



PRE-NOTICE OF RACE

2026 MONSARAZ

RACEBOARD

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

04 to 09 May 2026

Monsaraz, Portugal

[Event website](#)

Organized by:

**Organized by Associação Formula Windsurfing Portugal and Clube de Vela de Lagos, Portugal
in cooperation with Câmara Municipal de Reguengos de Monsaraz**

An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event including

**RACEBOARD MENS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2026
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RACEBOARD MASTERS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2026**





1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing Windsurfing Fleet Racing Edition (WCR).
- 1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, and any other document governing the event, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.
This changes RRS 63.7.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boards may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3 DIVISIONS

- 3.1 Championship Gender Divisions (REC) – Men and Women.
- 3.2 Championship Age Divisions (RU21EC)
 - 3.2.1 A U21 shall be a competitor aged 20 or younger (born 2006 or later).
- 3.3 Championship Age Division (RMEC)
 - 3.3.1 A Master shall be a competitor aged 40 or older (born in 1985 or earlier);
- 3.4 Age Sub-Divisions
 - 3.4.1. A competitor may only enter one age sub-division.
 - 3.4.2 A Senior shall be a competitor competing in RWC aged 40 or less (born in 1986 or later);
 - 3.4.3 A Senior Plus shall be a competitor aged 40 or older (born in 1985 or earlier);
 - 3.4.4 A Grandmaster shall be a competitor aged 50 or older (born in 1975 or earlier);
 - 3.4.5 A Legend shall be a competitor aged 60 or older (born in 1965 or earlier).
 - 3.4.6 A Super-Legend shall be a competitor aged 65 or older (born in 1955 or earlier).
 - 3.4.7 A U17 shall be a competitor aged 16 or younger (born in or after 2010 but not later than 2014).
- 3.5 Weight sub-divisions. A Lightweight is a man who weighs less than 82kg; a Heavyweight is a man who weighs more than 78kg. A competitor shall stay within the chosen weight group throughout the regatta to remain eligible for the prize.
- 3.6 A minimum of 5 competitors is required to constitute a sub-division for prizes.





4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Entries shall meet the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19-Eligibility Code.
- 4.2 Competitors shall be members of a National Class Association which is a paid-up member of the international class association, or of the IWA. Membership formalities can be completed on site.
- 4.3 Eligible competitors may [enter online](#) - payment by credit/debit card or bank transfer required.
- 4.4 Online entry will close on **1st May 2026**.
- 4.5 An entry is not valid until the entry fee is paid.
- 4.6 The following shall be presented upon registration:
- Evidence of valid third party insurance (1,500,000.-€)
 - Personal Location Form
 - Proof of age
 - **Parental Permission Form** - *for those under age of 18*

5 FEES

- 5.1 The required entry fee is 250 euro.
- 5.2 A 50 euro discount will be deducted for entries paid by **15th April 2026**
- 5.3 Entry fees paid at registration shall be paid in cash (euro).
Account Name: The International Windsurfing Association
IBAN: BE16 9671 7092 4874
SWIFTBIC: TRWIBEB1XXX
Please include "REC" in your payment advice and e-mail confirmation of payment to: iwaoffice@internationalwindsurfing.com
All bank charges are at the expense of the competitor.

6 RACE FORMAT

- 6.1 There shall be a maximum 4 races per day, in a maximum 15 race series.
- 6.2 Divisions may race together.
- 6.3 Group Racing - The Race Committee may decide to divide the fleet into groups. The method of division will be announced and detailed in the Sailing Instruction.
- 6.4 Three races are required to validate the championship
- 6.5 Long Distance Race. It is the intention of the Race Committee to include a long distance race in the championship race series, which will rank as a championship race and may be discardable. Details to be posted in the Sailing Instructions and on the Official Notice Board.





