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**NOTICE OF RACE  
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Official Notice Board

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**GENERAL**

- [For breaches of rules marked [DP], the Protest Committee may give a boat a penalty less than DSQ.
- For breaches of rules marked [NP], boats may not protest or request redress. This changes RRS 60
- [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5
- Online Official Notice Board (ONB) at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/14859/event>

**THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

The Organizing Authority of the races shall be TAYK. The Race Office will be located at the following address:

- Before the race: TAYK Moda Office
- During the race: Bozcaada / Çeşme Marina EAYK Office

**1. RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the following rules:

- 1.1. WS Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028.
- 1.2. RRS 90.3(e) shall apply.
- 1.3. The latest versions of the following rules shall apply:
  - 1.3.a. WS Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS)
  - 1.3.b. WS Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Category 3 shall apply.
  - 1.3.c. IRC Rules, Parts A, B and C.
  - 1.3.d. Multihull AMH Rules for multihulls.
  - 1.3.e. [DP] WS Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) for all Çanakkale Boğazı (Straits) TSSs (Sailing Instructions Appendix 4).
  - 1.3.f. WS Advertising Code
  - 1.3.g. WS Eligibility Code
  - 1.3.h. This Notice of Race and its appendices.

- 1.4. International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. The Part 2 of the RRS is replaced by Part B of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea from 21:00 to 06:30 local time.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between Notice of Race (NoR and Sailing Instructions (SI), the SI will take precedence (This changes the RRS 63.5(c)).
- 1.6. A tracking system shall be used during the race.
- 1.7. The official language of the event will be English. In case of a conflict between translated texts, the English version shall prevail. (This changes RRS 63.5(c)).
- 1.8. No National Authority Prescriptions shall be applied.
- 1.9. WS Development Rule DR21-01 Alternative Starting Penalty will apply. It will modify the definition of Start as follows:  
Start: A boat starts when her hull having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line her starting signal, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull  
(a) at or after her starting signal, or  
(b) during the last one minute before her starting signal,  
If a boat starts in accordance with item (b), she may return to the pre-start side of the line to comply with item (a). If she does not do so, her starting penalty shall be 1% of the elapsed time or at least 2 places, whichever is greater.
- 1.10. A boat's nationality shall be determined according to the country declared.

## 2. INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 2.1. An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Decisions of the jury shall be final as provided in RRS 70.3(a).

## 3. RACE FORMAT

- 3.1. The race is planned as two stages between July 11-14, 2026.
- 3.2. **The number of boats participating in the race is limited 50.**

## 4. [NP] ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. Boats complying with the WS Eligibility Code are eligible to participate.
- 4.2. All boats shall comply with the following requirements:
  - 4.2.a. LH/LOA of eight (8) meters or greater,
  - 4.2.b. A working inboard engine with sufficient fuel,
  - 4.2.c. A valid 2026 IRC certificate for monohulls and an Multihull (AMH) certificate for multihulls,
  - 4.2.d. Safety equipment complying with race and safety rules,
  - 4.2.e. A liferaft with sufficient capacity for the number of crew onboard and within its service period.
- 4.3. At least two (2) crew members shall hold a WS Offshore Personal Survival or TAYK Sea Survival certificate, and at least two (2) crew members shall hold first aid certificates.
- 4.4. The race is open to all boats and crews complying with the World Sailing Eligibility Code.
- 4.5. Everyone who registers is deemed to have accepted all the rules specified in the Notice of Race.

## 5. CLASSES

- 5.1. This race is open to the IRC class for monohulls and the Multihull (AMH) class for multihulls.
- 5.2. Boats must have a valid IRC or Multihull (AMH) rating certificate. The deadline for re-validating or changing certificates is **30 June 2026, 18:00 (local)**.
- 5.3. The TCC value on the IRC certificate will be used. The TCC (No Spinnaker) value will not be used.
- 5.4. The person in charge of the boat must declare during registration whether they will use a "Primary" or "Secondary" IRC certificate. **Secondary certificates issued after 30 June 2026 will not be accepted.**

## 6. [NP] DIVISIONS, BAND RANGES and FLAG COLORS

- 6.1. Divisions, band ranges, and division flags will be as follows:

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|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| • <b>IRC0:</b> TCC value 1.125 and above         | <b>PINK Flag</b>   |
| • <b>IRC1:</b> TCC value between 1.050 and 1.124 | <b>YELLOW Flag</b> |
| • <b>IRC2:</b> TCC value between 1.000 and 1.049 | <b>GREEN Flag</b>  |
| • <b>IRC3:</b> TCC value between 0.965 and 0.999 | <b>BLUE Flag</b>   |
| • <b>IRC4:</b> TCC value 0.964 and below         | <b>ORANGE Flag</b> |
| • <b>IRC GO class</b>                            | <b>WHITE Flag</b>  |
| • <b>Multihull (AMH) class</b>                   | <b>BLACK Flag</b>  |

- 6.2. [NP] Boats shall race in the divisions determined and announced by the Organizing Committee and cannot request to race in another division, nor object to the designated class divisions.
- 6.3. [DP] Boats shall display their class/division pennants on the backstay, or if there is no backstay, in a visible place at the stern of the boat from their approach to the start area until they finish the race.

## 7. REGISTRATION

- 7.1. Registration procedures must be completed via the TYF Sailing Information System (YBS).
- 7.2. Eligible boats can participate by duly filling out the Online Entry Form available at <https://form.jotform.com/233483405915963> by **no later than July 07, 2026 at 1700 (local)**.
- 7.3. For Turkish Citizens: <https://portal.tyf.org.tr/login>
- 7.4. For foreign citizens: <https://www.tyf.org.tr/form/portalregistration2>
- 7.5. As stated in **Race Notice 8.1, the first 50 boats to pay the registration fee** will be accepted to the race... Registration will not be finalized until the payment receipt is received.

## 8. REGISTRATION FEES

- 8.1. **REGISTRATION FEES**; for each boat; 36,000 TL for TAYK Members; 40,000 TL / EUR 750 for non-members.  
**SOCIAL EVENTS**; for each boat; 36,000 TL for TAYK members; 40,000 TL / EUR 750 for non-members.  
**TRACKING DEVICE**; 150 EUR (and additionally 500 EUR for deposit).
- 8.2. Race entry fees must be paid **by no later than July 07, 2026 at 1700 (local)**.
- 8.3. Entries made after the registration closing date and at least 72 hours before the scheduled start may be accepted provided that an additional fee equal to half of the standard entry fee is paid. Entry requests after the closing date must be made in writing to [tayk@tayk.org.tr](mailto:tayk@tayk.org.tr).
- 8.4. Bank Account Information is as follows:  
GARANTİ BANKASI - TÜRKİYE AÇIKDENİZ YARIŞ SPOR KULÜBÜ – TL TR70 0006 2000 3400 0006 2903 45  
GARANTİ SWIFT CODE TGBATRISXXX  
GARANTİ BANKASI - TÜRKİYE AÇIKDENİZ YARIŞ SPOR KULÜBÜ - EUR  
TR07 0006 2000 3400 0009 0249 39  
GARANTİ BANKASI - TÜRKİYE AÇIKDENİZ YARIŞ SPOR KULÜBÜ - USD  
TR66 0006 2000 3400 0009 0249 44

## 9. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 9.1. All competitors with Turkish citizenship must hold a valid Turkish Sailing Federation athlete license for the year 2026.
- 9.2. Crew changes shall be declared online notice board (ONB) at least one (1) DAY before the announced warning signal. Verbal crew change notifications will not be permitted.
- 9.3. If it is determined that a boat is racing with an undeclared crew member and/or racing without its full declared crew, the International Jury may disqualify (DSQ) the boat.
- 9.4. The Person in Charge of the boat shall be on board the registered boat throughout the race. The Person in Charge may not race on another boat. Failure to comply with this rule is grounds for disqualification (DSQ) by the International Jury both for the Person in Charge's own boat and for the second boat on which the Person in Charge competed.
- 9.5. IRC Rule 22.4.2 is changed: The maximum number of crew on the boat may be the Crew Number written on the boat's certificate +1. There is no weight limit.
- 9.6. All crew members must be over 18 years of age. Competitors under the age of eighteen will not be accepted into the race.
- 9.7. Press members whose presence on board has been notified to the Organizing Committee, who are accredited, and who are accepted by TAYK are not included in these crew number limitations.

