



J80 CYPRUS CHAMPIONSHIP WINTER SERIES 2024- 2025



NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY - SAIL FIRST SAILING CLUB

1. VALIDITY

The present NOR relates to the J80 Cyprus Championship winter series 2024– 2025, the dates of which are listed in the calendar table below:

STAGE 1:	23 – 24 November 2024
STAGE 2:	14 – 15 December 2024
STAGE 3:	25 – 26 January 2025
STAGE 4:	22 – 23 February 2025
STAGE 5:	22 – 23 March 2025
FINAL STAGE:	19 – 20 April 2025

2. RULES

2.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

2.2 No national prescriptions will apply.

2.3 The Class Rules (unless otherwise modified by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions).

2.4 In all rules governing this Championship:

2.4.1 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

2.4.2 [SP] denotes a rule which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1

2.5 All competitors shall be required to wear an adequate personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

2.6 Maximum crew number is six / no weight limit.

2.7 All Teams must have a name.

2.8 The team skipper has the right to change the composition of the crew by 100% at each stage.

2.9 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.

2.10 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race.

2.11 Covid-19 protocol will apply depending of each country in coordination with their national Authority.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available during registration at the Race Office will be posted interactively on WhatsApp "J80 Cyprus Championship".

Other documents governing the event will be published with the Sailing Instructions.

4. COMMUNICATION

4.1 The official notice board is located at Saint Raphael Marina, Limassol. Information will also be provided on the interactively on WhatsApp in the J80 Cyprus Championship group.

4.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 76.

4.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors or support person vessels on VHF radio. The channels will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

4.4 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

5. [DP] [SP] [NP] ADVERTISING AND BOW NUMBERS

5.1 Participants' advertising costs € 250 per boat.

5.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

6. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

6.1 The regatta is open to boats of the J80 Class that are chartered from Sail First Sailing Club.

6.2 Eligible boats shall complete the relevant "Entry Form" (Attachment 1) and send it to the Sail First Club's email sailfirstclub@gmail.com by latest of 2 weeks before the starting date of the relevant stage of the regatta.

7. FEES

7.1 The entry fee is EUR 830 - per boat / per stage (2 days).

Entry fee includes:

- 1 Training Day (***Can be done on any day of choice during the week preceding the race**).
- 2 Racing Days
- J80 yacht charter*
- Organization & racing fee
- Yachts preparation (setting / rigging)
- Technical maintenance during the regatta
- RIB Support
- Buoyancy (Life Jackets for each Crew)
- Regatta refereeing
- Boat cleaning**;
- Welcome drink on the closing ceremony day of the stage regatta***;
- Winner's awards-medals

* Organizer does not guarantee VHF Radio for each crew.

** in the case of persistent markings (persistent marking from shoes, cloths, food/drink, etc.) the organizing authority has the right to withhold a € 100 fee from the damage deposit.

*** Due to the impact of the COVID-19 restrictions, the organizing authorities cannot guarantee that they will organize a social gathering event, which may be prohibited by Cyprus Authorities. We cannot accept liability for any errors or omissions caused by pandemic circumstances.

7.2 The entry fee is EUR 400 - per boat / per stage (1 day).

Entry fee includes:

- 1 Racing Days
- J80 yacht charter*
- Organization & racing fee
- Yachts preparation (setting / rigging)
- Technical maintenance during the regatta
- RIB Support
- Buoyancy (Life Jackets for each Crew)
- Regatta refereeing
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7.3 The entry fee for **individual participation is 100 euros** per regatta for each day

7.4 The entry fee is paid in full by registration. At the registration the entry fee can be paid only in cash.

7.5 Refundable deposit: For the rental of boats, a **refundable damage deposit of €1000** is charged. In the absence of damage to the hull, rigging and sails, as well as the loss of the VHF radio, and other assets of the club on the boat, the latter is subject to full refund. In the presence of damage or loss of property, the deposit is subject to withhold to cover the damage. If a gennaker gets damaged, the cost per a tear under 50cm will be 100 EURO, while any larger damage, which must be stitched together, can total up to the cost of the whole sail.

8. CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

8.1 Each stage of the 2024-2025 Winter Series will be held in one of two formats:

1. Experienced League: there are no restrictions on the qualification level of participants.

2. Amateur League: there are no professional athletes on board, and the helmsman or woman cannot be a prize-winner from a previous series.

8.2 The Experienced League's racing events will be held on Saturdays and Sundays, while the Amateur League will race only on Sundays.

8.3 A team has the right to take part in both the Amateur League and the Experienced League, but must inform the organizers at least 10 days prior to the first racing day, to ensure all members qualify under the format requirements.

8.3 The regatta will consist of qualification and final series
In case, if a number of crews are more than 9 will be created two groups called Alpha and Bravo.

8.4 After registration, the teams will be divided into 2 fleets, Alpha and Bravo, by drawing lots for the qualification series.

8.5 According to the results of the qualification series, the best teams of each fleet (50% of the fleet) will race in the final series in Gold and Silver fleet.

