



NOTICE OF RACE

The **Optiorange Valencia, Optimist International Regatta**, will be held from 26th February to 1st March 2026 in Valencia (Spain), organized by Real Club Náutico Valencia with the approval of the Real Federación Española de Vela and the cooperation of Federación de Vela de la Comunidad Valenciana and Spanish Optimist Class Association. The event is part of the 2025–2026 AECIO Optimist Excellence Cup.

In all rules governing this event, the notation [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

The event will be governed by:

- 1.1. The “rules” as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
 - 1.2. No national prescriptions will apply.
 - 1.3. [DP] Class Rules
 - 1.4. [DP] The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS)
 - 1.5. RRS Appendix P will apply.
 - 1.6. RRS 90.3(e) applies.
 - 1.7. The RRS 60.2(a)(1) are changed to “The protesting boat shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. She shall hail “Protest” and she shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line immediately after finishing of the boat/s being protested, or as soon as practicable after she retires.’
 - 1.8. RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. The personal flotation device shall conform to Class Rule 4.2 (a).
 - 1.9. This regatta is an international event for the purposes of RRS G1.1. Boats shall use the approved Nationality Code Letters on their sails as required by the RRS.
 - 1.10. [NP][DP] All the sailors and personal support shall follow any reasonable instruction given by a race officer.
 - 1.11. If there is a conflict between languages English will prevail.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available on the event website beginning Wednesday 25th February 2026. Other documents governing the event will be published with the sailing instructions.

3. COMMUNICATIONS [NP](DP)

- 3.1 The official notice board is online only and located at: www.optiorangevalencia.com
- 3.2 [DP] All support boats shall carry a VHF radio to communicate on international channels.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to support persons on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

4. ADVERTISING [NP](DP)

- 4.1 Each Individual competitor may display advertising subject to WS Advertising Code 3.2 but as restricted by class rule 2.8.
- 4.2 The Organizing Authority may require competing boats to carry the event sponsor advertising on the hull as provided by WS Advertising Code.

5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. All entries shall meet the requirements of WS Eligibility Code. Only current members of the Optimist Class Association for the country of their residence and born on or after January 1st, 2011 may enter this Event.
- 5.2. On 1 March 2022, World Sailing published the following recommendations in reaction to the situation in Ukraine: <https://www.sailing.org/2022/03/01/worldsailing-statement-6/>. After this, the Consejo Superior de Deportes of the Spanish Government and Real Federación Española de Vela published recommendations in the same line. To help preserve the integrity and safety of this event the organising committee does not accept competitors, holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality.

The Organizing Authority will be monitoring the situation and will adapt recommendations and measures according to future developments for this event."

- 5.3. The regatta will be open to all competitors invited by the Organizing Committee. **The maximum number of boats will be 500 boats.**
The organizing authority has the right to change or extend this number. The entry fee for these entries will be 190 €.
- 5.4. All Spanish sailors, with legal residence in Spain or sailing in representation of a Spanish Club will be in possession of the RFEV Sailor Federation License 2026. All competitors must have a coach in the regatta. Not more than 10 boats per coach with a support boat shall be permitted.
- 5.5. **Competitors from Spain must be ranked in Group 1/Group A or the top 30 of Group 2/Group B in their Regional Federation. (1st January 2026 Ranking). The organizing authority reserves the right to refuse the entry of Spanish competitors included in the above groups to achieve a minimum sailing level. All competitors shall sail in the same area.**
- 5.6. It is mandatory for all competitors to have a coach with a support boat in the regatta. Not more than 10 sailors per coach and RIB will be accepted.

6 . ENTRIES-REGISTRATION.

Entries:

- 6.1 Entries and payments shall be done online through the "Official Entry Form" which is to be found at the website www.optiorangevalencia.com
- 6.2 Entries shall be paid to be considered valid. Payment is mandatory at the moment of the entry. No entry can be completed without Payment. Entry to the event is not final until on-site registration is completed.

6.3 The Organizing Committee will regularly publish the confirmed entry list on the official website. The Organizing Committee has the right not to accept entries that do not comply with the Notice of Race.

6.4 The deadline for entries will be on 10th February. The Organizing Committee has the right to accept entries received after the entry deadline.

Fees:

Class	Entry Fee	Early Entry Fee
Optimist	190 €	160 € Until January 1 st
Coaches, Support Boats	70 €	40 € Until January 1 st

EARLY ENTRY FEE applies to all confirmed entries paid before 23:59 h on **January 1st**. **ENTRY FEE** applies from 00:00 h on **January 2nd**.

For all those registrations not accepted, the entry fee will be reimbursed. After January 1st 2026, entry fees will not be reimbursed under any circumstance.

