

NOTICE OF RACE

THE HELLENIC SAILING FEDERATION, THE NORTH AEGEAN REGION, THE CHIOS ISLAND MUNICIPALITY AND THE NAUTICAL CLUB OF CHIOS are pleased to invite all BALKAN NATIONS at the

LI BALKAN & OPEN BALKAN SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP

The event will be held at the island of Chios from **03 to 08 September 2018**.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
No National Authority prescriptions will apply except prescription No 1 of the Hellenic Sailing Regulation:
«In RRS 40 PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES is added: All participants at a race, including competitors, support personnel and race officials on board speed boats/ribs shall wear a PFD during the races»
- 1.2. No Class Rules change will apply.
- 1.3. The Official language of the championship will be English. All documents related to the Event shall be written only on English.

2. Advertising and bow numbers

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority according to WS Regulation 20.
- 2.2. In accordance with WS Regulation 20.3.1, athletes on the boats ranking first, second and third in the series at the beginning of that day may:
 - Wear yellow, blue and red bibs respectively while racing; and/or
 - Display dots on their sails in yellow, blue and red respectively while racing.The bibs and/or dots may be provided by the Organizing Authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The regatta is open to: Optimist boys & girls, Laser 4.7 boys & girls, Laser Radial women & men, Laser Standard; Finn, 420 boys & girls, and 470 men, women or mixed (as per Minutes of the Balkan Meeting 2017.) and to competitors who comply with WS Regulation 19 – (Eligibility).
- 3.2. Participating crews in the regatta shall be designated by their National Authority. Each crew member of a competing boat shall be national or ordinarily resident of the nation where the National Authority the crew intends to represent is established.
Boats shall comply with the Class Rules and have a valid measurement form. The sail number shall conform to the Class Rules.
- 3.3. The participation in the Balkan Championship is restricted (as indicated in Minute of the Balkan Meeting 2017.).
Each member Nation is allowed to participate with the following classes agreed upon as quotas for 2018 :

Optimist:	12 (8 boys +4 girls)
Laser 4.7:	6 (4 boys+2 girls)
Laser Radial:	6 (4 women +2 men)
Laser standard:	4 (men)
420:	2 girl boats (4 athletes)
420:	2 boy boats (4 athletes)
470:	2 boats (4 athletes who can be mixed, woman or man)
Finn:	3 (men)

The quotas will be 43 athletes + 1 team leader + 5 officials & support personnel + 1 IJ + 1 NJ = TOTAL 51

If a National team is not at its full composition then it implies one official and support personnel for every five competitors.

- 3.4.** No entry fee will be requested.
- 3.5.** Balkan countries may increase in double their allocated quota per event of sailors or support staff if they wish, but in that case preliminary information shall be given to the host country and all relevant costs for accommodation and food shall be covered by requesting countries.
- 3.6.** A minimum 6 boats from three nations is required in order to have a valid event.
- 3.7.** The Organising Authority shall confirm the competing Classes and categories by 25 August 2018.
- 3.8.** Entry form within the quota and extra quota and the number of the officials shall be send by email to the Organizing Authority as soon as possible.
- 3.9.** The Organising Authority will cover the full accommodation and food costs of the participating Balkan countries team within the declared quota from 03 to 08/09 September 2018.
- 3.10.** Nations outside of the Balkan Region will be allowed to participate with full accommodation and food covered by themselves.
- 3.11.** Final entries (class, name, gender, date of birth), and copies of: the driving license of the support boat drivers and boats registration and also certificate of the competing and the support boats insurance, shall be send by email to the Organising Authority by the relevant National Authority not later than 25th August 2018 and will be confirmed at the Race Office according with the program declared in the present Notice of Race.
- 3.12.** Coaches, Team Leaders and Representatives from participating nations shall be register at the Regatta Office before the first racing day and at the same time shall provide Regatta Office with their national flag (around 150 cm x 100 cm) and their national anthem on CD-ROM,or USB for the Opening/closing Ceremony.

