



29er European Championships

Lake Lipno

1st to 8th August 2026

The Organising Authority is Jachetní klub Černá v Pošumaví in conjunction with the International 29er Class Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 Penalties: In RRS 44.1 "Two-Turns Penalty" is changed to "One-Turn Penalty".

1.3 Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, shall apply, with RRS P2.1 to P2.3 deleted and replaced by:

P2.1 First and Second Penalty

When a boat is penalized under rule P1.2 for the first or second time during the event, her penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take the penalty she shall be disqualified without a hearing.

P2.2 Third and Subsequent Penalties

When a boat is penalized a third or subsequent time during the event, she shall promptly retire. If she fails to do so she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded.



- 1.4 The Class Rules will apply except for any that are altered by the Notice of Race. The Class Race Management Guidelines will also apply, but a failure to follow these Guidelines is not on its own grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

https://29er.org/images/29er_Race_Management/29er_Race_Management_Guidelines-201904.pdf.

- 1.5 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration applies.

2. **ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION [NP][SP]**

While racing each boat shall display a coloured placard corresponding to the fleet to which she has been assigned and inserted in the sail pocket near the clew of the mainsail. Placards will be available from the race office each day from 2 hours before the first race of the day and shall be returned after sailing each day within the Protest Time Limit of the day.

3. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board;

<https://int29erclass.ourclubadmin.com/notice-board.php?event=341>

4. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 30 minutes before flag D is displayed (SI 5.2), except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 21:00 hours on the day before it will take effect. Up to FOUR races a day may be sailed for each fleet without the need for a change in Sailing Instructions

5. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal flag poles in front of the race office.

- 5.2 **[DP][NP][SP]** Flag D and the class flag with one sound means: “The warning signal for the fleets assigned to ALFA race area will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed and 45 minutes” and 45 minutes if the fleet is assigned to race areas BRAVO or CHARLIE. Boats shall not leave their allocated berth until their course signal has been made.

6. **FORMAT OF RACING**

- 6.1 The regatta will consist of a Qualifying Series with a maximum of 9 races and a Final Series with a maximum of 9 races. The provisional racing schedule is described in Attachment C. Two fleets will race on each racecourse with the second fleet starting not less than five minutes after the first fleet.

6.2 **Qualifying Series:**

- (a) For the Qualifying Series boats will be assigned to fleets Yellow, Blue, Red and Green, of as nearly as possible, equal size and ability. Initial fleet assignments will be made by a seeding committee appointed by the Class and posted by 09:00 on the first day of racing.
- (b) In the Qualifying Series boats will be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing. However, the first reassignment will not be made until all fleets have completed two races. If all fleets have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned based on their ranks in the series. If all fleets have not completed the same number of races the series scores for reassignment will be calculated for those

races, numbered in order of completion, completed by all fleets. Reassignments will be made as follows;

Rank in series	Fleet assignment
First	Yellow
Second	Blue
Third	Red
Fourth	Green
Fifth	Green
Sixth	Red
Seventh	Blue
Eighth	Yellow
and so on	

6.3 Final Series:

- (a) Boats will be assigned to the Final Series fleets Gold, Silver, Bronze and Emerald based on their ranks in the Qualifying Series. The **45** boats ranked highest in the Qualifying Series will be assigned to the Gold fleet. The remaining boats in the Qualifying Series will be assigned to the Silver, Bronze and Emerald fleets as nearly as possible of equal size.
- (b) Any recalculation of Qualifying Series rankings after boats have been assigned to the Final Series fleets will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.
- (c) For the Final Series the top three male competitors, the top three female competitors and the top three mixed competitors in the Gold fleet shall wear leader bibs as directed by the organisers. These bibs will be supplied by the organisers.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1 The Championship schedule will be as follows:

Saturday 1st August	Race Office open	0900
	Registration and Inspection	0900 - 1800
Sunday 2nd August	Registration and Inspection	0900 - 1800
	Competitors briefing	1800
	Opening Ceremony	1830
Monday 3rd August	Qualifying series races	1100
Tuesday 4th August	Qualifying series races	1100
Wednesday 5th August	Qualifying series races	1100
	Regatta Dinner	1800
Thursday 6th August	Final series races	1100
Friday 7th August	Final series races	1100
Saturday 8th August	Final series races	1000
	Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony	TBC

- 7.2 The championship will comprise up to 18 races. Up to 4 races for each fleet may be sailed on any day without a change to the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.3 On Saturday 8th August there will be no warning signal after 1600.
- 7.4 On each day of racing, a Coach briefing will be held 90 minutes before the scheduled time of the first warning signal for that day.

8. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be the class insignia on a coloured flag are as follows:

Qualifying fleets	Final fleets	Flag colour
Yellow	Gold	Yellow
Blue	Silver	Blue
Red	Bronze	Red
Green	Emerald	Green

9. RACING AREA

Attachment A shows the location of racing areas, courses A and B.

10. THE COURSE

- 10.1 The diagram in Attachment B shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 10.2 No later than the warning signal the approximate compass bearing of the first leg will be displayed on a board on the start line committee boat.
- 10.3 A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.
- 10.4 Races will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

11. MARKS

- 11.1 The marks will be inflatable pyramids.

Course A

Marks 1, 2S and 2P.....Orange

Change markWhite

Finishing mark.....Blue

Course B

Marks 1, 2S and 2PYellow

Change mark.....Orange

Finishing mark.....Blue

- 11.2 Starting marks will be race committee vessels.
- 11.3 Finishing marks will be a race committee vessel displaying a blue flag and the nearby finishing mark.

12. THE START

- 12.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the race committee vessels.
- 12.2 [DP][NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall be at least 100 metres to leeward of the starting line and its extensions during the starting sequence for other races.

- 12.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 12.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races shall begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with ONE sound signal not less than TWO minutes before the warning signal is displayed.
- 13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 13.2 The Race Committee may make minor adjustments (up to 100 metres) without any signal. This changes RRS 33.
- 14. THE FINISH**
- The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the blue inflatable pyramid.
- 15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**
- 15.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:
- | Time limit | Target time |
|------------|-------------|
| 45 minutes | 30 minutes |
- 15.2 If no boat sails the course and finishes within the time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)1.
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 16.1 Protests, requests for redress or reopening, scoring enquiries, equipment changes, crew changes and general enquiries shall be made within the appropriate time limit (where appropriate) using the link,
<https://int29erclass.ourclubadmin.com/notice-board.php?event=341>
- 16.2 (a) The protest time limit in RRS 60.3(b)(1) for each course area is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or after the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. However, it is 30 minutes after the signal AP over A is displayed ashore.
- (b) The protest time limit in RRS 60.3 (b)(2) is changed from 2 hours to 1 hour. However it is 30 minutes on the final days of the Qualifying Series and the Final Series.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of arbitration meetings and hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. These meetings and hearings will be held in the protest room, next to the Race Office.
- 16.4 A list of boats that under SI 1.3, have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 16.5 Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.3.
- 16.6 In RRS 61.2(b)(2) change ‘the last scheduled day of racing’ to ‘the last day of racing of each series.’

17. ARBITRATION

RRS Appendix T, Arbitration applies.

18. SCORING

18.1 THREE Qualifying Series races are required to be completed by all fleets to constitute a regatta.

18.2 Qualifying Series

18.2.1 FIVE races are required to be completed by each fleet to constitute a Qualifying Series. If these FIVE races are not completed by the end of Day 3, or Day 4, or Day 5 all races on the following day will be Qualifying Series races.

18.2.2 If at the end of the Qualifying Series some boats have more race scores than others, scores for those boats' most recent races will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of race scores.

18.2.3 For the Qualifying Series, RRS A5.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.

18.3 Final Series

18.3.1 Each Final Series fleet will be scored separately. Final Series fleets need not have completed the same number of races. The boats in the Gold fleet will be ranked highest, followed by boats in Silver, Bronze and Emerald.

18.3.2 A boat's regatta score will be the total of her Qualifying Series score, plus her Final Series score.

18.3.3 For the Qualifying Series, RRS A5.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the relevant fleet

18.4 **Series Scores** (applies separately to Qualifying and Final Series):

18.4.1 When fewer than THREE races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

18.4.2 When THREE or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18.5 Scoring Queries

18.5.1 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available on the official notice board.

18.6 Resolving Ties

18.6.1 In the Qualifying Series ties will be broken in accordance with RRS A8.

18.6.2 In the Final Series ties will be broken in accordance with RRS A8 using boats' Final Series race scores.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP][SP]

19.1 A safety tally system will be in operation. The tally control point will be next to the main launching ramps.

19.2 Check-out and check-in:

[SP] Each boat will be issued with a key fob at registration. Each boat shall, before going afloat each day, check out with their key fob at the top of the launching ramp, keep while on the water and check back in immediately on returning to shore and at the latest by the end of protest time.

