

38th Opti Team Cup Berlin 2026

Potsdamer Yacht Club

09 to 11 October 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

Version 1, 07 December 2025

Organizing Authority: Potsdamer Yacht Club e.V.

Event Website: www.optiteamcup.de

Venue: Potsdamer Yacht Club e.V.
Königstr. 3A
14109 Berlin
Germany

Organizing Officer: Stefan Weger

Race and Deputy

Race Officers: Sven Mikisch, Martin Romberg, positions to be appointed

Chairman of the Jury: To be appointed

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 [NP] [DP] The International Optimist Class Rules, which are available on the International Optimist Dinghy Association website (www.optiworld.org), will apply.
- 1.3 [DP] RRS 40.1 always applies while afloat.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix D will apply except for D5.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix D5 will not apply.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available after 12:00 on 28 September 2026 at the Official Notice Board (ONB)

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located at www.optiteamcup.de
- 3.2 [DP] From the first warning signal until the last race of the day, 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.

4. [NP] [DP] ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is a Team Race event sailed in dinghies of the International Optimist Dinghy Class.
- 4.2 Entry is by team, not by competitor.
- 4.3 A team consists of four to five competitors.
- 4.4 Sixteen teams are eligible.
- 4.5 The following conditions prevail:
 - 4.5.1 Only one team per country will be accepted, except for the conditions listed in sections 4.5.2 to 4.5.4. This team should ideally be nominated in close agreement with the respective national class associations.
 - 4.5.2 One entry spot will be reserved for the Swedish team of Emil Malmström as the winner of the 2025 edition of the Optimist Team Cup. Sweden may enter a second team
 - 4.5.3 The USA may enter two teams in close agreement with the USODA (US Optimist Dinghy Association).
 - 4.5.4 The club of the organizing authority Potsdamer Yacht Club e.V. may enter one team in addition to the German team, which shall be entered by the German National Class Association (Opti Class GER).
- 4.6 The organizing authorities reserve themselves the right to accept or reject entries without stating reasons, with the sole purpose of assuring that as many nations as possible can participate in the event.
- 4.7 The organizing authorities retain the right to invite additional teams at their own discretion for the purpose of ensuring a complete field of 16 entries.
- 4.8 Entry will open at 11 January 2026 at 12:00.
- 4.9 The deadline for entries is 27 September 2026 at 24:00.
- 4.10 Eligible teams can register for the event online via the event website at <https://optiteamcup.de/registration>.

- 4.11 Entries will be accepted in the order in which they are received. Registrations will be confirmed by e-mail within 10 days.
- 4.12 The following documents, which are available on the event website from 01 April 2026 at 12:00, must be provided by teams upon check-in at the Potsdamer Yacht Club registration desk:
- 4.12.1 Completed 'Disclaimer of Liability' for each sailor.
- 4.12.2 Completed 'Data Protection Note' for each sailor.
- 4.12.3 Completed 'Support Person/Team Regulation' for coaches/team leaders
- 4.13 To be considered an entry in the event, a team shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees until 08 October 2026 at 18:00.
- 4.14 Questions regarding the entry process or required information can be send via mail to stefanweger@online.de.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

	Early Entry fee until 17 September 2026	Standard fee from 18 September 2026
Teams with 4 sailors	400	500
Teams with 5 sailors	500	625

- 5.2 The entry fee shall be paid to the bank account of 'Potsdamer Yacht Club e.V.' at
- Beneficiary: Potsdamer Yacht Club e.V.
 Name of bank: Berliner Volksbank
 IBAN: DE56 1009 0000 2007 0140 00
 SWIFT Code (BIC): BEVODEBB
 Reference: OTC 2026
 [Country]
 [Team Name]
- 5.3 The entry fee shall be paid upon entering, even if the entry is cancelled later or the boat does not show up. The entry fee is non-refundable, except for the event or class being canceled by the organizing authority or if the entry is rejected.

6. COMPETITOR LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 Competitors shall be born in 2011 or later.
- 6.2 Competitors shall provide a valid official licence prescribed or recommended for the racing area and type of drive. This may be either an official licence or an equivalent DSV licence, "Sportsegelschein" or for the relevant age group a "Jüngstensegelschein". Members of other national authorities shall provide an equivalent licence issued by their national authority.
- 6.3 Competitors shall be a member of a club affiliated to his national authority of World Sailing.

