge shall 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 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](http://www.maltayoungsailors.com)

For further information please contact the Malta Young Sailors Club Secretary, by email to [euomed@maltayoungsailors.com](mailto:euomed@maltayoungsailors.com).

---