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WORLD SAILING GRADED EVENT

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Yacht Club Port Bourgas (*the Organising Authority*) in co-operation with the SA "**Port Infrastructure**" and the **Municipality of Bourgas** are pleased to invite the sailors to take part in

Regatta Port Bourgas - Bourgas Sailing Week
to be held at Yacht Club Port Bourgas, Bourgas, Bulgaria
from 29th April – 03rd of May 2026

1. Rules

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2** In all rules governing this regatta:
 - 1.2.1** [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.
 - 1.2.2** [SP] denotes a rule 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), 63.1, 63.2 and A5.1.
- 1.3** The Class Rules of the relevant Classes will apply.
- 1.4** No Class Rule change will apply.
- 1.5** The language of the regatta will be English. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. [DP][NP] Advertising and identification

- 2.1** Boats may be required to display bow numbers and/or advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority – see RRS 6.1 and the World Sailing Advertising Code.

3. Eligibility and entry

- 3.1** The regatta is open to boats and to competitors who comply with RRS 6.1 and World Sailing Eligibility Code.
- 3.2** Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form in the web page of the regatta: www.bourgassailingweek.org, not later than 20th of April 2026.
- 3.3** In addition to the requirement of 3.2 competitors and support persons (team leaders, coaches, supporters, family members etc.) shall deliver signed entry form and register at the Race Office no later than 18:00 on 29th of April 2026.



- 3.4** It is also possible to submit and sign an application electronically with a qualified electronic signature, in accordance with the Electronic Document and Electronic Trust Services Act.
- 3.5** Competitors under 18 years of age shall present a completed and signed parent (or guardian) consent declaration form. The consent declaration form may be download from the web page of the regatta.
- 3.6** For visa purposes, if needed, it is essential to receive the following data: full name of the competitor (or coach, team leader, supporter, family, friend, etc.) (as per passport); passport number, date and place of issue, expiry date and a photocopy of passport showing identification photograph and the details listed above. Details regarding expected arrival date in Bulgaria and entry point must also be included.
- 3.7** Bulgarian Nationality competitors shall be in compliance with the regulations of Bulgarian Sailing Federation (valid Bulgarian Sailing Federation card). This card must be submitted at Registration.

4. Categorization

- 4.1** No categorization requirements will apply (see RRS 79).

5. Fees

- 5.1** There will be no entry fee.

6. Regatta format

- 6.1** The regatta will consist of Single Series with 10 races for 470, 420, Finn, ILCA 7, ILCA 6 and ILCA 4 classes.
- 6.2.1** For the Optimist class the boats will be divided into fleets with as nearly as possible equal size.
- 6.2.2** The initial allocation to fleets will be done by the Race Committee on 30th of April 2026.
- 6.2.3** Boats may sail an Opening Series followed by a Final Series.
- 6.2.4** Opening Series – 5 races are scheduled. At least 4 qualifying races shall be completed to constitute the Opening Series. An Opening Series race will not count until all fleets in the Opening Series have completed the same number of races.
- 6.2.5** If the fleets have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the fleets with fewer races will continue racing the following day until all fleets have completed the same number of races. All boats will thereafter race in the new fleets.
- 6.2.6** All race scores from the Opening Series will be carried forward to the Final Series.
- 6.2.7** Final Series – 5 races are scheduled.
- 6.2.8** Boats will be assigned to Final Series fleets Gold, Silver and Bronze on the basis of their ranks in the Opening Series. There will be the same number of fleets in the Final Series as there were in the Opening Series. The Final Series fleets will have, as nearly as possible, equal size but none larger than the Gold fleet. Boats with the best Opening Series ranks will race all Final Series races in the Gold fleet, boats with the next-best Opening Series ranks will race in the Silver fleet, etc.
- 6.2.9** Any recalculation of Opening Series ranking after boats have been assigned to Final Series fleets will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.
- 6.2.10** Single Series - If there are fewer than 80 entries, then the regatta will be competed in one fleet in Single Series with 10 races.



