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25TH BOSPHORUS CUP

NOTICE OF RACE - V1

IRC - ORC REGATTA

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25th Bosphorus Cup Organizing Committee



The Bosphorus Cup IRC-ORC Regatta 2026 will be held in Istanbul between 17 - 18 - 19 September 2026, in cooperation with the **Türkiye Sailing Federation** (TYF), organized by **ORG Sports** and VİRA Yachting & Rowing Club.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The races will be governed by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025–2028 and the applicable World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations. The rules and details to be applied will be specified in this Notice of Race and in the Bosphorus Cup 2026 Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The official language of the event shall be English.
- 1.3. [WS Offshore Special Regulations \(OSR\), latest valid version, WS OSR Category 4](#)

2. ELIGIBLE CLASSES

- 2.1. The races are open to all boats with an overall length (LOA) of 8.50 meters or more, holding a valid 2026 IRC (non-secondary and Endorsed) or ORC (Club or International) certificate, as well as Cruiser yachts meeting the defined criteria. The grouping and scoring principles of certified boats will be specified in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

Measurement certificates may be obtained from:

- 2.1.1. IRC Certificate: Türkiye Offshore Racing Club (TAYK) — +90 212 560 56 - 55
- 2.1.2. ORC Certificate: ORC Representative Kerim Topoyan — +90 533 921 52 14

2.2. Cruiser Class Evaluation Criteria

Boats meeting the following criteria will be evaluated in the Cruiser Class:

- Do not hold an IRC and/or ORC measurement certificate for 2026 and comply with the definition of a sailing boat
- Have not been modified for racing purposes
- Equipped with toilet, galley, and sleeping accommodations
- Sails, mast, boom, and spinnaker are not made of carbon or advanced-technology materials
- Use woven polyester (Dacron) sails
- Equipped with an inboard engine

- 2.3. For boats competing in the Double Handed category, a separate notice will be issued by 15 July 2026. The race will be conducted in accordance with the Bosphorus Cup 2026 General Sailing Instructions (2026 BC Sailing Instructions) and any Additional Sailing Instructions that may be published.

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1. Entries shall be completed online by Tuesday, 15 September at 17:00, via the registration form at www.bosphoruscup.org and through the Türkiye Sailing Federation YBS (Sailing Information System) at <https://portal.tyf.org.tr>. Entries not completed through the YBS system will not be accepted.

- 3.2. Foreign boats are required to complete the registration form on www.bosphoruscup.org and submit proof of payment of the entry fee. Entries will not be considered complete until payment has been received. However, even if a boat is classified as a “foreign boat,” Türkiye citizens included in the crew must register individually through the TYF YBS system.

Foreign Boat Definition: Boats whose certificates do not indicate TUR as the country, or whose owner/charterer/lender is not a Türkiye citizen or legal entity, and where more than half of the registered crew consists of foreign sailors.

- 3.3. Participants may view and update their basic registration information on www.bosphoruscup.org
- 3.4. The following documents must be uploaded via the TYF YBS registration system. Once all documents and information are complete, the registration status will be updated to “Approved”, and the entry will be accepted. Incomplete declarations and/or missing documents will be considered an incomplete entry.

- Fully completed registration form in YBS by the boat owner or responsible person
- Valid 2026 Türkiye Sailing Federation athlete licenses for all sailors except foreign competitors
- Parental/guardian consent form for sailors under 18 (downloadable from the official website)
- Valid TYF Advertising Permit if advertising is displayed on the boat and/or sails
- Proof of payment of entry fee (entry is not confirmed without payment)
- Valid insurance policy
- Cruiser Class: Boat Declaration Form (Spinnaker/Propeller/Keel), downloadable from the official website

- 3.5. Prior to the event, each boat shall submit a complete crew list via both www.bosphoruscup.org and TYF YBS.

Registration & Race Inquiries:

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3.6. COMPETITOR CATEGORIES

Teams participating in Bosphorus Cup 2026 are divided into two categories:
Commercial Competitors and **Club Competitors**.

3.6.1. Commercial Competitors with Advertising

Teams included in this category benefit from the following rights:

#	Commercial Competitors Rights	Details
i	Visibility in official live broadcasts	Standard broadcast coverage
ii	Display and use of logos and brand identification	Official event website, live broadcast, official Instagram channels, and designated backdrop areas
iii	Attendance at the BC Sailors Party with catering	Racing crew plus up to six (6) brand representatives
iv	Invitations to the BC VIP Race Watching Event with brand identification	Up to six (6) persons
v	Invitations to the BC Partnership Dinner	Up to two (2) persons
vi	Professional yacht photography	Three (3) photographs
vii	Dedicated yacht video recording	One (1) minute of raw footage
viii	Official Bosphorus Cup T-shirts	One (1) per racing crew member
ix	Attendance of brand representatives at the BC Prize Giving Ceremony	Up to four (4) persons
x	Attendance of the entire racing crew at the BC Prize Giving Ceremony with catering	Attendance of the entire racing crew at the BC Prize Giving Ceremony with catering
xi	Special Gorbon Ceramics trophies and gifts for brand representatives and the entire racing crew	Up to four (4) brand representatives plus the full racing crew

