



NORTH AEGEAN MATCH RACE CUP



North Aegean Match Race Cup – Thessaloniki 2020 © Nikos Pantis

NOTICE of RACE

2024

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Aegeas Yachting / OTHAK – Kavala 5 – 7/4/2024

Himera Sailing / IOVATH – Volos 24 – 26/5/2024

NCTH – Thessaloniki 27 – 29/9/2024

Notice of Race

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

PC: Protest Committee or International Jury

NoR: Notice of Race

OA: Organising Authority

RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing

SI: Sailing Instruction

RC: Race Committee

TD: Technical Delegate

[NP]: A boat may not protest as per NoR 1.3

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including RRS Appendix C
- 1.2 The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions, will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4 (a) Delete RRS 40.2 and replace with: "Rule 40.1 applies to all boats when afloat".
(b) RRS C8.6 will be changed in the sailing instructions.
- 1.5 Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply shall be posted on the official notice board.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.
- 1.7 All events have applied for World Sailing Grade *<grade 4>*. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SI's will be available one (1) week before the scheduled dated for each event and will be posted on the official notice board.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board which is located at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/8024/event>.

3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from

<i>VENUE</i>	<i>Flagpole Location</i>
<i>Volos</i>	<i>On-line on the ONB</i>
<i>Kavala</i>	<i>On-line on the ONB</i>
<i>Thessaloniki</i>	<i>On-line on the ONB</i>

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 **8** skippers will be invited.

The winner of NAMRC 2023 shall be invited.

One team shall be invited from each city that is hosting a stop of the North Aegean Match Race Cup.

One team may be invited by the Organizing Authority (wild card).

Skippers who will participate in the whole tour will be invited first.

Skippers wishing to receive an invite may register their request with the OA by completing the invitation request form, that can be found at the end of this Notice of Race.

4.2 Only skippers invited by the OA, and who confirm acceptance of the invitation, will be eligible to enter this event.

4.3 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.4.

4.4 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/sailor_id_request.php. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.

4.5 The skipper shall complete registration, pay any entry fee, on:

<i>VENUE</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Fee</i>
<i>Kavala</i>	<i>5 / 4 / 2024</i>	<i>350 Euro</i>
<i>Volos</i>	<i>24 / 5 / 2024</i>	<i>350 Euro</i>
<i>Thessaloniki</i>	<i>27 / 9 / 2024</i>	<i>350 Euro</i>

unless extended by the OA.

To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.6 When a skipper accepts an invitation and later 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. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2.2(d))

5 DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 5.1 There will be no damage deposit for any event. Each team is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC and shall be responsible to restore the boats in their initial conditions by paying any damages occurred to the boats. An indicatory damage list cost will be included at the end of this NoR.

6 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 6.1 The number of crew (including the skipper but excluding persons placed on board by the OA) **shall be as follows:**

<i>VENUE</i>	<i>No. of crew</i>
<i>Kavala</i>	<i>4 or 5</i>
<i>Volos</i>	<i>4 or 5</i>
<i>Thessaloniki</i>	<i>3 or 4</i>

All registered crew shall sail all races

- 6.2 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.
- 6.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 6.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.
- 6.5 The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 375 kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC. For the event in Thessaloniki, the total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 262 kg, determined at the time of registration.
- 6.6 Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. When crew weight was checked prior to racing, at any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10 kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalised, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.
- 6.7 The OA may place a person on each boat as either a guest, cameraman, or umpire observer.

7 EVENT FORMAT

- 7.1 The OA intends to provide the following type boats for racing in each event. Each boat will have the following sails: *Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker*

<i>VENUE</i>	<i>Boats</i>
<i>Kavala</i>	<i>2 Platu 25</i>
<i>Volos</i>	<i>2 Platu 25</i>
<i>Thessaloniki</i>	<i>2 Soling</i>

- 7.2 Boats will be allocated as decided by the race committee. The intention of the RC will be to allocate boats by draw, either daily or for each round. The RC may also require boats to be exchanged in a knock-out stage.
- 7.3 The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC. Competitors may be requested to

exchange sails during a series to satisfy sponsorship commitments.

7.4 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

7.5 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC with the intention of the RC to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight.

7.6 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.

7.7 The intended racing area will be:

<i>VENUE</i>	<i>Racing Area</i>
<i>Kavala</i>	<i>Peramos Bay</i>
<i>Volos</i>	<i>Outside the Port of Volos</i>
<i>Thessaloniki</i>	<i>Outside NCTH Yacht Club</i>

7.8 (a) Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on a draw.