7. Schedule

7.1 Schedule of races:

Day 1 – 29 th April 2026	Registration and equipment inspections	12:00-18:00
Day 2 – 30 th April 2026	Equipment inspections Meeting with sailors and coaches Races (first warning signal)	08:00-10:30 10:45 13:00
Day 3 – 01 st May 2026	Races	TBA
Day 4 – 02 nd May 2026	Races	TBA
Day 5 – 03 rd May 2026	Races Closing Ceremony	TBA TBA

7.2 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

7.3 No more than three races shall be sailed each day.

8. [DP][NP] Measurement and equipment inspection

8.1 A Technical Committee shall be appointed in accordance with RRS 92.

8.2 Each boat shall produce a valid Measurement Certificate. If the completed Measurement Form is a photocopy, its authenticity shall be confirmed with an original stamp and signature from the issuing authority. If a boat is to produce a measurement certificate, she shall do so in accordance with Racing Rule 78.2.

8.3 Pre-race measurement inspections will consist of at least stamping of the sails by the Technical Committee of the regatta.

8.4 In accordance with Racing Rule 78.1, competitors are responsible for maintaining their boat in accordance with the Class Rules (for the purpose of Racing Rule 78.1, competitors are considered to be the owners).

8.5 Measurement inspections at random during the regatta may be organised.

9. Sailing instructions

9.1 Sailing instructions will be available during registration at the Race Office. Other documents governing the event will be published with the Sailing Instructions.

10. Classes

10.1 Regatta Port Bourgas - Bourgas Sailing Week will be sailed on the following classes:

- Optimist
- ILCA 4
- ILCA 6
- ILCA 7
- Finn
- 420
- 470

11. Venue

11.1 The regatta site is located at:

Yacht Club Port Bourgas
The Port of Bourgas,
1, Alexander Batenberg Street,
Bourgas 8000, Bulgaria
Mob: (+359 888) 950344;
E-mail: events@yachtclubportbourgas.org
Web: www.YachtClubPortBourgas.org
Coordinates: 42°29'1.28"N 27°28'59.14"E
Event web site: www.bourgassailingweek.org



11.2 Appendix 1 shows the location of the racing areas.

12. The course

12.1 The course types will be the Olympic trapezoid and/or Windward-Leeward courses and/or Optimist Class Course.

12.2 Course will be set with each race planned to be approximately 40 – 50 minutes duration.

13. Penalty system

13.1 Appendix P, *Special Procedures for RRS 42*, will apply.

13.2 RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

14. International Jury

14.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b).

14.2 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.3(a).

15. Scoring

15.1 The low point system of RRS Appendix A shall apply.

15.2 There will be 10 races in the Single Series. There will be 10 races in the Opening and the Final Series.

15.3 At least 3 races are required to be completed to constitute the regatta series.

15.4 Discards

- When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- When 3 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15.5 For the South-Eastern Europe Sailing Grand Prix circuit for Optimist Class and ILCA 4 Class:

15.5.1. The assigned score shall correspond to the final position in each event of the South-Eastern Europe Sailing Grand Prix 2026 circuit.

15.5.2. Sailors sailing a boat only scored as DNC, DNF, DNS, DSQ, DNE, OCS, UFD, BFD will have a score equal to the number of entries plus one.

15.5.3. Sailors having not yet sailed any event, will take 3 times the score based on the higher number of competitors in the same class plus one. Each time they sail a regatta, that penalty will be substituted by his/her score taken at the respective event.

15.5.4. The sum of the best 3 scores (lower) at South-Eastern Europe Sailing Grand Prix 2026 regattas shall determine the competitor's total ranking score.

15.5.5. South-Eastern Europe Sailing Grand Prix 2026 final ranking will be available at www.see-sailing-gp.org after the last event of the circuit.

16. [DP][NP] Support person vessels

16.1 All support person vessels shall be registered (see 3.3) with the organising authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations. The organising authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.

16.2 Registered support person vessels shall:



- a) fly a flag with their three letter national code (see RRS G1.1) clearly displayed or shall be permanently marked with a sticker of their three letter national code on each side of the boat or engine. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200 mm. The letters will not be provided by the Organising Authority.
- b) fly organizer identified flag with number, the flag will be provided by the Organising Authority during registration against a deposit of **EUR 10**.

