



NOTICE OF RACE

36 INTERNATIONAL VILA DE PALAMÓS OPTIMIST TROPHY 20 NATIONS CUP

PALAMÓS - COSTA BRAVA SPAIN 11 to 15 February 2026

Club Nàutic Costa Brava / Vela Palamós is proud to host the 36 INTERNATIONAL VILA DE PALAMÓS OPTIMIST TROPHY, 20 NATIONS CUP.

The event is part of the 2025-2026 AECIO Optimist Excellence Cup.

1. Date and Venue

The 36 INTERNATIONAL VILA DE PALAMÓS OPTIMIST TROPHY - 20 NATIONS CUP will be held from 11th to 15th February 2026.

The venue will be located at Palamós Beach near the Club Nàutic Costa Brava Vela Palamós, Palamós, Catalonia, Spain.

In all the 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.

2. Organization and Rules

- 2.1 The regatta will be organized by Club Nàutic Costa Brava / Vela Palamós, authorised by the Real Federación Española de Vela and Federació Catalana de Vela and will be sailed under the “rules” as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2 No National Prescriptions will apply.
- 2.3 Appendix P will apply.
- 2.4 [DP] Class Rules
- 2.5 [DP] Equipment Rules of Sailing.
- 2.6 RRS 90.3(e) applies.
- 2.7 RRS 40.1 applies all time while afloat. The personal flotation device shall conform to class rule 4.2(a.)
- 2.9 The first three sentences of RRS 60.2(a)(1) are changed to “A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest will concern an incident in the racing area that she was involved in or saw she shall hail ‘Protest’. 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.

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- 2.10 English is the Official Language of the Championship. If there is a conflict between languages the language of the original version of the relevant document will take precedence.
- 2.11 [NP] [DP] All the sailors and personal support shall follow any reasonable instruction given by a race officer.
- 2.12 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.

3. Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available beginning Wednesday 10th February 2026 on the event website. Other documents governing the event will be published with the sailing instructions.

4. Communications

- 4.1 The official notice board will be online only and located at www.palamosoptimisttrophy.org
- 4.2 [NP][DP] All support boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on international channels.
- 4.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors and support persons on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

5 Advertising [NP] [DP]

- 5.1 Sailor advertising is permitted on the hull as per World Sailing Code 3.2 but as restricted by class rule 2.8.
- 5.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

6. Eligibility, entry and registration

- 6.1 All entries shall meet the requirements of World Sailing Eligibility Code.
- 6.2 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 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."

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- 6.3 Competitors are required to be current members of the Optimist National Association of the IODA for the country of their residence and must be born on or after January 1, 2011.
- 6.4 [NP] All Spanish sailors and coaches must have a valid 2026 Spanish Sailing Federation (RFEV) license.
- 6.5 Sailors from Spain must be ranked in Group A or top 20 of Group B on his Regional Federation (1st January 2026 Ranking).
- 6.6 The regatta will be open, except for 10 entries for sailors from Club Vela Palamós. The remaining spare entries are for other sailors until a maximum number of 450 participants has been reached altogether.

The Organising Committee reserves the right to accept more entries. The entry fee for these entries will be 190€.

- 6.7 It is mandatory for all competitors to have a coach with RIB in the regatta. The quota is max 10 sailors per coach and RIB.

7. Entries

- 7.1 Competitors and coaches shall enter by completing the on-line entry form on the event website <http://www.palamosoptimisttrophy.org>
- 7.2 Entries will be accepted by the first come – first served principle and payment is mandatory at the moment of entry. No entry can be completed without payment.

It is mandatory to assign the coach when making the entry.

8. Fees

- 8.1 Fees are stated in Euros and include any local taxes.

	Early Entry fee	Entry fee
Sailors	165€	190€
Coaches	50€	70€

- 8.2 Entries must be received and paid no later than 1 December 2025 to qualify for the early entry fee.
 *If the sailor entry quota has been reached before 1 December 2025, NOR 6.6 shall apply.
- 8.3 Payments will be made by credit card as established on the regatta website
- 8.4 No entry fee refund will be made after 12th January 2026.

9. Online registration of Competitors and Coaches

- 9.1 Sailors and coaches must upload all documents required by this Notice of Race using the online check-in option in the Sailor and Coach accounts.

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Online check-in opens on 12th January 2026.

Onsite team registration to collect stickers and other regatta information will be made only by the corresponding team coaches at the registration office next to the Club Office before 17.00h on 11th February 2026.

Each coach will be allocated a time for registration.

