

Winter RS21Cyprus CUP 2026–2027

Notice of Race

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1. Events

The Winter RS21Cyprus CUP 2026–2027 comprises **seven two-day events (ACTs)**. The overall Cup prize-giving will take place at the seventh and final event.

Event	Venue	Dates
ACT 1	Limassol Marina	17–18 October 2026
ACT 2	Limassol Marina	7–8 November 2026
ACT 3	Limassol Marina	19–20 December 2026
ACT 4	Limassol Marina	23–24 January 2027
ACT 5	Limassol Marina	20–21 February 2027
ACT 6	Limassol Marina	20–21 March 2027
ACT 7 — Cup final and overall prize-giving	Limassol Marina	17–18 April 2027

Notation: [NP] denotes a rule whose breach shall not be grounds for a protest by another boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The Cup is held under the name Winter RS21Cyprus CUP.

Organising Authority: RS21 Cyprus Sailing Club.

The national sailing federation of Cyprus is the **Cyprus Sailing Federation (CYSAF)**.

2. Rules

2.1. The events will be governed by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025–2028 and the International RS21 Class Association rules.

2.2. In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions and subsequent official notices shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c). The official version of this Notice of Race will be published in English.

2.3. Any additional instructions issued by the Organising Authority (OA) or other competent authorities, including those published subsequently, shall be complied with at all times. [NP][DP]

2.4. Racing will be conducted by the race committee. Protests and requests for redress will be heard by the protest committee in accordance with Part 5 of the RRS. There will be no on-water umpiring.

3. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available from 18:00 on the day before the first scheduled racing day on the event page in the RRS system.

4. Notices

The official notice board will be online. The link will be published in the Sailing Instructions and displayed at the race office.

5. Eligibility

5.1. Racing will take place in RS21 boats supplied by RS21 Cyprus Sailing Club. The boats will be prepared and afloat, ready for handover to the participating crews.

5.2. All competitors shall comply with World Sailing eligibility requirements and the national and international RS21 class rules.

5.7. Participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes: neutral status, political propaganda and political references — class policy.

In accordance with the principles of the World Sailing Neutrality Policy (A5) and related guidance, the Class permits athletes of Russian and Belarusian nationality to participate solely in a neutral capacity, subject to the class policy attached to this Notice of Race (Appendix A).

By entering, each competitor declares acceptance of the class policy and undertakes to comply with it. Non-compliance may result in refusal of entry to the regatta and any further action the protest committee considers necessary, including exclusion from the event and action under RRS 69. [NP][DP]

6. Entries

6.1. Eligible teams may enter online through the RS21 Cyprus registration platform.

6.2. Boat charter without a skipper costs **EUR 200 per boat per day**. The entry fee is **EUR 200 per boat per event**. A skipper is available on request for an additional **EUR 150 per day**.

Cost of one two-day event	Without a skipper	With a skipper for both days
Boat charter for 2 days	EUR 400	EUR 400
Entry fee	EUR 200	EUR 200
Skipper for 2 days	—	EUR 300
Total per boat per event	EUR 600	EUR 900

The Club supplies prepared boats already afloat. Competitors are not required to arrange launching or recovery.

If the Organising Authority cancels or postpones an event for serious reasons, the fee will be refunded, subject to a deduction of up to 10%. If a competitor does not participate for any other reason, the fee will not be refunded.

6.3. Payment shall be made during online registration. Bank charges are payable by the sender. An entry is valid only once all sections have been completed, the details of the entire crew have been provided and the fee has been paid.

6.4. Security deposit and liability for damage. Before each event, the team shall pay a refundable security deposit of EUR 600 per boat. The team's maximum financial liability is EUR 1,000 per boat per incident.

If there is no damage, the deposit will be returned in full after the event. If there is damage, the cost will be calculated in accordance with the Club's Damage List and deducted from the deposit.

If the cost of damage exceeds EUR 600, the team shall pay the difference, with total liability capped at EUR 1,000 per boat per incident. This limit does not apply in cases of intentional damage or gross negligence.

6.5. All competitors shall be insured.

6.6. Competitors under the age of majority shall email the Organising Authority an entry signed by a parent, guardian or support person. The signatory authorises the minor to accept the obligations under the rules (RRS 4.1) and accepts responsibility for the minor going afloat to race during the event (RRS 4.1(b)).

