

The 2026 Optimist South American Championship Punta del Este, URUGUAY October 25 – November 1

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The 2026 Optimist South American Championship is organized by the Yacht Club Punta del Este under the authority of the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA).

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[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee or technical committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the international jury with a hearing. This changes RRS 60.5 (b) and RRS A5.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 **[SP]** The current Conditions of the IODA will apply.
- 1.3 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 Appendix D will apply for the Team Racing events. Races will be umpired. RRS D1.1 (d) is deleted.
- 1.5 **[SP]** RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. The personal flotation device shall conform to Class Rule 4.2 (a).
- 1.6 RRS 90.3 (e) shall apply.
- 1.7 **[NP][DP]** A competitor or support person shall not act in a way likely to denigrate or offend others at the event or elsewhere.
- 1.8 Spanish is the Official Language of the Championship. If there is a conflict between languages the language of the original version of the relevant document will take precedence.

1 **[NP][DP]** ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Sailor advertising is permitted on the hull as per World Sailing Advertising Code Regulation 3.2.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3 **[NP][DP][SP]** CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

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- 3.1 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. Information from this equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes rule 63.4 (b).
- 3.2 Drones are prohibited in the racing are at all times during the championship except those operated by the Organising Authority.
- 3.3 Electronic or mechanical timing devices may include a compass but shall not have any other function/capabilities.

4 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The Championship is open to competitors sailing on boats of the Optimist class that fulfill the eligibility requirements stated below. On March 1, 2022 World Sailing published the following recommendations in relation to the situation in Ukraine:
<https://www.sailing.org/2022/03/01/world-sailing-statement-6/>
To help preserve the integrity and safety of the 2026 Optimist South American Championship, entries shall be open to all nationalities but not to competitors and support persons holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality except as they are neutrals (AIN) in accordance with the World Sailing Neutrality Policy and approved by World Sailing <https://www.sailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Policy-A5-Updated-09-Jun-26.pdf>. However, this does not apply to bona fide residents that fulfil the requirements of Condition 10.2 of the IODA Continental Championships as of March 1, 2022. The Organising Authority may amend this rule following any further World Sailing decisions on the situation with Russia and Belarus.
- 4.2 Competitors shall enter through the national association member of IODA (hereinafter 'member') they represent except that all athletes and support persons seeking to participate as AINs must be individually verified and approved by World Sailing in accordance with the World Sailing Neutrality Policy (Policy A5, as updated on June 9, 2026).
- 4.3 Competitors shall have been born in 2011 or later.
- 4.4 South American members of IODA may enter up to 15 competitors. **The member from Uruguay, as the host member, may enter up to 30 competitors.** For all delegations there shall be a minimum number of the opposite gender as indicated in 4.9 below.
- 4.5 North American members may enter up to 5 competitors.
- 4.6 Some North American members will be allowed to enter more sailors in accordance with IODA Condition 7.1 (c) for the South American Championship, as shown below,

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with exception that 'previous year' refers to the 2024 Optimist North American Championship:

United States:	24
México:	16
Bermuda:	9
US Virgin Islands:	9
Canada:	10
Puerto Rico:	10

- 4.7 South and North American members are defined as those so listed on the IODA website www.optiworld.org.
- 4.8 If by **August 7, 2026**, the number of registered competitors is less than 180, available places may be allocated at the discretion of the IODA Executive Committee. Members seeking additional places shall request them by email to regattasecretary@optiworld.org.
- 4.9 Each member of IODA entering 5 or more competitors shall register a minimum number of competitors of the opposite gender in accordance with the IODA Condition 9.3 for Continental Championships, as follows:

Total number of competitors	Minimum of the opposite gender
5 or 6	1
7 to 9	2
10	3
11 - 16	4
17 - 19	5
20	6
21 - 26	7
27 - 29	8
30	9

- 4.10 The defending South American (closed) Champion may participate, if eligible, in addition to the number of competitors allocated to his/her member. This competitor will not count for the gender quota requirement.

