



NOTICE OF RACE

**PLATU 25 CLASS
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP
7 – 14 OCTOBER 2023
VOLOS, GREECE**

Volos Offshore Sailing Club (I.O.V.A.Th.), in conjunction with the Hellenic and the International Platu 25 Class Association and under the auspices of the Hellenic Sailing Federation (HSF), are pleased to invite Platu 25 sailors to take part in the:

2023 Platu 25 European Championship

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The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. The international jury may refuse to hold a hearing when a boat protest based on these rules. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 63.1.

The notation '[SP]' in a rule means that a standard penalty may be imposed by the race committee or technical committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty may be imposed by the international jury with a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Other documents under definition Rule (g) include:
 - 1.1.1. Event Measurement Regulations and Policies. The document will be posted on the official notice board at least two days before the first scheduled day of the event measurement. They will also be available to competitors and coaches at the race office upon request.
 - 1.1.2. For the medal race, World Sailing Appendix UF, Umpired Fleet Racing - Platu 25 Edition, applies and changes a number of rules. The version that is current when the event begins will be published on the official notice board.
- 1.2. National authority prescriptions do not apply, except those to Rule 40 and 67. See Addendum A - "National Prescriptions".
- 1.3. COVID-19 infection prevention:
Infection prevention and hygienic regulations may apply. These regulations will be published on the event website.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the official notice board from July 2023 on.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board is located online in the following link:
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/5326/event>.
- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16, 68 and 72.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channels will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.4. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency or when using media or positioning equipment provided by the organizing authority, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.



4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Platu 25 class.
- 4.2. On 1 March 2022, World Sailing published the following recommendations in reaction to the situation in Ukraine: <https://www.sailing.org/2022/03/01/world-sailing-statement-6/>. To help preserve the integrity and safety of the Platu 25 European Championship, entries shall be open to competitors of all nationalities, but not to competitors holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality.
- 4.3. Competitors shall comply with WS Regulation 19 - Eligibility Code. Each competitor shall be registered as a World Sailing sailor on the World Sailing website.
- 4.4. Only competitors representing nations in good standing with the International Platu 25 Class Association (IPCA) may participate. At least one crew member shall be a member of a National Platu 25 Class Association affiliated to the National Authority or of the IPCA when there is no National Association in the concerned country.
- 4.5. Eligible boats may enter no later than 30 September 2023 by completing the "On-line entry form" posted on the event website and pay the corresponding entry fees. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all required fees. Entry will be completed by registration on site.
- 4.6. The organizing authority will publish the list of pre-entries on the event website.
- 4.7. Entries after 30 September 2023 may be accepted at the sole discretion of the organizing authority.
- 4.8. Upon request, the organizing authority may send invitations to comply with local visa procedures or COVID-19 travel restrictions.
- 4.9. Competitors under 18 years of age shall present a signed and completed parent (or guardian) consent and declaration form at on-site registration.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fees are as follows:

<i>Early Entry Fee (EUR) until 30 April 2023</i>	<i>Entry Fee (EUR) from 1 May until 31 August 2023</i>	<i>Late Entry Fee (EUR) from 1 September</i>
400€	600€	700€

The entry fee includes:

- 5.1.1. Hauling in and hauling out.
- 5.1.2. The berthing fee from 5 September to 15 September 2023. In case of a longer berthing time, the boat shall pay an additional fee. Previous agreement with the organizing authority is required.



- 5.2. The entry fee shall be paid either in cash to the organizing authority during on-site registration, or by bank transfer at the following bank account, naming the event, the name of the helmsman and the sail number.

Bank Account Details:

Bank: **Alpha bank**

Beneficiary: **Istioploikos Omilos Volou Anoixtis Thallasis**

IBAN: **GR9501403100310002101501152**

BIC/SWIFT: **CRBAGRAA**

- 5.3. The fee is non-refundable, except for the event being canceled by the organizing authority or if the entry is rejected. The organizing authority may refund 60% of the entry fee due to withdrawal of the entry until 30 September 2023, upon credible justification presented that the withdrawal is the result of an unpredictable COVID-19 situation.

