

The Gdynia 2027 World Sailing Championships

Test Event

14 – 19 July 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

Version 4, 10 July 2026

Change Log:

Amendment 3, 10 July 2026 – Updates to: 1.2, 1.3, 4.7, 7, 11.1, 15.1, Addendum 1.

Amendment 2, 8 May 2026 – 4.19 reference updated

Amendment 1, 7 May 2026 – Competition format updates and addition of Invited Events

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The Organizing Authority is the Polish Yachting Association in conjunction with World Sailing.

1. RULES

- 1.1. Additional Rules referenced in the Notice of Race (NOR) or Sailing Instructions (SI) will be published on the regatta website.
- 1.2. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The 2025-2028 *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). Other documents under RRS Definition Rule (g) include:
 - 1.2.1. [DP] [SP] Gdynia 2027 World Sailing Championships Test Event - Equipment Regulations (ER).
 - 1.2.2. [DP] Gdynia 2027 World Sailing Championships Test Event - Support Team Regulations (including Support Team Vessels) (STR).
 - 1.2.3. ~~[NP] [DP] [SP] Gdynia 2027 World Sailing Championships Test Event – Athlete Media Regulations (AMR)~~
 - 1.2.4. ~~[DP] Gdynia 2027 World Sailing Championships Test Event – Competition Area Regulations (CAR).~~
 - 1.2.5. For Finals, World Sailing Appendix MR Umpired Medal Racing available on the World Sailing website (www.sailing.org) applies and changes a number of racing rules. A link to the version that is current when the regatta begins will appear in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3. ~~For Olympic Classes racing~~ RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42 applies
- 1.4. In all rules governing this regatta:
 - 1.4.1. Both 'athlete' and 'competitor' mean a person competing or intending to compete in the regatta.
 - 1.4.2. [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); and
- 1.5. [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat and for which the International Jury may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 63.2(a).
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7. Information concerning Class Rule changes is contained in Addendum 4.
- 1.8. RRS 90.3(e) applies.
- 1.9. Rules referring only to Invited Events are located in this NoR Addendum 5. For the Invited Events, those rules take precedence over any conflicting rules in other parts of the NoR. This changes RRS 63.5(c)
- 1.10. [Prescription](#) from National Authority will apply.
- 1.11. [DP] RRS 78.1 is changed so that athletes are responsible for ensuring that their boat is maintained in accordance with the Class Rules and that the measurement certificate, where applicable, remains valid.
- 1.12. [DP] Each boat is required to comply with RRS 78.1 and the event Equipment Rules from the time of its pre-race equipment inspection onwards unless otherwise approved by the Technical Committee.

2. [DP] ADVERTISING, BOW NUMBERS and EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY THE Organising Authority (OA)

- 2.1. When provided by the Organizing Authority, boats or competitors shall carry, display or wear the following as instructed:
 - 2.1.1. [SP] Bibs for all competitors;
 - 2.1.2. Coloured bibs for event leaders (1st, 2nd and 3rd);
 - 2.1.3. Bow number;
 - 2.1.4. Event advertising and Look of the regatta;
 - 2.1.5. [SP] Cameras, camera dummies and sound equipment;
 - 2.1.6. [SP] Tracking and timing system equipment.
 - 2.1.7. [SP] When sailing in split fleets a coloured ribbon of the group to which the boat is assigned.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be online at the regatta website: [World Sailing Test Event Noticeboard](#)
- 3.2. Other documents listed in NOR 1.2 will be available on the Official Notice Board and will be published no later than 1 July 2026.
- 3.3. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee or Organising Authority, a boat shall not make voice, radio or data transmissions and shall not receive voice, radio or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Entry process and deadlines:
 - a) MNAs should request entry by completing an 'entry request form' available after 1 February 2026 from registration@sailing.org
- 4.2. Each MNA is awarded at least one 'priority' entry per Olympic event if requested before 14 March 2026 1200 UTC and paid by 14 April 1200 UTC
 - b) Any 'priority' entries that are unpaid after 14 April 2026 may be reallocated
- 4.3. MNAs may request additional places at any time using the 'entry request form'; these requests shall be entered on a waiting list held in order of receipt to WS of the entry request form.
- 4.4. After 14 April, unused quota places shall be offered to the waiting list and become 'open' entry; entries may only be requested by MNAs and payment of the entry fee shall secure entry, until the quota is full.
- 4.5. If an MNA requests an entry into an Event in which they are not already entered, they shall be given priority over the waiting list.
 - c) No entry shall be offered after 7 July 2026
- 4.6. Only competitors registered by a Member National Authority (MNA) in good standing with World Sailing are eligible to enter the regatta.
- 4.7. ~~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/>. This position is unchanged at the date of publishing this NOR. To help preserve the integrity and safety of the Gdynia 2027 World Sailing Championships, entries shall be open to competitors of all MNA's, but not to competitors holding only Russian or Belarusian nationality unless they are sailing as neutrals in accordance with World Sailing Neutrality Policy or they are sailing under a Residence Certificate issued by World Sailing in accordance with the World Sailing Eligibility Code. World Sailing may amend this rule following any further decisions made on the participation of Russian and Belarusian competitors. Competitors shall be fully paid members of the relevant international class association as required by those rules and evidence of membership shall be provided as requested by the Organizing Authority.~~

