



Special Olympics  
**EUROPEAN UNIFIED  
SAILING REGATTA**  
Rotterdam 2023



September 1th – September 3th, 2023  
Rotterdam, The Netherlands

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. RULES

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- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The Special Olympic Sport Rules Article 1, available at [Sport Rules Article 1 \(specialolympics.org\)](https://specialolympics.org/sport-rules-article-1) applies.
- 1.3. The Special Olympic Sailing Rules, available at [Sports-Essentials-Sailing-Rules-2022 \(specialolympics.org\)](https://specialolympics.org/sports-essentials-sailing-rules-2022) applies.
- 1.4. Appendix UF – Umpired fleet Racing – Special Olympic World Games applies.
- 1.5. In all rules governing this competition, both athlete and competitor means a person competing in the event. No national sailing Federation prescriptions apply.
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available after 1 August 2023. They will be published via the official Special Olympics European Sailing Regatta 2023 website and distributed via the registered Head Coaches. [<https://unifiedsailing.org/>]

### 3. COMMUNICATION

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- 3.1. During the time of competition, the official notice board is located onsite at the venue. Results may be published also on the official Special Olympics European Sailing Regatta 2023 website.
- 3.2. Except in an emergency, an athlete shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

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- 4.1. The regatta is open to athletes from Accredited Special Olympic Programs.
- 4.2. Eligible athletes may enter by completing the invitation procedures

EVENT		CLASS
Level III – Unified Sports® Team	The athletes have complete control of the boat. The Unified partner may only shift their weight, do tactics, and offer verbal assistance.	Valk (Falcon)

## 5. DIVISIONING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

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- 5.1. The event will consist of a divisioning series and a final series.
- 5.2. Each division in the final series should have no fewer than three boats and no more than eight.

## 6. SCHEDULE

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- 6.1. Head Coach Meeting / Judges and PRO Meeting

Date	Time	
1-9-2023	T.B.D.	Head Coach Meeting - - wsv Rotterdam
1-9-2023	T.B.D.	Judges & PRO Meeting - wsv Rotterdam

- 6.1.1. The Judges & PRO Meeting will take place at the venue

- 6.2. Divisioning Days

Date	Level 3
2-9-2023	Divisioning

- 6.3. Racing Days

Date	Level 3
3-9-2023	Racing
	Award Ceremonies

- 6.4. Maximum races per day

Level	Class	Race Per Day
Level 3	Valk (Falcon)	4 races

- 6.5. Before sailing here will be a competitor briefing in the morning prior to the races.
- 6.6. The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the first race each day is 10:00 a.m.
- 6.7. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 2. p.m.

## 7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

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- 7.1. Boats will be provided.
- 7.2. Boats shall be sailed as rigged. No adjustments, additions, or subtractions to the rigging, of any kind, are permitted. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 7.3. Damaged boats and boat equipment shall be reported immediately to the boat handling staff in charge on site.

## 8. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT, PERSONAL FLOTATION

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- 8.1. RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat.
- 8.2. All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) provided by the organizing authority.

## 9. VENUE

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- 9.1. The event venue will take place on the grounds of the wsv Rotterdam, Langepad 27, 3062CJ - Rotterdam.

- 9.2. The regattas take place on the lake of Kralingen, right in front of the wsv Rotterdam clubhouse. Appendix 1 shows the location of the venue and the racing area.

## 10. COURSES

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- 10.1. The diagrams in the Special Olympics Summer Sport Rules of Sailing show the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

## 11. PENALTY SYSTEM

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- 11.1. iAppendix UF applies.
- 11.2. Except for infringements of Part 1, Part 2 and Rule 31 of The Racing Rules of Sailing the Jury may, at its discretion, impose any penalty it deems equitable.

## 12. SCORING

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- 12.1. The scoring system is defined in the *Special Olympics Sailing Sports Rules*, section 3.3 Scoring, and is modified as follows.
- 12.2. The scores from the divisioning series will not be carried forward to the competition rounds. This changes RRS A2.
- 12.3. A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. Each boat's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3 (b), be the total of her race scores excluding her (a) worst score every four races, both in divisioning and competition rounds.
- 12.4. Rule A8 will not apply. If there is a tie in the final score, both boats will be awarded the same place. As a result, a tie for one place will result in no award being given for the following place.

## 13. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

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- 13.1. Support person vessels are not permitted on the water.

