



MONACO OPTIMIST TEAM RACE 2026

Notice of Race

Organized by the Yacht Club de Monaco, the *Monaco Optimist Team Race* will take place from Wednesday 14th to Sunday 18th January 2026.

This Notice of Race may be subject to modifications which will be communicated on the website of the Yacht Club de Monaco.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the “Racing Rules of Sailing” including Appendix D (Single Flag Protest procedure), the Sailing Instructions and any amendment made by the Organising Authority, the Race Officer, the Umpires, or the Jury.
- 1.2. Personal flotation devices will be compulsory when at sea for all competitors and coaches.
- 1.3. A sailor or support person shall not act in a way likely to denigrate or offend others at the event or elsewhere.
- 1.4. English 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.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Yacht Club de Monaco.

3. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 3.1. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment such as specified by the Organizing Authority. Information from this equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes RRS 63.6.
- 3.2. The equipment provided, once placed on the boat as instructed by the Organizing Authority, shall not be manipulated by the competitor or the coach in any way, excepted when so required by the Organizing Authority.
- 3.3. Drones are prohibited in the racing area at all times during the championship except those operated by the Organizing Authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The Monaco Optimist Team Race is an invitation only event.
- 4.2. A maximum of 16 teams will be invited.
- 4.3. Each team shall be composed of 4 sailors born in 2011 or later.
- 4.4. Teams may request an invitation by completing pre-registration online on the official website: www.ycm.org before the 30th of September 2025.
- 4.5. The Organising Authority decides the teams to invite, and priority will be given to teams from twins and reciprocal agreement with the Yacht Club de Monaco. The Y.C.M. race office will inform all pre-registered teams of their acceptance by the Organising Authority on the 1st of November 2025.
- 4.6. The registration fees of the admitted teams shall be paid by 12noon on Monday 1st December 2025, to the Race Office (payment link to be provided directly by organizers).
- 4.7. Late entries will only be accepted by the Yacht Club de Monaco's at its discretion.



5. ENTRY FEE

5.1. The entry fee is **€1800** for each team and includes:

- use of a new Optimist dinghy per team member for the duration of the event (as described in chapter 6),
- evening Crew Party,
- accommodation for the team, including separate rooms for girls, boys and coaches. Sailors and coaches may have to share room with other teams's coaches (in respect of the gender separation).
- packed lunch for each team (5 people) (from Thursday 10th to Sunday 18th January 2026)

5.2. An additional deposit of €600 per team (€150 per boat) is required at registration confirmation. Deposit can be made either by cash or Credit card.

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5.4. All entry fees are payable by credit card or bank transfer to:

➤ **Credit card payment link:** <https://vad.ycm.mc>

➤ **Bank details for bank transfer:**

CFM - CFM Albert 1er
Bénéficiaire : YACHT CLUB DE MONACO
Code banque : 12739 - Code guichet : 00070
N° de compte : 0124172000 L - Clé : 37
Code IBAN : MC 78 1273 9000 7001 2417 2000 L37
Code SWIFT : CFMOMCM X X X X
« Charge payable by sender »

Please insure the payment reference contains :
« **Monaco Optimist Team Race + Team Name** »

NB : Registration fees are not refundable.



BOATS

5.5. Charter boats are mandatory and will be provided by the Yacht Club de Monaco.

5.6. Charter boats will be delivered:

WITH: hull fittings, two mainsheet blocks attached to the hull (one of them a ratchet block), 3 airbags, padded toe straps, shock-cord to keep the dagger board in place, racing spares, racing foils, bailer, painter / bowline, wind indicator and trolley with top cover.

WITHOUT: paddle, mast lock, or nay fitting at the top of the mast to secure the lacing line at the throat point.

5.7. MAIN SAILS AND SAIL TIES WILL NOT BE PROVIDED.

5.8. Two coach boats will be provided by the Organizing Authority and their use by each team's coach is compulsory during the event. Only one coach per team is allowed onboard and coaches will be divided between the two coach boats.

6. ACCOMMODATION

7.1 Competitors shall be accommodated at the Aparthotel Adagio Monaco Monte Cristo and Palais Joséphine.

7.2 The distance from the accommodation to the Yacht Club de Monaco is 1.2km and takes about 20 minutes by foot.

7.3 Breakfast and dinners will not be provided (except for the Crew party on Saturday evening),

7. QUALIFYING AND FINAL SERIES

7.1. The regatta will consist of a round robin followed by semi-finals and finals.

7.2. The Race Officer may vary the format of racing, terminate, or eliminate any stage, when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

8. PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY 2026

Registration Confirmation	12.00	noon	–
5.00pm			
Official opening Ceremony	6.00pm		

THURSDAY 15 JANUARY 2026

Registration Confirmation	09.00am		–
10.00am			
First Race - Warning signal	11.00am		

FRIDAY 16 JANUARY 2026

First Race - Warning signal	10.00am		
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SATURDAY 17 JANUARY 2026

First Race - Warning signal	10.00am		
Crew Party	7.00pm		

SUNDAY 18 JANUARY 2026

First Race - Warning signal	10.00am		
Last warning Signal	03.30pm		
Prize Giving	4.00pm		

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available following completion of registration from 5.00pm on Wednesday 14th January 2026 from the Race Office.

10. PRIZES

Teams will compete for the “Monaco Optimist Team Race” trophy.

Prizes will be given to the top three ranked teams.



11. INSURANCE

Each sailor shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,000,000.00 (1 million Euros) or equivalent.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors are totally responsible for their own safety, at sea and ashore, without exception. It is for competitors to decide whether their boat, the equipment on it and themselves are fit to sail in the conditions.

By launching or going at sea, competitors are confirming their boat is fit for the conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organizers will reduce the responsibility of the competitors, nor will it make the organizers responsible for any loss, damage, death, or personal injury; however, it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the event, be it before, during or after the event. The provision of safety boats does not relieve competitors of their responsibilities.

13. MEDIA & IMAGE RIGHTS WAIVER

Monaco Optimist Team Race participants authorize the Yacht Club de Monaco to use any media it deems necessary for its commercial purposes. By entering this regatta, competitors grant the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses as well as representations of their boats in any media published.

14. VENUE

The championship will be held at the Yacht Club de Monaco. The racing area will be in the waters of Monaco Bay.

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