



NOTICE OF RACE

SB20 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

29th September - 4th October

Ta' Xbiex, Malta

Organising Authority

Royal Malta Yacht Club in conjunction with the **SB20 Malta Class Association**

[DP] Denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury.
[NP] The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024. (RRS)
- 1.2 The SB20 International Class Rules.
- 1.3 No National Authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix UF SB20 European Championship 2024 will apply.
- 1.5 RRS 40.1 will apply at all times while afloat.
- 1.6 RRS 90.3 (e) will apply. The expression "24 hours" is replaced by "48 hours".
- 1.7 Under RRS 87, the class rules are changed as follows. See Attachment C.
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI), the Sailing Instructions prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.9 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be published on the Event Website Notice Board on:
<https://sb20europeans2024.com/> on the 31st August 2024

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is online and located on the following website:
<https://sb20europeans2024.com/>
- 3.2 Other documents governing the event will be published on the Official Notice Board.
- 3.3 [DP] All support person vessels shall carry VHF radio capable of communicating on international channels.



- 3.4 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SI.
- 3.5 When leaving the marina all local rules and regulations of the port authorities must be adhered to, including proper use of VHF 12. When towed, the towing vessel will be responsible for such communication on VHF 12. Instructions from the harbourmaster or port authorities must always be followed up on immediately.
- 3.6 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee or OA, a boat shall not make voice, radio or data transmissions and shall not receive voice, radio or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the SB20 Class which are active members of the SB20 class in their respective countries/ districts.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line entry form at <https://sb20europeans2024.com/> and making payment by 31st August, 2024.
- 4.3 Late entries may be accepted until 15th September, 2024. After this closing date acceptance of a late entry is at this discretion of the Organising Authority. If accepted late entries are subject to a Late Entry Fee of €100.00
- 4.4 An entry is not considered complete until:
 - 4.4.1 Full payment has been received,
 - 4.4.2 Paid SB20 Class Association membership has been confirmed, and
 - 4.4.3 The boat has completed registration at the venue. Registration shall include equipment and entry requirement checks.
- 4.5 Competitors under 18 years of age shall provide a signed and completed parent (or guardian) consent and declaration form.
- 4.6 The OA may cancel the event if the minimum number of 30 boats have not been entered by 2nd September 2024. Competitors will be notified of the cancellation by email and posting on the official notice board.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee for the SB20 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP is EUR 600.00 per boat which includes a class fee of EUR50.00, launching and retrieving, berthing and any haul-outs required during the regatta.
- 5.2 The entry fee for the teams that qualify as 'YOUTHS' the entry fee will be discounted to EUR 480.00 per boat and includes a class fee of EUR50.00, launching and retrieving, berthing and any haul-outs required during the regatta.
- 5.3 Support boat launching, berthing and retrieving fee of EUR 100.00 applies. Support boats can collect their official numbered support boat flag from the race office. A deposit of EUR 50 applies.
- 5.4 No fees are refundable after the closing date for entries. Fees may be refunded before the closing date less 50% deducted for administration costs.



6 [NP][DP] ADVERTISING, BOW NUMBERS AND EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY THE OA When provided by the OA, boats or competitors shall carry, display or wear the following as instructed:

- Event advertising.
- Bow numbers.
- Coloured bibs for event leaders (rank 1, 2, 3).
- Tracking and timing equipment.

7 FORMAT

7.1 The EVENT will consist of a qualifying and a final series if the fleet is larger than 80 boats. If the fleet comprises 80 boats or fewer, the event will consist of a single series. In case of a qualifying and final series, the format will be defined with the Sailing Instructions or before as an amendment to this Notice of Race.

8 SCHEDULE

8.1 Schedule of Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT
29 th September	0900 -1730	Registration & Measurement.
30 th September	0900 – 1730 1400	Registration and Measurement One Practice Race
1 st October	1100	First Warning Signal 1 st Race of the day
2 nd October	1100	First Warning Signal 1 st Race of the day
3 rd October	1100	First Warning Signal 1 st Race of the day
4 th October	1.00	First Warning Signal 1 st Race of the day Followed by Presentation of prizes

8.2 The first competitor briefing will be held on 30th September at 1900hrs.

8.3 Twelve races are planned, with a maximum of 4 races per day.

8.4 1st October till 3rd October No races will start after 1700hrs.

8.5 On 4th October no race will start after 1300hrs, except for a restart where a warning signal has been given before that.

9 MEASUREMENTS

9.1 All boats and equipment shall be presented for measurement where the following measurements shall be taken. The AO will let you know where it will be happening upon registration.

9.1.1 Crew weighing according to SB20 Class Measurement Rules. For this item the full crew shall be presented at the same time.