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- 4.11 Each team shall be accompanied by a Team Leader who shall be the responsible chaperone for the delegation at all times, and a Coach. Depending on the number of competitors registered, up to three adults may be permitted to accompany the sailors. Only teams with 10 or more competitors can enter a maximum of four adults, including the Team Leader (Condition 15.1 for Continental Championships).
- 4.12 Competitors shall be either national or bona fide residents of the country they represent, unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive Committee. A competitor who has represented one country at an IODA World or Continental Championship shall not represent another member country except in the case of alteration of residence, which cases shall be approved by the IODA Executive Committee. As per Condition 10.3 of the Optimist Continental Championships, when bona fide resident sailors are members of a team, they shall not be more than 50% of the sailors of their team.
- 4.13 As per World Sailing Regulations Appendix 3, item 19.6 (d) IODA events require competitors to have “World Sailing Eligibility” as defined in items 19.4 and 19.5.

5 ENTRY

- 5.1 Entries shall be made by completing the relevant online registration forms found at <http://2026southamericans.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race> and by paying the **required fees** according to the following schedule:
- 5.1.1 The **First Entry Stage** and a payment for 50% of the total required fees shall be received by the Organising Committee not later than **August 7, 2026**.
 - 5.1.2 The **Second Entry Stage** and a payment for the balance of fees (50%) shall be received by the Organising Committee not later than **August 31, 2026**.
 - 5.1.3 The **Final Entry Stage** deadline is **September 19, 2026**. Failure to define the members of the team delegation with the required personal data in the online registration area by this date denotes non-compliance with the entry requirements of this championship, and therefore, by the rules of this Notice of Race, sailors shall no longer be considered competitors and will not be able to compete.

Required payments are 6 (Entry Fees), 15 (Support Team Vessels) and 16 (Charter Boats). Please check payment instructions in items 6.3, 15.5 and 16.7.

- 5.2 A surcharge of 20% will be charged on all late payments to the Organising Committee and includes late payments to the Charter Provider, if applicable, and late payments for early arrival fees.

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NOTE: Throughout this document, 'late payment' refers to the amount of money not paid before the relevant deadline, and the surcharge will be applied to the amount paid late, not to the total amount due before the deadline, or to the total amount corresponding to the relevant item.

- 5.3 Competitors entering and withdrawing their entry not later than **September 15, 2026**, will be refunded 50% of the deposit (except for any bank costs incurred including those due to the refund). **Competitors withdrawing their entry after this date will not be refunded, including all early arrival fees.** The same schedule applies for any payment made according to paragraphs 15 and 16 **except for the charter boat fees which shall not be refunded.**
- 5.4 Competitors, Team Leaders, Coaches and other adults (when they are members of the official delegation) shall complete the on-site registration at the Race Office. The on-site registration of each competitor shall not be concluded until successful completion of measurement has been confirmed by the Technical Committee (see item 9) to the Race Office.

6 ENTRY FEES

- 6.1 Entry fees will be **USD 850** per competitor and **USD 950** per adult, maximum four adults according to paragraph 4.11.
- 6.2 Accommodation and meals are included in the entry fee for the duration of the Championship (from the official arrival day to the official departure day).
- 6.3 Payment instructions, including banking information, can be found on the PAYMENT page of the online entry system at
<http://2026southamericans.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race>.
- 6.4 Fees shall be paid in USD \$.
- 6.5 Fees shall be free of bank commissions.

7 FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 7.1 The Optimist South American Championship comprises three 'championships':
- 7.1.1 The OPTIMIST INDIVIDUAL SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (ISAM);
 - 7.1.2 The OPTIMIST TEAM RACING SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (TRSAM);
 - 7.1.3 The OPTIMIST NATIONS CUP (NC).
- 7.2 For the **ISAM**:

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7.2.1 Entries may be divided into fleets to sail a qualifying series followed by a final series

7.3 For the Team Racing Championships:

7.3.1 **TRSAM:** This championship is organised for up to a maximum of 16 teams from IODA Members of South America represented by 4 or 5 competitors of which 4 may sail in each race. The format of the TRSAM will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

7.3.2 **NATIONS CUP:** This championship is organised for up to a maximum of 16 teams from IODA Members from outside of South America represented by 4 or 5 competitors, of which 4 may sail in each. The format of the Nations Cup will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

