



## 2023 OPTIMIST EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP Thessaloniki, GREECE July 15 - 22

### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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The 2023 Optimist European Championship is organised by the Nautical Club Thessaloniki, Kalamaria with the Hellenic Sailing Federation under the authority of the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA).

### NOTICE OF RACE

**Amendment March 12: Item 4.1 Bona Fide Residents**

**Amendment May 25: Item 3.2 Rule regarding usage of "Drones"**

**[NP]** denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).

**[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 63.1 and RRS A5.1.

### 1. RULES

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- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The current Conditions of the IODA will apply.
- 1.3 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 The first three sentences of RRS 61.1(a) 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.'
- 1.5 RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. The personal flotation device shall conform to Class Rule 4.2 (a).
- 1.6 In all rules governing this championship, both "athlete", "sailor", and "competitor" mean a person competing in the event. The term "support person" means a person as defined in RRS.
- 1.7 Reasonable actions by event officials to implement Covid-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

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- 1.8 **[NP][DP]** A sailor or support person shall not act in a way likely to denigrate or offend others at the event or elsewhere.
- 1.9 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. [NP][DP] ADVERTISING**

- 2.1 Sailor advertising is permitted on the hull as per World Sailing Regulation 20.3.2 but as restricted by Class Rule 2.8.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

**3. [NP][DP][SP] CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

- 3.1 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. Information from this equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes RRS 63.6
- 3.2 Drones are prohibited in the racing area at all times during the championship except those operated by the Organising Authority.

**4. ELIGIBILITY**

- 4.1 The Championship is open to competitors sailing on boats of the Optimist class that fulfill the eligibility requirements stated below. On March 1, 2022 WS published the following recommendations in relation to the situation in Ukraine: <https://www.sailing.org/2022/03/01/world-sailing-statement-6/> To help preserve the integrity and safety of the 2023 Optimist European Championship, entries shall be open to all nationalities but not to competitors holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality, **but this does not apply to bona fide residents that fulfil the requirements of Condition 10.2 of the IODA Continental Championships as of March 1, 2022.** The Organising Authority may amend this rule following any further World Sailing decisions on the situation with Russia and Belarus.
- 4.2 Competitors shall enter through the National Association Member of IODA (hereinafter 'Member') they represent.

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- 4.3 Competitors shall have been born in 2008 or later.
- 4.4 Each European member of IODA may enter up to 7 competitors with a maximum of 4 being of the same gender.
- 4.5 Each non-European member of IODA may enter up to 4 competitors with a maximum of 3 being of the same gender.
- 4.6 The defending European (closed) champions may participate, if eligible, in addition to the 7 competitors allocated to their members.
- 4.7 The Host Member may enter 14 sailors, which is twice the number of competitors permitted to other Members. Of the 14 sailors, 8 shall be of the opposite gender.
- 4.8 Competitors entering the 2023 Optimist European Championship will not be permitted to participate in the 2023 Optimist World Championship. This rule does not apply to the defending 2022 European (closed) champions (boy and girl), who may participate, if eligible, in both events.
- 4.9 Each team shall be accompanied by two adults: a Team Leader who shall be responsible for the team at all times and one additional adult who shall be the Coach.
- 4.10 Competitors shall be either national or bona fide residents of the country they represent, unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive Committee. A competitor who has represented one country at an IODA World or Continental Championship shall not represent another member country except in cases of alteration of residence, which cases shall be approved by the IODA Executive Committee. As per Condition 10.3 of the Optimist Continental Championships, when bona fide resident sailors are members of a team, they shall not be more than 50% of the sailors of their team.
- 4.11 As per World Sailing Regulations Appendix 3, item 19.6 (d) IODA events require competitors to have "World Sailing Eligibility" as defined in items 19.4 and 19.5.

**5. ENTRY**

- 5.1 Entries shall be made by completing the relevant online registration forms found at <http://2023europeans.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race> and by paying the **required fees** according to the following schedule.
  - 5.1.1 The **First Entry Stage** and a payment for 50% of the total required fees shall be received by the Organising Committee not later than **February 20, 2023**.