9.1.2 Safety and Equipment checks.

9.1.3 Boats should be prepared for full inspection, including hull weight control.

9.1.4 Each boat shall produce at Registration evidence of insurance cover as per NOR Clause 21.

9.1.5 Random measurement checks may be made during the regatta at the discretion of the Technical Committee.



10 VENUE

- 10.1 Attachment A shows the location of the regatta venue.
- 10.2 Attachment B shows the location of the racing area.

11 COURSES

- 11.1 The courses to be sailed will be as follows:
 - 11.1.1 In the case of a Single Fleet – Windward – Leeward with spreader mark and a Leeward gate.
 - 11.1.2 In the case of qualifying and finals series – Inner and Outer loop trapezoid courses each with a Leeward gate.

12 INTERNATIONAL JURY

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

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that a Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 13.2 Appendix T – Arbitration will apply to this regatta amended so that an Arbitrator may form part of the Protest Committee hearing a subsequent protest.
- 13.3 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5

14 SCORING

- 14.1 Seven Races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - 14.1.1 When fewer than five races have been complete, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 14.1.2 When from five to nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 14.1.3 When ten or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

15 SUPPORT BOATS [DP] [NP]

- 15.1 Support boats shall be marked with a numbered flag available from Registration following the payment of the support boat fee detailed in NoR 5.2.
- 15.2 At all times, support boats must call on VHF channel 75
- 15.3 Penalties for breaking NoR 15 will be at the discretion of the international jury up to and including disqualification of all boats associated with the team or private support boat.
- 15.4 Occupants of all support boats shall wear approved PFD's at all times when under way and drivers are to be in possession of an approved nautical driving licence.



16 BERTHING

16.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in harbour.

17 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

17.1 All boats participating in the European Championships shall be launched by 18:00 on 30th September 2024.

17.2 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

18 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS. [DP][NP]

18.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the European Regattas.

18.2 The use of dehumidifiers is prohibited in competing boats from 18:00 hrs Monday 30th September 2024 until the conclusion of the last race on Friday 4th October 2024.

19 TRACKERS. [DP][NP]

19.1 All boats may be required to carry trackers supplied by the organising authority. Instructions for use of trackers will be provided at registration.

20 PRIZES

20.1 Prizes will be presented to the top three boats of overall results and for the 1st Corinthian Team, 1st Women's Team, 1st Youth Team and 1st Master's Team. Additional prizes may be awarded.

20.2 A women's Team is composed of a minimum of 50% women, of which one at the helm. (This implies a minimum of 2 women on board.)

20.3 A Youth team is composed of a minimum of 50% of crew including helm to be 25 years or younger before 31/12/2024

20.4 For the Masters team the helm must be 50 years old or older and the average age of the crew must be 50 years old or older before the 31/12/2024

20.5 The Nations Cup will be awarded to the nation (country represented by the sailing teams racing under these countries national letters) with the lowest score of their first three teams. To qualify, a Nation must have at least three teams. The lowest score is calculated by totalling the final scoring place of each of the top three teams from each qualifying nation.

21 DATA PROTECTION AND IMAGE RIGHTS

21.1 At registration competitors and support persons will be required to confirm if they give permission to the Organising Authority to collect and use their personal data for the



purpose of this event. The Organising Authority has adopted a Data Protection Policy for the Event which can be found here.

- 21.2 By entering the event competitors and support persons (or their parent or guardian) understands that the Organising Authority may arrange for images or videos taken at the event both on the water and on shore for the purpose of promoting the event. Competitors and support persons (or their parent or guardian) will be required to confirm if they give consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and reproduction of such images in any media without compensation, which may be in conjunction with the competitor's or support person's (or parent or guardian) names or not. The images may only be used for the promotion of the event, of the Organising Authority or the SB20 Class.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 22.1 All those participating in the regatta races do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility. Attention is drawn to RRS 3 Decision to Race.
- 22.2 The SB20 Malta Association and The Royal Malta Yacht Club, their executives, boards, servants, volunteers and agents and all other parties involved with the conduct and organisation of the event disclaim any and every responsibility for loss, damage, injury, death or inconvenience of participation in the race covered by this notice of race and by the sailing instructions.

23 INSURANCE [DP][NP]

- 23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of Euro 1.5 million or equivalent in another currency per incident. Each boat shall produce at registration evidence of insurance cover.

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact The SB20 Malta Association or The Royal Malta Yacht Club.

Event Web Page: <https://sb20europeans2024.com>

Royal Malta Yacht Club: www.rmyc.org

SB20 Class Malta: <https://www.sb20class.org/sb20-malta/>

Event Facebook Page: SBEuro2024