On 9 June 2026, World Sailing Council formally approved an update to the Neutrality Policy in line with the updated guidance from the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on 7 May 2026. [Policy-A5-Updated-09-Jun-26.pdf](#)

The amendment to the policy, which governs the eligibility of Individual Neutral Athletes (AIN) in World Sailing competitions, lifts sanctions on all athletes from Belarus. Athletes with neutral status, neutral support persons and neutral race officers are permitted to participate.

World Sailing may amend this rule following any further decisions made on the participation of Russian and Belarusian competitors.
- 4.8. An entry is not complete until payment has been received and the boat has completed registration. Registration may include equipment and entry requirement checks.
- 4.9. If an athlete is less than 18 years old on the date the regatta starts, a completed Parent/Guardian Consent form shall be uploaded to online registration.
- 4.10. World Sailing Eligibility in accordance with World Sailing Eligibility Code is required of all athletes.
- 4.11. Each athlete shall be registered with a World Sailing ID, available from the World Sailing website.

- 4.12. Each athlete shall be a national of the country they represent (see World Sailing Eligibility Code). Each athlete shall upload proof of their nationality to the online registration system and whenever requested by World Sailing.
- 4.13. Crew substitution is not permitted except in case of proven injury or illness and approved by World Sailing in writing.
- 4.14. The regatta is open to the following Events.

Olympic Event	Equipment	Quota
Men's Skiff	49er	70
Women's Skiff	49er FX	35

Invited Event	Equipment	Quota
Men's Wingfoil	IWSA Formula Wing	25
Women's Wingfoil	IWSA Formula Wing	25

- 4.15. Alongside the Gdynia 2027 World Sailing Championships Test Event, the EUROSAF Inclusive European Championship 2026 will be held at the same venue and during the same period. The EUROSAF Inclusive European Championship 2026 is governed by a separate Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
- 4.16. Alongside the Gdynia 2027 World Sailing Championships Test Event, the Wingfoil 'invited event' will be held at the same venue and during the same period. The Invited Events will be governed by this Notice of Race including Addendum 5.
- 4.17. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to increase the Quota for any event.
- 4.18. The Organizing Authority may cancel an event if less than 15 entries have been confirmed and paid by 14 April 2026.
- 4.19. Each boat may be required to complete a Sustainability Questionnaire and Equipment Quality Control Survey as part of the entry and registration process.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fees are stated in Euro and include any local taxes
- 5.2. Two Person events 470 euros
- 5.3. Support vessel (including one support person) 150 euros
- 5.4. Additional support person 100 euros
- 5.5. Men's and Women's Wingfoil, Formula Wing 300 euros
- 5.6. Entry fees will only be refunded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 5.7. The Organizing Authority may charge an additional fee of 10 euros for bank charges for each individual invoice.

6. FORMAT

The regatta will consist of a qualification series and Final series. If the Event is split into fleets, the qualification series will be divided into a preliminary series and a elimination series.