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- 5.1.2 The **Second Entry Stage** and a payment for the balance of fees (50%) shall be received by the Organising Committee **April 30, 2023**.
- 5.1.3 The **Final Entry Stage** deadline is **June 12, 2023**. Failure to define the members of the team delegation with the required personal data in the online registration area by this date denotes non-compliance with the entry requirements of this championship, and therefore, by the rules of this Notice of Race, sailors shall no longer be considered competitors and will not be able to compete.
- 5.2 Required fees are described in paragraphs 6 (Entry Fees), 15 (Support Boats); and 16 (Charter Boats). See the payment instructions in 6.3, 15.3, and 16.7 below.
- 5.3 A surcharge of 20% will be charged on all late payments to the Organising Committee.

**NOTE:** *Throughout this document, 'late payment' refers to the amount of money not paid before the relevant deadline, and the surcharge will be applied to the amount paid late, not to the total amount due before the deadline, or to the total amount corresponding to the relevant item. This includes all early arrival fees.*

- 5.4 Competitors entering and withdrawing their entry not later than **May 12, 2023**, will be refunded 50% of the deposit (except for any bank costs incurred due to the refund). **Competitors withdrawing their entry after this date will not be refunded, including all early arrival fees.** The same schedule applies for any payment made according to paragraphs 15 and 16 except for the charter boat fees which shall not be refunded.
- 5.5 Competitors, Team Leaders, and Coaches (when they are members of the official delegation) shall complete the on-site registration at the Race Office. The on-site registration of each competitor shall not be concluded until the completion of measurement has been confirmed by the Technical Committee to the Race Office. (see item 9)

**6. ENTRY FEES**

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- 6.1 Entry fees will be **EURO 595** per competitor and **EURO 685** per adult, maximum two adults according to paragraph 4.9.
- 6.2 Accommodation and meals are included in the entry fee for the duration of the Championship (from the official arrival day to the official departure day).
- 6.3 Payment instructions, including banking information, can be found on the PAYMENT page of the online entry system at <http://2023europeans.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race>
- 6.4 Fees shall be paid in EUROS.
- 6.5 Fees shall be free of bank commissions.

### 7. FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

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- 7.1 The Optimist European Championship comprises two equal events, one for boys and one for girls. Girls and boys will sail in separate fleets.
- 7.2 Each fleet will be divided into divisions, as far as possible with the same number of boats.
- 7.3 The allocation to divisions will be done by the Race Committee after the close of on-site registration on July 16, 2023.
- 7.4 Divisions may sail a qualifying series followed by a final series.
- 7.5 If minimum 5 races have been completed at the end of the third scheduled racing day in the qualifying series, the following days will be final series.
- 7.6 If minimum 5 races have not been completed until the end of the third scheduled racing day, the following day(s) will be sailed in the qualifying series until the minimum 5 races have been completed, and then the qualifying series will include all races sailed until the end of that day.
- 7.7 A qualifying series race for a particular fleet will not count until all divisions in that fleet in the qualifying series have completed that race.
- 7.8 If 5 races are not completed in the qualifying series for all divisions in a particular fleet by the end of the program racing days as described in 8.1, that fleet shall not be divided into Gold, Silver, or Bronze.

### 8. PROGRAM

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#### 8.1

Saturday, July 15	Official Arrival Day. Registration and Measurement.
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	Official accommodation available from 1400.
Sunday, July 16	Registration and Measurement. Team Leaders' meeting. Opening Ceremony.
Monday, July 17	Races
Tuesday, July 18	Races
Wednesday, July 19	Races
Thursday, July 20	Races
Friday, July 21	Races Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony
Saturday, July 22	Official Departure Day Accommodation provided until 11:00

8.2 Ten races are scheduled with a maximum of three races per day per fleet.

#### 9. [DP] MEASUREMENT

- 9.1 Each boat shall produce a valid Registration Book and each sail shall be accompanied by the corresponding Sail Measurement Certificate (CR 2.5.6 and 6.1.4).
- 9.2 Competitors shall use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the Championship. These parts of the equipment will be scrutineered and may be measured by the Technical Committee according to the Measurement Regulations and approved by the Technical Committee to be complying with the Class Rules.
- 9.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Technical Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 9.4 Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted providing that the relevant form has been submitted to the Technical Committee, and both the damaged and the substituting equipment has been checked by the Technical Committee and the substituting equipment has been scrutineered by the Technical Committee.
- 9.5 If the substitution was made on the water between races, both the damaged and the substituting pieces of equipment shall be presented to the Technical Committee after the end of the day's racing. In this case, the substitution is subject to the approval of the Technical Committee given retrospectively.