7 PROGRAM

8.1

Sunday, October 25	Official Arrival Day. Registration and Measurement. Official accommodation available from 1400.
Monday, October 26	Registration and Measurement. Team Leaders' meeting. Opening Ceremony
Tuesday, October 27	ISAM, Races.
Wednesday, October 28	ISAM, Races.
Thursday, October 29	ISAM, TRSAM NC
Friday, October 30	ISAM, Races. Reserve for TRSAM and NC.
Saturday October 31	ISAM, Races. Reserve for TRSAM and NC. Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony.
Sunday, November 1	Official Departure Day.

8.2 Ten (10) races are scheduled.

8 [DP] MEASUREMENT



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- 9.1 Each boat shall produce a valid Registration Book, or if a boat is manufactured after January 1, 2026, this may be digital. Each sail shall be accompanied by the corresponding Sail Measurement Certificate which may also be digital (CR 2.5.6 and 6.1.4).
- 9.2 Competitors shall use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit, and sail during the Championship. These parts of the equipment will be scrutineered and may be measured by the technical committee according to the Measurement Regulations and approved by the technical committee to be complying with the Class Rules.
- 9.3 Repair or substitution for damaged or lost equipment shall be requested as soon as possible using the relevant forms online in the "Sailor Account" which is located on the official event microsite <http://2026southamericans.optiworld.org> or on the event APP. Both damaged and substituted equipment shall be presented for inspection to the technical committee. Requests should be made to the technical committee at the first reasonable opportunity before the event Protest Time Limit on the respective day. The technical committee shall extend the time if there is good reason to do.
- 9.4 Boats chartered through the Organising Authority shall carry the national letters of the country entering the chartered boat. This may mean a contravention of the Class Rules and is allowed by RRS G3.
- 9.5 Hulls chartered through the Organising Committee are exempt from complying with Class Rule 2.4.3 (b) and (c) and hence from Class Rule 2.4.1. All other hulls shall comply with the Class Rules.
- 9.6 Competitors are allowed to compete in the championship in boats correctly registered in the country of the competitor or in charter boats officially chartered for the championship through the Organising Committee.
- 9.7 Sails measured to the maximum limits during the measurement days may be inspected again.
- 9.8 Sails to be used during the Championship shall have been measured before inspection at the Championship. If a sail is presented unmeasured (or without the Sail Measurement Certificate) it will be measured at the Championship either by an Official Measurer appointed by the Organising Committee, or by an IODA Measurer. In the latter case the certificate shall be issued at a cost of **USD \$50**, payable to IODA. Measurement of country letters and sail numbers is available for free.
- 9.9 GRP boats shall be equipped with Epoxy foils.
- 9.10 Hulls, foils, and daggerboards, once measured, shall not be cleaned using any substance other than water unless otherwise permitted by the technical committee. A boat and all items

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of equipment shall not be removed from the boat park or nautical venue without permission of the technical committee.

10 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 Sailing Instructions, along with other governing documents, will be available at <http://2026southamericans.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race>.

11 VENUE AND RACING AREA

- 11.1 The Championship will be held at the **Yacht Club Punta del Este**. The racing area will be the waters of **Bahia de Maldonado as shown in Attachment 1**.

VENUE:	Yacht Club Punta del Este
Address:	Calle 10 esq 13, 20100 Punta del Este, Maldonado, Uruguay
Phone:	+59842440219
Email:	2026sudoptiuru@ycpe.org.uy
Website:	https://www.ycpe.org.uy

12 THE COURSE

- 12.1 The course for the fleet racing will be an outer loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg.
- 12.2 For the team racing championships, the course will be a starboard 'S' course.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Appendix P will apply for the ISAM.
- 13.2 The intention is to appoint an international jury as provided in RRS 70.3.
- 13.3 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.3.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a valid championship.
- 14.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 14.3 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15 [NP][DP] SUPPORT TEAM VESSELS