6. [DPI] ADVERTISING AND BOW NUMBERS

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display event advertising and bow numbers chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. Boats shall not display advertising from previous events.
- 6.2. It is prohibited to distribute and display advertising material both in the area of the shore facilities and jetties or to attach such material separately on the boats and harbor facilities, unless prior permission has been given by the organizing authority.

7. EVENT FORMAT

- 7.1. The event will consist of an opening series and a medal race.
- 7.2. The ten highest ranked boats at the conclusion of the opening series will advance to the medal race, provided a minimum of five (5) races have been completed in the opening series.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1. The schedule of the event is as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Schedule</i>	<i>Time</i>
7 October 2023	Registration & Measurement	10:00 – 18:00
8 October 2023	Registration & Measurement	10:00 – 18:00
	Registration & Measurement	10:00 – 13:00
9 October 2023	Warning signal Practice Race	15:00
	Opening Ceremony	19:00
	Opening Series	
10 October 2023	Skipper's Meeting	10:30
	Possible warning signal for the 1 st race	13:00
11 October 2023	Opening Series	TBA
12 October 2023	Opening Series	TBA
13 October 2023	Opening Series	TBA
	Medal Race	TBA
14 October 2023	Prize Giving	TBA



- 8.2. The on-site registration for boats and support person vessels will be held at the race office located at the I.O.V.A.Th Clubhouse (See Addendum B - "Venue Map").
- 8.3. Equipment inspection and event measurement will be held in the measurement area (See Addendum B - "Venue Map"). The place and the specific times will be posted on the official notice board.
- 8.4. On the first scheduled day of racing, a skipper's meeting will be held at 10:30. Details will be published in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.5. Twelve races and a medal race are scheduled in the event.
- 8.6. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

9. [DPI] EQUIPMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1. A technical committee will be appointed in accordance with RRS 92.
- 9.2. Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate, including the completed Measurement Form, at the time of equipment inspections and event measurement.
- 9.3. If a boat is to produce a measurement certificate, she shall do so before 18:00 local time on 9 October 2023. This changes RR 78.2.
- 9.4. Boats shall also comply with RRS 78.1 between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.
- 9.5. Boats shall be available for equipment inspection during the times stated in NoR 8.1.
- 9.6. The following equipment may be inspected or measured during equipment inspection and event measurement, at the discretion of the chairman of the technical committee:
 - 9.6.1. Conformity of the hull to the measurement certificate.
 - 9.6.2. Identification marks on hull, spars and sails.
 - 9.6.3. Permitted fittings on boats.
 - 9.6.4. Safety equipment.
- 9.7. Full measurement of boats within the Top 10 of the final results of the 2021 World Championship and additional boats will be made, so that at least one boat per country will undergo full measurement, chosen at random by the chairman of the technical committee.
- 9.8. The chairman of the technical committee may request additional inspection checks on a case-by-case basis at any time.

10. VENUE

- 10.1. Addendum B - "Venue Map" shows the plan of the event venue.
- 10.2. Addendum C - "Racing Area" shows the location of the racing area.

11. COURSES

The courses will be Windward/Leeward.



12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 12.2. An international jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). The right of appeal from an international jury decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.5.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 13.2. Opening Series:
 - 13.2.1. When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
 - 13.2.2. When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 13.3. Medal Race:
 - 13.3.1. RRS A4 is changed so that the points scored in the medal race are doubled, with any discretionary and standard penalties then added.
 - 13.3.2. RRS A5.2 is changed so that the points scored are based on the number of boats assigned to the medal race and then doubled.
 - 13.3.3. The score for the medal race shall not be excluded from the series score.
 - 13.3.4. For boats assigned to compete in the medal race, series-score ties shall be broken by the score for the medal race. This changes RRS A8. For tied boats with the same scores in the medal race, ties shall be broken applying RRS A8 to the opening series scores.
 - 13.3.5. The boats assigned to compete in the medal race shall be scored highest in the event. This may not apply to a boat disqualified under RRS 6 or 69.
 - 13.3.6. A boat assigned to compete in the medal race shall make a genuine effort to start, sail the course and finish. The penalty for a breach of this instruction will be ranking the boat tenth in the event. If there are two or more such boats, they will be ranked ninth and tenth, and so on, in order of their opening series ranks. This changes RRS A2.
- 13.4. RRS 90.3(e) applies.

