



**POLISH MATCH TOUR
Szczecin Match Race 2026
Open Polish National Championship**

**8th-11th October 2026
World Match Racing Tour Event
Grade 2**

NOTICE OF RACE

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1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the Polski Klub Regatowy foundation and MT Partners in cooperation with Polish Yachting Association.

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2 VENUE

The venue will be Szczecin, 70-800, Poland, Dąbie Lake and Odra River.

3 EVENT GRADING

3.1 OA intention is to run event in 3 consecutive days.

3.2 Events has applied for World Sailing Grading 2. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSIFICATION

In addition to the overall regatta standings, a separate classification will be conducted to determine the medalists of the Polish Match Racing Championship. This classification will apply solely to crews with Polish skippers.

5 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

5.1 Racing programme will be announced no later than June 30th 2026.

5.2 In case of 12 or less entries, the schedule will be as follows:

- Race office from October 8th, 1100.





- Registration: October 8th, 1100 – 1800.
- Crew weighting: October 8th, 1100 – 1800.
- Practice October 8th, 1200 – 1800.
- First briefing October 9th at 0900.
- First meeting with umpires following the first briefing.
- Racing days from 9th to October 11th.
- Time of the first race each day will be 1030.
- The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1600.
- (l) Prize giving after racing.

5.3 In case of 13 or more entries, the schedule will be as follows:

- Race office from October 7th, 1100.
- Registration: October 7th, 1100 – 1800.
- Crew weighting: October 7th, 1100 – 1800.
- Practice October 7th, 1200 – 1800.
- First briefing October 8^h at 0900.
- First meeting with umpires following the first briefing.
- Racing days from 8th to October 11th.
- Time of the first race each day will be 1030.
- The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1600.

5.4 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- Initial briefing for skippers.
- Daily briefing, for skippers.
- Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.
- Regatta dinner, for skippers.
- Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

6 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1 Up to 16 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- 6.2 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 6.3 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing, e-mail is acceptable to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- 6.4 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.
- 6.5 All competitors shall obtain an World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.

7 ENTRIES

7.1 Entering





The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighting and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by local currency PLN or EUR.

7.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of 850 EUR shall be paid prior to September 1st 2026 by bank transfer to OA bank account - unless excused by OA. Details will be provided in invitation.

7.3 Withdrawal

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing (World Sailing Regulation 27.2).

7.4 Damage deposit

- 7.4.1 An initial damage deposit of 500 EUR shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- 7.4.2 If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- 7.4.3 Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

7.5 Insurance

All skippers are required to have adequate third party insurance of min. 1 000 000 EUR.

8 RULES

- 8.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
- 8.2 The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- 8.3 Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.
- 8.4 **Major Alterations to the RRS**
 - 8.4.1 Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
 - 8.4.2 RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.
- 8.5 An IJ will be appointed, in accordance with RRS Appendix N.
- 8.6 The OA may place an observer on each boat to provide information to the umpires.





9 BOATS & SAILS

- 9.1 The event will be sailed on RS21 type boats.
- 9.2 Min 6 to 10 boats will be provided.
- 9.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, Gennaker.
- 9.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the race committee.





10 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 10.1 The total number of crew, including the skipper, shall be 3 or 4, excluding persons placed on board by the RC. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 10.2 The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 350 kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.
- 10.3 Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. At any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10 kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalized, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.
- 10.4 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 10.5 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

11 EVENT FORMAT

- 11.1 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin or divided into two groups based on World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.
- 11.2 The Szczecin Match Race will consist of the following stages:
 - Stage 1 – Single Round Robin
 - Stage 2 – Quarter Final
 - Stage 3 – Semi Final
 - Stage 4 – Petit Final
 - Stage 5 – Final
 - Stage 6 – King of The Castle (if applicable)
- 11.3 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favor of later stages.

12 COURSE

The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.

13 ADVERTISING

- 13.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organizing Authority, World Sailing regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 13.2 As boats are supplied by the competitors the advertising category of the Class will apply.





- 13.3 The OA intends to supply the following equipment: Name Stickers with Country Code. Advertising as supplied by the OA is to be displayed on this equipment.
- 13.4 Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
- 13.5 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

14 PRIZES

- 14.1 The principal prize for first place will be Perpetual Trophy.
- 14.2 There will be prizes for all places, subject to funding.
- 14.3 These prizes have been approved by the national authority.
- 14.4 World Sailing has been notified of these Prizes.
- 14.5 The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

15 MEDIA, IMAGES & SOUND

- 15.1 If required by the OA:
 - 15.1.1 Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
 - 15.1.2 Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
 - 15.1.3 Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.
- 15.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
- 15.3 The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

16 COACH BOATS

- 16.1 Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.
- 16.2 The OA will not provide berths for coach boats.
- 16.3 Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organization may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the PC to the associated skipper or team.





17 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Each team is requested to provide team info (team name, crew list, short bio and other relevant info) no later than 21 days prior the event, by email to OA.

18 DISCLAIMER

All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

19 INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA.

Please send all requests to Polish Match Tour office: competitors@polishmatch.pl
Deadline for applications is September 1st, 2026.