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- 15.1 Team support vessels shall be registered with the Organising Committee and used according to the following conditions:
- 15.1.1 Each vessel shall be a minimum of 4.5 metres in length, shall have a tow rope minimum 15 metres length/10 mm diameter, and shall have a functional 'kill cord', plus anchor chain and tackle adequate for conditions and depth.
 - 15.1.2 Each vessel shall display white flags bearing the three-letter national code of the countries it supports. Flags shall be supplied by the Organising Committee. No other flags shall be displayed by support vessels.
 - 15.1.3 Unless otherwise decided by the Organising Committee, from **October 25** each boat shall meet the requirements of the maximum number of adults per team allowed on the water in support boats as per 15.2 and 15.3 (hereinafter 'coaches') at any one time.
 - 15.1.4 Fuel can be purchased at the PORT'S gas station. Credit cards accepted. Hours of operation to be confirmed. The total cost of the fuel shall be split between the two coaches assigned to that coach support vessel.
 - 15.1.5 During the team racing days, the support team vessels shall be at the disposal of the Organising Committee.
 - 15.1.6 Coaches are encouraged to use a VHF radio. Radios will not be provided, and coaches should bring their own.
 - 15.1.7 Coaches and other personnel on support team vessels shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) and shall be in compliance with the local law and may also be asked to sign a Disclaimer Form upon registration at the venue.
 - 15.1.8 All coaches shall provide I.D. and shall be required to register an international driving/marine license valid for 2026 and submit to the Organiser by the Final Entry Deadline of **September 19, 2026**.
 - 15.1.9 A suitable engine safety 'cut out' switch and tether (kill cord) also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine mobilizer shall be securely attached to the driver at all times when the engine is running.
 - 15.1.10 Personal support team vessels not chartered through the Organising Committee, shall be registered with the Organiser and the following documents to be provided by **September 19, 2026**:
 - RIB engine registration document (engine brand name & engine serial numbers)
 - Insurance (including 3rd party liability insurance)
 - Driver's identity document

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- Proof of Int'l Marine License for Driver

15.2 The maximum number of coaches per team allowed on the water in support team vessels at any one time shall be:

Teams comprising 10 or fewer competitors: 1 Coach

Teams comprising 11-20 competitors: 2 Coaches

Teams comprising 21 or more competitors: 3 Coaches

15.3 Each support team vessel shall be shared by at least two coaches at all times (except during the team racing, when one coach per vessel might be allowed, if the Organising Authority so decides). The Organising Authority will allocate places in support vessels to coaches who have reserved, subject to the above limits and at its absolute discretion. If a team is entitled to and enters more than one coach, two of these coaches may be allocated to the same vessel.

15.4 Teams wishing to have places on chartered support team vessels shall pay for each such place a fee of 50% of the charter fee for the vessel. If the situation demands that more than two coaches share a support team vessel, the cost of renting the vessel for the regatta days will be divided by the number of coaches, in which case the difference (between the 50% required and the actual percentage) will be refunded at the end of the championship at the latest.

15.5 Team support vessels to be used during the Championship days (October 25 – October 31) are available from the Organising Committee at the **support team vessel charter fee of USD \$ 1300 per vessel / \$ 650 per coach.**

15.6 For each place on a support team vessel, reservations shall be made by completing the relevant online entry form and by transferring a first payment of 50% of the total amount to be paid, which shall be received on or before **August 7, 2026**. The balance of fees (50%) shall be received on or before **August 31, 2026**. Payment instructions can be found on the PAYMENT page of the online entry system at <http://2026southamericans.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race>. Availability of places on support vessels is not guaranteed for reservations and/or payments made after **August 7, 2026**.

15.7 A damage deposit of **USD 800** per support team vessel will be charged at registration at the venue and refunded at the end of the championship provided the vessel is in good condition. Should the Organising Committee decide to deduct from the damage deposit, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the coaches are permitted to use the vessel again. Any remaining deposit will be refunded

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at the end of the Championship. Damage deductions will be shared by the teams using the boat. **Damage deposits shall be paid in cash (USD \$) only.**

- 15.8 A surcharge of 20% will be charged to late reservations and/or payments of support team vessels.