7 SCHEDULE

Sat>Mon 02/03 May		Arrival & Training
Monday 04 May	10.00-16.00	Registration
	17.00	Welcome meeting
Tuesday 05 May	11.00	First possible warning signal
to Saturday 09 May		
Saturday 09 May	17.00	Last possible warning signal
	18.00	Prize giving ceremony
Sunday 10 May		Departure

7.1 There may be a daily skippers meeting on racing days.

8 EQUIPMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 An **Equipment Inspection Form** shall be returned to the Event Equipment Inspector by the close of registration.
- 8.2 Equipment inspections may be made at any time during the event.
- 8.3 Unless otherwise directed by the organising authority, boards 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 VENUE

The regatta site is: Monsaraz / Alqueva Lake

Latitude: 38° 25'59.27" N; Longitude: 7° 21'0.16" W





Race Office (Centro Nautico de Monsaraz)







11 COURSES

Courses will be as described in the sailing instructions.

12 PROTEST COMMITTEE

A Protest Committee, which may be an International Jury will be appointed.

13 SCORING

Scoring will be according to the WCR Appendix A

14 COACHES & SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1 Support Persons may **register onsite**.
- 14.2 The Support Person's Fee for registration is 50 euros.
- 14.3 A registration is not valid until paid.
- 14.4 Registered support boats shall act as rescue boats in case of need.



14.5 The following documentation shall be brought to the event Race Office before the Practice Race:

- Proof of valid third-party liability Insurance.
- Boat driving license.

15 SAFETY

- 15.1 Personal buoyancy is mandatory for every competitor.
- 15.2 A personal flotation device shall conform to the minimum standard of ISO 12402-5 (level 50), or as specified in the SI's.

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 Prizes may be awarded to the first 3 competitors of a properly constituted division and subdivision
- 16.2 The first competitor in each gender in the REC shall be known as – ‘2025 Raceboard women’s European Champion and 2025 Raceboard men’s European Champion.’
- 16.3 The first competitor in each gender in the RU21EC shall be known as – ‘2025 Raceboard women’s Under 21 European Champion and 2025 Raceboard men’s Under 21 European Champion’.
- 16.4 The first competitor in RMEC shall be known as – ‘2025 Raceboard Masters European Champion’.
- 16.5 European titles shall only be awarded to competitors eligible to compete for a European nation.

17 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. **Prize winners may forfeit prizes for non attendance at the prize giving ceremony.**

18 RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1 Rule 3 of the WCR: “The responsibility for a board’s decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.” Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:





- 18.1.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their board to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- 18.1.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their board and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 18.1.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 18.1.4 Their board and equipment is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 18.1.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the race organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 18.1.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 18.1.7 The fact that the Technical Committee conducts inspections, or not, of a board and equipment does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

19 INSURANCE

Each participating competitor/support boat driver shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1,500,000 euro per event or the equivalent.

20 RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

Registration will be in the race office. Race Office (Centro Nautico de Monsaraz)

For further information please contact: Vasco Chaveca

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHEET





The following information is not part of the rules for the Event.

A TRAVEL, TRANSFER & ACCOMMODATION

For issues related to travel, transfers and accommodation, please visit the relevant page on the event website or contact to: afwportugal@gmail.com

Camping at the event site near the Race office (Centro Nautico de Reguengos), with WC but without shower.

There are variety of holiday-rental, in Reguengos de Monsaraz, and in the village of Monsaraz, that is the nearest village.

The best way to book accommodations is going to the booking.com website, and in the searching area, you need to put Reguengos de Monsaraz or Monsaraz only.

Travelling:

There are 3 international Airports:

Badajoz International Airport (Spain): 93 km

Beja International Airport (Portugal): 101 km

Lisbon International Airport (Portugal): 186 km

If you need transfers from the airport there will be a fee depending on the airport, for that please contact the organization afwportugal@gmail.com

B PREVAILING CONDITIONS

The conditions that can be expected are: wind speed 7-25 knots from S, SW and W, water temperature 17-19°C and air temperature 15-25°C.