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- 9.6 Boats chartered through the Organising Authority shall carry the national letters of the country entering the chartered boat. This may mean a contravention of the Class Rules and is allowed by RRS G3.
- 9.7 Hulls chartered through the Organising Authority are exempt from complying with Class Rule 2.4.3 (b) and (c) and hence from CR 2.4.1. All other hulls shall comply with the Class Rules.
- 9.8 Competitors are only allowed to compete in the championship in boats correctly registered in the country of the competitor or charter boats officially chartered for the championship through the Organising Authority.
- 9.9 Sails measuring to the maximum limits during the measurement days may be inspected again.
- 9.10 Sails to be used during the Championship shall have been measured before inspection at the Championship. If a sail is presented unmeasured (or without the Sail Measurement Certificate), it shall be measured at the Championship either by an Official Measurer appointed by the Organising Authority or by an IODA Measurer. In the latter case the certificate will be issued at a cost of **EURO 50**, payable to IODA. Measurement of country letters and sail numbers is available for free.
- 9.11 GRP boats shall be equipped with Epoxy foils.
- 9.12 Once a boat has completed measurement, no item of equipment including the hull may be removed from the boat park without the permission of the Technical Committee. All items of equipment may be cleaned, but only with water unless otherwise permitted by the Technical Committee.

**10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing instructions, along with other governing documents will be available at <http://2023europeans.optiworld.org/>

**11. VENUE**

The Championship will be held in **Thessaloniki, Kalamaria, GREECE** at the **Nautical Club of Thessaloniki**. The racing area will be located in **Thermaikos Gulf**.

**Venue:** Nautical Club of Thessaloniki

**Contact at the Venue:**

**Club Address:** 112 Themistokli Sofouli, 55131 Kalamaria Thessaloniki.



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**Email:** [OptiEuros2023@gmail.com](mailto:OptiEuros2023@gmail.com)

**Website:** <http://www.ncth.gr/>

**12. THE COURSE**

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

**13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 Appendix P will apply.
- 13.2 Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5

**14. SCORING**

- 14.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a valid championship.
- 14.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 14.3 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.

**15. [NP][DP] SUPPORT TEAM VESSELS**

- 15.1 Team support vessels shall be registered with the Organising Committee and used according to the following conditions:
  - 15.1.1 Each vessel shall be a minimum of 4.5 metres in length, shall have a tow rope minimum 15 metres in length/10 mm diameter, and shall have an anchor chain and tackle adequate for conditions and depth.
  - 15.1.2 Each vessel shall display white flags bearing the three-letter national code of the countries it supports. Flags shall be supplied by the Organising Committee. No other flags shall be displayed by support team vessels.
  - 15.1.3 Unless otherwise decided by the Organising Committee, from **July 15** each vessel shall meet the requirements of the maximum number of adults per team allowed on the water in support team vessels as per 15.2 and 15.3 (hereinafter 'coaches') at any one time.
  - 15.1.4 Fuel and other consumables shall be paid by teams using the vessel.
  - 15.1.5 Coaches are encouraged to use a VHF radio. Radios will not be provided, and coaches should bring their own.



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- 15.1.6** Coaches and other personnel on support vessels shall wear a life jacket, shall be in compliance with the local law and shall be asked to sign a Disclaimer Form upon registration at the venue. All drivers shall provide I.D. and shall be required to register an international driving/marine license.
- 15.1.7** Drivers shall attach the “kill cord” of the support vessel to their person as a safety requirement when the engine is switched on.
- 15.1.8** Personal Support Team Vessels not chartered through the Organising Committee shall be registered with the Organiser and the following documents provided by the **Final Entry Deadline of June 12, 2023**:
- RIB engine registration document (engine brand name & engine serial numbers)
  - Insurance
  - Driver’s identity document
  - Proof of Int’l Marine License
- 15.2** Each support team vessel shall be shared by at least two coaches at all times. The Organising Committee will allocate places in support team vessels to coaches, subject to the above limits, and its absolute discretion.
- 15.3** Team support vessels will be available for charter from the Organising Authority during the championship days (**July 15 – July 21 inclusive**) at a Support Team Vessel Charter Fee of **EUR 1600 per vessel (EUR 800 per coach)**.
- 15.4** Reservations shall be made by completing the relevant online entry form at <http://2023europeans.optiworld.org> and transferring a first payment of **Euro 400** (50% of the total amount), which shall be received on or before **February 20, 2023**. The balance of fees **Euro 400** (50%) shall be received on or before **April 30, 2023**. Availability of places on support team vessels is not guaranteed for reservations and/or payments made after **February 20, 2023**.
- 15.5** Fees shall be paid in **EURO**. Fees shall be free of bank commissions. Any bank fee will be charged to the competitors.
- 15.6** A damage deposit of **EURO 800 per vessel** will be charged upon receipt of the vessel and refunded at the end of the championship provided the vessel is in good condition. Should the Organising Committee decide to deduct from the damage deposit, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the coaches are permitted to use the vessel again. Any remaining deposit will be refunded at the end of the Championship. Damage deductions will be shared by the teams using the vessel. **Damage deposits shall be paid by CASH only.**

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15.7 A surcharge of 20% will be charged to late reservations and/or payments of support team vessels.