16 [NP][DP]CHARTER BOATS

- 16.1 Charter boats are not mandatory.
- 16.2 The charter boats will be provided by the Organising Committee. The method of allocation of charter boats shall be defined by the IODA Executive Committee.
- 16.3 Competitors shall not modify the boats or cause them to be modified in any way except that:
- A compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
 - Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
 - All fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the Class Rules are complied with.
- 16.4 Competitors may use their own foils, spars, fittings and running rigging.
- 16.5 Charter boats will be delivered:
- WITH:** hull fittings, two mainsheet blocks attached to the hull (one of them a ratchet block), mainsheet, block and becket (to attach the mainsheet to the boom), dagger board safety cord (Class Rule 3.3.4), 3 airbags, padded toe straps, shock-cord to keep the dagger board in place (Class Rule 3.3.5), racing spars, racing foils, paddle, 2 bailers, painter /bowline, and trolley with top cover.
- WITHOUT:** sail numbers, tell tales, top pins or wind indicators
- 16.6 Sails will not be provided.
- 16.7 The charter fee for 7 championship days (October 25 – October 31) will be **USD \$ 700** per boat.
- 16.8 Reservation of charter boats shall be made by completing the online Charter Boat Reservation Form and by transferring **50% of the total charter fee** on or before **August 7, 2026**. The balance of the charter fee (50%) shall be due on **August 31, 2026**. Payment instructions are found on the PAYMENT page of the online entry system at <http://2026southamericans.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race> Charter boat fees shall not be refunded.
- 16.9 Fees shall be free of bank commissions. Any bank fee will be charged to the competitors.



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- 16.10 Late registrations and payments will incur a surcharge of 20% of the charter fee. Charter boat availability will not be guaranteed for reservations and/or payments made later than **August 7, 2026**.
- 16.11 In addition to the charter fee a damage deposit of **USD \$200** will be required on receipt of each boat, to be refunded if no damage has occurred. Damage deposits shall be made in cash (USD \$) only.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 For the **ISAM** prizes will be awarded at least to:
- 17.1.1 The 15 best placed sailors without gender distinction, regardless of their continent of residence.
 - 17.1.2 The 3 best placed sailors, without gender distinction, whose IODA member is South American. The first of these 3 sailors shall become the 2026 South American Champion.
 - 17.1.3 The 5 best placed girl sailors, regardless of their continent of residence.
 - 17.1.4 The best placed boy sailor regardless of his continent of residence.
 - 17.1.5 The best placed girl sailor whose IODA member is South American.
 - 17.1.6 The best placed boy sailor whose IODA member is South American.
 - 17.1.7 The top three sailors in silver and bronze fleets (if applicable).
- 17.2 For the **Team Racing Championships**, prizes will be awarded to each member of at least the following teams:
- 17.2.1 The three best placed teams in the TRSAM. The first of these teams shall be the 2026 South American Team Racing Champion.
 - 17.2.2 The three best placed teams in the 2026 Optimist Nations Cup.

18 RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor and the responsible adult 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**

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sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

19 INSURANCE

- 19.1 The purchase of third-party liability insurance from IODA is mandatory. The purchase will be arranged through the IODA at a cost of **USD \$12** per competitor and per coach and payable to IODA by the end of registration at the venue. CASH ONLY.

Note: There is a EURO €150 deductible payable on any claim.

20 MEDIA RIGHTS

- 20.1 By participating in this championship, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, the IODA, and the sponsors of the championship, the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures, and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the championship, and of all of his or her material related to the championship, without compensation.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 21.1 For further information please contact:

Chairpersons	Jimena Hernandez & Karin Silbert
Email	2026sudoptiurur@ycpe.org.uy

- 21.2 Each participating country shall designate a person to be the official contact with the Organising Committee and provide an email address.