7. Schedule

7.1. Schedule for ACTs 1–7:

Day	Activity
Saturday	Handover of prepared boats afloat and equipment checks
Saturday	Completion of registration and distribution of event materials
Saturday	Skippers' briefing
Saturday	Scheduled warning signal for the first race
Sunday	Time of the first warning signal to be announced
Sunday, after racing	Prize-giving

The time of the first warning signal on Sunday will be posted on the official online notice board by 20:00 on Saturday. If no notice is posted, Saturday's time will apply.

7.2. Changes to the racing schedule will be posted on the official notice board by 20:00 on the day before they take effect.

7.4. The schedule of shoreside activities will be published on the official notice board.

7.5. RS21 Cyprus Sailing Club will prepare the boats and ensure they are afloat before handover to the participating crews. The Club will arrange launching and recovery.

8. Scoring

8.1. Racing at each event will take place on Saturday and Sunday.

8.2. The Low Point System in Appendix A of the RRS will apply.

8.3. **One race** is required to constitute an individual Winter RS21Cyprus CUP event.

8.4. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, her worst score will be excluded.

8.5. Winter RS21Cyprus CUP overall standings:

The overall Cup standings will be determined from the event results, excluding **each team's two worst event results**. If all seven events take place, **each team's five best results** will count. Entire event results are discarded; this provision applies separately from the exclusion of one race score within each event under clause 8.4.

9. Venue

9.1. All seven events will be held at Limassol Marina, Limassol, Cyprus. Racing will take place in the adjacent waters.

10. Courses

10.1. The intended course is a windward-leeward course with a leeward gate and an offset mark at the windward mark. The race committee may select other courses, which will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. Penalty System

11.1. The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are replaced by the following:

“A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 of the RRS, RRS 31, or class rules C.10.1 or C.3.3 while racing.”

The One-Turn Penalty for a breach of Part 2 also applies in the zone at a mark and to breaches of RRS 20. The remaining provisions of RRS 44.1, including the exceptions in RRS 44.1(a) and 44.1(b), remain in effect. If a boat causes injury or serious damage, or gains a significant advantage in the race or series despite taking a penalty, she shall retire in accordance with RRS 44.1(b).

11.2. The penalty shall be taken in accordance with RRS 44.2: after getting well clear of other boats as soon as possible after the incident, the boat shall promptly make one turn including one tack and one gybe. If the penalty is taken at or near the finishing line, the boat's hull shall be completely on the course side of the line before she finishes.

11.3. Protests and requests for redress will be heard by the protest committee in accordance with Part 5 of the RRS. Penalties for alleged breaches will be decided following a hearing under the procedures set out in the RRS.

12. Prizes

12.1. Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in the overall standings at each event.

12.2. Prizes will be awarded to the first five boats in the overall Winter RS21Cyprus CUP standings. The overall Cup prize-giving will take place at the seventh and final event.

12.3. Prize-giving will take place as soon as possible after the event has concluded.

12.4. The organising committee reserves the right to award additional special prizes.

14. Responsibility and Safety

14.1. Competitors participate in the Winter RS21Cyprus CUP at their own risk. Under RRS 3, the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. All competitors shall hold personal accident insurance, including cover for death and permanent disability, valid for the duration of the event and covering participation in sailboat racing.

14.3. Under RRS 1.2, a boat shall carry adequate life-saving equipment for all persons on board, including one item ready for immediate use. Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device appropriate to the conditions. The Organising Authority may specify additional restrictions in the Sailing Instructions.

15. Environmental Responsibility

The basic principle encourages competitors to minimise any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing. Competitors are encouraged to give full attention to protecting the environment before, during and after the event.

Particular attention is drawn to RRS 47, Trash Disposal: competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule applies at all times while afloat. The penalty for a breach may be less than disqualification. [DP][NP]

17. Advertising and Media

17.1. Advertising is permitted in accordance with the RS21 class rules and the World Sailing Advertising Code.

17.3. The Organising Authority may require electronic devices to be installed or carried on board for media coverage of the event.

17.4. By entering, the owner and crew members grant RS21 Cyprus and the event sponsors, free of charge, the unconditional right and permission to use their names, voices, images, photographs and biographical material, as well as images of the boat, in any media, including television, print, advertising and the internet.

18. VHF Radio Communication

18.1. During starting procedures, in addition to sound and visual signals, the race committee may broadcast the sail numbers or bow numbers of boats that are OCS. The committee's use or non-use of VHF shall under no circumstances be grounds for a protest or a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 29.

18.2. Except in an emergency, a boat while racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones and any other electronic devices.