8.6 The updated information on the distribution of yachts into groups will be set out in the Sailing Instruction.

9. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Sunday – Friday (any day on choice before the race date)	09:00-17:00	Training
Each Saturday	12:00 12:30 13:30	Registration Skipper briefing First warning Signal
Each Sunday	13:30 17:00	First warning Signal Closing Ceremony*

10. VENUE

The regatta will take place on the waters in front of the St. Raphael Hotel in Limassol (Attachment 2).

11. COURSES

The courses will be Windward/Leeward.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing (This changes RRS 44.1). She may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken rule 31.

However,

(a) when a boat 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;

(b) if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.

13. UMPIRED FLEET RACING

13.1 Umpired fleet races can be used at all stages of the championship.

13.2 Umpired fleet races will be described in detail in the Sailing Instructions.

14. SCORING

14.1 RRS Appendix A will apply.

Fleet races without qualification and final series.

Discards

14.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores from all races,

14.3 When 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

Fleet races with qualification and final series.

Qualification Series

14.5 In the Qualification Series, min 3, max 6 races for each fleet may be held. Scoring in each fleet is separate and the number of races can be different.

14.6 If less than 5 races are held, then the points of the yacht in the series will be equal to the sum of points scored by him in the races.

14.7 If 5 or more races are held, the points of the yacht in the series will be equal to the sum of the points scored by him in the races, with the exception of one worst result.

Final Series

14.8 The Gold and Silver fleet's teams in the races of the final series will start without taking into account the points of the qualification races.

14.9 The final series is scheduled for 3 races in each fleet.

14.10 At least one race must be completed in the Gold fleet for the final series to take place.

14.11 A boat's points in a series will be equal to the sum of the points she scored in races.

14.12 For overall scores of J80 Cyprus Championship Winter Series 2022-2023 Attachment 3.

15. [DP] [NP] SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats will be marked with a flying SailFirst flag.

16. [DP] [NP] BERTHING & HAULING OUT

16.1 When mooring, boats must be in a designated place in the harbor of the competition venue.

16.2 All boats must be afloat by 19:00 the day before the start of registration of participants at the regatta office.

16.3 Boats may not be pulled out during the regatta, except in the event of damage, with and in accordance with the terms of prior written permission from the Race Committee.

17. DATA PROTECTION

Sail First Sailing Club will only use data for the purpose for which it was collected, and for no other reason.

a) If data regarding your health condition, emergency, tel. no changes Sail First Sailing Club should be updated prior the race (Use our contact details listed below).

b) Data will be kept confidentially in our club office and will be used only by authorized staff members (regatta coordinators, club principal, technical support staff or race committee) in case of need.

c) Data will be kept until a participant directs a written removal request (use our contacts listed below). If removal request has been directed prior or during the race, Sail First Sailing Club reserve the right to not allow a participant to participate in the race without any refunding.

18. RISK STATEMENT

18.1 Competitors and Support Team members 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:

18.1.1 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 regatta;

18.1.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

18.1.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

18.1.4 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;

18.1.5 The provision of a race management team, safety boats, judges and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

18.1.6 The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

18.1.7 They will familiarize themselves with any venue/event specific risks, adhere to rules and information produced for the venue/event and they will attend any venue/event safety briefings.

18.2 The Organizing Authority and all parties involved in the regatta organization will not accept any liability for material damage.

18.3 Every skipper has to undersign the skipper's agreement form (Sail First Form OPF 03 - BAREBOAT CHARTER AGREEMENT) before the start of the race.

18.4. The Organizing Authority may cancel or postpone the regatta at any stage in the event of bad weather, equipment failure or otherwise.

18.5 The Organizing Authority may exclude anyone from the regatta at any time and evict anyone who refuses to comply with this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions or who misconducts themselves in any way or who causes damage or annoyance to other persons.

18.6 COVID-19 By taking part in any of the events covered by this Notice of Race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request

from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or rules, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

19. PRIZES

Trophies or medals will be awarded to the top three competitors in each regatta.

20. MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

20.1 By participating in the regatta, competitors automatically grant to the Sail First Sailing Club and 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, live, taped or filmed television, and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

20.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organizing authority.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Sail First Sailing Club,

E mail: sailfirstclub@gmail.com

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ATTACHMENT 1

Definition of professional sailors

1. The crew of Amateur League cannot consist of professional athletes.
2. A professional athlete is an athlete who has no prior experience participating in the Championships of Estonia, Ukraine or Russia, as well as in regattas such as the European/World Cup, European/World Championships.

ATTACHMENT 2

The overall ranking of the Cyprus Championship participants in winter 2024-2025

1. Each stage is a separate regatta. The points awarded correspond to the result of the team at each stage.
2. Teams that have not arrived at the stage will receive points for a place at the finish, plus one point more than the number of vessels participating in the largest stage by the number of boats.
3. The team with the lowest score in 5 stages wins.