14. SUPPORT PERSONS AND SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 14.1. All support person vessels and designated drivers shall be registered with the organizing authority by completing the registration form, posted on the event website by 30 September 2023 and pay the corresponding entry fees. The registration will be completed by registration on site (dates and times as stated in NoR 8.1). The organizing authority and/or race committee may refuse registrations or accept later registrations at their sole discretion.
- 14.2. On 1 March 2022, World Sailing published the following recommendations in reaction to the situation in Ukraine: <https://www.sailing.org/2022/03/01/world-sailing-statement-6/>. To help preserve the integrity and safety of the Platu 25 European



Championship, entries shall be open to support persons of all nationalities, but not to support persons holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality.

14.3. Support persons and support person vessels shall comply with local legislation and the "Event Support Persons Regulations", published on the official notice board.

14.4. Registration Fee

14.4.1. The registration fee for support person vessels is 70€.

14.4.2. The berthing fee from 5 September to 15 September 2023. In case of a longer berthing time, the boat shall pay an additional fee. Previous agreement with the organizing authority is required.

14.4.3. The registration fee shall be paid either by cash to the organizing authority during on-site registration, or by bank transfer at the following bank account, naming the event and the name of the support person:

Bank Account Details:

Bank: **Alpha bank**

Beneficiary: **Istioploikos Omilos Volou Anoixtis Thallasis**

IBAN: **GR9501403100310002101501152**

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14.4.4. The registration fee is non-refundable, except for the event being canceled by the organizing authority or if the entry is rejected. The organizing authority may refund 60% of the entry fee due to withdrawal of the entry until 30 September 2023, upon credible justification presented that the withdrawal is the result of an unpredictable COVID-19 situation.

14.5. Insurance:

14.5.1. Each support person vessel at the event shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 2.100.000 EUR (or the equivalent) per incident and valid for the event.

14.5.2. The organizing authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of the insurance certificates in accordance with NoR 14.5.1. However, the organizing authority reserves the right to verify the status or validity of insurance certificates to ensure protection for all persons involved in the event.

14.5.3. If guidance is necessary regarding purchase of a valid third-party insurance, please contact the organizing authority well in advance by email.

15. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

16. [NP] BERTHING AND HAULING OUT

16.1. [SP] Unless otherwise instructed, boats shall be kept in their assigned places when berthed in the harbor.

16.2. [SP] All boats shall be afloat by 19:30 local time on 9 October 2023.

16.3. [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except, with and according to the



terms of prior written permission of the technical committee.

17. [NP][DP] MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 17.1. By participating in the championship, competitors, registered support persons or other persons legally bound to this Notice of Race, automatically grant to the IPCA, NPCA and to the organizing authority and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 17.2. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organizing authority.

18. DATA PROTECTION

The organizing authority will process, and store personal data collected from competitors and registered support persons or another person legally bound to this Notice of Race in connection with the event. Protection of personal data shall be arranged in compliance with the local legislation or, where applicable, in compliance with EU GDPR Regulation.

19. RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1. Competitors participate in the championship entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 3, Decision to Race. The responsibility for the decision to participate in a race or to continue with it is solely with the Person in Charge (as defined in RRS 46); to that extent the Person in Charge also accepts full responsibility for the crew. The Person in Charge is responsible for the qualification and the correct nautical conduct of the crew as well as for the suitability and the seaworthiness of the registered boat.
- 19.2. The responsibility for the decision to provide support to a competitor or to continue with it is solely with the registered support person; to that extent the registered support person also accepts full responsibility for the crew on the support person vessel. The person in charge for the support person vessel is responsible for the qualification and the correct nautical conduct of the crew as well as for the suitability and the seaworthiness of the registered support person vessel.
- 19.3. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - 19.3.1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
 - 19.3.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
 - 19.3.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
 - 19.3.4. By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order,



equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.

