
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

EVENT

15th Choco Cup Optimist Regatta
Balatonföldvár, 22 – 24. July 2025

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Other documents under RRS Definition: Rule (g) include:
 - a. the Regatta Regulations of the Hungarian Sailing Federation (RR),
 - b. the Advertising Code of the Hungarian Sailing Federation,
 - c. RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, and
 - d. Optimist class rules,
 - e. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration.
 - 1.2. The following prescriptions of the Hungarian national authority will apply:
https://www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/national_prescriptions.php
 - 1.3. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
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2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices for the competitors will be posted on the official notice board next to the entrance of the Spartacus Sailing Club (Móló, Balatonföldvár H-8623) training hangar. For information purposes the notice board is also available online at the following link: <https://www.chococup.spartacus.hu/notice-board>

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board one and a half hours before the scheduled time of the first race affected, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted until 8:00 pm or until the protest time limit (whichever is later) on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. The signals made ashore are displayed on the flagpole of the Spartacus Sailing Club in front of the clubhouse.
 - 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, in the AP section of the RRS "1 minute" will be changed to "not less than 50 minutes".
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5. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 5.1. If the number of boats is 100 or more, the regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.
 - 5.2. The rules for the race format declared in 5.1 – which supplement and partially modify the rules of this Sailing Instructions – are defined in **Addendum A**.
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6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Program

Date	Time	Event
Day 0: 21.07.2025	16:00-20:00	Registration
Day 1: 22.07.2025	8:30	Team leader meeting

6.2. Racing days, scheduled time of warning signals, races per day:

Racing day	1 st warning signal	Races per day
Day 1: 22.07.2025	9:55	3
Day 2: 23.07.2025	9:55	3
Day 3: 24.07.2025	9:55	3

- 6.3. Total number of scheduled races: 9
 - 6.4. If not all races have been completed an extra race may be added according to A1.6 in Addendum 4 /11 A. Competitors will be noticed in accordance with SI 3.
 - 6.5. On the last racing day, no warning signal will be made after 4:00 pm
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7. FLAGS

Flag	Group
	Optimist - no fleets
	Optimist – yellow / gold csoport
	Optimist – blue / silver csoport
	Optimist – red / bronze csoport

8. COURSE AREA

The location of the course areas is defined in **Attachment 1**.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The Optimist class competes on the **IODA trapezoid course**.
 - 9.2. The course layout is defined in **Attachment 2**, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
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10. THE MARKS

- 10.1. The marks are defined in **Attachment B**. Yellow inflatable cylindrical bouys.
 - 10.2. If one of the marks is missing at a gate, the substitute mark must be rounded to the left.
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11. THE START

- 11.1. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
 - 11.2. The starting line is between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
 - 11.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting area is defined as the area 50 meters from the starting line in all directions.
 - 11.4. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS rules A4 and A5.
 - 11.5. Rule 30.4 (Black Flag Rule) is supplemented as follows: Sail numbers will be displayed for at least 3 minutes. A long sound signal will be made when the numbers are initially displayed.
 - 11.6. If the wind conditions allow, the succeeding races of one fleet will be started after the arrival of the last boat of the fleet, without waiting for the other fleets to arrive at the finish, so the fleets will not necessarily start in the original order.
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12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course the race committee will reposition the original mark (or move the finishing line).

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between the mast displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark with a blue flag.
- 13.2. After reaching the finish line, competitors must leave the finish area as soon as possible. Sailing for the next start should be done by bypassing the course without disturbing the sailboats still competing.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. RRS Appendix P applies with modifications in accordance with 14.2.

- 14.2. Rule P2.3 has been deleted, and rule P2.2 is amended so that it always applies after the first penalty. If a boat is penalized under rule P2.1 after passing the finish line, she may execute the penalty or take an 8-point penalty without a hearing.
- 14.3. Appendix T applies.
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15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1. The time limits and target times for each class (in minutes) are as follows:

Class	Time limit			Target time for the 1 st to finish
	at the first mark	for the 1 st to finish	for finish window	
Optimist	25	80	25	50

- 15.2. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 15.3. Boats failing to finish within the time stated in the finish window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
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16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Hearing request forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered at the jury office within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2. The protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the finish of the last boat in each fleet or 60 minutes after signal of the end of the last race of the day by the race director, whichever is later.
- 16.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5. A list of boats that have been penalized under Appendix P will be posted.