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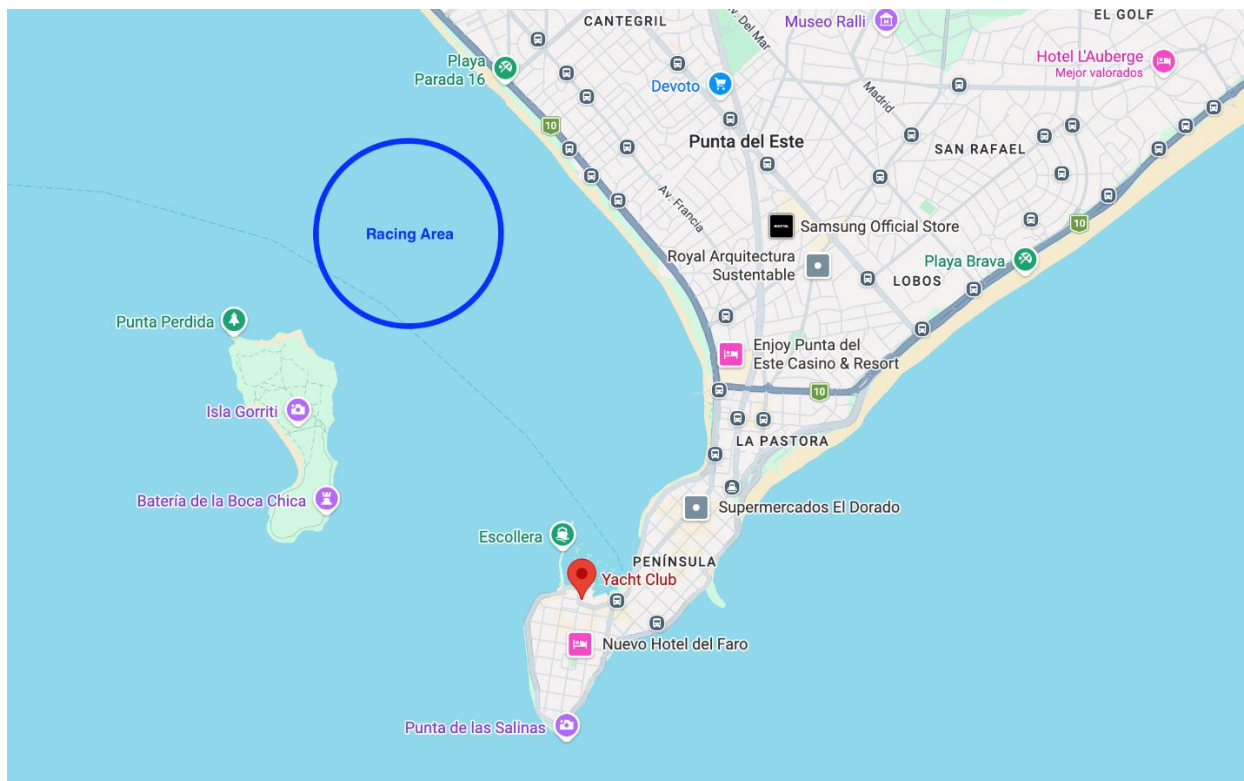
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ATTACHMENT 1: RACING AREA





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A. BEHAVIOUR

Team members and officials shall observe the regulations of the host club and the house rules of the hotel and shall behave correctly at all times. Bad behaviour at any time, whether on shore or afloat; with or without any damage to the facilities, may be investigated by the Jury who may call a hearing and impose a scoring penalty when appropriate.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE RULES OF THE EVENT

B. ACCOMMODATION, LOCAL, TRANSPORTATION AND MEALS

- B.1** Competitors and team officials will be housed in the official event accommodation **Hotel Remanso**, Calle 20 entre 28 y 29, Punta del Este (CP20100) Uruguay :
Website: <https://www.hotelremanso.com.uy/> For more information contact the
Organiser at 2026sudoptiurur@ycpe.org.uy Official accommodations will be
available from **14:00 on October 25, 2026, until 11:00 on November 1, 2026.**
- B.2** All three meals will be provided. Breakfast and dinner will be served in the main building of the Yacht Club Punta del Este. Packed lunches will be distributed at the nautical venue. The first official meal will be dinner on **October 25, 2026, and the last official meal will be breakfast on November 1, 2026.**
- B.3** A damage deposit may be required to be paid upon check-in with credit card number to be left at the desk. This deposit will be returned if there is no damage. Extra charges are the responsibility of the team delegations and will be paid directly to the hotel and may be paid in cash or by credit card, including any damages accessed to the rooms by the hotel during the stay or at check-out. The hotel accepts all international credit cards. Currency is USD \$.
- B.4** The distance between the hotel and the nautical venue is approximately 1.6 km. Shuttle busses between the hotel and the nautical venue during the championship days will be provided for free by the Organiser and a schedule posted closer to the event. A shuttle will be provided during the early arrival days for transport between the hotel and the venue, for a nominal fee per person. More information will be provided closer to the event.
- B.5** Any extra charges will be paid directly to the hotel and may be paid by credit card.