- 6.1. The complete format for each Event will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

7. [NP][DP] SCHEDULE

- 7.1. The schedule, including registration, equipment inspection and racing, is as follows:

Date	Time	Activity
10 July 2026	0900	Venues open
14 – 15 July 2026	0900-1700	Registration
14 July 2026	TBC	Race Areas open for official training
15 July 2026	0900	Equipment Inspection begins—mixed dinghy
15 July 2026	0900	Equipment Inspection begins – M&W Skiff
15 July 2026	1800	Technical Meeting for Team Leaders
15 July 2026	TBC	Opening Ceremony
16 – 19 July 2026	0830	Daily Team Leaders Meeting
15 – 18 July 2026	See Sailing Instructions	Wingfoil Racing
16 - 19 July 2026	See Sailing Instructions	Olympic classes Racing
19 July 2026	ASAP after racing	Prize giving – Wet Podium

- 7.2. The first warning signal for the first race on 16 July will not be before 1000. On subsequent days the warning signal may be earlier.
- 7.3. On the last day of racing for each event no warning signal will be made after 1800.
- 7.4. The Race Committee may change the schedule to bring forward any number of races to a maximum of four (4) per day for an event. The Sailing Instructions will define the process for the publication of the daily race schedule, including the allocation of Events to race areas.
- 7.5. Registration for all competitors and support persons will be online.
- 7.6. The technical meeting for team leaders is scheduled for 1800 on 15 July, location to be confirmed. MNAs shall have no more than three representatives at the technical meeting to complete their delegation's entry procedures.

- 7.7. From 16 July 2026 there will be a daily team leader meeting at 0830. MNAs shall have no more than two (2) representatives in person at the daily team leader meetings.
- 7.8. The provisional race schedule, including the time of the first warning signals and assignments of events to race areas will be posted within the sailing instructions no later than 1 July 2026.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS

- 8.1. This regatta is an international event for the purpose of RRS G1.1. (b)
- 8.2. A Technical Committee shall be appointed in accordance with RRS 92.
- 8.3. [DP] Boats shall be available for inspection in accordance with Notice of Race Addendum 1 and the Equipment Inspection Schedule.
- 8.4. The procedures for inspections will be specified in the ER.
- 8.5. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the rules.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available by 1 July 2026 on the Official Notice Board.

10. VENUE AND RACE AREAS

- 10.1. For the Olympic Events the venue will be at Marina Gdynia. Notice of Race Addendum 2 shows the location of the venue.
- 10.2. The racing areas are shown in Notice of Race Addendum 3. The locations of the racing areas may be changed by the Organizing Authority in the Sailing Instructions. Additional racing areas may be added by the Organizing Authority in the Sailing Instructions.

11. COURSES

- 11.1. The courses for Olympic Events will be windward/leeward or trapezoid with optional finishing legs.
- 11.2. Other courses for the Finals may be prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.3. The target times for each event shall be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

12. INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 12.1. An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.3(a).

13. SCORING

- 13.1. Scoring for all Events will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 13.2. A competitor may be scored 'Disqualification for unsportsmanlike behaviour' (DQB) for disqualification due to any violation of the World Anti-Doping Code, or as the result of any other action from the Jury. This changes RRS A10.

14. [DP] SUPPORT TEAM (INCLUDING SUPPORT TEAM VESSELS)

- 14.1. Support persons requiring access to the venue shall be registered online by their MNA in the registration system when it opens and pay the applicable Fee. The deadline to be registered is 15 June 2026, unless otherwise agreed by the Organizing Authority in writing.
- 14.2. By registering as a support person, each such person agrees to be governed by the rules.
- 14.3. The number of support vessels allocated per MNA is defined in the Support Team Regulations.
- 14.4. Support team vessels shall be registered with the Organizing Authority by their MNA in the registration system when it opens and will be required to comply with local legislation. The support team vessel fee is stated in Notice of Race 5.1 and shall be paid by 15 June 2026 unless otherwise agreed by the Organizing Authority in writing.