- 19.3 The penalty for failing to tally-out or tally-in as instructed above will be THREE points added to the boat's series score, non-excludable for each offence. This changes RRS A5.
- 19.4 Boats not leaving the shore for the day's races shall notify the race office as soon as possible.
- 19.5 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Boats which, for any reason, have to return to shore far from Jachetní Klub Černá v Pošumaví and who were unable to reach the place assigned to them, must inform the race office immediately by telephoning +420 777 189 776.
- 19.6 RRS 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat.
- 19.7 Under all circumstances coaches and other support boats are expected to assist any boat in distress.
- 19.8 Under RRS 37, the communication channel for search and rescue instructions is VHF channel 69 for racing area ALFA and VHF channel 72 for racing area BRAVO.
- 19.9 Boats who require assistance from rescue vessels should wave one arm with the hand open. If no assistance is required, the arm should be waved with the fist closed.
- 19.10 In the event of an emergency on the water, the meeting point for safety personnel and the dropping off point for safety boats coming from the racing area will be on the designated pontoon in the marina.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW AND EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 20.2 [NP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 20.3 Requests in 20.1 and 20.2 shall be lodged by using the appropriate link on the official notice board.

21. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP]

- 21.1 [NP] On the water, a boat shall comply with any instruction from the race committee, equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 21.2 Only one set of sails and one forestay shall be used during the regatta. They shall be presented and stamped/tagged during the measurement procedure.

22. OFFICIAL VESSELS

Official vessels will be identified as follows:

Race committee vessel - Course A.....	White flags with letter A
Race committee vessel - Course B.....	White flags with letter B
Jury vessels.....	White flags with black JURY
Press vessels.....	White flag with black MEDIA
Measurer.....	Green flag with black M

23. SUPPORT VESSELS [DP][NP]

- 23.1 Support vessels including parent and spectator boats shall be registered with the Organising Authority and shall comply with local legislation and the 29er Class Support

Vessel Regulations (see Attachment E)

- 23.2 Support vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 23.3 Support vessels shall stay at least 100 metres to leeward of the starting line and its extensions during the starting sequence
- 23.4 Support vessels shall be marked with their national letters on outboard covers or a flag. Minimum height for letters is 200mm.
- 23.5 If called upon support vessels shall be required to act as rescue boats.

24. CODE OF CONDUCT [DP][NP]

Competitors and Support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official or a member of the Organising Authority.

25. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

26. BERTHING [DP][NP]

- 26.1 Boats will be allocated places in one of the two berthing areas and shall remain in their assigned places in the boat park.
- 26.2 Each boat will be issued, at registration, with a sticker with their country and sail number which shall be attached to their trolley.

27. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP][NP]

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile telephones.

28. ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT [DP][NP]

A boat or support team shall not use a drone over the racing area. However, a drone may be flown by a licensed company authorised by the Organising Authority to record video and still imagery exclusively for advertising and promotion.

29. PRIZES

- 29.1 Prizes will be awarded in the following categories,
 - a) Men's Open European Champions 1st to 3rd
 - b) Women's Open European Champions 1st to 3rd
 - c) Mixed Open European Champions 1st to 3rd
 - d) Men's European Champions 1st
 - e) Women's European Champions 1st
 - f) Mixed European Champions 1st
 - g) Overall 1st to 10th
 - h) Under 17 Open Champions 1st to 3rd Men, 1st to 3rd Women and 1st to 3rd Mixed (must be born in 2010 or later)

- i) Under 17 Champions 1st Men, 1st Women and 1st Mixed
- j) Silver, Bronze and Emerald Fleets 1st to 3rd
- k) Over 18 overall (helm and crew) 1st
- l) The Nations Cup shall be awarded to the nation with the best performance at the European Championships.

29.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

30. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

Where consent has been given for imagery, competitors grant to the Organising Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

31. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing 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:

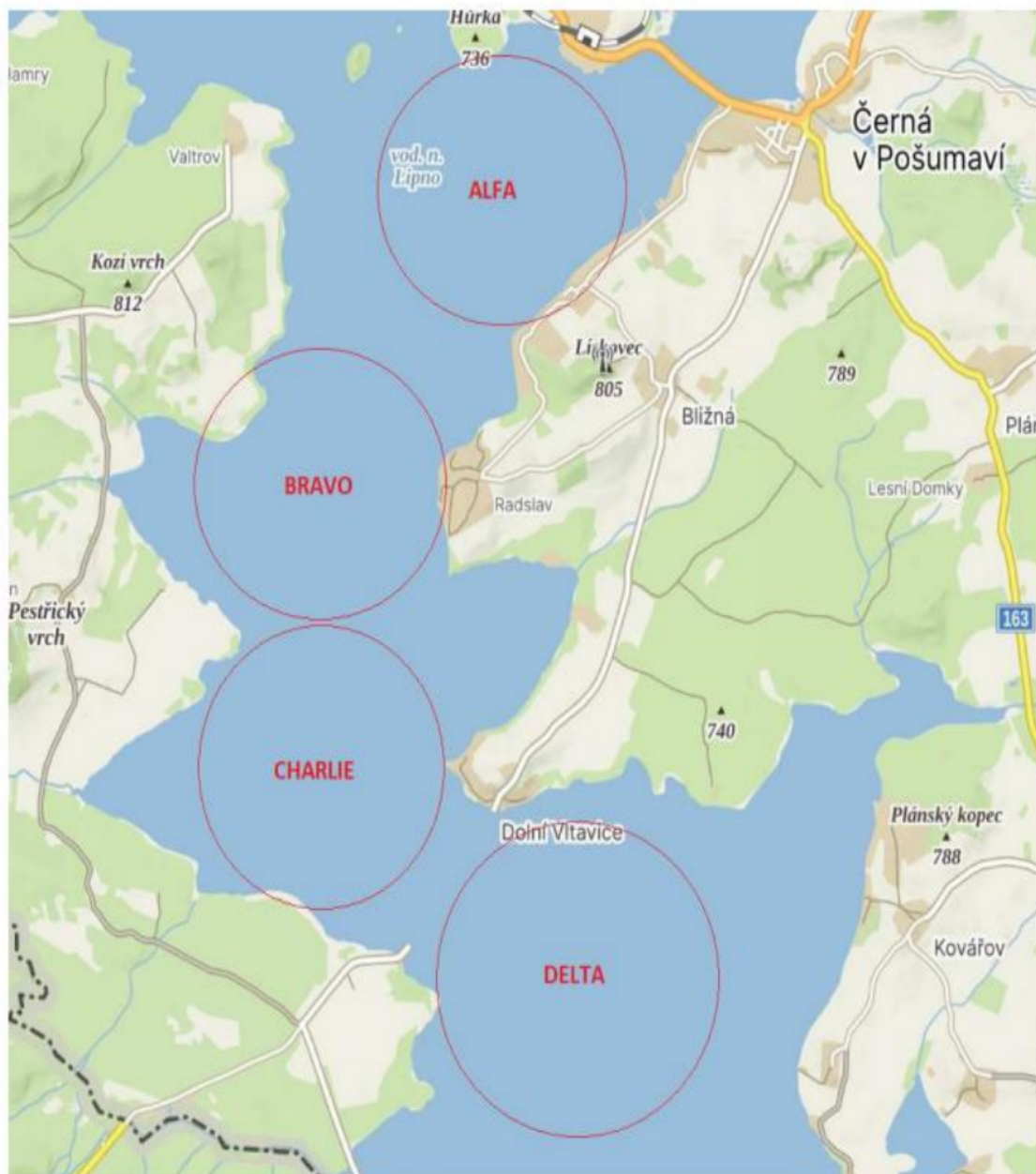
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event and to attend any competitor briefing held for this event.

32. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-part insurance with a minimum cover of Euros 1.5 million per event or the equivalent, and in the event of an incident with damage, agrees to exchange insurance policy information with the other boat. Each support person vessel at the event shall be insured with third-part insurance with a minimum cover of Euros 350,000 (or the equivalent) per incident and valid for the event .

Attachment A

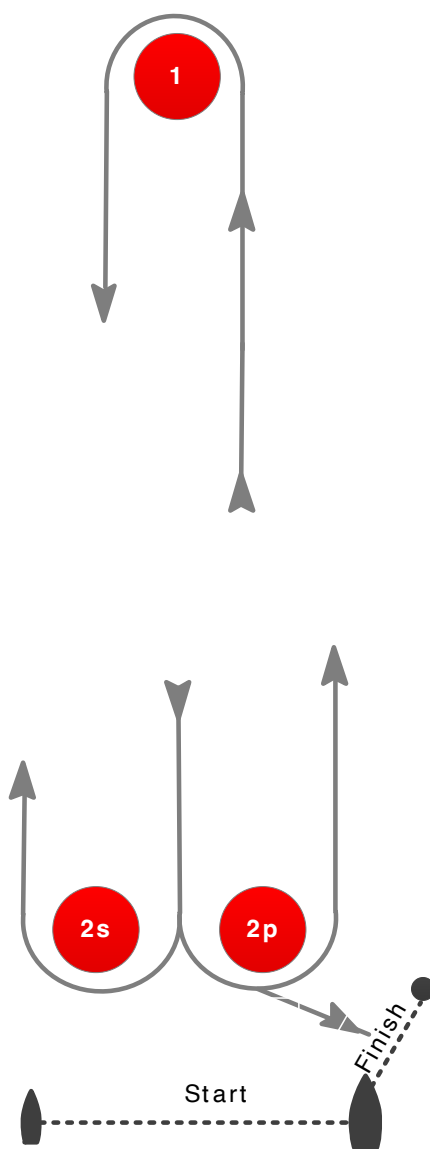
Racing Areas



Attachment B

The Course

L	COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2p – Finish



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Attachment C **Provisional** Racing Schedule

The Daily Schedule will be confirmed each evening for the following day.