7. [DP] ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising and bow numbers chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8. FORMAT

- 8.1 Four sailors shall represent each team in a race.
- 8.2 The event will consist of one or more round robin and knock-out stages as specified in the sailing instructions and may be varied as described therein.

9. SCHEDULE

9.1 Check-in:

	Date and time	Place
Teams & Competitors	08 October 2026: 15:00 - 18:00	Clubhouse
Coaches / Team leaders	08 October 2026: 15:00 - 18:00	Clubhouse
support person vessels	08 October 2026: 15:00 - 18:00	Clubhouse

- 9.2 On 08 October 2026 a team leader meeting with the race committee and the umpire team will be held at 19:00 in the Potsdamer Yacht Club e.V. clubhouse.
- 9.3 On the first scheduled racing day a skippers meeting will be held at 09:00. Details will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.4 The schedule of races and dates of racing is as follows:

Racing days	Warning signal for the first race	Number of races
09 October to 11 October 2026	09 October 2026: 10:30	Round robins and knock-out stages as specified by the sailing Instructions

- 9.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 15:30 except when finals are being sailed and no team has scored two wins. In this case no warning signal will be made after 16:30.
- 9.6 The prize giving ceremony will take place on 11 October 2026 at approximately 17:00.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement.
- 10.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.

11. VENUE

- 11.1 The event will be hosted at Potsdamer Yacht Club e.V., Königstr. 3a, 14109 Berlin, Germany.
- 11.2 The race office will be in the Potsdamer Yacht Club clubhouse.
- 11.3 The racing area will be Lake Wannsee. Addendum "Location of the regatta harbour and race area" shows the location of the regatta harbor and the race area.

12. COURSES

The courses will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 The races will be umpired according to RRS D2.
- 12.2 The intention is to appoint an international jury in accordance with RRS 91(b). The right of appeal from an international jury decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.5.

14. SCORING

14.1 RRS Appendix D3 and D4 will apply.

14.2 RSS D4.2 (b) is changed as follows:

In order to conclude *or extent* an event, the race committee may change, *expand* or terminate any part of the format at any reasonable time taking into account the entries, weather, time constraints and other relevant factors.

14.3 In agreement with D4.3(c) results from previous round robin stages may be carried forwards as specified in the sailing instructions.

14.4 In intermediate and final stage round robins, all race wins may be multiplied with a value factor greater than 1.0 as specified by the sailing instructions.

15. [NP] [DP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

15.1 All support person vessels shall be registered with the organizing authority. When support persons are present in the racing area, they are required to comply with local legislation and - if applicable - the 'Event Support Person/Team Regulations', that will be posted on the event website at www.optiteamcup.de. The organizing authority may accept later registrations at their sole discretion.

15.2 Support persons shall always wear personal flotation devices while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

15.3 The drivers of support person vessels shall always use the kill cord while the engine is running.

15.4 Support person vessels shall be insured with valid and for the racing area suitable third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 3.000.000 EUR per incident or the equivalent.

16. [DP] BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park or harbour.

17. [DP] MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

17.1 Upon registration to the event sailors agree that photos and videos may be taken of their person and used as part the organizing authority's public relations activities, e.g., via websites, newsletters, print and tv media and social networks. In addition, sailors or their guardians grant to the organizing authority without compensation the unlimited right to use images, photographs, television and radio material produced of them during the event.

17.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment and positioning equipment as specified and supplied by the organizing authority.

17.3 Sailors may be required to be available for interviews at the event.

18. DATA PROTECTION

The organizing authority will process and store personal data collected from entering and participating in the event. Addendum "Data Privacy Policy" gives relevant information and details. This addendum is available on the event website at www.optiteamcup.de.

19. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY COGNOVITS CLAUSE

19.1 The responsibility for the decision to participate in a race or to continue with it is solely with the skipper; to that extent the skipper also accepts full responsibility for the crew. The skipper is responsible for the qualification and the correct nautical conduct of the crew as well as for the suitability and the seaworthiness of the registered boat. In cases of force majeure or on grounds of administrative orders or for safety reasons, the organizer is entitled to make changes in the realization of the event or to cancel the event. This does not constitute any liability by the organizer towards the participant, if the reasons for the changes or the cancellation do not result from a wilful or grossly

