SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

Winter RS21Cyprus CUP 2026–2027

ACT 2

7-8 November 2026

Limassol Marina, Cyprus

1. RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025–2028 and the International RS21 Class Association rules.

1.2 The Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions apply. In the event of a conflict, these Sailing Instructions and subsequent official notices shall prevail, as stated in the Notice of Race.

1.3 Any additional instructions issued by the Organising Authority or other competent authorities shall be complied with at all times.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, unless a different time is stated in the relevant notice.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 The official notice board is online. Its link will be published in these Sailing Instructions and displayed at the race office. Notices to competitors may also be shared through the RS21 Cyprus Telegram channel: **https://t.me/RS21Cyprus.**

3.2 The VHF communication **channel is 69.**

3.3 During starting procedures, the Race Committee may broadcast sail numbers or bow numbers of boats that are OCS. The use or non-use of VHF shall not be grounds for a protest or request for redress.

3.4 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 also applies to mobile phones and other electronic devices.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Limassol Marina near the RS21 yachts.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 40 minutes’.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 ACT 1 will take place on 7-8 November 2026 at Limassol Marina.

Saturday:

• **Skippers’ briefing: 13:00**

• First warning signal: 14:00

Sunday:

• **Skippers' briefing: 13:00**

• First warning signal: 14:00

• Prize-giving will take place as soon as possible after racing has concluded.

5.2 **Eight races are scheduled for the event.**

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The class flag will be the RS21 class flag.

7. RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be in the waters adjacent to Limassol Marina.

8. COURSES

8.1 The race shall consist of two laps.

8.2 If the number of laps needs to be changed, an announcement will be made on VHF channel 69 before the starting procedure begins.

8.3 All marks shall be passed with the boat leaving each mark to port.

8.4 The starting and finishing mark shall be an orange buoy. The first mark shall be a yellow inflatable buoy.

8.5 The course configuration, race distance and mark colours will be communicated at the skippers' briefing.

9. THE START

9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

9.2 The starting line will be between the starting mark and an orange flag on the Race Committee boat.

9.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.

10. THE FINISH

10.1 The finishing line will be between the finishing mark and a blue flag on the Race Committee boat.

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."

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 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).

12. TIME LIMITS

12.1 The target race time is 35 minutes.

12.2 The race time limit is 1 hour.

12.3 The finishing window is 10 minutes after the first boat finishes. Boats failing to finish within the finishing window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored as provided in the RRS.

13. HEARING REQUESTS

13.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered within 40 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day, unless a different time is stated on the official notice board.

13.2 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.

13.4 Protest forms are available from the Race Committee.

13.5 All protests will be heard online.

14. SCORING

14.1 Eight races are scheduled. The Low Point System in Appendix A of the RRS will apply.

14.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute the event.

14.3 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. As four races are scheduled for this event, no discard will apply.

14.4 The event forms part of the Winter RS21Cyprus CUP 2026–2027. Overall Cup standings will be calculated in accordance with the Notice of Race.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 Boats shall check in with the Race Committee before racing.

15.2 A boat that retires shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

15.3 Competitors participate at their own risk. Each competitor is responsible for wearing a personal flotation device appropriate to the conditions. Each boat shall carry adequate life-saving equipment for all persons on board, including one item ready for immediate use.

16. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

16.1 Substitution of competitors or equipment requires prior approval of the Race Committee.

17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

17.1 Boats and equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and these Sailing Instructions.

18. SUPPORT TEAMS AND SUPPORT VESSELS

18.1 Support vessels shall remain at least 200 metres from the racing area at all times on racing days.

18.2 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 as permitted by RRS 41 and the Notice of Race, or in an emergency.

19. TRASH DISPOSAL

19.1 Competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

20. BERTHING

20.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places.

21. PRIZES

21.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in the overall standings at ACT 1.

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

22. RESPONSIBILITY AND RISK

22.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

23. INSURANCE

23.1 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. Boats shall also have valid insurance.

24. NEUTRALITY AND POLITICAL PROPAGANDA

24.1 Competitors shall comply with the RS21 Cyprus Neutrality and Political Propaganda Policy in Appendix A to the Notice of Race, including the requirements concerning neutral participation and the prohibition of national identifiers and political propaganda where applicable.