European Championships 1 to 8 August 2026		
Warning signal		
Day 1 – 3 August Qualifying	Course A	Course B
10.55	29er Yellow 3 races	29er Red 3 races
ASAP	29er Blue 3 races	29er Green 3 races
Day 2 - 4 August Qualifying	Course A	Course B
10.55	29er Yellow 3 races	29er Red 3 races
ASAP	29er Blue 3 races	29er Green 3 races
Day 3 – 5 August Qualifying	Course A	Course B
10.55	29er Yellow 3 races	29er Red 3 races
ASAP	29er Blue 3 races	29er Green 3 races
Day 4 - 6 August Final	Course A	Course B
10.55	29er Gold 3 races	29er Bronze 3 races
ASAP	29er Silver 3 races	29er Emerald 3 races
Day 5 - 7 August Final	Course A	Course B
10.55	29er Gold 3 races	29er Bronze 3 races
ASAP	29er Silver 3 races	29er Emerald 3 races
Day 6 - 8 August Final	Course A	Course B
09.55	29er Gold 3 races	29er Bronze 3 races
ASAP	29er Silver 3 races	29er Emerald 3 races

Attachment D

2026 29er EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

OVINGTON NATIONS CUP

The Ovington Nations Cup shall be awarded to the nation with the best THREE- boat aggregate points score at the 2026 29er European Championship, calculated as follows:

1. A nation's three boats shall include boats from at least two of the three prize categories (Men's, Women's and Mixed). If a Final Series is sailed, the three boats shall have sailed in the Gold or Silver fleets.
2. At the conclusion of the Championships, each nation's three boats' points scores will be added together. The nation with the lowest total score shall win the Nations Cup, and other nations shall be ranked accordingly.
3. However, to enable boats from the Silver Fleet to take part and be appropriately scored, the points score of any boat from the Silver Fleet shall be increased by N where $N = (\text{Points Scored by Last Boat in Gold Fleet}) - (\text{Points Scored by First Boat in Silver}) + 1$.
This allocates a Nations Cup score to all boats in Silver Fleet based on scoring the first boat in Silver one point more than the last boat in Gold.
4. Ties shall be broken in favour of the nation whose three boats secured more first place finishes in the Gold Fleet Final Series (or Single Series if no Final Series is sailed). If this fails to break a tie, it shall be broken in favour of the three boats with more second place finishes in those races, then third place finishes, and so on until the tie is broken.

Attachment E

Support Vessel Regulations *29er*

1. Support Vessels shall be registered with the Organising Authority and shall be marked with their applicable national sail letters clearly displayed, the minimum height for these letters is 200mm.
2. Support Vessels shall comply with all local regulations.
3. Support Vessels shall carry the following Equipment on board:
 - i. Life jackets / buoyance aids for the driver and all passengers,
 - ii. Engine kill cord (also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobiliser) with a spare kill cord on the support boat
 - iii. VHF radio capable of receiving instruction from Safety or Race Committee
 - iv. First-aid kit
 - v. Device for making a sound signal
 - vi. Compass
 - vii. Adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth
 - viii. Tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick)
 - ix. Knife
4. Regulations when afloat
 - a. Kill cords shall be worn at all times when the engine is running.
 - b. Life jackets / buoyance aids - it is recommended that they are worn at all times when afloat and shall be worn in winds of over 10 knots or when motoring at more than 10 knots.
 - c. Support vessels shall not be positioned, except during rescue operations:
 - i. closer than 100 metres of any boat racing;
 - ii. within 100 metres of the starting line and its extensions from the warning signal until all boats have left the starting area;
 - iii. within 100 metres of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark;
 - iv. within 100 metres of the finishing line while boats are finishing.
 - d. In addition, support vessels that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat racing.
5. Radio Communication
 - a. Support Vessels shall follow Race Committee instructions on the designated VHF channel.
 - b. When in the racing area, the Race Committee will inform Support Persons of its intentions on this channel, and between races Support Persons may request updates of the Race Committee's intentions.
 - c. During racing, Support Persons shall only broadcast safety-related communication on this channel.

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