negligent behaviour of the organizer. In case of a violation of obligations that do not constitute primary or material contractual duties (cardinal obligations – such obligations, the fulfilment of which is necessary to achieve the objective of the contract, which characterise the contract and the fulfilment on which the participant may rely), the liability of the organizer for financial and property damages incurred by the participant during or in connection with the participation in the event and resulting from a conduct of the organizer, its representatives, servants or agents, is restricted to damages that were caused wilfully or grossly negligent. When a violation of cardinal obligations occurs due to minor negligence, the liability of the organizer is limited to foreseeable, typical damages. To the extent that the liability for damages of the organizer is excluded or restricted, the participant also relieves the staff - employees and representatives, agents, servants, sponsors and individuals who provide or drive salvage, safety or rescue vessels or assist with their use - from the individual liability for damages, as well as also all other individuals who were instructed to act in connection with the realization of the event. The above limitations of liability do not apply to damages resulting from injury to life, limb or health.

- 19.2 The effective racing rules of World Sailing, the administrative regulations regatta-sailing and the association law of the DSV (all under www.dsv.org), the class rules as well as the regulations of the notice of race and the sailing instructions, all as amended at the time of the event, shall be complied with and are expressly accepted.
- 19.3 The law of the Federal Republic of Germany shall apply.
- 19.4 Competitors shall present a signed and completed consent and declaration form at registration. For competitors under 18 years of age these forms shall be signed by a parent or guardian. The forms can be downloaded from the event website at www.optiteamcup.de.

20. [DP] INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid (and for the racing area suitable) third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1.500.000 EUR per incident or the equivalent.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1 The perpetual Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the winning team.
- 21.2 Prizes will be awarded to the best three teams.
- 21.3 Special prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organizers.
- 21.4 Gifts will be given to all sailors.
- 21.5 Prizes not claimed at the prize giving ceremony will remain with the organizing authority.
- 21.6 The winner of a perpetual trophy shall keep it in his or her safe custody and return it to the organizing authority no later than the check-in day for the 2027 edition of the Opti Team Cup Berlin. The winner shall be responsible for any damage or loss. It is therefore recommended to cover this risk by adequate insurance.

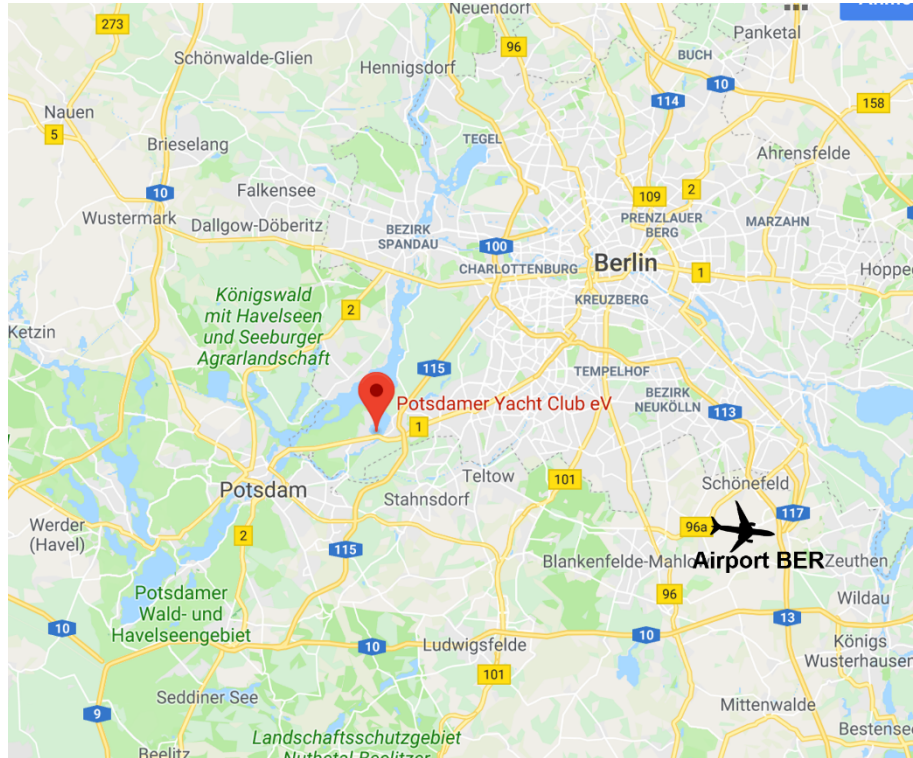
ADDENDUMS:

- A. Location of the regatta harbour and race area

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Potsdamer Yacht Club e.V., Königstr. 3a, 14109 Berlin, Germany

OVERVIEW



DETAILED VIEW