**16. [NP][DP] CHARTER BOATS**

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- 16.1 Charter boats are not mandatory.
- 16.2 The charter boats will be provided by the Organising Committee. The method of allocation of charter boats shall be defined by the IODA Executive Committee as per IODA Condition 14.3 for Continental Championships.
- 16.3 Competitors shall not modify the boats or cause them to be modified in any way except that:
- A compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
  - Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat
  - Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line, and
  - All fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the Class Rules are complied with.
- 16.4 Competitors may use their own foils, spars, fittings and running rigging.
- 16.5 Charter boats will be delivered:  
**WITH:** hull fittings, two mainsheet blocks attached to the hull (one of them a ratchet block), airbags, padded toe straps, shock-cord to keep the dagger board in place (Class Rule 3.3.5), mainsheet block and becket (to attach the mainsheet to the boom), dagger board safety cord (Class Rule 3.3.4), wind indicator, racing spars, racing foils, paddle, bailers (2), bowline, and trolley.  
**WITHOUT:** any fitting at the top of the mast to secure the lacing lines at the throat point.
- 16.6 Sails will not be provided.
- 16.7 The charter fee for 7 championship days (July 15 – July 21) will be **EURO 450** per boat.
- 16.8 Reservation of charter boats shall be made by completing the online Charter Boat Reservation Form and by transferring **Euro 225 (50% of the total charter fee)** on or before **February 20, 2023**. The balance of the charter fee **Euro 225 (50%)** shall be due on **April 30, 2023**. Payment instructions are found on the PAYMENT page of the online entry system at

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<http://2023europeans.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race> . Charter boat fees shall not be refunded.

- 16.9 Fees shall be free of bank commissions. Any bank fee will be charged to the competitors.
- 16.10 Late registrations and payments will incur a surcharge of 20% of the charter fee. Charter boat availability will not be guaranteed for reservations and/or payments made later than **February 20, 2023**.
- 16.11 In addition to the charter fee a damage deposit of **EURO 150** will be required on receipt of each boat, to be refunded if no damage has occurred. **Damage deposits shall be payable by CASH only.**

**17. PRIZES**

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- 17.1 Prizes will be awarded at least to:
  - 17.1.1 The three best-placed boy competitors, regardless of their continent of residence.
  - 17.1.2 The three best-placed girl competitors, regardless of their continent of residence.
  - 17.1.3 The three best-placed boy competitors whose IODA member is European, the first of whom will become the 2023 European Boy Champion.
  - 17.1.4 The three best-placed girl competitors whose IODA member is European, the first of whom will become the 2023 European Girl Champion.
  - 17.1.5 The top three boy sailors and the top three girl sailors in their respective Silver and Bronze fleets (if applicable) will receive medals or small tokens.
  - 17.1.6 Team Prizes: The top three placed 'teams' (as determined for the 2024 European Team Racing Championship qualification) whose members are from Europe shall each receive medals or small tokens.

**18. RISK STATEMENT**

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- 18.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor and the responsible adult agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough

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seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

**19. INSURANCE**

- 19.1 The purchase of third-party liability insurance from IODA is mandatory. The purchase will be arranged through the IODA at a cost of **EURO 10** per competitor and per coach payable to the IODA before the end of registration at the venue. **Cash only.** Note: There is a EURO 150 deductible payable on any claim.

**20. MEDIA RIGHTS**

By participating in this championship, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, the IODA, and the sponsors of the championship, the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures, and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the championship, and of all of his or her material related to the championship, without compensation.

**21. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 21.1 For further information please contact:

Event Chair	Akis Tsalikis
Deputy Chair	Soulis Papantoniou
Email	<a href="mailto:OptiEuros2023@gmail.com">OptiEuros2023@gmail.com</a>

- 21.2 Each participating country shall designate a person to be the official contact with the Organising Committee and provide an email address.