19. Coaches and Support Vessels

19.1. A boat shall not receive outside help from the time she leaves the dock or her berth until she returns to the dock or her berth that day, except for:

a) help permitted by RRS 41;

b) with the race committee's permission, delivery of a late crew member, food or drinks before the preparatory signal for the first race of the day, and transfer of a crew member, food or drinks after the boat has finished or retired from her last race of the day;

c) help reasonably necessary for the safety of the crew or boat in an emergency after the boat has finished or retired from her last race of the day, including emergencies caused by weather, equipment failure or other circumstances.

19.2. Towing boats is prohibited except in an emergency.

19.3. Coaches, accompanying persons and support persons with boats shall register by submitting an application to the Organising Authority two days before racing begins. They shall provide the support vessel's particulars, confirm acceptance of the coach and support boat rules (BPS) set out in the Sailing Instructions, identify the sail numbers of the competitors they support, and carry a handheld VHF radio.

An accredited coach may use the registered boat during the event. An alleged breach of the BPS rules may be reported to the protest committee, which may conduct a hearing and take action under RRS 62.1.

19.4. Coach boats and support vessels shall remain at least **200 metres** from the racing area at all times on racing days.

19.5. Outside help includes any form of communication between competitors and support persons.

20. Contact Information

Organising Authority: RS21 Cyprus Sailing Club.

Appendix A. RS21 Cyprus Neutrality and Political Propaganda Policy

1. Purpose

This policy sets out the conditions for participation and conduct in a neutral capacity, and the prohibition of political propaganda and political references at events organised or recognised by RS21 Cyprus, hereinafter referred to as the “Class”.

2. Basis

The Class policy has been adopted in accordance with the principles of the World Sailing Neutrality Policy (A5) and related guidance, which serve as a reference.

3. Scope

This policy applies to:

- competitors, owners, helms, crews and support persons;
- coaches, technical specialists, team leaders and accredited support personnel;
- all official event-related activities: registration, inspections, briefings, racing, official communications, ceremonies, prize-givings and interviews in the official context of the event.

4. Russian and Belarusian Athletes: Neutral Status

4.1. The Class permits athletes of Russian and Belarusian nationality to participate solely in a neutral capacity in accordance with this policy.

4.2. For the purposes of this policy, neutral status requires:

- no national representation within the event;
- no use or display of national identifiers as specified in section 5;
- designation in official event documents and communications as determined by the Organising Authority, for example AIN or an equivalent designation, where applicable.

5. Prohibition of National Identifiers on Boats, Sails, Equipment and Clothing

5.1. The display or use of flags, coats of arms, emblems, names, national codes, official colours or symbols, and other identifiers associated with Russia or Belarus is prohibited:

- on the hull, mast, boom, rudder, keel or centreboard, and visible boat components;
- on sails, sail numbers, stickers, graphics and lettering;
- on technical clothing, uniforms, Lycra tops, headwear, bags and accessories used afloat or in official event areas.

5.2. This prohibition also includes identifiers that, through their design, wording or context, may reasonably be perceived as national or institutional representation.

5.3. Commercial sponsors are permitted if they comply with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions and do not directly or indirectly constitute national or institutional representation prohibited by this policy.

6. Prohibition of Political Propaganda and Political References

6.1. Within the event, it is prohibited to display, wear, distribute or communicate messages, symbols or materials constituting political propaganda or having a political character, including references to governments, institutions, armed forces, political parties and political campaigns.

6.2. This prohibition applies in particular to:

- boats, sails, equipment and clothing;
- statements and official communications during briefings, ceremonies and prize-givings;
- interviews and media content produced in the official context of the event.

7. Checks and Corrective Action

7.1. The Organising Authority and/or the Class may check boats, sails, equipment and clothing for compliance, including by visual inspection.

7.2. In the event of non-compliance, the offending items may be required to be removed or covered before racing begins or within a deadline set by the Organising Authority.

8. Consequences of Non-compliance

8.1. Failure to comply with a requirement to remedy non-compliance may, at the Organising Authority's discretion and in accordance with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, result in:

1. Refusal of admission to the event or to individual races.
2. Administrative measures, such as withdrawal of accreditation, where appropriate.
3. Other measures provided for by the applicable rules.

9. Acceptance

9.1. By entering the event, each competitor declares that they have read and fully accept this policy.

10. Status and Precedence

10.1. This policy forms an appendix to the Notice of Race and may be referenced in the Sailing Instructions.

10.2. In the event of a conflict between this policy and the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions, the provisions of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions for the particular event shall prevail.