6.5 Competitors shall provide the following documents before completing registration at the Race Office:

6.5.1 Parent/Legal Guardian consent – Medical Treatment Permission– or on their parent's medical insurance policy.

6.5.2 Coaches shall provide the list of competitors under their responsibility.
(Maximum 10 competitors per Coach/rib.)

The forms are available for download on the event website: www.optiorangevalencia.com

7 On-site Registration of Competitors and Coaches:

7.1 On-site Registration of competitors will be made at the race office only by the corresponding Coaches or Team Leaders.

7.2 Each Coach/Team leader shall register and sign the registration form at the Race Office before 18.00 hrs. 25th February 2026

On registration, all Coach/Team Leaders will be required to show:

- Evidence of competitor's birth date (passport, National Identity card).
- Proof of membership of the National Class Association.
- Spanish competitors must be holder of the 2026 Sailing License.
- Competitors' third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of 350.000€.

7.3 Coach and team support boats must register at the Race Office and shall provide the following documentation at on-site registration.

- Boat driving license (if applicable)
- Motorboat registry and valid third-party insurance.
- RFEV Technical License 2026 (Spanish Coaches only).
- List of the member of her team.

8 SCHEDULE

DATE	Time	Event
25 th Feb 26	10.00-18.00	Registration
	18.00	Mandatory Coaches Meeting
26 th Feb 26	12.00	Races
27 th Feb 26	11.30	Races
28 th Feb 26	11.30	Races
01 st Mar 26	11.30	Races
	After the races	Prize giving ceremony

8.1 Twelve races are scheduled. No more than 3 races per day will be sailed, except if one or more fleets have more races than others.

8.2 There will be no warning signal after 15.30 on March 1st.

8.3 [NP][DP] A Coaches/Team Leaders meeting is scheduled at 18.00 on Wednesday, 25th at the regatta base office. Attendance is mandatory for Team leaders and coaches.

9. RACING FORMAT

9.1 Boats will be divided into groups.

9.2 The regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series. Sailing Instructions will define the Racing format details.

10 SCORING

10.1 The low-point scoring system (RRS Appendix A) will apply.

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

10.3 When 4 or more races are completed, the worst race score will be discarded.

10.4 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11 RACING AREA AND COURSES

11.1 There will be one racing area. The Sailing Instructions will show the location of the racing area and will describe it.

11.2 The course will be an outer-loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg.

12. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT CONTROL [DP]

12.1 Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, daggerboard, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit, and sail during the regatta. Substitution of such equipment shall occur only with the Technical Committee's approval.

12.2 There may be measurements on the water following each race. Several boats may be spot-checked after finishing the race.

12.3 All equipment may be subject to a safety check.

13 PRIZES

13.1 Prizes will be awarded to:

Overall

1st to 10th

Absolute

Boys: 1st to 5th

Girls: 1st to 5th

Under 13(Born on 1-1-2014 and after)

Boys: 1st to 5th

Girls: 1st to 5th

14 SAFETY [NP]

- 14.1 Parents/Guardians are responsible for the safety of the competitors. It is the sole responsibility of the parent(s) of the sailor to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. Parents not personally attending any activity of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor. These include on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.
- 14.2 Each competitor shall indicate in writing a parent or adult representative who shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event in the Parent Consent and Declaration Form available on the Regatta website.
- 14.3 The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during and after the regatta.

15 SUPPORT PERSON [NP][DP]

15.1 All Coaches and supporting personnel are required to be equipped with VHF radio in working order and wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

16 RISK STATEMENT

16.1 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. Competitors and support persons participate in the event entirely at their own risk. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 16.1.1 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;
- 16.1.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 16.1.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage, or loss to the extent caused by their actions or omissions;
- 16.1.4 By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, complies with the class rules, is equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

16.1.5 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.

16.1.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

16.1.7 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.

17 SUPPORT BOATS (NP)[DP]

All Support boats shall register and shall fly a National Flag, Club Flag or a white Flag with the three letters national code of the countries it supports and the identify sticker that the race office personnel will provide, at all times while in the water.

Registered coach boats may enter the corridor from the starting line to the finishing line. All other boats must stay outside the course area at all times. It is the intention of this provision that each sailor shall have a support boat on the course.

18 CHARTER BOATS

There is the possibility of renting a limited number of boats and ribs.

You can see all the information at www.optiorangevalencia.com

19 ACCOMODATION and AIRPORT TRANSFERS

There are some Hotels with Special Prices for competitors and parents. You can see all the information at www.opiorangevalencia.com

20 TRAINING

All teams wishing to come and train in Real Club Nautico Valencia before or after the regatta must contact the Club to register at jacobo.monzon@rcnv.es

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