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**ATTACHMENT 1: RACING AREA**



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**A. BEHAVIOUR**

*Team members and officials shall observe the regulations of the host club and the house rules of the hotel and shall behave correctly at all times. Bad behaviour at any time, whether on shore or afloat; with or without any damage to the facilities, may be investigated by the Jury who may call a hearing and impose a scoring penalty when appropriate.*

**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE RULES OF THE EVENT**

**B. ACCOMMODATION, LOCAL TRANSPORTATION, AND MEALS**

- B.1 Competitors and team officials will be housed in the Grand Hotel Palace Monastirious 305, Thessaloniki 546 28. For more information contact the Organiser at: [OptiEuros2023@gmail.com](mailto:OptiEuros2023@gmail.com). Official accommodations will be available from **14:00 on July 15, 2023, until 11:00 on July 22, 2023.***
- B.2 All three meals will be provided. Breakfast and dinner will be served at the hotel. Packed lunches will be provided at the nautical venue. The first official meal will be dinner on **July 15, 2023**, and the last official meal will be breakfast on **July 22, 2023.***
- B.3 A free shuttle will be provided for those who require it between the accommodation and the nautical venue. Daily times of operation shall be posted.*
- B.4 Any extra charges will be paid directly to the hotel and may be paid by credit card. Credit cards are accepted at the hotel and the nautical venue.*
- B.5 Special food to accommodate allergies or dietary restrictions can be provided if requested in advance. Please detail any special request for food by filling in the relevant field in the online entry form during registration.*

**C. EARLY ARRIVAL**

- C.1 Teams wishing to arrive before the Official Arrival Day on **July 9, 2023**, should complete the relevant fields of the online registration entry system. The rate for early arrival accommodation is **Euro 80 per person per day** including breakfast and occupancy tax. All accommodation shall be shared.*
- C.2 The regatta facilities will be open from **July 9, 2023.***

**D. EARLY ARRIVAL SUPPORT TEAM VESSELS**

- D.1 It is possible to rent a support team vessel to be used before the Official Arrival Day, from **July 9, 2023**, at **EURO 275 per boat per day.** Fuel and other consumables shall be paid by the teams using the boat. The boat shall be*



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*shared between two teams. Reservation of such boats shall be made by filling in the relevant fields in the Support Boat Reservation Form on the online entry system and by transferring a sum equivalent to the total amount (100%) which shall be received on or before **February 20, 2023**, to guarantee availability. Allocation of early arrival support boats will be made in order of arrival at the discretion of the Organiser.*

- D.2 *In addition to the support vessel charter fee a damage deposit of **Euro 800 per boat** will be required upon receipt of each boat, payable by **CASH ONLY**, to be refunded if no damage has occurred.*
- D.3 *Late reservation and payments of early arrival support boats will incur a surcharge of 20%.*

**E. EARLY ARRIVAL CHARTER BOATS**

- E.1 *Charter boats will also be available before the Official Arrival Day from **July 9, 2023**, at **EURO 60 per boat per day**. Reservations of pre-Championship charter boats shall be made by filling in the relevant fields of the online entry system and by transferring a sum equivalent to the total amount (100%) on or before **February 20, 2023**. Charter boat fees will not be refunded.*
- E.2 *In addition to the charter boat fee, a damage deposit of **EURO 150** per boat will be required, payable **IN CASH ONLY**, upon receipt of each boat. The damage deposit will be refunded if no damage has occurred.*
- E.3 *Late reservations and payments of pre-Championship charter boats will incur a surcharge of 20%.*

**F. TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT**

- F.1 *Transportation to and from the **Thessaloniki Airport Makedonia SKG** can be arranged for approximately Euro 65 per transfer, with the capacity per vehicle being up to 10 persons. Information regarding reservations and pricing will be provided on the official event microsite or by contacting the Organiser at [OptiEuros2023@gmail.com](mailto:OptiEuros2023@gmail.com). The distance to the nautical venue is approximately 10 km.*  
*You must submit your arrival and departure details by the **Final Entry deadline of June 12, 2023**.*

