

Umpired Fleet Racing

# PRE-NOTICE OF RACE

## O'PEN SKIFF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2025

TO BE HELD AT



Nishinomiya, Japan

[worlds2025.openskiffclass.org](https://worlds2025.openskiffclass.org)

Organising Authority:

**Windward Sailing Club**

in co-operation with the

O'pen Skiff Class Association

[DP] Rules for which the penalty may, at the discretion of the protest committee,  
[NP] Denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## 1 RULES

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- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The OSCA Class Rules will apply.
- 1.3 Any national prescriptions that will apply will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.4 Umpired Fleet Racing Appendix UF as approved by WS and adopted by the Class shall apply under RRS 86.2.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6 The current version of Development Rule DR22-01 Rule 18, the preamble to Section C, and Mark-Room shall apply. See Addendum X.

## 2 ADVERTISING

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Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. World Sailing Regulation 20 'Advertising Code' shall apply.

## 3 DIVISIONS

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- 3.1 The participating gender (boy and girl) age divisions shall be:
  - 3.1.1 UNDER 13 - born in 2013, or not later than 2016.
  - 3.1.2 UNDER 17 - born in 2009, or not later than 2013.
- 3.2 A minimum of 5 competitors is required to constitute a division.
- 3.3 U13 Competitors shall use the 3.5 Sail and U17 Competitors shall use 4.5 Sail

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

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- 4.1 Competitors shall meet the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19-Eligibility Code.
- 4.2 Competitors shall be members of an O'pen Skiff National Class Association recognised by the International Open Skiff Class.
- 4.3 A competitor shall have participated in their National O'pen Cup, or a National Championship of any World Sailing member class, prior to this event.
- 4.4 Eligible competitors may **enter online from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2025** – Online payment required. **Online entry will close on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025.** Online entry does not guarantee charter.
- 4.5 **The entry is limited as follows:**
  - U13 – 75 entries,**
  - U17 – 75 entries**
  - OSCA reserves the right to limit registrations from individual countries to ensure a balanced spread of entries in the allocation.**
- 4.6 An entry is not valid until paid.
- 4.7 Foreign competitors must be in compliance as prescribed by the national authorities to which they belong.
- 4.8 All competitors requiring a charter boat shall first confirm the allocation with OSCA. Go to Additional Information in this NoR for further details of the Charter Service.

- 4.9 All competitors bringing their own equipment shall inform OSCA no later than 28<sup>th</sup> of February.
- 4.10 The following shall be presented upon registration at the race office:
- Evidence of valid third party insurance (see also NoR #18)
  - Proof of age
  - Parental **Consent** Form (Annex A)
  - *- for those under age of 18*

## 5 ENTRY FEES

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- 5.1 The required competitor entry fee for the Open Skiff World Championships is **380 Euro until 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2025**.
- 5.2 A discount of 80 euro will be applied to entries, with payment, received by **25<sup>th</sup> of January 2025, the cost is 300 Euro**.
- 5.3 Late payments received, and late entries accepted, after 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2025, will be charged an entry fee of 450 Euro.
- 5.4 Entry fees paid by bank transfer to:  
 OWNER: Open Skiff Class Association  
 IBAN: CH7909000000160451759  
 BIC: POFICHBE  
 BANK: PostFinance AG, 3030 Bern  
 COUNTRY: Switzerland (CH)
- Please include "World Championships" in your payment advice and e-mail confirmation of payment to: [secretary@openskiff.org](mailto:secretary@openskiff.org)
- 5.5. 50% of entry fees may be refundable if accompanied by a medical certificate issued by a medical doctor stating a valid reason why the competitor cannot compete.

## 6 RACE FORMAT

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- 6.1 Number, format, length, exposure of Oscar/Romeo Flag, free style maneuver, if any, use of black flag (R.R.S. 30.3), of races for all divisions will be settled by Class Representative. Any amendment in SI shall be approved by class representative.
- 6.2 Boys and girls shall race together.
- 6.3 Divisions may race as one fleet or in groups depending upon entry numbers.
- 6.4 Three races are required to validate the championship for each division.

## 7 SCHEDULE

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16.07	Arrival day, charter boat distribution, equipment inspection
17.07	Registration 9:00 – 14:00, Equipment inspection

18.07	Late registration Fun Race - TBC Practice race / races 12:00 Opening ceremony 18:00 (parade to start at 17:00)
19.07	Races
20.07	Races
21.07	Races
22.07	Races Official Dinner
23.07	Races, last possible warning signal: 15:00 Prize Giving: 18:00

7.2 The first possible warning signal for each day will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 20:00 of the preceding day.