- 16.6. When applying RRS rule 66 the term “On the last scheduled race day” is replaced by “On the last day of a series”.
 - 16.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
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17. SCORING

- 17.1. Two races is required to be completed to constitute the Choco Cup.
 - 17.2. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 17.3. When from four or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 17.4. Competitors in the youth and cadet age groups will start together, but will be scored separately according to their years of birth by extracting results from the overall without recalculation. The same applies for girls, who are scored separately regardless of age.
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18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits and drysuits are not personal flotation devices. This changes rule RRS 40.
 - 18.2. If necessary, an official boat may instruct a competitor to leave his boat and move to the boat participating in the rescue.
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19. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

The organizers of the competition may mark the sails to be used during the registration with a unique marking to avoid unauthorized replacements. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats are marked as follows:

Boat type	Identification flag
Race committee	white flag with RC sign
Protest committee	yellow flag with JURY sign
Media	white flag with MEDIA sign

21. SUPPORT BOATS, TEAM LEADER MEETINGS

- 21.1. All coaches must inform the race committee if any of their competitors give up the race or leave the race course area during the race for any other reason.
 - 21.2. Wearing a buoyancy aid is recommended for all support personnel. The rescue plan for the competition will be presented at the team leader meeting.
 - 21.3. It is strongly recommended that support boats carry a fully operational VHF radio on board.
 - 21.4. Support vessels shall stay outside the areas - including the 50 m area surrounding the start and finish line - on which the boats race from the warning signal of the first class or fleet until the finish of the last boat of the class or fleet or until the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The primary place of support boats is the waiting area marked on Attachment B. This restriction shall not apply for a support person vessel giving help to a boat or competitor in danger.
 - 21.5. A Team leader meeting will be held in the front of the Clubhouse at 8:30.
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22. DISPOSAL OF WASTE

Waste can be placed on support or official boats.

23. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except for an emergency (VHF78), a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

24. PRIZES

Each class is scored in the age groups and subclasses according to RR 6.2. The prizes given are defined in the Notice of Race.

25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See: RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage and/or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

ADDENDUM A

Rules in Optimist class, if the competition is held in the format specified in 5.1.

A1. QUALIFICATION SERIES

- A1.1. In the qualification series, the boats will be classified into fleets of possible equal size and equal knowledge. In case of 101-160 boats there will be two fleets (yellow and blue), in case of more boats there will be three fleets (yellow, blue and red).
- A1.2. The basis of the fleet classification for the first day of the qualification series is the current ranking list available on the **optimist.hu** website on the day of registration.
- A1.3. Competitors are classified as follows:

Ranking in the national ranking list / series	Fleet classification with 2 fleets	Fleet classification with 3 fleets
1	yellow	yellow
2	blue	blue
3	blue	red
4	yellow	red
5	yellow	blue
6	blue	yellow
7	blue	yellow
8	yellow	blue
additional places	using the above logic	using the above logic

Competitors (newcomers, foreign competitors) not included in the ranking list or the national team will be classified for the first day of the competition by a lottery committee nominated by the race committee.

- A1.4. After each race day in the qualifying series, if at least two races have been completed for each fleet since the previous classification, the boats will be re-classified according to the overall result list valid at 8:00 p.m. (regardless of the outcome of ongoing protests) using method described in A1.3. If not all fleets have completed the same number of races, the rankings on which the reclassification is based will be the races that all fleets completed. In this

case, on the new race day, the missed races of the fleet(s) will be sailed first using the previous classification, then after replacing the ribbons the new races will be sailed using the new classification.

- A1.5. The qualifying series lasts until the end of the race day on which each fleet has completed at least four races. If the number of races sailed by the fleets is then different, the last race(s) causing the difference will be void.
 - A1.6. If one or all of the fleets are behind in the race schedule, four races may be held on the following day for the fleets concerned in order for the final series to take place. Competitors will be noticed in accordance with point 3.
 - A1.7. Boats competing in each fleet will be distinguished by a ribbon of a color appropriate to their color. In the final series, the gold fleet will have a yellow ribbon, the silver fleet will have a blue ribbon, and the bronze fleet will have a red ribbon. Boats shall wear a ribbon of the appropriate color for their current classification, attached to the top of the gaff. The ribbons can be picked up at the race office at registration.
 - A1.8. The daily fleet classification will be posted on notice board until 8:30 am on the first day and until 8:00 am on the following race days.
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A2. FINAL SERIES

- A2.1. There will be as many fleets in the final series as there were in the qualifying series. These are called gold (yellow ribbon), silver (blue ribbon), and bronze (red ribbon), respectively.
- A2.2. The fleets in the final series will be as even in size as possible, making sure that the silver fleet is not larger than gold and the bronze fleet (if any) is not larger than silver.
- A2.3. The boats will be assigned to the fleets of the final series based on their ranking in the qualifying series. Boats with the best qualifying series will sail all the finals of the final series in the gold fleet. The other boats are similarly classified in the silver and (if any) bronze fleets.
- A2.4. Once boats have been classified in the final series fleets, the recalculation of qualifying series ranking can only affect the classification if a redress decision reassigns a ship to another fleet before the start of the final races.
- A2.5. Fleets in different final series do not have to have the same number of completed races.

