



BIRZEBBUGA SAILING CLUB

ST. PETER'S REGATTA

8th&9th August 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Organizing Authority

- 1.1 The St. Peter's Regatta 2026 is being organised by the Birzebbuga Sailing Club Freeport (BSC). The event date shall be 8th&9th August 2026

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta shall be governed by *the rules* as defined in the **2025 - 2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)**.
- 2.2 [DP] The following Class Rules and instructions shall also apply:
- I. **The International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA) class rules.**
 - II. **The International Laser Class Association (ILCA) class rules.**
 - III. **The Portsmouth Yardstick 2026 (PY) handicap rating system**
 - IV. **The Sailing Instructions (SI)**, and any amendments there to. In the event of conflict, the SI shall take precedence over the Notice of Race. This changes RRS 63.5(c)2.
- 2.3 In addition to RRS 60.2 (a)1, a protesting boat shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line immediately after finishing of the boat/s being protested. If the boat retires before finishing, she shall inform the Race Committee via the official boat closest to her at the same time as advising that she has retired".
[NP] [DP] RRS 40.1
- 2.4 RRS 90.3(e) will apply.
- 2.5 In all rules governing this regatta, "Sailor", "athlete" and "Competitor" means a person competing in this regatta. The term "Support person" means a person as defined in the RRS.
[NP] Denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 and 63.2a.
- 2.9 English is the Official Language of this regatta. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

3. ADVERTISING [NP] [DP]

- 3.1 Competitors advertising will be restricted on the hull as per WS Reg. 20.3.2, in case of the Optimist Class, it is also restricted by the IODA class rule 2.8
- 3.2 Competitors might be required to display event advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all sailors duly registered with their respective National Association, in any of the following classes:
- 4.1.1 **Optimist Class:**
- a. **Open Category:**
Optimist sailors in the Open Category may register in either of the following two Divisions:
 - I. **Senior Division** - Boys and Girls born between 2014 and 2011 (12 – 15yrs).
 - II. **Cadet Division** - Boys and Girls born between 2018 and 2015 (8 – 11yrs) whose results shall be extrapolated from the Overall results of the Open Category.
 - OR**
 - b. **Novice Category**
 - I. Boys and Girls born between 2018 and 2012 (8 - 14yrs) **and** have not yet been racing for more than twelve (12) months.
- 4.1.2 **ILCA Classes** -The regatta shall be open for the following ILCA Classes:
- a. **ILCA 7 Class**
 - b. **ILCA 6 Class**

c. **ILCA 4 Class** - No age restrictions shall apply.

4.1.3 RS Vision & Feva double-handed classes

4.1.4 Any other one design class dinghy

4.1.5 A handicap class for boats with a recognised PY number may be constituted at the discretion of the race committee

4.2 A minimum of four boats shall constitute a class.

5. ENTRY & REGISTRATION

5.1 Eligible boats shall submit their entry by completing the online registration on the following link:
<https://bscsailing.club/register-1>

5.2 A nominal registration fee of 25.00€ for one person and 30.00€ for double person dinghy entry is required to cover the whole regatta.

5.3 Online registration deadline is 1800hrs Thursday 6th August 2026.

5.4 Late Registration at the race office between 0830 and 1000hrs on Sat 8th Aug is at the race committee's discretion and an additional charge of 5.00€ Late Registration Form can be found in Appendix III.

5.5 It is mandatory for all competitors under the age of eighteen (**18**) to be accompanied by a coach or support person whilst ashore.

5.6 A parent consent & disclaimer form shall be duly filled and handed over by the coach or support person during the On-site registration time.

5.7 The Parent Consent and Declaration form can be found in Appendix II.

5.8 Competitors under the age of eighteen (**18**) shall also be supported by a coach or on water support person whilst afloat. The maximum on water support person to competitors ratio shall be according to class and not exceeding the below ratios:

Class	Maximum Coach / On water support person to competitor ratio
Optimist Class	1:10
ILCA Classes	1:12
RS Feva XL Class	1:6

5.6.1 Upon registering online, competitors under the age of eighteen (**18**) shall be required to fill in the name of their coach / on water support person whilst afloat.

5.6.2 Further Online Registrations shall automatically be rejected as soon as the registered coach / on water support person responsibility ratio is exceeded.

5.6.3 A maximum of two (**2**) Coaches / On water support persons shall be allowed to share same support boat as long as the maximum support boat to competitor responsibility ratio of 1:12 is not exceeded.