7.3 The Social Event Programme will be available at event registration.

## 8 EQUIPMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

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8.1 Equipment inspections may be made at any time during the event.

8.2 Upon completion of registration and until the end of the event, at all times when ashore except when launching and retrieving, all equipment shall be kept in their assigned places at event site. Removal of any equipment from the event site requires prior written approval from the race committee. Access to equipment in the storage area during certain hours, including hours of darkness may be restricted.

8.3 Unless otherwise directed by the organizing authority, boats and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area at the event site.

## 9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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The sailing instructions (SI's) will be available upon registration. Any changes to the SI's shall be approved by the Class Representative at the event.

## 10 COURSES

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Courses will be as described in the sailing instructions.

## 11 INTERNATIONAL JURY

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An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with WCR Appendix N. Their decisions shall be final as provided by RRS 70.5.

## 12 SCORING

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Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A, except for the discard profile. If 4 races have been completed a boat may discard their worst score; if 9 races have been completed a boat may discard their two worst scores.

## 13 COACHES AND SUPPORT BOATS

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- 13.1 Coaches and support personnel shall **register online** starting Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2025
- 13.2 The registration fee is 100 euro.
- 13.3 Coach boat charter is available, please see Additional Information to this NoR.
- 13.4 All coach boats shall be registered.
- 13.5 All Support Persons with assistance boat shall be accredited with the Local Organising Authority and shall have:
  - **IP Radio on board – this may be rented onsite**
  - accepted the "rules for support personnel and assistance boats" described in the Sailing Instructions;
  - provided numbers of the accompanied competitors.Accredited Support Persons will be subject to the technical and disciplinary directives of the RC and the PC which, in the event of an infringement, will be able to act on the basis of rule 64.5 of the RRS

## 14 SAFETY

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- 14.1 Personal buoyancy is mandatory for every competitor and support boat crew member at all times while afloat except, briefly, while changing clothes.
- 14.2 Every competitor and support boat crew member shall wear a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard of ISO 12402-5 (level 50), or as specified in the SI's.

## 15 PRIZES

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- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three male and female competitors of each properly constituted division.
- 15.2 The first competitor in each division shall be declared – **“O’pen Skiff (division) World Champion”**.
- 15.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## 16 OFFICIAL CEREMONIES

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Competitors are requested to attend the event’s social functions; however, the organising authority may refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion – “smart casual” is required. **Prize winners may forfeit prizes for non-attendance at the prize giving ceremony.**

## 17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to remain in the race is hers alone."

Therefore: by participating in this event each competitor agrees and recognizes that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity that carries risks. These risks include the possibility of facing strong wind and rough sea, sudden changes in weather conditions, breakdowns / damage to equipment, maneuver errors of the boat, poor seafaring by other boats, loss of balance due to boat instability and fatigue with resulting in an increased risk of injury. The risk of permanent and serious injuries or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes is inherent in the sport of sailing.

## **18 INSURANCE**

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Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1,500,000 euro per event or the equivalent. The insurance policy presented at registration shall have an English translation.

## **19 RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

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In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said Event as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

## **20 TRASH DISPOSAL**

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- 20.1 The Basic Principle says: “Participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing”. Therefore all sailors are asked to follow RRS 47 – Trash disposal - before, during and after the event : “Competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule applies at all times while afloat. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be less than disqualification”

## **21 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 22.1 Final Registration will take place at race office located at Windward Ocean Club 1-2 Nishihatocho, Nishinomiya, Hyogo 662-0933
- 22.2 For further information please contact:  
Email: [marine@windward-oc.com](mailto:marine@windward-oc.com)  
Email: [kentaro.windward@gmail.com](mailto:kentaro.windward@gmail.com)

# ANNEX A



2025 Open Skiff World Championships

Nishinomiya - Japan (16 - 23 July 2025)

## Parent / Guardian consent form

Sailor name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sail number: \_\_\_\_\_

U13  U17  Male  Female.

### In the event of an accident, please inform

Legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Declaration: LIMITATION OF LIABILITY COGNOVITS CLAUSE**