A3. SCORING

- A3.1. The qualifying series races and the final series races together give the scores for all the races. The discards are calculated based on 17.3. with the following additions:
- The number of qualifying series races required for the first discard must not exceed the number required to hold the final series races.
 - If only one final series race has been completed, it cannot be discarded.
 - If two or more final series races have been completed, a maximum of one final series race may be discarded.
 - The second discard can only be from the final series.
- A3.2. When applying A5.2 rule, the number of boats entered in a qualifying or final series race will be the number of boats in the largest qualifying fleet.
- A3.3. Boats in the gold fleet will ultimately be ranked in front of silver fleet vessels, regardless of their score, in the same way silver fleet vessels will precede bronze fleet vessels, except when they are penalized by RRS 4. rule or RRS 69. rule.

COURSE AREA

Course area will be on Lake Balaton NW from Balatonföldvár Marina, within 1 Nm from the shore.

Water depth is apx 3-4 m.

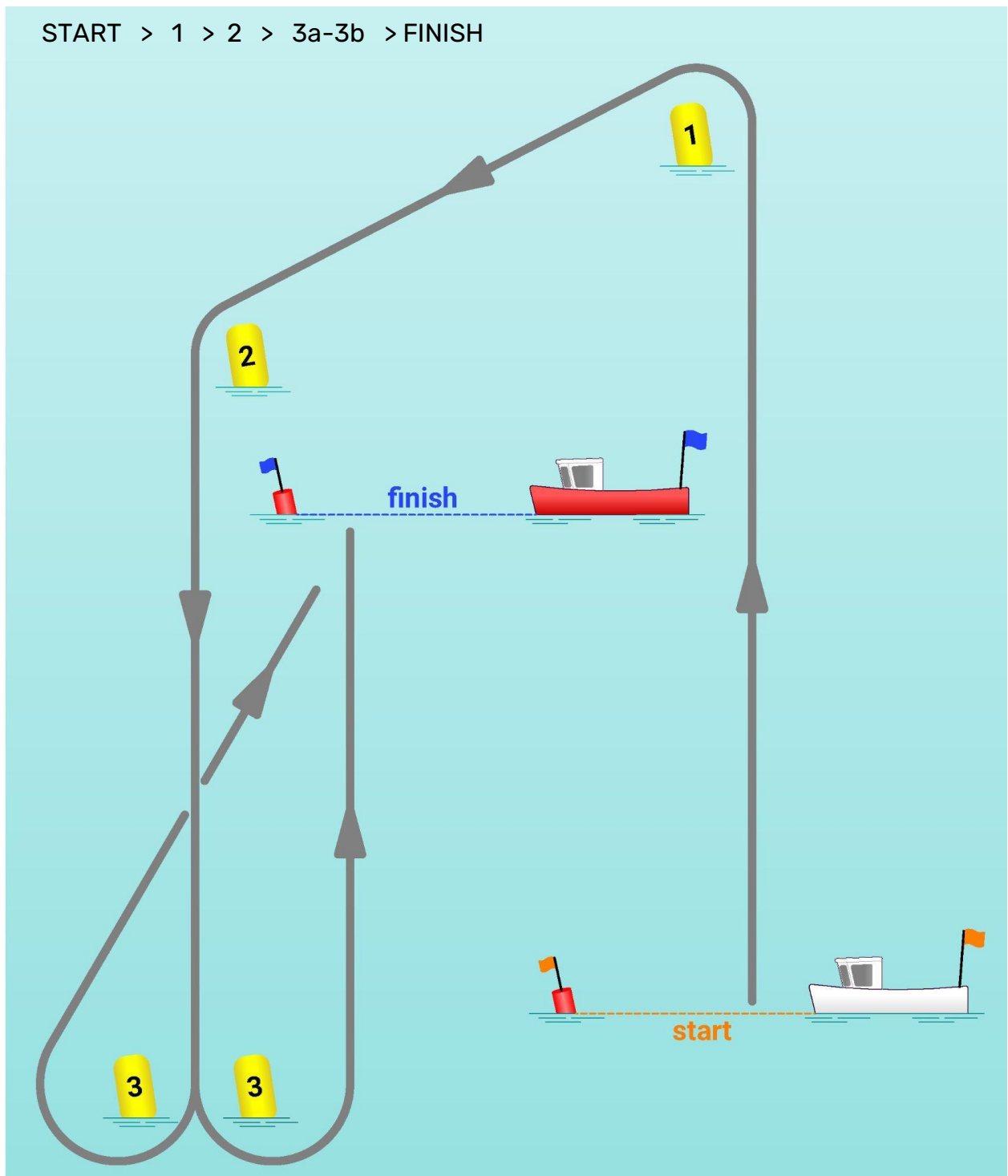
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COURSE LAYOUT

IODA Championship Course

START > 1 > 2 > 3a-3b > FINISH



Start: orange flag

Marks: yellow cylinder

Modifying mark: not in use

Finish: blue flag