4. Regatta Format

Each event will consist of a series up to 11 races. A minimum of 3 races shall be required to validate the Championship.

5. Schedule

5.1. Schedule of races:

03 SEPTEMBER 2018 Tuesday	10:00 – 17:00 18:00	Teams official arrival day Registration & Measurement Opening Ceremony
04 September 2018 Wednesday	10:00 13:00	Coach Meeting Races (first warning Signal)
05 September 2018 Thursday	TBA TBA	Coach Meeting Races
06 September 2018 Friday	TBA TBA	Coach Meeting Races
07 September 2018 Saturday	TBA TBA	Coach Meeting Races Closing Ceremony
08/09 September 2018 Sunday		Departures

5.2. No warning signal will be given after 16.00 on the last day.

5.3. No more than three races shall be sailed each day.

6. Measurement and equipment inspection

6.1. Each boat shall produce a valid Measurement Certificate.

6.2. In accordance with RRS 78, competitors are responsible for maintaining their boat in accordance with the Class Rules (for the purpose of RRS 78, competitors are considered to be the owners).

6.3. Competitors shall present their sails for stamping

6.4. Random Equipment inspections may be held during the regatta.

7. Sailing instructions

7.1. Sailing instructions will be available during registration at the Race Office. Other documents governing the event will be published with the Sailing Instructions.

8. Venue

The regatta venue is the Nautical Club of Chios
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9. The Courses

The Course types will be:

9.1. Olympic trapezoid course for L4.7, LRD, LAS, Finn, 420 and 470 classes

9.2. Optimist IODA course

10. Penalty system

10.1 RRS Appendix P will apply.

11. International Jury

An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

12. Scoring

12.1. The low point system of RRS Appendix A shall apply.

- There will be 11 races in each class series.
- At least 3 races are required to be completed to constitute the regatta series.

12.2. Discards

- When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores,
- When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13. Support boats

13.1. All support boats shall be registered (see 3.4) with the organizing authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations. The organizing authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.

13.2. Registered support boats shall have their three letters national code clearly displayed or permanently marked with a sticker on each side of the boat or engine.

13.3. Drivers of the support boats are obliged to have with them their driving license or permit during races.

13.4. Registered support boats shall act as rescue boats in case of need.

14. Prizes and titles

14.1. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third crews of each Event by the Organizer.

The first crew of the final official ranking list of the Balkan Championship per Event will be declared: 2018 Balkan Champion

14.2. Medals will be awarded to the first, second and third crews of each event.

15. Disclaimer of liability

15.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority and all parties involved in the regatta organisation will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16. Media Rights, Cameras and Electronic Equipment

16.1. By participating in the regatta competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and their sponsors, 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.

- 16.2.** Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organizing authority.

17. Insurance

All competing and support boats shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of **EUR 800.000** per event or equivalent. The original certificate of the insurance shall also be presented during registration. In case there is no insurance it will be possible to obtain one on spot, at the Registration Office.

TRANSPORTATION to CHIOS INFORMATION:

1. From Piraeus to Chios:
Sunday 02.09.2018 at 23:55 arrival on Monday 03.09.18 at 07:25
From Chios to Piraeus
Saturday 08.09.2018 at 00:25 arrival at 08:25 of the same day
Accommodation for four nights.
2. From Turkey to Chios:
From Cesme to Chios, Monday 03.09.2018 at:09:00
From Chios to Cesme, Saturday 08.09.2018 at:08:15
Accommodation for five nights.
3. From Kavalla to Chios:
Monday 03.09.2018 at 01:00 arrival at 15:15 of the same day
From Chios to Kavalla, Sunday 09.09.2018 at 08:35 arrival at 22:45 of the same day
Accommodation for six nights

Further information concerning discounts on the ship tickets, Support boats, Charter boats, Accommodation & Travel, Current Weather and other essential information will be announced soon.