

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after Friday, 20 February 2026 on the event website and on the official online notice board.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. Winter Cup is open to all Optimist class boats in the following categories:

Category	Born in years	Max No. of competitors
Junior	2011, 2012, 2013, 2014	210
Cadet (U-12)	2015, 2016, 2017, 2018	
Rookie	started sailing in 2025 or 2026	40

Junior and Cadet category will sail together. See NoR 6.2.

- 3.2. Coaches of the Rookie category competitors may request Organizing Authority to change their category to race in a Junior/Cadet category. The request shall be done before the entry closing date and shall include the reason for changing category including past results, which will help Organizing Authority decide, if the competitor is able to sail in a Junior/Cadet category. The request will be accepted only if the number of competitors is lower than the Max No. of competitors from NoR 3.1. The Organising Authority has the right to refuse the change of category.
- 3.3. All competitors shall be members of Slovenian Sailing Federation or any other World Sailing Member National Authority and shall be born on or after 1 January 2011.
- 3.4. It is mandatory for all competitors to have a coach or support person at the Winter Cup.
- 3.5. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form with all accompanying documents, available on the event website and paying the appropriate entry fee. To be considered an entry valid, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees (kindly see Payment deadlines as per NoR 4.1.).
- 3.6. Online entry will open on Friday, 9 January 2026 and close on Tuesday, 17 February 2026 at 23:59 or until maximum number of entries as mentioned in NoR 3.1. is reached, whatever is first. After the online entry closes due to reaching the maximum number of allowed entries, the Organizing Authority (OA) will start a waiting list and competitors will be advised that they are on a waiting list. Competitors on the waiting list will only be accepted, after written approval of the OA, and only for categories that have not reached their maximum number of allowed entries. In case of waiting list, the OA will announce the waiting list entering procedure on event website (kindly check section *REGATTAS* on OA's website).
- 3.7. No entry will be considered as valid without payment of the required entry fee as per NoR 4.1.
- 3.8. All online entries shall be personally confirmed in the race office latest on Saturday, 21 February 2026 until 09:00.

Only the corresponding coaches or team leaders shall make registration of competitors.

- 3.9. The following documents shall be present at the registration:
- Fulfilled and signed Parental or Legal Guardian's Authorization for sailor (available on the event website).
 - Disclaimer of Responsible Person (available on the event website).
 - Original third party insurance policy, covering not less than 1.000.000 EUR (NoR 15).
 - A valid measurement certificate (NoR 8).
 - Original support vessel insurance policy.



- 3.10. The Organizing Committee has the right to accept entries received after the entry deadline.
- 3.11. No entry will be considered as valid without payment of the required Entry fee.

4. FEES

4.1. Entry fee is:

Type	Payment made	Category	Entry fee
Standard	Together with entry and latest on 17 February 2026	Junior & Cadet	30,00 EUR
		Rookie	30,00 EUR
Late entry fee	After 17 February 2026 and latest on 21 February 2026	Junior & Cadet	50,00 EUR
		Rookie	50,00 EUR

4.2. Entry fee shall be paid at the end of registration by Credit Card or by bank transfer to:

Club: Jadralni klub Pirat Portorož, Obala 6a, 6320 Portorož, Slovenia
 IBAN : SI56 1010 0006 2566 547 BIC: BAKOSI2X

4.3. Late entry fee could be paid at the registration in the race office in cash only.

5. [NP] [DP] ADVERTISING

- 5.1. Sailor advertising is permitted on the hull as per World Sailing Advertising Code 3.2 but as restricted by class rule 2.8.
- 5.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Advertising Code 9.2 applies.
- 5.3. The organizing authority may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear on the top of any clothing or PFD, visible while racing.

6. [NP] FORMAT OF RACING

- 6.1. Junior and Cadet category will be divided into fleets, as far as possible with the same number of boats.
- 6.2. Junior and Cadet category will sail together and will have one results. Rookie category will have shorter course and separate results on the same racing area as Junior and Cadet.
- 6.3. The allocation to fleets will be done by the Race Committee on Saturday, 21 February 2026 after the closing of registrations.
- 6.4. Target time for racing will be 30 min and each day max 6 races can be sailed.
- 6.5. Fleets will sail an open series, followed by a final series.
- 6.6. In the open series, boats will be re-assigned to fleets after each day of racing.
- 6.7. If minimum four (4) races have been completed until the end of the first scheduled racing day, the last racing day will be the final series.
- 6.8. An open series will not count, until all fleets in the open series have completed the same number of races.



- 6.9. Final series: Boats will be assigned to final series fleets (Gold, Silver, Bronze, ...) on the basis of their rank in the open series.
- 6.10. In the final series, boats do not need to sail the same number of races.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. Registration and coach meeting

Date	Time	Category	Description
20 February	13:00 – 19:00	All	Registration
21 February	08:00 – 09:00	All	Registration
	09:30	All	Coach Meeting

7.2. Dates of racing and number of races

Date	Time	Category	Description	Races per day
21 February	11:00	Junior & Cadet	Racing (open series)	5
		Rookie	Racing (final series)	4
22 February	11:00	Junior & Cadet	Racing (open / final series)	4
		Rookie	Racing (final series)	3

- 7.3. No more than four (6) races may be sailed each day.
- 7.4. The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race each day is at 11:00.
- 7.5. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

8. [DP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1. Each boat shall present a valid measurement certificate.
- 8.2. Boats may be inspected at any time.

9. VENUE

- 9.1. NoR Addendum A shows the location of the club, regatta harbour and the racing areas.
- 9.2. All competitors will sail on the same racing area.

10. THE COURSES

- 10.1. The course will be an outer-loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg.
- 10.2. The course for the Rookie category will be windward/leeward or trapezoid with shorter target time.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. RRS Appendix P will apply.



12. [NP] SCORING

- 12.1. (a) Junior & Cadet category:
Nine (9) races are scheduled and the event will be valid if at least two (2) races will be finished.
- (b) Rookie category:
Seven (7) races are scheduled and the event will be valid if at least one (1) race will be finished.
- 12.2. (a) When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.3. If only one final race is sailed, it shall not be excluded.

13. [NP] [DP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 13.1. Team and support vessel drivers shall register their vessels via online formular or at the Race Office before the start of the event. The registrations shall include sail numbers of boats they are supporting.
- 13.2. Support boats shall be marked with numbered flags, supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 13.3. Refundable deposit for a flag is 20,00 EUR and will be given back while returning the flag.
- 13.4. All support vessels shall carry a VHF radio capable of communication on international channels.
- 13.5. Fuel for support boats is available on MOL petrol station in Marina Portorož. It is forbidden to refuel the boats in club area.

14. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

15. [NP] [DP] INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1.000.000 EUR per event of the equivalent.

Proof of insurance shall be provided upon registration.

16. DATA PROTECTION

By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures, and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the event, and of all of his or her material related to the event, without compensation.



17. [NP] PRIZES

17.1. Prizes will be awarded to:

- the five best-placed competitors overall
- three best-placed girl competitors
- three best placed cadet (U-12) boys (born 2015 or later)
- three best placed cadet (U-12) girls (born 2015 or later)
- three best placed rookie boys
- three best placed rookie girls

18. CHARTER BOATS AND COACH RIBS

Limited number of charter boats and coach ribs are available for the event. Boats will be allocated on "first come-first serve" basis. Please contact the Organising Authority to regata@klub-pirat.si for further information and package price.

19. ACCOMMODATION

Dedicated person will assist you for special arrangements. Please contact the Organizing Authority at accommodation@klub-pirat.si

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Organising Authority of the event.

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