**G. HEALTH INFORMATION**



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- G.1 *It is advisable to check <http://www.healthmap.org/en/>, consult your travel agent, or the Consulate General in your country for the current health advisory regarding travel to Greece.*
- G.2 *Due to the agreement between IODA and the Organising Committee, the World Sailing "Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance for Event Organisers for the Protection of the Health for Sailing Communities" is in place for this event. For more information refer to <https://www.sailing.org/our-sport/welfare-safety/medical/>*
- G.3 *It is strongly recommended that you bring your own protective face mask and any additional personal protection with you, and that you wear a personal 'neck buff' while on the water.*
- G.4 *It is the responsibility of all delegations, especially those travelling from international locations to carefully review all entry requirements for Greece in advance to comply with the current mandatory local government and EU regulations for Covid-19, including the specified requirements to be fully vaccinated. Check <https://travel.gov.gr/#/> for more information. Additional information regarding rules to follow during the championship that may be implemented for risk mitigation of Covid-19 will be published on the homepage of <http://2023europeans.optiworld.org> closer to the Official Arrival Day.*

**H. SUPPORTERS**

*Supporters shall make their own reservations.*

**I. SOCIAL EVENTS**

*To enhance the friendship between the competitors and to make their stay in Greece more enjoyable, appropriate social events will be organised. Casual attire will suffice.*

**J. MISCELLANEOUS**

- J.1 *Each team is kindly requested to bring its own National Flag (100cm X 150 cm).*
- J.2 *The official currency in Greece is the EURO.*
- J.3 *Sailors are recommended to bring their own reusable water bottles, clearly marked.*
- J.3 *Generally warm weather persists in July in Greece, and all participants are strongly recommended to bring a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and light clothing.*

**K. SAILING CONDITIONS**

<i>Daytime air temperature</i>	<i>22 – 35 C</i>
<i>Water Temperature</i>	<i>26 – 28 C</i>
<i>Prevailing Wind Direction</i>	<i>S – SW - SE</i>

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<i>Wind Speed</i>	<i>10 – 25 Knots</i>
<i>Hours of Good Wind</i>	<i>5 hours</i>
<i>Tide</i>	<i>None</i>
<i>Current</i>	<i>Minimum South to East</i>

**L. VISA REQUIREMENTS**

*Delegations should visit or contact their travel agency or Consulate in their country to inquire about VISA requirements and review the government website: <https://www.mfa.gr/en/visas/visas-for-foreigners-traveling-to-greece/> If you require an invitation letter to support your entry to Greece, please send an email to [OptiEuros2023@gmail.com](mailto:OptiEuros2023@gmail.com) by the **Second Entry Deadline of April 30, 2023** and allow **14 days for processing**.*

**M. SPECTATOR BOATS**

*A spectator boat may be arranged for parents and guests throughout the event at a cost to be determined. More information will be available closer to the event.*

**N. CHANDLERY AND REPAIRS**

*Chandlery and repairs will be available at the shore venue*

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***O. SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS***

ITEM	COST	OBS.	
<b>Required payments</b>			<b>NoR</b>
Entry Fee Competitors	EUR 595	1st Entry: February 20, 2023- 50% 2nd Entry: April 30, 2023 – 50%	5 & 6
Entry Fee Adults	EUR 685	1st Entry: February 20, 2023– 50% 2nd Entry: April 30, 2023 – 50%	5 & 6
Support Vessel Charter Fee	EUR 1600 per vessel / EUR 800 per coach	1 <sup>st</sup> Entry: February 20, 2023 – 50% 2 <sup>nd</sup> Entry: April 30, 2023 – 50%.	15.3
Support Vessel Damage deposit	EUR 800 per vessel	To be paid upon handover of boat. Refundable. CASH.	15.5
Charter Boat Fee	EUR 450 per boat	1st Entry: February 20, 2023 – 50% 2nd Entry: April 30, 2023 – 50%	16.8
Charter Boat Damage deposit	EUR 150 per boat	To be paid upon handover of boat. Refundable. CASH.	16.11
Sail Measurement	EUR 50	Sails without certificate, payable to IODA.	9.10
Insurance	EUR 10	Competitors and coaches	19.1
Surcharge	20%	Late payments. Depends on item.	Various, but see NOTE in 5.3
<b>Optional Payments</b>			<b>Extra info sheet</b>
Accommodation Early Arrivals	EUR 80 per person per day, shared	Due February 20, 2023 – 100%	C
Support Vessel Early arrivals	EUR 275 per boat per day	Due: February 20, 2023 – 100% Fuel not included.	D.1
Charter Boat Early arrivals	EUR 60 per boat per day	Due: February 20, 2023 – 100%	E.1
Transportation from Airport to the Venue	Variable	Contact Organiser to reserve	F
Surcharge	20%	Late payments. Depends on item.	Various, but NOTE 5.3