9.2 The registration of a sailor will be accepted when the entry fee has been paid and all documents required by the NOR have been uploaded by the Race Office. Forms will be posted and available for download on the website ONB. The required documents are the following:

- Parent consent and declaration form
- Insurance certificate with third party liability coverage when racing (damage to third parties and property), or an extension of the third-party liability coverage, up to the amount of 1.500.000€. *
- 2026 AECIO Membership card (Spanish sailors only)
- 2026 RFEV Federation Licence (Spanish sailors only).

9.3 The registration of coaches and team personnel will be accepted when all documents required by the NOR have been uploaded by the Race Office. Forms will be posted and available for download on the website ONB.

The required documents for coaches/support are the following:

All coaches/team personnel

- Boating license (if applicable)
- Boat insurance including third party liability cover.
- Coach declaration form
- List of sailors

Mandatory for Spanish coaches only

- Licencia de Técnico RFEV 2026 (Spanish Federation technical license)
- *Certificado de navegabilidad de la neumática* (Navigability Certificate)

Entry in the event is not final until onsite registration is completed.

The Organising Committee is not responsible for the verification of the validity of the certificates and documents uploaded.

10. Format of the Regatta

In the case that there are more than 100 sailors registered, the fleet will be divided into fleets to sail a qualifying series followed by a final series.

The Sailing Instructions will define the Racing format details.

11. Schedule

11.1 The programme of the event is as follows:

Tuesday, February 10

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16.00 – 18.00 Onsite team registration (*Coaches only with allocated registration time*)
(*Handing out of stickers and other regatta information.*)

Wednesday, February 11

10.00 – 17.00 Onsite team registration (*Coaches only with allocated registration time*)
(*Handing out of stickers and other regatta information.*)

Thursday, February 12

09.00 Mandatory coaches meeting & meteo briefing [NP][DP]

11:00 Warning signal for 1st race

Friday, February 13

09:00 Coaches meeting & meteo briefing

11.00 Races

Saturday, February 14

09:00 Coaches meeting & meteo briefing

11.00 Races.

Sunday, February 15

09:00 Coaches meeting & meteo briefing

11.00 Races.

16.00 NO warning signal after this time

After racing, Prize giving ceremony

11.2 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.

12. Racing Area and Course

12.1 There will be one racing area. The Sailing Instructions will show the location of the racing area and its description.

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

13. Scoring

13.1 When 4 or more races are completed, 1 race score will be discarded.

13.2 Two races are required to have a valid regatta.

14. International Jury

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

15. Safety [NP] [DP]

15.1 All coaches and supporting personnel will be requested to be equipped with and use the life jacket and to carry with them a VHF radio out on the water.

16. Designated Adult

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- 16.1 Parents not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated.
- 16.2 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.
- 16.3 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.

17 Support boats [NP] [DP]

- 17.1 All support boats shall register and shall prominently fly a National flag or a white flag with the three-letter national code of the country/ies it supports, at all times while on the water. No other flags shall be displayed by support boats.
- 17.2 It is mandatory to use the kill cord at all times when the engine is running.
- 17.3 When flag Y is displayed on the Starting Vessel or ashore, Rule 40 applies also for coach boats.

18. Measurement [DP]

- 18.1 Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta. Substitution of such equipment shall occur only with the Race Committee's approval.
- 18.2 There may be measurement on the water following each race. A number of boats may be spot checked after finishing the race.
- 18.3 All equipment may be subject to a safety check.

19. Risk statement

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:

- 19.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in this sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- 19.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 19.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 19.4 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

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participate;

- 19.5 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;
- 19.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 19.7 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.

20. Trophies

Overall	1 st through 10 th
12 and under (12u) <i>Sailors turning 12 or younger in 2025</i>	1 st through 3 rd
13 and over (13o) <i>Sailors turning 13 in 2025 whether they are still 12 during the regatta dates</i>	1 st through 3 rd
Top girl	1 st through 3 rd

21. Nations Cup

21.1 Scoring system

For the Nations Cup, the total points without discard of the 4 sailors with the best individual cumulative results from each country in all races which count will be added to give a team total score.

21.2 Trophy

The Trophy awarded to the country with the best team total score will be the *Catalan Government Trophy*.

22. Charter Boats and Coach Boats

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23. Training fard storage equipment for teams entered in the regatta

Teams wishing to come and train in Palamós before regatta must complete the **Training Registration Form**.

Teams wishing to store equipment before or after the regatta must complete an **Equipment storage form**.

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The online booking forms will be available on the regatta website.

24. Additional information

For additional information contact Club de Vela Palamós - e-mail
info@palamosoptimisttrophy.org

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