

NOTICE OF RACE

THE HELLENIC SAILING FEDERATION are pleased to invite all Nations at the

XLIX BALKAN & OPEN BALKAN SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP

The event will be held in Municipality of Saronikos at Port of Palaia Fokaia Attica, Greece from **02 to 08 September 2016.**

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. No Class Rules change will apply.
- 1.4. The Official language of the championship will be English. All documents related to the Event shall be written only on English.

2. Advertising and bow numbers

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority according to WS Regulation 20.
- 2.2. In accordance with WS Regulation 20.3.1, athletes on the boats ranking first, second and third in the series at the beginning of that day shall:
 - Wear yellow, blue and red bibs respectively while racing; and/or
 - Display dots on their sails in yellow, blue and red respectively while racing.The bibs and/or dots will be provided by the Organizing Authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The regatta is open to: Optimist boys & girls, Laser 4.7 boys & girls, Laser Radial women & men, Laser Standard; Finn, 420 boys & girls, and 470 men & women (as per Minutes of the Balkan Meeting 2015.) and to competitors who comply with WS Regulation 19 – (Eligibility).
- 3.2. Participating crews in the regatta shall be designated by their National Authority. Each crew member of a competing boat shall be national or ordinarily resident of the nation where the National Authority the crew intends to represent is established. Boats shall comply with the Class Rules and have a valid measurement form. The sail number shall conform to the Class Rules.
- 3.3. The participation in the Balkan Championship is restricted (as indicated in Minute of the Balkan Meeting 2014.).
Each member Nation is allowed to participate with:
 - *1 Team Leader
 - *4 officials & support personnel
 - *1 International Judge
 - *1 National Judge
 - *1 Race Official
 - *8 Optimist (boy)
 - *4 Optimist (Girl)
 - *4 Laser Radial(woman)
 - *2 Laser Radial(men)
 - *4 Laser 4.7 (boy)

- *2 Laser 4.7 (girl)
 - *4 Laser Standard
 - *3 Finn (Men)
 - *2 420 (boys) 4 athletes
 - *2 420 (girls) 4 athletes
 - *2 470 (Men) 4 athletes
 - *2 470 (Women) 4 athlete
- Total : 55 persons.

If a National team is not at its full composition then it implies one official and support for every five competitors.

- 3.4. No entry fee will be requested.
- 3.5. Balkan countries may increase their allocated quota of sailors or support staff if they wish, but in that case preliminary information shall be given to the host country and all relevant costs for accommodation and food shall be covered by requesting countries.
- 3.6. For opening a Class or Category minimum 6 boats from three nations are required
- 3.7. One month prior to the Championship, the Organising Authority shall confirm the open Classes and categories
- 3.8. Entry form within the quota and extra quota and the number of the officials shall be send by email to the Organizing Authority not later than 1st August 2016.
- 3.9. The Organizing Authority will cover the full accommodation and food costs of the participating Balkan countries team within the declared quota from 02 to 07 September 2016.
- 3.10. Nations outside of the Balkan Region will be allowed to participate with full accommodation and food covered by themselves.
- 3.11. Final entries (class, name, gender, date of birth), and copies of: the driving license of the support boat drivers and boats registration and also certificate of the competing and the support boats insurance , shall be send by email to the Organizing Authority by the relevant National Authority not later than 14th August 2016 and will be confirmed at the Race Office according with the program declared in the present Notice of Race.
- 3.12. Coaches, Team Leaders and Representatives from participating nations shall be register at the Regatta Office before the first racing day and at the same time shall provide Regatta Office with their national flag (around 150 cm x 100 cm) and their national anthem on CD-ROM,or USB for the Opening Ceremony.

4. **Regatta Format**

Each event will consist of a series up to 11 races. A minimum of 3 races shall be required to validate the Championship.

5. Schedule

5.1. Schedule of races:

- Official arrival day: 02.09.2016.
- Measurement Control/Final registration: 03.09.2016.
- Practice race: 03.09.2016. at 13.00
- Opening Ceremony: 03.09.2016. at 18.00
- Races indicate date : 04.09.2016. at 11.00 - start of 1st race
- Races indicate date: 05.09.2016. (times posted on NoB)
- Races indicate date: 06.09.2016. (times posted on NoB)
- Races indicate date: 07.09.2016. (times posted on NoB)
- Closing and prize-giving ceremony: 07.09.2016. at 19.00
- Official Departure day: 08.09.2016 at 11:00.

5.2. No warning signal will be given after 16.00 on the last day.

5.3. No more than three races shall be sailed each day.

6. Measurement and equipment inspection

6.1. Each boat shall produce a valid Measurement Certificate, including the completed Measurement Form, at the time of pre-race measurement inspections.

6.2. In accordance with RRS 78, competitors are responsible for maintaining their boat in accordance with the Class Rules (for the purpose of RRS 78, competitors are considered to be the owners).

6.3. Pre-race measurement inspection proceedings will be posted on the official notice board the day before the first day for these inspections, and made available to competitors, team leaders and coaches at the Race Office.

6.4. Equipment inspections at random during the regatta may be organized.

7. Sailing instructions

7.1. Sailing instructions will be available during registration at the Race Office. Other documents governing the event will be published with the Sailing Instructions.

8. Venue

The regatta site is located at the Municipality of Saronikos at Port of Palaia Fokaia Attica, Greece

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9. The Courses

The Course types will be:

9.1. Olympic trapezoid course for L4.7, LRD, LAS, Finn, 420 and 470 classes

9.2. Optimist IODA course

10. Penalty system

10.1. RRS Appendix P will apply.

11. International Jury

11.1. An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

12. Scoring

12.1. The low point system of RRS Appendix A shall apply.

- There will be 11 races in each class series.
- At least 3 races are required to be completed to constitute the regatta series.

12.2. Discards

- When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores,
- When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13. Support boats

13.1. All support boats shall be registered (see 3.4) with the organizing authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations. The organizing authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.

13.2. Registered support boats shall fly a flag with their three letters national code or their national flag, clearly displayed or shall be permanently marked with a sticker of their three letters national code on each side of the boat or engine. Each support boat shall also fly a country flag

13.3. Drivers of the support boats are obliged to have with them their driving license or permit during races.

13.4. Registered support boats shall act as rescue boats in case of need.

14. Prizes and titles

14.1. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third crews of each Event by the Organizer.

The first crew of the final official ranking list of the Balkan Championship per Event will be declared: 2016 Balkan Champion

14.2. Medals will be awarded to the first, second and third crews of each event.

15. Disclaimer of liability

15.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority and all parties involved in the regatta organisation 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. Media Rights, Cameras and Electronic Equipment

16.1. By participating in the regatta competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

16.2. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organizing authority.

17. Insurance

All competing and support boats shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of **EUR 1.000.000** per event or equivalent. The original certificate of the insurance shall also be presented during registration.

In case there is no insurance it will be possible to obtain one on spot, at the Registration Office.

Information concerning Support boats, Charter boats, Accommodation & Travel, Current Weather and other essential information will be soon announced.

Race Areas

