



Stockholm 2026
Sweden
Team Racing
World Championship



World Sailing 2026 OPEN TEAM RACING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

12th to 16th August 2026
Stockholm, Sweden

The Organizing Authority is the Gamla Stans Yachts Sällskap in conjunction with World Sailing.

NOTICE OF RACE

GENERAL

The event is a 2v2 team race in supplied J/80 boats.

ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

PC: Protest Committee or International Jury

NoR: Notice of Race

OA: Organizing Authority

RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing

SI: Sailing Instructions

RC: Race Committee

WS: World Sailing

ONB: Official Notice Board

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, including RRS Appendix D. Any changes to the RRS or Appendix D will be stated in the SIs.
- 1.2 Competitors will abide by World Sailing Rules, Regulations and Policies, including but not limited to Eligibility, Safety Policy, Safeguarding Policy, Code of Ethics and Competition and Equipment manipulation policies. The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the SIs, will apply, and will also apply to any practice sessions or racing. The J/80 class rules will not apply.
- 1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the NoR or SI means that a competitor may not protest another competitor for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.4 No National Authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.
- 1.6 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 89.2(c). The right of appeal will be denied in accordance with RRS 70.3.

- 1.7 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices (PFDs) at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment as per RRS 40.1.
- 1.8 Competitors shall provide their own PFDs. Bibs provided by the OA shall be worn over PFDs while racing.
- 1.9 All boats shall carry a marine band VHF radio provided by the OA.
- 1.10 RRS 17 is deleted. World Sailing has authorized this change in accordance with RRS 86. The WS approval letter dated 3 December 2024 will be posted on the ONB.
- 1.11 RRS D2, Umpired Races, will apply to all races.
- 1.12 When the PC finds that a boat or team's competitor has broken one or more rules where there was repeated breach of boat handling requirements, serious damage caused by reckless sailing or poor seamanship, poor sportsmanship, or misconduct as described in RRS 69.1(b), it shall make a report to the OA who may revoke that team's eligibility and excuse the team from the remainder of the regatta. The OA may also take this action without such a report after consultation with regatta management.
- 1.13 RRS46 is changed to: "A boat shall have on board a person in charge designated by the member or organization that entered the team".

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SIs will be available on the ONB (as per NOR 3.1) from 1800 on 1 August 2026.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB which is located on the event website at www.trwc2026.com
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the dock.
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats except any communication with the race committee over the designated VHF channel.

4 TEAM and SKIPPER'S ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Twelve (12) Teams consisting of two skippers and crew will be accepted. Both skippers and crew shall be members of the same MNA.
- a) MNAs in good standing with World Sailing may apply for up to three (3) entries before 25 January 2026.
- b) Individual teams of an MNA in good standing with World Sailing may apply for an entry until 8 February 2026, but need approval of their MNA if this MNA has already applied.
- c) Applications will be accepted in order received and by the following priorities
- i) MNA's to meet the continental requirements as per table 4.1 e)
 - ii) individual teams to increase the international spread of countries
 - iii) MNA's second and third ranked teams to ensure even spread of entries
- d) Any unfilled entry may be assigned on the discretion of World Sailing.
- e)

Teams from	Quote
The OA endorsed by host MNA	1
North America	3
South America	1
Africa	1
Europe	3
Asia	2
Oceania	1

Above selection criteria apply to any entry becoming available again.

- 4.2 Request for entry shall be send by email to magnus.myrenberg@gsys.nu and team.racing@sailing.org

- 4.3 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing Eligibility Code.
- 4.4 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/world-sailing-profile/>. Competitors shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.
- 4.5 ***According to World Sailing Neutrality Policy A5, approved by the World Sailing Council on 23 July 2025, entries in the Open Team Racing World Championship are not open to teams of athletes and support persons holding a Russian or Belarusian passport.***
- 4.6 A waiting list will be established for MNAs/individual teams who wish to participate.

5 ENTRY

5.1 Entering

Confirmation Letters will be sent to qualified Entry's on February 22. To be considered an entry in the event, the invited MNA/individual team shall complete all entry requirements and pay all fees according to the Confirmation Letter. Application Form and Entry Fee must be received by OA no later than March 9.

5.2 Entry Fee

The entry fee is €4,000 EUR per team. This includes all social events as per the program in NoR 9.1.

Additional tickets for the social events can be purchased by contacting the Race Office no later than 10 August 2026.

5.3 Cancellation & Withdrawal

A team cancelling will receive a refund of the entry fee minus a €500 EUR administrative charge. There will be no refund for a team cancelling on or after 1 April 2026.

When an MNA/team is entered and 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.

6 DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 6.1 An initial damage deposit of €1,500 EUR shall be paid using credit card information at registration, unless extended by the OA.

- 6.2 a) Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident.

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.

b) The OA will refund any remaining damage deposit as soon as possible after the event.