- 16.3** Only an accredited person may be a designated driver.
- 16.4** Each designated driver shall have a motorboat driving license recognized by a national authority appropriate to that boat and appropriate radio operation license recognized by a national authority.
- 16.5** Support person vessels shall carry on board:
- a) life jackets / buoyancy aid for all passengers and the driver
 - b) first-aid kit;
 - c) VHF radio;
 - d) device for making a sound signal;
 - e) compass;
 - f) adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth;
 - g) tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick);
 - h) operational engine kill cord (also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobilizer);
 - i) hand pump or bailer
 - j) knife; and
 - k) any additional safety equipment required by local maritime law.
- 16.6** When flag Y is displayed on the Signal Boat or ashore, Rule 40 applies also for support person vessels - life jackets shall be worn at all times when afloat.
- 16.7** Kill cord shall be used at all times when the engine is running on the support person vessel.
- 16.8** In accordance with RRS 37 all registered support person vessels shall act as assistance / rescue boats in case of need and shall comply with any instruction given by the Race Committee or the Organising Authority.
- 16.9** All support person vessels shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance. The Organizing Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of certificates.

17. Berthing

- 17.1** When berthed, boats shall be kept in their assigned place in the boat park. Boats shall not be moved from their parking spaces toward the launching ramps until flag D is displayed and instructed to do so by the Beach Master.

18. Prizes

- 18.1** Prizes will be awarded by the Organizing Authority to every boat placing first, second and third in each group and class. Groups are as follows:

2026 Categories		Age	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	+		
Class/Rig	Sex/ Birth Year		2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006			
Optimist	Boys	Under 12						Open					NO						
	Girls	Under 12						Open					NO						
ILCA 4	Boys						NO	Under 16				Under 18		NO					
	Girls						NO	Under 16				Under 18		NO					
ILCA 6	Men/Women		Open																
ILCA 7	Men		Open																
Finn	Men		Open																
420	Open / Mixed		Under 17 - Open / Mixed										Open / Mixed						
470	Open / Mixed		Open / Mixed																



Class Optimist:

1. General overall placing
2. General overall placing of boys - born after 31.12.2010 (to be taken out of General overall placing)
3. General placing of boys up to 12 years of age - born after 31.12.2014 (to be taken out of General overall placing)
4. General overall placing of girls - born after 31.12.2010 (to be taken out of General overall placing)
5. General placing of girls up to 12 years of age - born after 31.12.2014 (to be taken out of General overall placing)

ILCA 4 Class:

1. General overall placing of boys - under 16 - born after 31.12.2010
2. General overall placing of boys - under 18 - born after 31.12.2008
3. General overall placing of girls - under 16 - born after 31.12.2010
4. General overall placing of girls - under 18 - born after 31.12. 2008

ILCA 6 Class - General overall placing

ILCA 7 Class - General overall placing

Finn Class - General overall placing

420 Class – under 17 - born after 31.12.2009

420 Class - General overall placing – open

420 Class - General overall placing - mixed

470 Class - General overall placing – open

470 Class - General overall placing – mixed

- 18.2** The South-Eastern Europe Sailing Grand Prix 2026 prizes will be awarded to the sailors placing first, second and third in the overall ranking for Optimist Class and ILCA 4 Class after the last event of the circuit.

19. Data protection

- 19.1** All personal data will be treated according to European Union and Bulgarian laws. By signing the entry form for participation in the event, each competitor gives his consent his personal data to be collected and processed by the Organising Authority for the purposes of the event and in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

20. Disclaimer of liability and Risk Statement

- 20.1** Competitors and support team participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 3, Decision to Race. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;



3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
4. By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

20.2 The Organising Authority and all parties involved in the regatta organisation will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

21. [DP][NP] Media Rights, Cameras and Electronic Equipment

21.1 By participating in the regatta competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

21.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organizing Authority.

21.3 Selected competitors may be required to attend a press conference.

22. Insurance

22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance. The Organizing Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of certificates.

22.2 It will be possible to purchase a third party insurance covering the duration of the regatta at registration.

Appendix 1 – The Racing Areas



GENERAL INFORMATION (not part of the NoR)

Organizing Authority:

Yacht Club Port Bourgas

The Port of Bourgas

1, Alexander Batenberg Street, Bourgas 8000, Bulgaria

Tel: (+359 888) 950344;

E-mail: events@yachtclubportbourgas.org

Web: www.YachtClubPortBourgas.org

Coordinates: 42°29'1.28"N 27°28'59.14"E

Charter boats:

Limited number of charter boats could be provided upon request on the basis first come – first served. Please contact the Organising Authority in order to check availability and charter fees.