- 14.5. A support team vessel includes any vessel that is under the control or direction of a support person as defined in the RRS and also includes any person gathering data that may be used by a team or competitor.
- 14.6. Support team vessels shall display the 3-letter code of their World Sailing MNA at all times while afloat clearly visible from both sides of the vessel. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200 mm.
- 14.7. Each support team vessel shall clearly display on both sides of the vessel (tubes, hull or console) a unique 'Test Event' sticker. The stickers will be supplied by the Organizing Authority.
- 14.8. The Organizing Authority may, at its discretion refuse support team vessels entry to the venue if they are deemed unsuitable. Generally, open vessels less than 6.5 metres in length, having minimum or no superstructure (cabin, coach house, bridge etc.), will be considered suitable.
- 14.9. Limitations of equipment that may be carried and mandatory equipment that shall be carried on support team vessels will be detailed in the Support Team Regulations.
- 14.10. A Member National Authority, competitor, or support person shall not leave any device, piece of equipment, buoy, marker or similar item permanently in the water.

15. [NP] [DP] BERTHING

- 15.1. Boats ashore shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park **when required by the Equipment Regulations.**

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top three in each event.

17. [DP] MEDIA RIGHTS

- 17.1. By participating in the event competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, their sponsors and World Sailing 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. The top three competitors as well as the individual race winners may be required to attend a media press conference each day.
- 17.3. Competitors may be required for interviews at the event.
- 17.4. The attention of all competitors and support team personnel is drawn to the privacy notices published on World Sailing's website: <http://www.sailing.org/legal.php>

18. [NP] INSURANCE

- 18.1. Each 'person in charge' (see RRS 46) shall hold a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage of at least 2,000,000 euros (or equivalent) per incident.
- 18.2. Each support vessel shall have valid insurance including third party liability coverage of at least 2,000,000 euros (or equivalent) per incident.
- 18.3. The Organizing Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of certificates.

19. RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1. Competitors and support persons participate in the event entirely at their own risk. Rule 3 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - 19.1.1. 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;
 - 19.1.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 19.1.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

- 19.1.4. 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;
- 19.1.5. 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.
- 19.1.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 19.1.7. 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.

20. AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

- 20.1. This Notice of Race may be changed. Changes will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

Contact Details

E-mail (about logistics and other issues) events@pya.org.pl

Email (entries and registration) registration@sailing.org

Notice of Race Addendum 1

a) Competition and Equipment Inspection Schedule

Event	Equipment Inspection	Racing (including reserve days)	Number of Races
Mixed Dinghy	15 July	16 – 19 July	8 + Finals
Mixed Multihull	15 July	16 – 19 July	9 + Finals
Men's Skiff	15 July	16 – 19 July	9 + Finals
Women's Skiff	15 July	16 – 19 July	9 + Finals
Men's and Women's Wingfoil	14 July	15 – 18 July	12 + Finals 14 + Golden Ticket Race + Finals

Notice of Race Addendum 2

a) Venue – Marina Gdynia – al. Jana Pawla II 13a, 81-345 Gdynia



Notice of Race Addendum 3

a) Racing Areas



Notice of Race Addendum 4

Class Rule Information

- a) Class rules will be changed for this regatta only and the relevant class associations will approve any changes under RRS 87. The list of changed class rules will be published by January 1st, 2026.

Notice of Race Addendum 5 – Invited Events

1. RULES

- 1.1. Appendix WF, Wingfoiling Racing Rules, as available on the World Sailing website (www.sailing.org) and published on the official notice board applies, except as changed by this NoR

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1. Entry process and deadlines:

- a) MNAs should request entry by completing an 'entry request form' available from registration@sailing.org
- b) Each MNA is awarded at least one entry per event if requested before 29 May 2026 1200 UTC and paid by 19 June 2026, 1200 UTC
- c) Unpaid entries after 19 June 2026 may be reallocated
- d) MNAs may request additional places at any time, these requests shall be entered on a waiting list held in order of receipt.
- e) If after 29 May 2026, an MNA requests an entry into an event in which they are not already entered, they shall be given priority over the waiting list.
- f) On 19 June 2026 at 1200 UTC, any places not confirmed or paid shall be offered in order of those MNAs on the waiting list or become open entry, and payment of the entry fee shall secure entry, until the quota is full.
- g) No entry shall be offered after 7 July 2026