

Umpire Observation Fleet Racing
NOTICE OF RACE

O'PEN SKIFF EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

24th – 31st October, 2025
TO BE HELD AT



Barcelona, Spain

europeans2025.openskiffclass.org

Organising Authority:

**Reial Club Marítim Barcelona, Real Club Nàutic Barcelona and
Federació Catalana de Vela**
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.

1 RULES

- 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 [The Open Skiff Umpire Observation](#) shall apply and will be part of the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING

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

3 DIVISIONS

- 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

- 4.1 Competitors shall meet the requirements of World Sailing -Eligibility Code.
- 4.2 Spanish sailors, sailors officially living in Spain or representing a Spanish Club shall be holder of the 2025 RFEV Sailing License.
- 4.3 Competitors shall be members of an O'pen Skiff National Class Association recognised by the International Open Skiff Class.
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 Eligible competitors may [enter online](#)– Online payment required. **Online entry will close on 17th October 2025.** Online entry does not guarantee charter.
- 4.6 The entry is limited as follows:
 - U13 – 75 entries,
 - U17 – 150 entries

The entry number may be increased by OSCA
- 4.7 An entry is not valid until paid.
- 4.8 Foreign competitors must be in compliance as prescribed by the national authorities to which they belong.
- 4.9 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.
- 4.10 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*
- 2025 RFEV Sailing Licence (see NoR 4.2)

4.11 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."

5 ENTRY FEES

- 5.1 The required competitor entry fee for the Open Skiff European Championships is **380 Euro** until 15th of September 2025.
- 5.2 A discount of 80 euro will be applied to entries, with payment, received by **12th of July 2025, the cost is 300 Euro**.
- 5.3 Late payments received, and late entries accepted, after 15th of September 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 "European Championships" in your payment advice and e-mail confirmation of payment to: secretary@openskiff.org

- 5.5. 50% of entry fees may be refundable if accompanied by a medical certificate issued by medical doctor stating a valid reason why the competitor cannot compete.

6 RACE FORMAT

- 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

7.1

24.10	Arrival day, charter boat distribution, equipment inspection
25.10	Registration 9:00 – 14:00, Equipment inspection
26.10	Late registration Fun Race - TBC Practice race / races 15:00 Opening ceremony 20:00
27.10	Races 12:00
28.10	Races 12:00
29.10	Races 12:00
30.10	Races 12:00 Official Dinner TBA
31.10	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 [NP][DP]

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

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

Courses will be as described in the sailing instructions.

11 INTERNATIONAL JURY

An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with WCR Appendix N. Their decisions shall be final as provided by RRS 70.3(a).

12 SCORING

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

13.1 Coaches and support personnel shall [register online](#)

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:

- VHF Radio
- 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

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

15.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three male and female competitors of each properly constituted division.

15.2 The first competitor representing a European nation in each division shall be declared – **"O'pen Skiff (division) European Champion"**.

15.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

16 OFFICIAL CEREMONIES

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

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

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

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

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
Barcelona International Sailing Center
Moll de la Vela, s/n.
Sant Adrià del Besos (BCN)

22.2 For further information please contact Carlos G. Motta at race@bisc.cat

ANNEX A

2025 Open Skiff European Championships
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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)

signature of parent / legal guardian

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – not part of the NoR

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1) CHARTER SERVICE

Take Outdoors France will provide and manage charter service for participants

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

Applications may be made only through the National Class Association to- secretary@openskiff.org - Applications shall be received before August 1st 2025 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.

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