- 6.3 Skippers should be aware that while the Event Race officer or Event Bosun will attempt to identify all damage at the post-regatta inspection, often this is not possible due to the nature of the damage. The skipper is responsible for all damage, even if it is discovered only after the post-regatta report is completed and signed. In the event that there is material damage not covered by insurance and no one acknowledges responsibility (e.g., crews are rotated among the boats and no one reports the damage), the cost of repairs will be charged to all the designated skippers on a prorated basis.

7 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 7.1 Each competing team shall consist of two skippers and crew for two boats with a total of six (6) to eight (8) persons. Boats shall be sailed with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 people. The number of people onboard may not change during the event. All registered crew shall sail all races unless NoR 7.5 applies.
- 7.2 Each team shall have a minimum of three (3) persons of each gender.
- 7.3 After the warning signal for a race, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.
- 7.4 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 7.5 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

8 EVENT FORMAT

- 8.1 The OA will provide J/80 type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail and Jib.
- 8.2 Boats will be allocated as decided by the OA.
- 8.3 The sails to be used will be allocated by the OA.
- 8.4 While all reasonable steps will be taken to equalise boats, variations will not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 61.1.
- 8.5 The number of races to be sailed each day will be determined by the OA with the intention of the OA to start each subsequent race as soon as practicable after the previous one.
- 8.6 The course will be windward/reach/leeward with optional offset legs resulting in either port or starboard rounding and downwind finish as shown in the SIs.
- 8.7 Racing will take place on the waters west of the Town Hall at Riddarfjärden, Stockholm City. Address: Norr Mälarstrand 31, Stockholm, Sweden.
- 8.8 The format is 2v2 Team Racing with a first stage of a single or multiple round-robins amongst all competing teams. If time permits, a second stage of mini-round-robins and/or knock-out matches among groups of teams may be run, which may be followed by a final knock-out stage, time permitting. The format and number of races will be described in the SIs.
- 8.9 The OA may change the format, terminate any stage of the event when, in its opinion, it is impracticable to attempt to hold the remainder of the races under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favor of later stages.

9 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

- 9.1 The event will be held from 12 August 2026 to 16 August 2026

Wednesday, 12 August	1000-1600	Registration, Optional Practice
	1800	Opening Reception
Thursday, 13 August	0800	Umpire Briefing
	0830	Participants' Meeting - racing to follow
	Following Racing	Post Race Social
Friday, 14 August	0800	Umpire Briefing
	0830	Participants' Meeting – racing to follow
	1900	Regatta Dinner
Saturday, 15 August	0800	Umpire Briefing
	0830	Participants' Meeting – racing to follow
Sunday, 16 August	0800	Umpire Briefing
	0830	Participants' Meeting – racing to follow
	Following Racing	Prize Giving with refreshments

- a) On the last day of racing, no warning signal shall be made after 1500 hrs.
- b) Wednesday, 12 August will be open for teams to register for a Practice Slot between 1000 and 1600.

- 9.2 [NP] Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- a) Initial briefing, for skippers.
- b) Participants' Meeting, for skippers.
- c) Prize giving for all participants.

10 ADVERTISING

[NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority in accordance with World Sailing Advertising Code.

11 [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 11.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, cooperation with event sponsors and shall behave so as to not bring the event into dispute.
- 11.2 Competitors and Support Persons shall handle any equipment provided by the OA with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

12 [NP] SUPPORT PERSON

- 12.1 Support person's vessels shall be registered with the OA and conspicuously display the assigned flag.
- 12.2 Except as directed by the OA, competitors shall have no communication with, be tied to or transfer provisions to equipment to and from any support person or vessel from the time the boat leaves the dock or mooring each day until racing has been concluded for the day for that team.
- 12.3 Support person's vessels shall stay minimum 50 meters from the racing area while boats are racing and comply with reasonable requests from officials.
- 12.4 Support person's vessels may be required to assist with boat transfers and safety measures under the direction of the RC.
- 12.5 All support person's vessels shall always have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver while the engine is running.

13 [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

- 13.1 All those who take part in the Event as competitors as well as support persons or spectators agree to be overflowed by a drone during the duration of the event, this includes your person and your property (boats).
- 13.2 By participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants to the OA and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at the discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

14 DOPING CONTROL

Doping control will be conducted in accordance with the World Sailing Anti-Doping Code. In-competition testing may be carried out at the event.

15 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.** Competitors should note RRS 46, as amended by NOR 1.

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 The first place Team in the final results will be declared as the 2026 World Sailing Open Team Racing World Champion and will be awarded the perpetual West Kirby Trophy. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 16.2 World Sailing Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be presented to the top 3 teams.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER REQUIREMENT

- 17.1 All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk and responsibility. The OA and any sponsor associated with this event have no liability for any damage, loss or any penalty suffered by any boat crew or any other person taking part in such events. The OA and any sponsor associated with this event shall not be responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of its equipment or the competence of its skipper or crew. The OA reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse entry.
- 17.2 As a condition of entry, each skipper and participating crew member shall submit, prior to racing, an online liability waiver/media release. The link can be found on the event website.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

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