(b) After the First Stage the following will apply:

- (1) Skippers will be paired based on ranking in the First Stage with the highest ranked skipper paired with the lowest and the other skippers paired accordingly unless the stage specifies a different arrangement.
- (2) In reference to RRS C4.1, the highest ranked skipper from the first stage shall choose their end for the first match and boats shall alternate every odd match.
- (3) Crews will exchange boats after odd matches of the series, unless otherwise agreed by both skippers.
- (4) Further matches in the series will not be sailed once the first skipper scores the points required for that stage.

7.9 The event will consist of the following stages:

(a) First Stage - Round Robin(s)

- (1) Each group /All skippers will sail a round robin.
- (2) The four highest scoring skippers shall qualify for the next stage.

(c) Second Stage – Fifth to Eighth Place

- (1) King of the Castle.

(d) Third Stage - Knock-Out Semi-Finals

- (1) The skipper finishing first in Stage One shall select his opponent when requested by the RC to do so. The remaining two skippers shall race each other.
- (2) The first skipper of each series to score at least **2** points shall proceed to the Final Stage, the losing skippers shall proceed to the Third and Fourth Place Stage.

(e) Fourth Stage – Knock-Out Third and Fourth Place

- (1) The losing semi-finalists shall race to determine third and fourth place.
- (2) The first skipper to score at least **2** points shall be awarded third place, the losing skipper awarded fourth place.

(f) Fifth Stage – Knock-Out Final

- (1) The first skipper to score at least **3** points shall be awarded first place, the losing skipper awarded second place.

7.10 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages

8 TOUR SCORING

- 8.1 a) A team’s Tour points total will be the sum of their scores in each stop.
b) The team with the lowest score at the end of the season will be the 2024 North Aegean Match Race Cup Winner.

8.2 Series Points Table (awarded per event):

PLACE	POINTS
1 st	1
2 nd	2
3 rd	3
4 th	4
5 th	5
6 th	6
7 th	7
8 th	8

A team that did not participate in a stop of the North Aegean Match Race Cup, shall be scored nine (9) points.

8.3 In the event of a tie at the end of the Series, the tie shall be broken by the following methods, in order until all ties are broken. Ties shall be decided in favor of the team(s) which:

- a) Has the greater number of first place scores. If the tie remains then the number of second place scores, and so on until the tie is broken.
- b) Has the highest place in the last event. If the tie remains it will be broken by using the places in the next-to-last event and so on until the tie is broken.

9 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

9.1 Schedule

Schedule	<i>Kavala</i>	<i>Volos</i>	<i>Thessaloniki</i>
Race office open	<i>4 April 2024</i>	<i>23 May 2024</i>	<i>26 September 2024</i>
Registration & Crew weighing	<i>5-6 April 2024</i>	<i>24-25 May 2024</i>	<i>27-28 September 2024</i>
First briefing	<i>6 April 2024</i>	<i>25 May 2024</i>	<i>28 September 2024</i>

	09:00	09:00	09:00
Racing days	6-7 April	25-26 May	28-29 September
Time of the first race on 1 st day	10:00	10:00	10:00
The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing	17:00	17:00	17:00
Prize giving	ASAP after racing	ASAP after racing	ASAP after racing

9.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers.

10 ADVERTISING

10.1 [NP] Boats may display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. *See 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, co-operation with event sponsors and shall behave so to not bring the event into disrepute.

11.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

12 [NP] SUPPORT PERSON

12.1 No support person vessels will be permitted.

13 [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES, and SOUND

13.1 If required by the OA:

- (a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
- (b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
- (c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.

13.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

14 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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.

15 PRIZES

Prizes will be given to the first three (3) winners of each event.

The overall winner of the North Aegean Match Race Cup will be awarded the NAMRC perpetual trophy.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact

North Aegean Match Race Cup

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INVITATION REQUEST FORM

Team Name:

Sponsor (*If any*):

Skipper's Last Name:

First Name:

Birth Date:

Club Affiliation:

HSF Member Card n. (Only for Greek competitors):

WS Sailor ID:

Address:

City:

Country:

Home phone:

Mobile Phone:

E-Mail Address:

CREW

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Club Affiliation:

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I AM INTERESTED TO PARTICIPATE IN:

VOLOS

KAVALA

THESSALONIKI