The responsibility for the decision to participate in a race or to continue with it is solely with the skipper. The skipper is responsible for the qualification and the correct nautical conduct of the crew as well as for the suitability and the transport-safe-condition of the registered boat. In cases of force majeure or on grounds of administrative orders or for safety reasons, the organizer is entitled to make changes in the realization of the event or to cancel the event. This does not constitute any liability by the organizer towards the participant, if the reasons for the changes or the cancellation do not result from a willful or grossly negligent behaviour of the organizer. In case of a violation of obligations that do not constitute primary or material contractual duties (cardinal obligations), the liability of the organizer for financial and property damages incurred by the participant during or in connection with the participation in the event and resulting from a conduct of the organizer, its representatives, servants or agents, is restricted to damages that were caused willfully or grossly negligent. When a violation of cardinal obligations occurs due to minor negligence, the liability of the organizer is limited to foreseeable, typical damages. To the extent that the liability for damages of the organizer is excluded or restricted, the participant also relieves the staff - employees and representatives, agents, servants, sponsors and individuals who provide or drive salvage, safety or rescue vessels or assist with their use - from the individual liability for damages, as well as all other individuals who were instructed to act in connection with the realization of the event. The effective racing rules of World Sailing, the administrative regulations regatta-sailing, the class rules as well as the regulations of the invitation to the competition and the sailing instructions are to be complied with and are expressly recognized.

#### **Privacy Policy**

Reference is made to data protection of personal information and data. Any personal information and data given to the organizers will be used only as follows: All data regarding participating athletes, coaches and their boats will be processed and archived for the purpose of this sporting event. Personal information contains the participant's real name, date of birth, club, sail number and address data. In particular, results, calculatory and visual analyses, position monitoring and race analyses will be published with reference to the competitors' names. In order to achieve this, the data will be transferred to our service providers and to such governing bodies like World Sailing and local organizers. It cannot be ruled out, that your data will be processed outside of the EU. Our service providers and governing bodies have been or will be committed by us, to exclusively use your data for the event and its preparation and post-processing, including ranking lists and global multi event scorecards. The commercial use of your data is prohibited.

#### **Being the parent / legal guardian I approve the sailors entry to this event and confirm that I have read, understand and agree to the terms of the Notice of Race.**

Permission is also granted for drug testing to be performed in accordance with World Sailing Anti Doping Code. This form does not constitute therapeutic exemption of a prohibited substance. Please contact your National Sailing Federation for obtaining such exemption when necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date /City)

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signature of parent / legal guardian

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – not part of the NoR

### 1) CHARTER SERVICE

Take Outdoors France will provide and manage charter service for participants

**Complete Boat (with sail) Charter Fee: 350 euro.**

Charter boats and sails will be allocated by the International O'pen SKIFF Class Association as follows:

15 – Italy (at least two in each division) – also the only country

8 - France (at least two in each division)

6 – Australia (at least one in each division)

6 – New Zealand (at least one in each division)

6 – Poland (at least one in each division)

6 – USA (at least one in each division)

4 – India

4 – Germany

4 – Hungary

4 – Switzerland

Applications may be made only through the National Class Association to- [secretary@openskiff.org](mailto:secretary@openskiff.org) -

Applications shall be received before December 20<sup>th</sup> 2024 stating number of boats required. Names may be provided at a later date.

Onsite a deposit of 300 Euro shall also be paid to cover any damage to the equipment. This deposit will be collected when charter is issued, and reimbursed to the competitor upon the return of the charter equipment in good condition at the end of the event.

### COACH RIB RENTAL

The LOA shall work with a local charter rib company to provide at least one coach boat OPEN SKIFF CLASS Member. These ribs shall be booked by the National Open Skiff Class Associations only and the booking shall be approved by the OSCA. .

Each NOSCA shall be guaranteed min. 1 rib with the exception of Italy, which shall be guaranteed 2 ribs.

Please contact [marine@windward-oc.com](mailto:marine@windward-oc.com) for more information



2) TRAVEL & TRANSFERS



【Access】

From Kansai International Airport To Hanshin Nishinomiya (Windward Ocean Club)

■ By local train

Kansai-airport ⇒ (JR) ⇒ Osaka ⇢ Osaka-Umeda ⇒ (Hanshin) ⇒ Hanshin-Nishinomiya

\* Kansai-Airport Ltd.Express "HARUKA" : 47min.  
(JR/Kansai-airport-Line)

\* Hanshin Limited Express : 18min.  
(Hanshin/Main-Line)

■ By Express bus

Kansai-airport ⇒ (bus) ⇒ Hanshin-Nishinomiya

\* Kansai airport limousine bus : 60min.

{※Departure from Kansai Airport :09:30/10:20/19:40/20:50}

■ By ship

Kansai-airport ⇒ (ship) ⇒ Kobe-airport ⇢ Kobe-airport ⇒ (railway) ⇒ Sannomiya ⇢

⇢ Hanshin-Sannomiya ⇒ (Hanshin) ⇒ Hanshin-Nishinomiya

\* Kobe-Kansai Airport Bay Shuttle : 30min.

(ship)

\* Port Liner : 18min.

(railway)

\* Hanshin Limited Express : 15min.

(Hanshin/Main-Line)