5.6.4 Coaches / on water support persons shall ensure that the on water support provided for their team is adequate for the ability of their sailors according to the prevailing conditions during the regatta.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 **Saturday 8th August 2026 1st race 1100hrs**

6.2 **Sunday 9th August 2026 1st race 1100 hrs**

6.3 **Sunday 9th August 2026 Presentation 1900 hrs**

6.4 **No warning signal shall be made later than 1600hrs on Sunday 9th August**

7. MEASUREMENTS [DP]

7.1 The Race Committee may check the racing equipment at any time during the regatta and may also request a valid measurement certificate.

7.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

8. NOTICES

8.1 Notices will be posted on the official notice board at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/15396>

8.2 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least one hour before the start of races affected by that change.

8.3 Team leaders and coaches shall also be notified of all notices to competitors via an official online Event Chat Group. Failure to not promptly post notices on the official notice board(s) shall not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 61.1

9. VENUE

- 9.1 The launching and storage of boats shall be from the Birżebbuġa Sailing Club premises and slipway at Wied Il-Buni, Birżebbuġa.
- 9.2 The designated racing area shall be in and around the waters of Marsaxlokk Bay as illustrated in Appendix I. The race area and the course configuration will solely depend on each racing day's prevailing weather conditions.

10. THE COURSES

- 10.1 The course layouts shall be based around a trapezoid, windward/leeward courses or passage races these shall be issued with the Sailing Instructions and explained during the briefing before the day's racing.
- 10.2 Any changes in the course configuration shall be advised to sailors prior to launching and/or as an amendment in the Sailing Instructions.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point Scoring system shall be used.
- 11.2 A maximum of six races are planned in each class.
- 11.3 Three **(3)** races are required to be completed in order to constitute a series in each class.
- 11.4 When :-
 - I. **One to three** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - II. **Four** or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score

12. STORAGE OF BOATS [DP]

- 12.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park at Birżebbuġa Sailing Club starting from the evening of Friday 7th August 2026

13. SUPPORT BOATS [DP] [NP]

- 13.1 Support persons (team leaders, coaches, parents, guardians, and other support personnel) intending to helm support boats, shall hold a valid motorboat handling licence.
- 13.2 A maximum of two **(2)** Coaches / On water support persons shall be allowed to share same support boat as long as the maximum support boat to competitor responsibility ratio of 1:12 is not exceeded.
- 13.3 Coaches/on-water support persons shall ensure that the on-water support provided for their team is adequate for the ability of their sailors according to the prevailing conditions during the regatta.
- 13.4 Support or Coach boats shall be at least 4 metres in length with a minimum engine capacity of 25HP. Teams shall ensure that the vessel is seaworthy and correctly registered and insured with the competent authorities.
- 13.5 Support or Coach boats shall have basic safety equipment whilst afloat, this shall include a functional VHF marine transceiver set, line and anchor sized appropriately for the size of the support boat and PFDs for all passengers on-board.
- 13.6 As a Safety requirement, Support Boat "Kill Cords" have to be properly attached to the support boat driver at all times whilst engine is switched ON.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1 Class Prizes will be given as follows:
 - 14.1.1 Optimist Class:
 - I. First, Second and Third position in Senior, Cadet divisions and Novice category.
 - II. First, Second and Third female Optimist sailors registered within the Female and Novice categories of four (4) registered female Optimist sailors and over.
OR
 - III. First female in the Female and Novice categories, if less than four (4) registered female Optimist sailors shall be taking part.
 - 14.1.2 ILCA Classes:
 - I. First, Second and Third positions in any ILCA constituted Classes.
 - II. First, Second and Third female ILCA sailors in any ILCA class of four (4) registered female ILCA sailors and over.
OR
 - III. First female in any ILCA class if less than four (4) registered female ILCA sailors shall be taking part.

14.1.3 First, second and third position shall be given to all other constituted classes of four (4) boats and over.

14.2 The prize giving presentation shall be held at the BSC Clubhouse after the last race on Sunday 9th August 2026.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 Competitors and support team members participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, "Decision to Race". The organizing authority will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 15.2 The Organizing Authority and any other party involved in the organization of the regatta accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss, or claim whether personal or material, incurred by or inflicted to participants before, during or after the regatta.
- 15.3 The fact that the race committee will provide rescue boats will not remove from competitors the responsibility they have accepted by participating in this regatta.
- 15.4 By launching, competitors are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for exposing themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event. Additionally by launching, they are also confirming that their boats are sound and seaworthy for the weather conditions whilst racing, properly fitted out according to the class rules design and regulations.
- 15.5 It is the competitors' responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to the venue or this regatta drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for this venue or event, and to attend any safety briefings held for the event.
- 15.6 Parents or guardians of entrants below (18) eighteen years of age have to sign the Parent Consent & Declaration form and undertake all responsibility.

