

The XVI International Euromarina Optimist Trophy will be held from January 24th to 28th, 2024 in Torrevieja, Alicante (Spain). Organized by *Real Club Náutico Torrevieja* with the approval of the *Real Federación Española de Vela*, *Federación de Vela de la Comunidad Valenciana* and *Asociación Española Clase Internacional Optimist*.

In all rules governing this regatta the notation:

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and 63.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2 [DP] The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) and the Equipment Instructions (EM) as part of the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 [DP] Class Rules
- 1.4 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix P will apply.
- 1.6 RRS 90.3(e) applies.
- 1.7 The first three sentences of RRS 61.1(a) are changed to ‘The protesting boat shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest will concern an incident in the racing area she shall hail ‘Protest’. She shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line immediately after finishing of the boat/s being protested, or as soon as practicable after she retires.’
- 1.8 RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4 are changed as follows:
 - 1.8.1 The first sentence of RRS 40.1 is deleted and replaced by: “Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) according to class rule 4.2 (a), properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing.”
 - 1.8.2 Add to the preamble of Part 4, after ‘racing’: “...except rule 40.1 as amended by Sailing Instruction 1.8.1”
- 1.9 In all rules governing this championship, both “athlete”, “sailor” and “competitor” mean a person competing in the event. The term “support” person means a person as defined in the RRS.
- 1.10 English is the Official Language of the Championship. If there is a conflict between languages the language of the original version of the relevant document will take precedence.
- 1.11 [NP][DP] All the sailors and personal support shall follow any reasonable instruction given by a race officer.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available beginning Wednesday 24th January 2024 on the event website. Other documents governing the event will be published with the sailing instructions.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The official notice board online is located at: www.torreviejaoptitrophy.com
- 3.2 [DP] All support boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on international channels.

- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to support persons on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

4. ADVERTISING [DP]

- 4.1 Each Individual competitor may display advertising subject to WS Regulation 20.3.2 but as restricted by class rule 2.8.
- 4.2 The Organizing Authority may require competing boats to carry the event sponsor advertising on the hull as provided by WS Regulation 20.

5. ELEGIBILITY

- 5.1 All entries shall meet requirements of WS regulation 19-Elegibility Code. Only current members of the Optimist Class Association for the country of their residence and born between 2009 and 2013, both included, may enter this Event.
- 5.2 On 1 March 2022, World Sailing published the following recommendations in reaction to the situation in Ukraine:
<https://www.sailing.org/2022/03/01/worldsailing-statement-6/>.
After this, the Consejo Superior de Deportes of Spanish Government and Real Federación Española de Vela published recommendations in the same line. To help preserve the integrity and safety of this event the organising committee does not accept competitors, holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality. The Organizing Authority will be monitoring the situation and will adapt recommendations and measures according to future developments for this event."
- 5.3 All Spanish sailors must have the 2024 RFEV Sailing License and the AECIO card valid for year 2024.
- 5.4 The event will have around 400 sailors (*)
- Ordinary registration Maximum 6 registrations per Spanish Club. (*)
 - Total registration will be 360 boats + 40 Extra by invitation of the organizing authority (*)
 - (*)Exceptionally the Organizing Committee reserves the right to accept more entries.
- 5.5 Competitors from Spain should be classified in "Grupo 1" / "Grupo A" (Ranking 2023/24 or similar).
- 5.6 The organizing authority reserves the right to reject the entry of any competitor Spanish or non-Spanish in order to reach a minimum level of navigation.
- 5.7 It is mandatory for all competitors to have a coach with a support boat in the regatta. Not more than 8 sailors per coach and RIB will be accepted.

6. ENTRIES. FEES. REGISTRATION

ENTRIES

- 6.1 Entries and payments will be made online through the "Official Registration Form" found on the website: <http://www.torreviejaoptimistrophy.com>.
- 6.2 Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis:
- Entries Shall be paid to be considered valid; payment is mandatory at the time of registration. No entry can be completed without Payment.
 - It is mandatory to assign the coach when entering online. **A maximum of 8 boats per coach is required.**
 - Entry to the event is not final until registration is completed at the venue. Online registration opens on September 25, 2023
- 6.3 The Organizing Committee will periodically publish the list of confirmed entries on the official website.
- 6.4 The Organizing Committee has the right not to accept entries that do not comply with the Notice of Race.



- 6.5 The Organizing Committee has the right to accept entries received after the entry deadline. Any registration of a competitor or coach other than those previously registered online will be considered a new registration and will comply with all the requirements of this Notice of Race, including the corresponding registration fee. It will not be allowed to change the names on the entry list.