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- B.6 Special food can be provided if requested in advance. Please include full details of any special request by filling in the relevant field in the online entry form at <http://2026southamericans.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race> .

C. EARLY ARRIVALS

- C.1 Teams wishing to arrive before the Official Arrival Day starting from **October 18, 2026**, should complete the relevant fields of the online entry system and transfer the USD\$ amount equivalent to the total (100%) required **by August 7, 2026**. The daily fee for early arrival will be **USD \$80 per person per day**. All accommodation shall be shared as per IODA Condition 15.1. No meal packages are available for purchase, but a special daily menu will be available everyday from the Sailor's Bar. Take Away Packed lunches will be available by ordering them a day in advance by texting Javier or Alvaro +59899066775 (WhatsApp).
- C.2 The regatta facilities will be open from **October 18, 2026**.

D. EARLY ARRIVAL TEAM SUPPORT VESSELS

- D.1 It is possible to rent a team support vessel to be used before the Official Arrival Day, from **October 18, 2026**, at **USD \$180 per vessel per day** excluding fuel. The vessel shall be shared between two teams. Reservation of such boats shall be made by filling in the relevant fields in the Team Support Vessel Reservation Form on the online entry system and **by transferring a sum equivalent to the total amount (100%)** which shall be received on or before **August 7, 2026**, to guarantee availability. Allocation of early arrival support vessels will be made in order of arrival.
- D.2 In addition to the Team Support Vessel charter fee a **damage deposit** of **USD \$800 per vessel** will be required upon receipt of each vessel, payable IN CASH ONLY, to be refunded if no damage has occurred.
- D.3 Late reservation and payments of pre-Regatta support boats will incur a surcharge of 20%.

E. EARLY ARRIVAL CHARTER BOATS

- E.1 Charter boats will also be available before the Official Arrival Day from **October 18, 2026**, at **USD \$45 per boat per day**. Reservations of pre-Championship charter boats shall be made by filling in the relevant fields of the online entry system and **by transferring a sum equivalent to the total amount (100%)** on or before **August 7, 2026**. **Charter boat fees shall not be refunded.**

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- E.2 *In addition to the charter boat fee, a damage deposit of **USD \$200** per boat will be required, payable **IN CASH ONLY**, upon receipt of each boat. The damage deposit will be refunded if no damage has occurred.*
- E.3 *Late reservations and payments of pre-Championship charter boats will incur a surcharge of 20%. Charter boat fees shall not be refunded.*

F. TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT

- F.1 *The international airport **Aeropuerto de Carras (MVD- Montevideo)** is approximately 150 km from the nautical venue. The **Capitán de Corbeta Carlos A. Curbelo International Airport (PDP)**, also known as **Punta del Este International Airport** or **Laguna del Sauce International Airport** is located near Maldonado, about 15–20 km from Punta del Este, and handles international flights plus regular routes from Argentina, Paraguay, Brazil and Chile.*

*Transportation to and from the airport or the ferry can be arranged by contacting **Ana Laura Amoza** of El Paseante at +59894923255 Email: analauraamoza@gmail.com **Reservation requests and payment must be received no later than August 31, 2026.***

G. GENERAL HEALTH INFORMATION

- G.1 *It is advisable to check <http://www.healthmap.org/en>, consult your travel agent, or the Consulate General of your country for the current health advisory regarding travel to Uruguay. **Yellow Fever Vaccine may be required** for travellers from Brazil, Peru, Venezuela, and Bolivia. Please also check with your own travel agent for any additional requirements.*
- G.2 *Any personal protection, such as face masks or neck buffs, may be worn at each person's discretion.*

H. SUPPORTERS

Supporters shall make their own reservations.