16. INSURANCE

- 16.1 Insurance is mandatory. The owner or charterer of a boat intending to take part in the regatta shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat whilst racing.

17. BOAT CHARTER

- 17.1 Club boats will be available for charter as follows:
 - I. Optimist IODA boats shall be chartered at daily rate of 30.00€.
 - II. RS Feva boats shall be chartered at a daily rate of 60.00€.A 50% rebate on the above rates shall apply to any BSC sailor wishing to charter any club boat for up to three official club events in succession.

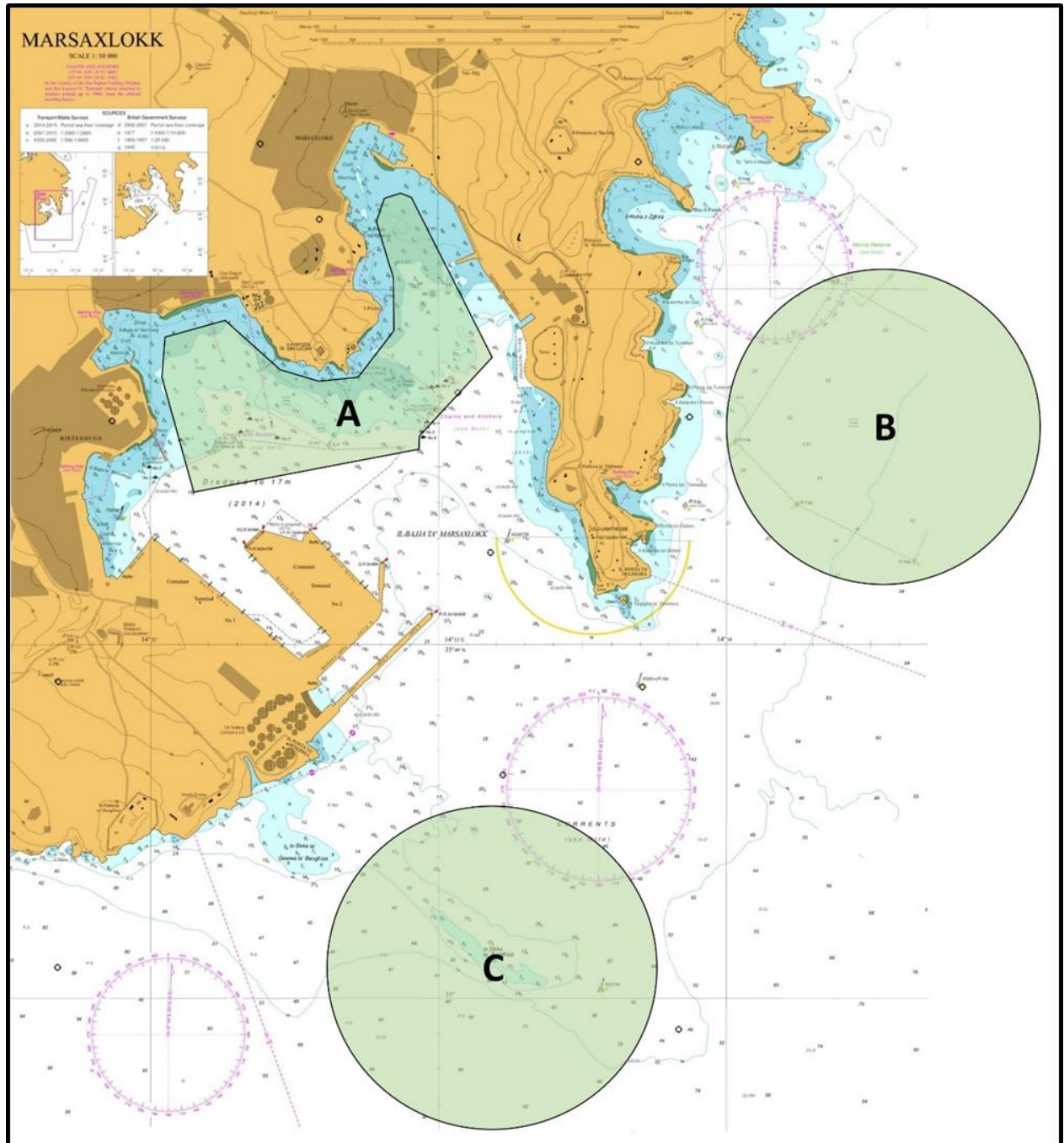
18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1 For Saturday night, competitors from visiting clubs can store their boats at the assigned locations within the BSC dinghy park.
- 18.2 For further information or assistance please contact the club secretariat, by either sending an e-mail bscsailing@gmail.com, or sending a message on the BSC website <https://bscsailing.club/> or any of the two club social media platforms:
Club Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/BSCsailing/>
Club Instagram Account: https://www.instagram.com/bsc_birzebbugasailingclub/