## 10. EVENT PROGRAMME

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|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10.1. Pre-Registration (Jot Form):                               | June 01-30 2026,                                               |
| 10.2. Registration (YBS):                                        | July 01-07, 2026 dates, between 1000-1700 (local)              |
| 10.3. Check-in and inspection:                                   | July 06 – 10, 2026, IRC/Multihull (AMH) & OSR Safety equipment |
| 10.4. Tracking Device Installation:                              | July 06 – 10, 2026                                             |
| 10.5. Press Launch & Opening Ceremony and:<br>Skippers' Briefing | July 08, 2026, at 1900 (local) Beşiktaş Naval Museum           |

- 10.6. First Leg First Warning Signal: İstanbul Straits: **SATURDAY July 11, 2026, at 1155 (local)**  
10.7. First Leg Race Time Limit: **SUNDAY, July 12, 2026, at 1800 (local)**  
10.8. First Leg Prize Giving Ceremony: **SUNDAY, July 12, 2026, at 2000 (local) / Bozcaada**  
10.9. Second Leg First Warning Signal: **MONDAY, July 13, 2026, at 1055 (local)**  
10.10. Second Leg Race Time Limit: **TUESDAY, July 14, 2026, at 1700 (local)**  
10.11. Prize Giving Ceremony: **TUESDAY, July 14, 2026, at 2000 (local) / Çeşme**

## **11. START**

- 11.1. The start will be given in accordance with RRS 26 (five minutes).  
11.2. IRC and AMH classes will start together. The TAYK pennant will be used as the warning signal.

## **12. RACE AREA**

- 12.1. The races will be held in the Sea of Marmara and the Aegean Sea.

## **13. RACE ROUTE**

- 13.1. The route will be specified in the Sailing Instructions and Route Cards. The route will be published on the Online notice board (ONB) on June 15, 2026.  
13.2. For all classes;  
**FIRST LEG**
  - İSTANBUL, (Straits) — **START**
  - BOZCAADA — **FINISH****SECOND LEG**
  - BOZCAADA — **START**
  - İZMİR / ÇEŞME — **FINISH**

13.3. It must not be forgotten that transit vessels have priority while navigating through the İstanbul (Straits), and Çanakkale Boğazı (Straits), and all warnings and instructions issued by the Race Committee and Vessel Traffic Control Stations must be complied with.

## **14. [NP] SCORING METHOD**

- 14.1. Scoring in Series:  
14.1.a. A boat's rank will be calculated by applying WS RRS Rule A4 according to its corrected time (CT) (from the shortest time to the longest time). The boat with the lowest score after penalties, if any, will be the winner.  
14.1.b. Corrected Time will be calculated by rounding up the two digits after the decimal point (0.50).  
14.1.c. Scoring will be done separately for each division.  
14.1.d. The number of boats whose entries are accepted shall be taken as the basis for scoring.  
14.1.e. If there is a tie between boats, the tie will be broken in accordance with Rule A7 and/or A8.  
14.2. In order for the series to be validated, at least one (1) race must have been completed.  
14.3. The series evaluation will be based on the races completed. There are no discards (no race scores will be excluded).

## **15. PENALTIES**

- 15.1. A boat that violates any of the RRS Part 2 rules or Rule 31 (Touching a Mark) shall take a one (1) turn penalty. (This Changes RRS 44.1)  
15.2. [SP][DP] Traffic Separation Schemes TSS Penalties.  
15.2.a. [SP] If a boat enters the Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS), the Race Committee will apply a +1 place penalty without a hearing. (This changes RRS 35 and A5.1.)  
15.2.b. [DP] If a boat enters the Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) area more than once, or spends a significant amount of time in the TSS, or is deemed to have gained an advantage by sailing within the TSS, the Race Committee will protest the boat. The International Jury, at its own discretion, may apply a penalty less than disqualification.

## **16. [NP][DP] RACE CATEGORY AND SAFETY**

- 16.1. Boats shall carry a life raft (as specified in Notice of Race 4.2.e), a storm jib, and all equipment required for OSR Category 3 at all times during the race.

- 16.2. For starts given from the shore, boats shall identify themselves by passing as close as possible to the race committee located on the starboard side of the start line.
- 16.3. Boats participating in the race shall approach the race committee located on the starboard side of the line before the start, boats shall identify, show that all crew members are wearing life jackets, and display their life rafts and storm jibs to obtain approval from the Race Committee.
- 16.4. The Race Committee may protest a boat due to a breach of safety rules, any obstruction of necessary inspections, or other irregularities or breaches observed by the Committee.
- 16.5. All safety equipment must function properly and be regularly inspected, cleaned, and maintained. If safety equipment has an expiration date, it must not have expired during the race.
- 16.6. All boats must carry a suitable anchor with an appropriate combination of chain and rope during the race. The anchor shall not be carried on the stemhead and must be stowed in the anchor locker or in a suitable place inside the boat.
- 16.7. The Race or Technical Committee reserves the right to conduct equipment inspection and event measurement without prior notice and without any protest before or after the race.
- 16.8. All boats must carry physical navigational charts showing areas belonging to non-electronic routes.
- 16.9. A life jacket and safety harness shall be worn while on deck from sunset to sunrise, A life jacket will always be worn on deck in the following situations:
- When the true wind speed is 25 knots or above,
  - When visibility is less than 1 nautical mile.