- 19.3.5. The provision of a race management team, safety boats, judges and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- 19.3.6. The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 19.3.7. They will familiarize themselves with any venue/event specific risks, adhere to rules and information produced for the venue/event and they will attend any venue/event safety briefings.
- 19.3.8. The organizing authority and all persons involved in the regatta organization will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20. INSURANCE

- 20.1. Each boat at the event shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 2.100.000 EUR (or the equivalent) per incident and valid for the event.
- 20.2. The organizing authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of the insurance certificates in accordance with NoR 21.1. However, the organizing authority reserves the right to verify the status or validity of insurance certificates to ensure protection for all persons involved in the event.
- 20.3. If guidance is necessary regarding purchase of a valid third-party insurance, please contact the organizing authority well in advance by email.

21. PRIZES AND TITLES

- 21.1. A trophy will be awarded to the first overall scored European boat of the Championship. The boat will be declared "Platu 25 Class European Champion".
- 21.2. Medals will be awarded to the first, second and third overall winners of the Championship.
- 21.3. A prize will be awarded to the first overall scored boat with an all-female crew.
- 21.4. Prizes not claimed at the prize giving ceremony will remain with the organizing authority.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

For general questions to the organizing authority please contact:

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GENERAL INFORMATION (NOT PART OF THE NoR)

1. ACCOMODATION AND PARKING

- a. Information on accommodation will be published on the regatta website. The organizing authority will not provide accommodation, but will make a reasonable effort to provide special rates to all participating teams.
- b. The registered boats, their trailers and cars will be hosted by I.O.V.A.Th., in special spaces reserved for the event, from 5 October 2023 until 15 October 2023. Information about those spaces will be posted on the official notice board and will also be given to each team upon registration.

2. HAULING IN AND HAULING OUT

- a. Hauling in is scheduled for the event on 7-9 October 2023. Hauling out is scheduled on 14-15 October 2023. Hauling in and hauling out on days other than those indicated, will have an extra cost and must be agreed with the organizing authority.

3. TRAINING

- a. Crews wishing to travel before the dates of the regatta for training purposes shall request so in writing to the organizing authority. The organizing authority will inform them of the costs involved and will confirm the authorization for training.
- b. A tune-up regatta will be held prior to the event. More information will be published on the event website.



ADDENDUM A - "NATIONAL PRESCRIPTIONS"

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTIONS 2021 – 2024
HELLENIC SAILING FEDERATION

Rule 40:

Add new rule 40.3: «At all times while afloat, support persons shall wear a personal floatation device, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or when they are on board anchored vessels. »

Rule 67: Damages:

1. Any question or request related to damages arising from an incident occurred while a boat was bound by the *rules*, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing depends on the appropriate courts and cannot be examined and dealt by a protest committee.
2. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a rule.



ADDENDUM B - "VENUE MAP"



You can easily reach Volos from Athens and Thessaloniki by car, bus or train. Indicatively, the distance to Volos is:

- **Athens - Volos:** The distance is 325 km and the journey lasts around 3.5 hours by car (via A1 highway).
- **Thessaloniki - Volos:** The distance is 207 km and the journey is approximately 2 hours by car (via A1 highway).
- **Igoumenitsa - Volos:** The distance is 307 km and the journey is approximately 4 hours by car (via Egnatia Odos).

If you plan to travel to Volos by bus or train here are some useful information for your trip:

- The bus routes from Athens to Volos are operated by KTEL Magnesias. The buses depart from the KTEL bus station in Liossia and the journey takes around 4 hours.
- The bus routes from Thessaloniki to Volos are operated by KTEL Magnesias. The buses depart from the KTEL bus station 'Macedonia'. The journey lasts 2-2,5 hours.
- The bus station in Volos is located 1.5 km from the port.
- Volos train station is located 1.3 km from the port.
- At the moment, there is no direct train from Athens or Thessaloniki to Volos, but you can reach Volos with a stopover in Larissa. The train route Larissa - Volos takes 45 minutes and the ticket is very cheap.

The closest international airports are:

- Athens International Airport Eleftherios Venizelos.
- Thessaloniki Airport Makedonia.



ADDENDUM C - "RACING AREA"