APPENDIX I

Racing Areas



The racing area chosen for this regatta shall be one of the areas designated under Areas A, B or C



APPENDIX II

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM

Please ensure that all sections are completed, and you have signed at the bottom of the form.

In accordance to Notice of Race rules 4.2 & 4.4.1, during the specified on-site registration windows, Coaches or Team Leaders shall present at the Race Office the duly completed Parent / Guardian Consent Forms valid for the duration of the regatta for all sailors under the age of eighteen (18) years within their respective teams.

To be completed and signed by the parent / guardian of all entrants under eighteen (18) years of age.

BOX A - Sailor and Responsible Adult details

Name of Sailor (the Minor):

e.g. John Brown

Name of the responsible adult attending regatta:

e.g. James Smith

Mobile phone number of the responsible adult:

e.g. + (Country Code) 123456789

BOX B - Parent / Guardian details

Name of Parent / Guardian:

e.g. Mary Brown

FILLING THIS FORM IS A REQUIREMENT FOR ALL ENTRIES UNDER EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE. FAILURE TO HAND THIS FORM WILL IMMEDIATELY RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF YOUR ENTRY IN THIS REGATTA

Agreement:

I, the parent / guardian have legal custody of the minor. I hereby authorize the responsible adult to act as my nominated person at the regatta. I agree that this authorization shall remain in effect for the total duration of the minor's participation in the regatta and related activities. This authorization shall not be revoked before the end of the regatta.

Non-Liability of the club:

I agree that in no circumstances shall the club as the organizing authority or its event sponsors, club committee members, race officials and event helpers have any liability whatsoever arising from or in connection with any action or non-action of the responsible adult.

I, the parent / guardian understand and agree to the terms of entry as detailed in the Notice of Race and confirm that the responsible adult will accompany the minor for the duration of the regatta. By signing, I certify that I have carefully read, understood and agreed to the above agreement and non-liability statement.

Parent /Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Responsible Adult Acknowledgement:

During the On-site registration window, the responsible adult will be required to sign to acknowledge their acceptance of responsibility of the minor.

I the responsible adult acknowledge that I shall be the nominated person responsible for the minor throughout the total duration of the minor's participation in the regatta and related activities.

Responsible Adult: _____ **Date:** _____



APPENDIX III

ON-SITE LATE REGISTRATION FORM

Please register my entry as follows: - *please place an [X] where applicable below*

Optimist Senior [] Optimist Cadet [] Optimist Novice []
ILCA 7 [] ILCA 6 [] ILCA4 [] RS Feva XL []

Any other type: Sail No.:

Helm's Name & Surname: Date of birth: / /

Crew's Name & Surname: Date of birth: / /

Helm's Address:

Coach or On Water Support Person's Name & Surname:

I confirm that the boat I shall be racing on, is covered by a valid marine legal liability insurance policy whilst racing. YES I CONFIRM []

Email Address:

Contact Phone: Sailing Club:

I am enclosing Cheque Number: / cash which amounts to the sum of € In respect of the St. Peter's Regatta 2026 registration entry fee.

DECLARATION: I agree to be bound by 'the rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, the Class Rules (where applicable) and the Sailing Instructions. I accept that the participation of the above numbered boat in the regatta is at my sole and exclusive risk in every respect. By this entry, I hereby indemnify the Birzebbuga Sailing Club as the organizers, its officers, members, helpers and sponsor(s) in respect of all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from the participation or intended participation of the above numbered boat in the regatta and I acknowledge that the Birzebbuga Sailing Club and its officers, helpers and sponsor(s) accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss of or damage to property, vessel or equipment. I the undersigned will also accept and agree with the Disclaimer of Liability clause stated on the Notice of Race Sect. 15.

Signature: Date: / /

N.B. Parent/Guardian's signature is required for competitors under eighteen (18) years of age.

For official use only:

MODA []

MLCA []

Membership paid []

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Received from..... the sum of € in respect of the St. Peter's Regatta 2026 registration fee

BSC Officer Signature: Date: / /