Charter Ribs:

Limited number of charter ribs can be provided upon request on a first come first served basis. Please contact the Organising Authority in order to check availability and charter fees.

Accommodation:

Hotel “Marina Burgas” * (700 m from the venue)**

Port of Bourgas, Passenger Terminal, Bourgas 8000, Bulgaria

Tel. +35956810010

E-mail: info@marinaburgas.bg

www.marinaburgas.bg

Hotel “Luxor” * (1,2 km from the venue)**

27, Bulair Street, Bourgas 8000, Bulgaria

Tel. +35956847670

E-mail: luxor_bs@yahoo.com

www.luxor-bs.com

Hotel “Burgas” ** (1,4 km from the venue)**

5, Han Krum Street, Bourgas 8000, Bulgaria

Tel. +359878726666

E-mail: info@hotelburgas.com

www.hotelburgas.com

Hotel “Bulgaria” ** (1,6 km from the venue)**

21, Alexandrovska Str., Bourgas 8000, Bulgaria

Tel. +35956842820; +35956842610;

Mobile: +35956888646463

E-mail: reception@bulgaria-hotel.com

www.bulgaria-hotel.com



Grand Hotel & SPA "Primoretz" *** (1,0 km from the venue)**

2, Alexander Batenberg Street, Bourgas 8000, Bulgaria

Tel. +35956812345

E-mail: info@hotelprimoretz.bg

www.hotelprimoretz.bg

Information about accommodation at other hotels can be found on the following web sites:

www.aquahotels.com

www.hotelfors-bg.com

www.hoteldrama.com

www.hotel-favorit.com

Travel:

By car

Enter the coordinates of Yacht Club Port Bourgas in your GPS: **42°29'1.28"N 27°28'59.14"E**

For route planning go to: www.viamichelin.com

By plane

Bourgas airport (BOJ) www.burgas-airport.bg is located 10 km north of the city. There are numerous flights from all over Europe flying to Bourgas, especially in summer.

Bus No. 15 connects the airport with the city. The ticket costs BGN 1,50 (circa € 0,77) and the trip lasts about 20 - 30 minutes. This bus starts at the train station every 30 minutes from 05:30 to 22:00.

By bus

There are many buses from every city in the country to Bourgas. Most of the buses coming to the city arrive at the bus station South. There are also many buses coming from Turkey (Istanbul) and Greece.

- Domestic bus lines: Every operating company has their own reservation system. Some of the companies that run bus lines to the city are Union Ivkoni www.union-ivkoni.bg and Karat-S: www.karat-s.com.
- Union Ivkoni www.union-ivkoni.bg and Karat-S: www.karat-s.com runs regular international bus lines to/from Bourgas.

By ferry

The Port of Bourgas operates mainly industrial ships - www.port-burgas.bg

Black Sea Ferry Services operates the official ferry service between Bourgas and Batumi - www.pbm.bg

Bulgaria Hydrofoil LTD operates the official fast ferry service between Varna, Nessebar and Sozopol - www.fastferry.bg



Weather and current:

Information about weather can be found on the following web sites:


www.windguru.cz/int/index.php?sc=309952&switchlang=1

www.windfinder.com/weatherforecast/bugras


www.gismeteo.ru/city/daily/3436/4/

www.weather2travel.com/climate-guides/bulgaria/bugras.php


[Max Daytime Temperature \(°C\)](#)

 21 21°C (70°F) in May


[Min Night-time Temperature \(°C\)](#)

 12 12°C (54°F) in May


[Hours of Sunshine \(Daily\)](#)

 8 8 Hours per day in May


[Hours of Daylight \(Daily\)](#)

 15 15 Hours per day in May


[Heat and Humidity Discomfort](#)

 None in May

[Days with some Rainfall](#)

 8 Days in May


[Monthly Rainfall \(mm\)](#)

 48 mm (1.9 inches) in May

[UV Index \(Maximum\)](#)

 7 7 (High) in May

[Sea Temperature \(°C\)](#)

 15°C (59°F) in May

Prevailing winds: NE-E-SE (070° - 110°)

Average wind speed: 7 m/s

Current: 0,5 - 1,0 knots

Average tide: N/A