## 14. RISK STATEMENT

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- 14.1. 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 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 an increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes. Each venue jurisdiction may need a different or modified version of this risk statement.**

## 15. PRIZES

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- 15.1. Medals shall be presented to the first, second, and third-place winners in each division.
- 15.2. Ribbons shall be presented to athletes who finish in fourth through eighth place in each division.
- 15.3. Athletes who are disqualified (for reasons other than unsportsmanlike conduct) or who do not finish an event shall be presented with a participation ribbon

## Addendum 1

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- 15.4. Venue Map and FOP



## **APPENDIX UF**

### UMPIRED FLEET RACING

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*Umpired fleet races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix. Races shall be umpired. The rule changes in UF1 have been approved by World Sailing under Regulation 28.1.5(b) on the condition that only the provided options are used. This appendix applies only when it is referred to in the Notice of Race and made available for all competitors.*

## **UF1 CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS, THE RULES OF PART 1 AND 2, AND RULE 70**

**UF1.1** Add to the definition *Proper Course*: 'A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.'

**UF1.2** Add new rule 7 to Part 1:

### **7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY**

The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.'

**UF1.3** Spare.

**UF1.4** When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:

- (a) for *room* to tack, repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
- (b) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

**UF1.5** Rule 70 is deleted.

**UF1.6** Spare

## **UF2 CHANGES TO OTHER RULES**

**UF2.1** Spare

**UF2.2** Spare.

**UF2.3** Spare.

## **UF3 ON WATER PROTESTS AND PENALTIES**

**UF3.1** In this appendix, 'a penalty' will mean the following:

A One-Turn Penalty taken in accordance with rule 44.2.

**UF3.2** The first sentence of rule 44.1 is changed to: 'A boat may take a penalty when, in an incident while *racing*, she may have broken one or more of the *rules* of Part 2

(except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury), rule 31 or rule 42. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 in the same incident, she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31'

### **UF3.3 On the Water Protests by Boats and Penalties**

- (a) While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or rule 42; however, a boat may only protest under a rule of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall remove the flag before, or at the first reasonable opportunity after a boat involved in the incident has taken a penalty voluntarily or after an umpire's decision.

The protest flag is not required this event..

- (b) A boat that protests as provided in rule UF3.3(a) is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by voluntarily taking a penalty. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a penalty voluntarily.

### **UF3.4 Penalties and Protests Initiated by an Umpire**

(a) When a boat

- (1) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
- (2) breaks rule 42,
- (3) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (4) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
- (5) fails to comply with rule UF3.6 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose a penalty or more, each signalled in accordance with rule UF3.5(b), or disqualify her under rule UF3.5(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under rule UF3.4(a)(5) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled,

- (b) An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a rule, other than rule UF3.6 or a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a), may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3. However, he will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

### **UF3.5 Umpire Signals**

An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'

- (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'a penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat.
- (c) A black flag with one long sound means 'A boat is disqualified.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.

**UF3.6 Imposed Penalties**

- (a) A boat penalized under rule UF3.5(b) shall take a penalty.
- (b) A boat disqualified under rule UF3.5(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

**UF4 RACE COMMITTEE ACTIONS**

**UF4.1** After boats have finished, the race committee will inform competitors about the results on the official noticeboard.

**UF5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS**

**UF5.1** No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

**UF5.2 Spare**

**UF5.3** A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than rule UF3.6, or a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a),
- (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
- (c) request redress

shall inform the race committee in the following way:

filing a hearing request or scoring inquiry.

**UF5.4** The time limit defined in rule UF5.3 (SI 17.1) also applies to protests under rule UF5.9, UF5.10 and UF5.11 when such protests are permitted. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

**UF5.5** The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under rule UF5.3.

**UF5.6** The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted.

**UF5.7** The first three sentences of rule 64.2 are changed to: 'When the protest committee decides that a boat that is a *party* to a protest hearing has broken a rule, it may impose penalties other than disqualification, and may make any other scoring arrangement it decides is equitable. If a boat has broken a *rule* when not *racing*, the

protest committee shall decide whether to apply any penalty to the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident or make some other arrangement.'

#### **UF5.8** Hearings

Except for a hearing under rule 69.2

- (a) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.
- (b) The protest committee may inform the protester and schedule the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate this orally.
- (c) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
- (d) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a scoring penalty of points or fraction of points or make any other arrangement it decides is fair, which may be to impose no penalty.
- (e) If the protest committee penalizes a boat in accordance with rule UF5.7 or if a standard penalty is applied, all other boats will be informed about the change of the penalized boat's score.

**UF5.9** The race committee will not protest a boat.

**UF5.10** The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking rule UF3.6, a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a), or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

**UF5.11** The technical committee will only protest a boat under rule 60.4 when it decides that a boat or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules, rule 50, or the rules in the equipment regulations of the event if such exist. In such a case, the technical committee shall protest.

**UF5.12** Rule 66.2 is changed to 'A *party* to the hearing under this appendix may not request a reopening.'

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