CENTRAL EUROPEAN OPTIMIST REGATTA Choco Cup 2026

EVENT

Central European Optimist Regatta
17th Choco Cup Optimist Regatta
Balatonföldvár, 14-16 July 2026
http://chococup.spartacus.hu/

ORGANIZER

Spartacus Sailing Club
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RULES

The race will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028.

International Optimist Class Rules will apply.

The first three sentences of RRS 61.1(a) are changed to 'A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest will concern an incident in the racing area in which she was involved in or saw she shall hail 'Protest' and she shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line immediately after finishing or as soon as practicable after she retires.

RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4 are changed as follows: The first sentence of RRS 40.1 is deleted and replaced by "Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) according to class rule 4.2 (a), properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing."

Rule 90.3 (e) will apply.

In case of conflict between NOR, SI and notices, the SI and the official notices shall prevail (this change RRS 63.7).
All boats shall keep clear of passenger boats operating on the lake.

In case of conflict the English language will prevail.

ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing committee.

Sailor advertising is permitted on the hull as per World Sailing Regulation 20.3.2 but as restricted by class rule 2.8.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

All entries shall meet the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19 – Eligibility Code.

Competitors are required to be current members of the Optimist National Association of the IODA for the country of their residence and must be born on or after January 1, 2011.

The regatta will be open, except for 20 entries for sailors from Spartacus Sailing Club. The remaining spare entries are for other sailors until a **maximum number of 300 participants** has been reached altogether.

The Organising Committee reserves the right to accept more entries.
Entries will be accepted by the first come – first served principle and payment is mandatory at the moment of entry. No entry can be completed without payment.

It is mandatory for all competitors to have a coach with RIB in the regatta. The quota is max 10 sailors per coach and RIB.
Entry forms must be completed on-line through the website: http://chococup.spartacus.hu/

All entries must be confirmed by the support person in the Race Office (registration) not later than 13 July 2026

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ENTRY FEES

The early bird entry fee is **EUR 70 till 31 May 2026** and the entry fee is **EUR 90 from 01 June 2026** payable by bank transfer.

Please make payments to the following bank account:

Beneficiary:	Spartacus VE
Beneficiary's address:	8623 Balatonföldvár, Móló
Name of bank:	RAIFFEISEN Bank Rt.
Bank address:	H 1133 Budapest Váci út 116.
IBAN:	HU47 1201 1265 0025 7080 0020 0006
SWIFT	Code: UBRTHUHB
Reference:	Name of competitor, Country code & sail number, Choco Cup 2026 EF

Fees shall be free of bank commissions. Any bank fee will be charged to the Competitors.

The registration of a sailor will be accepted when the entry fee has been paid and all documents required by the NOR have been uploaded and validated by the Race Office. Forms will be posted and available for download on the website ONB.

The required documents are the following:

- Parent consent and declaration form
- Insurance certificate with third party liability coverage when racing (damage to third parties and property), or an extension of the third-party liability coverage, up to the amount of 1.500.000€.

SUPPORT BOATS

The entire surface of Lake Balaton is an environmentally protected area and boats powered by gasoline engines can not be used by default.
In order to receive special permission for the period of the regatta, every support boat needs registration on Lake Balaton and has to pay **150 EUR/ boat** to the National Transport Authority. **The balance of fees and the completed registration form shall be received on or before 13 June 2026.**

Support boat entry forms must be completed on-line through the website:
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	Reference: Name of the coach, Registration No of the boat, Choco Cup 2026 SBRF

The validity period of permission is 10-16 July 2026

FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

In case when there are more than 100 sailors registered, the fleet will be divided into fleets to sail a qualifying series followed by a final series.
The Sailing Instructions will define the Racing format details.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available latest 2 weeks before the start of the regatta at Central European Optimist Regatta - Choco Cup 2026 event website: **http://chococup.spartacus.hu/**

Other documents governing the event will be published with the sailing instruction

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SCHEDULE OF RACES

Nine (9) races scheduled. The start of the first race is scheduled on 14 July 2026 at 10 am. No warning signal will be made after 3 pm on the last day of the regatta.

THE COURSE

Optimists will sail the IODA Championship course.

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SCORING

Low Point Scoring System according to Appendix A RRS will apply. Two (2) races required to have a valid regatta.

When 4 or more races are completed, the worst race score will be discarded.

RACING AREA

Racing area will be on Lake Balaton NW from Balatonföldvár Marina.

PRIZES

- the top ten competitors overall,
- the top six female competitors born between 2007-2013
- the top six male competitors born between 2007-2013
- the top six male competitors born in 2014 or later
- the top six female competitors born in 2014 or later
- special prizes

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INSURANCE

Each participating boat, including support boats, shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of EUR 1.500.000 per event or the equivalent.

DESIGNATED ADULT

Parents not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adults are authorized and designated.

Each competitor shall indicate in writing a parent or adult representative who shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event in the Parent Consent and Declaration Form available on the regatta website.

The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor
during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during and after the regatta.

MEASUREMENT

Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, daggerboard, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, spirit and sail during the regatta. Substitution of such equipment shall occur only with the Race Committee's approval.

There may be measurements on the water following each race. A number of boats may be spot checked after finishing the race.

All equipment may be subject to a safety check.

RISK STATEMENT

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. Competitors and support persons participate in the event entirely at their own risk. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such

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inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, complies with the class rules, is equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

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;

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

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.

HIGH PERFORMANCE OPTI PRE-CLINIC

A high performance optimist pre-clinic will be organized prior to Choco Cup 2026 with world class international coach Maurizio Bencic and co-host Lilla Takácsy. Medium to high level sailors are expected to participate in the pre-clinic. The pre clinic will be held between 10-12. July 2026 at the Choco Cup 2026 venue.

Further information on the clinic and registration form is available at Choco Cup 2026 website: **http://chococup.spartacus.hu/**

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CHARTER BOATS AND COACH BOATS

Fully equiped HOOK optimist charter boats (without sails) are available during the pre-clinic and Choco Cup 2026

Charter fee: 80€/day

You can book your charter boat directly from the distributor:

Company: Hodacs Composites
Contact Person: Attila Hodacs
Mobile / WhatsApp: +36 30 310 1972
email: info@hodacs.hu

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information about the event and accommodation please visit **http://chococup.spartacus.hu/**

Spartacus Sailing Club welcomes all competitors!

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