3.6.2. Club Competitors without Advertising

Teams included in this category benefit from the following rights:

#	Club Competitors Rights	Details
i	Attendance at the BC Sailors Party with catering	One (1) per racing crew member
ii	Attendance at the Prize Giving Ceremony with catering	One (1) per racing crew member
iii	Special Gorbon Ceramics trophies and medals awarded to teams finishing in prize positions	Medals for each racing crew member plus one (1) trophy per team

4. ENTRY FEES

- 4.1. Entry fees for IRC, ORC, and Cruiser Class boats will be as follows.
- 4.2. There is no entry fee for the Double Handed Race.

IRC - ORC Classes Entry Fees

	01 Jan - 01 April EARLY BIRD		02 April - 14 August STANDARD		15 August and after LATE ENTRY	
	Club Competitors Without Advertising	Commercial Competitors With Advertising	Club Competitors Without Advertising	Commercial Competitors With Advertising	Club Competitors Without Advertising	Commercial Competitors With Advertising
Btw 8.5 and 11 meters LOA	830€	2.750€	950€	3.400€	1.300€	4.300€
Btw 11 and 13 meters LOA	975€	3.200€	1.100€	4.000€	1.500€	5.200€
Btw 13 and 15 meters LOA	1.150€	4.300€	1.500€	5.400€	2.000€	6.500€
Btw 15 and 17 meters LOA	1.400€	4.800€	1.825€	6.000€	2.350€	7.200€
Btw 17 and 19 meters LOA	1.650€	6.500€	2.150€	7.000€	2.800€	8.400€
Btw 19 and above LOA	2.150€	6.500€	2.800€	8.000€	3.650€	9.600€

Cruiser Classes Entry Fees

	Club Competitors Without Advertising	Commercial Competitors With Advertising
Btw 8.5 and 11 meters LOA	450€	1.900€
Btw 11 and 13 meters LOA	500€	2.250€
Btw 13 and 15 meters LOA	550€	2.650€
Btw 15 and 17 meters LOA	1.100€	3.350€
Btw 17 and 19 meters LOA	1.700€	4.000€
Btw 19 and above LOA	2.050€	5.250€

Bank Details (TRY & EUR):

Bank	KuveytTürk
Account Name	ORG Spor Turizm Organizasyon Dan. ve Tic. Ltd. Şti.
Branch Adress	Kemankeş Karamustafapaşa Mah. Necatibey Cad. Nazar Han Blok No:74/A Beyoğlu / İstanbul
Branch	52 (Karaköy Branch)
Account No	98496327
IBAN (EUR)	TR47 0020 5000 0984 9632 7001 02
IBAN (TRY)	TR58 0020 5000 0984 9632 7000 01
SWIFT	KTEFTRIS

- 4.3. To complete Early Registration or Standard Registration, the entry fees must be paid within the specified registration periods.
- 4.4. In the event that written notice of cancellation is received by the Regatta Office by 17:00 on Monday, 14 September 2026, seventy percent (70%) of the total entry fee will be refunded, with thirty percent (30%) retained as an administrative fee.
- 4.5. In case of force majeure (earthquake, flood, disaster, epidemic, death, etc.) or cancellation of one or more races by the Organizing Authority, entry fees will not be refunded.

5. ADVERTISING

- 5.1. Boats may display advertising in accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Regulations.
- 5.2. Boats intending to display advertising shall declare this in the entry form and shall specify the name(s) of the company and/or product(s) to be advertised.
- 5.3. At the time of entry, all boats shall submit a valid advertising agreement/protocol signed with the Türkiye Sailing Federation.
- 5.4. In accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Regulations, boats may be required to display official advertising of the event sponsors.
- 5.5. Advertising shall not be displayed on the forward twenty percent (20%) of the hull.
- 5.6. The number of boats displaying advertising for the same organization, individual, product, service, brand, or concept shall not exceed two (2) without the prior written approval of the Organizing Authority (OA).
- 5.7. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to reject entries that do not comply with this requirement.

6. SCHEDULE

16 September, Wednesday	Skippers' Briefing
17 September, Thursday	Up to three (3) races
18 September, Friday	Up to three (3) races
19 September, Saturday	The Bosphorus Race and Prize Giving Ceremony

*The Organizing Authority and Race Committee reserve the right to amend the schedule.