## **17. ACCOMMODATION IN MARINAS**

- 17.1. Participating boats may stay as guests in the respective marinas on the following dates:
- 17.1.a. Setur Kalamış from July 10, 2026 onwards,
- 17.1.b. In Bozcaada between the dates July 11-12, 2026,
- 17.1.c. Çeşme Marina until July 15, 2026 at 1100 (local). Otherwise, Çeşme Marina may request an additional mooring fee.
- 17.2. The person in charge of each boat is responsible for ensuring the safety of the boat and bringing the boat to a safe marina.
- 17.3. Boats that will stay at the marina must have the following documents.
- 17.3.a. Port Registration Document or Customs Boat Registration Document or Tonnage Certificate.
- 17.3.b. Transit Log
- 17.3.c. Insurance Policy

## **18. PRIZES**

- 18.1. TAYK-AKPA Naval Forces Cup International Yacht Races 55th Year; best corrected time for IRC class (ENDORSED IRC certificate is required),
- 18.2. Best corrected time for the Multihull AMH class,
- 18.3. Division Prizes: First three (3) in each division,
- 18.4. Line Honors: The first boat of the entire fleet to finish,
- 18.5. The Organizing Committee may award additional prizes.

## **19. SAIL LIMITATION**

- 19.1. A maximum of two (2) genoas are permitted on boats that will compete in the IRC-GO (Cruising) Class. Boats in this class cannot use headsails other than genoa/jib. They are permitted to use spinnakers (symmetric and/or asymmetric) upon written request. A maximum of two spinnakers may be carried on board during the race. Boats in the IRC-GO (Cruising) Class that declare they will not use a spinnaker cannot use a spinnaker, whisker pole, or similar equipment.

## **20. LIABILITY**

- 20.1. Offshore yacht races can be dangerous. Competitors and support crews participate in the race entirely at their own risk. RRS 3, Decision to Race states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 20.2. The Organizing Authority, Jury members, Race Committee, and all parties involved in the race organization will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death occurring in connection with, prior to, during, or after the race.

20.3. All crews participating in this race, which is governed by this Notice of Race and the notices and instructions of the TAYK-AKPA NAVAL FORCES CUP INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACE 55th Year, accept all liabilities in accordance with RRS 4.

## **21. LAW ON THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA (KVKK)**

21.1. In accordance with the Personal Data Protection Law (KVKK), TAYK will use the information obtained from the participants solely for the purpose of managing these events. This data will be kept in compliance with KVKK and will not be shared with any third party or used for marketing purposes, except for communicating with the participants via e-mail, mail, SMS, and telephone regarding information about this event or future events. By registering for this race, participants shall give their special consent to this clause.

21.2. It is assumed that all competitors whose names are included in the crew lists submitted by the boat owner, skipper, or Person in Charge have consented to this provision.

## **22. CHOICE OF LAW AND JURISDICTION**

22.1. This Notice of Race shall be governed by and construed in accordance with Turkish laws, and each party agrees to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Turkish Courts.

## **23. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND VISUAL MATERIAL**

23.1. By participating in this race, a competitor indefinitely grants the Organizing Authority and sponsors the right to use, display, and publish any video, photograph, or other material of the event in which the competitor participates, from time to time and at their own discretion, without making any compensation payment.

## **24. MISCELLANEOUS**

24.1. TAYK can be contacted for all kinds of questions and support.

## **THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

Announcement Date: June, 2026



## **LINKS;**

Online Pre-Registration <https://form.jotform.com/233483405915963>

Turkish Offshore Racing Sport Club <https://www.tayk.org.tr>

Aegean Offshore Yacht Club <https://eayk.org/>

Beşiktaş Naval Museum <https://www.turkishmuseums.com/museum/detail/22321-istanbul-naval-museum/22321/4>

## **Marinas**

Setur Kalamış Marina <https://www.seturmarinas.com/>

Çeşme Marina <https://www.cesmemarina.com.tr/>

## **Municipalities**

Bozcaada Municipality <https://www.bozcaada.bel.tr/>

Sarıyer Municipality <https://sariyer.bel.tr/>

Çeşme Municipality <https://www.cesme.bel.tr/>