FEES

CLASS	ENTRY FEE	EARLY ENTRY FEE
Optimist	190 €	160 € Until December 20 th
Coach/Support Boats	70 €	50 € Until December 20 th

- 6.6 Cancellation Policy:
- Until December 1st, 2023: 100%
 - Until January 10th, 2024: 50%
 - After January 10th, 2024: There will be NO refund.
- 6.7 Competitors shall provide the following documents prior to completing registration at the Race Office:
- Parent/Legal Guardian consent – Medical Treatment Permission – or on their Parents Medical Insurance Policy.
 - Coaches shall provide the list of competitors under their responsibility. **(Maximum 8 competitors per Coach/rib).**
 - The forms are available on the event website:
<http://www.torreviejaoptitrophy.com>

ON-SITE REGISTRATION OF COMPETITORS AND COACH

- 6.8 On-site Registration of competitors will be made at the Race Office **ONLY** by the corresponding Coach or Team Leader.
- 6.9 Each Coach/Team Leader shall register and sign the registration form at the Race Office before 20:00 hours January 24th, 2024.

Accreditation Badge

- 6.10 [NP][DP]Coach/Team Leaders will receive all accreditation badges at the moment of the on-site registration. All competitors are required to wear their accreditation badge throughout all the days of the Event.
- 6.11 On registration al Coach/Team Leaders will be required to show:
- Evidence of competitors birth date (Passport or National Identity Card).
 - Spanish competitors must have the 2024 Sailing License.
 - Foreign Competitors shall be in possession of a third part liability insurance with a minimum coverage when racing (damage to third parties and property) of 350.000€.
 - Coach, and team support boats must register at the Race Office and shall provide the following documentation at on-site registration:
 - Boat driving license (if applicable).
 - Motorboat registry and valid third-party insurance.
 - RFEV technical License 2024 (Spanish Coaches only).

7. SCHEDULE

7.1

DATE	TIME	EVENT
24/01/2024	10.00 – 18.00	Registration
25/01/2024	10.00	Warning signal first race of the day Races



	19.00	Welcome party
26/01/2024	10.00	Races
27/01/2024	10.00	Races
28/01/2024	10.00	Races
		After racing. Prize giving ceremony

- 7.2 Twelve (12) races are scheduled. No more than three (3) races will be sailed per day, except if one or more fleets have more races than others.
- 7.3 There will be no warning signal after 15:30 hours on January 28th.

8. RACING FORMAT

- 8.1 Boats will be divided into groups.
- 8.2 The regatta will consist of a qualifying series followed by a final series. Sailing instructions will define the Racing format details.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 Two races are required to complete the regatta.
- 9.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 9.3 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10. RACING AREA AND COURSES

- 10.1 There will be one racing area. The Sailing Instructions will show the location of the racing area and will describe it.
- 10.2 The course will be an outer-loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg.

11. INTERNATIONAL JURY

An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with rule RRS 91(b). Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

12. PRIZES

- TORREVIEJA EUROMARINA OPTITROPHY special award to the first 3 classified in the absolute classification
- Top 5 classified males in the general classification.
- Top 5 classified females in the general classification.
- First 3 males under 13 years.
- First 3 females under 13 years.
- 1st silver group.
- 1st bronze group.
- 1st emerald group.

13. [NP][DP] SAFETY

- 13.1 Parents/Guardians are responsible for the safety of the competitors. It is the sole responsibility of the parent(s) of the sailor to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. Parents not personally attending any activity of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor. These includes onshore activities before, during and after the regatta
- 13.2 All Coaches and supporting personnel are required to be equipped with and wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.



14. RISK STATEMENT

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. Competitors and support persons participate in the event entirely at their own risk. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 14.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- 14.4 By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, complies with the class rules, is equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- 14.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- 14.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 14.7 It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event

15. [NP][DP] SUPPORT BOATS

- 15.1 All Coaches/Team Leaders/Support person boats will be required to collect a number upon registration and it will be worn at a visible place at all times while at the sea.
- 15.2 Registered Coach boats may enter the corridor from the starting line to the finishing line. All other boats must stay outside the course area at all times.
- 15.3 Drivers shall attach the "kill cord" of the support vessel to their person as a safety requirement when the engine is switched on.

16. CHARTER BOATS

Check on the website.

17. ACCOMODATIONS

There are some Hotels with Special Prices for competitors and parents.

HOTEL LA LAGUNA SPA&GOLF ****

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