***A separate notice will be issued for the Double Handed Race by 15 July 2026. The race will be conducted in accordance with the Bosphorus Cup 2026 General Sailing Instructions (2026 BC Sailing Instructions) and any Additional Sailing Instructions that may be published.

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1. Except for the Bosphorus Race, all race courses will be located in the southern part of Istanbul, in the Marmara Sea.
- 7.2. The Bosphorus Race will be held in the Istanbul Strait between the European and Asian continents.
- 7.3. The courses and the colors and shapes of the marks to be used will be published in the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.4. The courses will be available for download from the official event website.
- 7.5. A schematic chartlet showing the racing area and the marks to be used will be provided. These illustrations are for schematic purposes only and shall not be used for course determination. Any differences between the schematic illustrations and the actual course shall not constitute grounds for redress.
- 7.6. A separate notice will be issued for the Double Handed Race. The race will be conducted in accordance with the Bosphorus Cup 2026 General Sailing Instructions (2026 BC Sailing Instructions) and any Additional Sailing Instructions that may be published.

8. SCORING

- 8.1. A single overall scoring series will be established for each class.
- 8.2. A minimum of two (2) races is required to constitute a series.
- 8.3. Scoring and abbreviations shall be in accordance with RRS Appendix A (any modifications will be stated in the Sailing Instructions).
- 8.4. A total of six (6) races are scheduled over three (3) days.
- 8.5. If four (4) or more races are completed, the worst score will be discarded and the remaining scores will be counted for the series. If fewer than four (4) races are completed, all races shall count toward the total score.
- 8.6. The Bosphorus Race shall not be discarded and shall not be included in the discard calculation.
- 8.7. A separate notice will be issued for the Double Handed Race. The race will be conducted in accordance with the Bosphorus Cup 2026 General Sailing Instructions (2026 BC Sailing Instructions) and any Additional Sailing Instructions that may be published.

9. DATA PROTECTION

9.1. Use of Event-Related Images and Footage:

ORG and as authorized by ORG, its agents, sponsors, licensees and other partners may use event related still images and footage taken at any time, which may include images of competitors, their boats, support vessels, crew and sponsors, provided that ORG shall not use these images to create a direct endorsements by or from a competitor or any person sponsor product or service associated with a competitor without the prior consent of the competitor. ORG reserves the right to make alterations to images and footage to include the addition of “virtual” official sponsor branding.

9.2. Privacy Statement:

The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the RRS and the other rules that govern the event (the rules) the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest.

Competitor personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the OA’s privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with your National Authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

Competitors’ contact details may be given to other competitors with a valid need (eg. Parties to a protest).

10. RISK STATEMENT

- 10.1. In accordance with WS RRS 3: “The responsibility for a boat to enter or continue in a race is solely its own.”
- 10.2. The Organizing Authority, the Race and Protest Committee, the Türkiye Sailing Federation, sponsors, affiliated partners, and any party involved in the organization shall not be liable for any material or moral damage, loss of life or property that may occur to persons or objects before, during, or after the race. The Boat Owner or Responsible Person accepts these conditions by registering for the race.

11. INSURANCE

- 11.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance covering racing risks and third-party claims for the duration of the event. By entering, each competitor undertakes that such insurance will be maintained through the event. Proof of insurance may be requested at registration. If necessary, the Organizing Authority may share contact information of competitors with other participants or with insurance providers to facilitate insurance arrangements

12. PRIZES

- 12.1. Cups will be awarded to the first three boats finishing the race in each group in the IRC, ORC, and Double Handed categories.
- 12.2. In each race, the Line Honors award will be given to the boat finishing first overall in its group.
- 12.3. Commemorative cups and medals will be presented to all participating boats and sailors as a token of appreciation.
- 12.4. Special Cups:
- **Bosphorus Cup Trophy:** To the overall winner in the IRC large boats category.
 - **İstanbul Trophy:** To the overall winner in the IRC small boats category.
 - **Fatih Gorbun Trophy:** To the overall winner in the ORC large boats category.
 - **Marmara Trophy:** To the overall winner in the ORC small boats category.

13. RECOMMENDED MARINAS

- 13.1. Bosphorus Cup, The Bosphorus Cup collaborates with two of Istanbul's leading marinas:

ATAKÖY MARINA, +90 212 560 42 70, www.atakoymarina.com.tr

SETUR KALAMIŞ MARINA, +90 216 346 23 46, kalamis@seturmarinas.com

*Marina fees must be paid directly to the marina.

14. CUSTOMS ENTRY TO TURKEY:

- 14.1. Information regarding entry into Turkey and customs procedures is available on our website at www.bosphoruscup.org

15. ACCOMMODATION – HOTEL RECOMMENDATIONS

- 15.1. Information on partner hotels and accommodation recommendations is available on our website at www.bosphoruscup.org