I. SOCIAL EVENTS

To enhance the friendship between the competitors and to make their stay in Uruguay more enjoyable, appropriate social events will be organised. Casual attire will suffice.

J. MISCELLANEOUS

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- J.1 *Each team is kindly requested to bring its own National Flag (100cm X 150 cm).*
- J.2 *The official currency in Uruguay is the Uruguayan Peso (UYU). US dollars are legally accepted almost everywhere and can be taken from ATM's as well.
A person from the YCPE's preferred Money Exchange will be on-site with ready to exchange envelopes of the equivalent amount in UY\$ of USD \$100.
Only new USD \$ dollar bills accepted.*
- J.3 *Sailors should bring clothing for warmer and colder temperatures such as boots, splash top, long sleeve rash guard, neoprene pants, hat, gloves or wetsuit.*

K. SAILING CONDITIONS

Daytime air temperature	14 – 22 Celsius
Water Temperature	12 – 19 Celsius
Prevailing Wind Direction	North to East
Wind Speed	8 – 20 knots
Hours of Good Wind	5
Tide	Approximately 1 meter
Current	None

L. VISA REQUIREMENTS

VISAs may be required by some nationalities. Delegations should contact their travel agency or Consulate in their country to inquire about all entry requirements. Letters of invitation are available upon request from administracion@ycpe.org.uy. If you require an invitation letter to support your entry to Uruguay, please send an email no later than August 7, **2026, and allow 14 days for processing.**

It is strongly recommended that minor children travelling without parents have a notarized authorization to travel with the Team Leader/Coach as their adult chaperone, obtainable in your country of origin.

M. SPECTATOR VESSEL

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A spectator vessel will be arranged for parents, supporters and guests, boarding everyday at the Port's Breakwater. Cost per day per person: USD \$50. Cost per day if booking a package for everyday per person: USD \$ 40. Last minute reservations: USD \$ 60 per person.

A minimum of 35 people required/ Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase on board.

More details will be available closer to the Official Arrival Day for the event.

N. CHANDLERY AND REPAIRS

Chandlery and repairs will be available at the shore venue.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

0. SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

ITEM	COST – USD \$		
REQUIRED PAYMENTS			NOR
Entry Fee - Competitors	USD \$ 850	1 st Entry: - 50% -August 7, 2026 2 nd Entry: - 50% - August 31, 2026	5 & 6
Entry Fee - Adults	USD \$ 950	1 st Entry: - 50% -August 7, 2026 2 nd Entry: - 50% - August 31, 2026	5 & 6
Support Vessel Fee	USD \$ 1300 per vessel/USD \$ 650 per coach	1 st Entry: - 50% -August 7, 2026 2 nd Entry: - 50% - August 31, 2026 Fuel not included.	15.5, 15.6
Damage Deposit - Support Vessel	USD \$ 800 per vessel/USD \$ 400 per coach	To be paid upon receipt of boat. Refundable. CASH ONLY	15.7, D.2
Charter Boat Fee	USD \$ 700 per boat	1 st Entry: - 50% -August 7, 2026 2 nd Entry: - 50% - August 31, 2026	16.7, 16.8
Damage Deposit - Charter Boat	USD \$ 200	To be paid upon receipt of boat. Refundable. CASH ONLY	16.11, E.2
Sail Measurement	USD \$ 50	Sails without certificate, payable to IODA. CASH ONLY	9.10
Insurance	USD \$ 12	Competitors and coaches. CASH ONLY	19
Surcharge	20%	Late payments. Depending on item.	Various: see NOTE in 5.3
OPTIONAL PAYMENTS			Extra info sheet
Accommodation Early Arrivals	USD \$ 80 per person/per day	100% due August 7, 2026. Meals not included.	C.1
Support Vessel Early Arrivals	USD \$ 180 per vessel day	Fuel not included. 100% due August 7, 2026	D.1
Charter Boat Early Arrivals	USD \$ 45 per boat per day	100% due August 7, 2026	E.1
Transportation Airport	To be provided upon request.	To be arranged by – August 31, 2026	F
Surcharge	20%	Late payment	Various but see 5.3