

ZOOM8 BOY's and GIRL's EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026 **11-16 October 2026** **Gmunden, AUSTRIA**

Organizing Authority: Union-Yacht-Club Traunsee in conjunction with the Austrian Sailing Federation and the International Zoom8 Class.

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule and for which the international jury may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1 and 63.2(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 No national prescriptions apply.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS 42, applies as changed by NoR 12.1.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.
- 1.5 [DP][NP] Boats have to comply with RRS 40.1 at any time while afloat.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on <https://www.uyct.at/termine-regatten/regattakalender.html> and <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org> from 01 October 2026. There will be no paper version available at registration.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official online notice board located at www.racingrulesofsailing.org
- 3.2 [DP] [NP] 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.

4. ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 4.1 Boats may be required to carry positioning equipment 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 63.4(b).
- 4.2 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, except when so required by the Organising Authority.

5. [NP] [DP] ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 Competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Code (Regulation 19).
- 5.2 The championship is open to all boats of the Zoom8 Class.
- 5.3 All competitors shall be under the age of 20 on December 31st, 2026. Female competitors shall enter the Girl's European Championship and male competitors shall enter the Boy's European Championship.

- 5.4 All competitors shall be member of their national Zoom8 Class Association, according to Zoom8 Class Rules C.10
- 5.5 Each competitor shall be a member of a club affiliated to his national authority of World Sailing.
- 5.6 Competitors under the age of 18 shall present a signed and completed parent or guardian consent and declaration form at registration.
- 5.7 Eligible boats may enter the event by completing the online entry form at the event website <https://www.uyct.at/termine-regatten/regattakalender.html> until 31 August 2025 and pay the required fees. The Organizing Authority may accept late entries until 10 October 2026. Late entries will be charged an additional fee.
- 5.8 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 5.9 The minimum and maximum number of entries is stated in NoR 5.1
- 5.10 If the number of entries does not reach the minimum number of entries by 31 August 2026, the event may be cancelled by the Organizing Authority.

6. FEES

6.1 Entry fees are as follows:

	Entry Fee (EUR) until 31 August 2026	Late Entry Fee (EUR) until 10 October 2026	Minimum number of entries
Zoom8	280	330	30
Support persons	50	50	

- 6.2 The entry fee includes opening ceremony, dinner after racing and closing ceremony for sailors and support persons.
- 6.3 All bank and transfer costs shall be paid by the entrant.
- 6.4 The entry fee is to be transferred to

Union-Yacht-Club Traunsee
Esplanade 30
4810 Gmunden
Austria

Bank Account: Oberbank AG
IBAN: AT18 1506 0001 7118 5960
BIC: OBKLAT2L
- 6.5 A cancellation fee will be charged, with the exception of the regatta being cancelled by the organizing authority. If the organizing authority cancels the event, the entry fee will be refunded.
- 6.6 If a competitor withdraws from the event cancellation fees (percentage of the entry fee based on the date of registration) may be charged as follows:

Time	Fee (EUR)
Cancellation more than 8 weeks before the event	bank and transfer costs
Cancellation between 8 and 4 weeks before the event	50% of the entry fee
Cancellation between 2 weeks before the event and the event	100% of the entry fee

7. [DP] [NP] ADVERTISING

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising and bow numbers chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1 Registration for competitors and support persons:

Sunday, 11 October 2026 09.00 – 13.00 hrs, 14.00 – 18.00 hrs
 Monday, 12 October 2026 09.00 – 13.00 hrs

8.2 Equipment inspection

Sunday, 11 October 2026 13.00 – 19.00 hrs
 Monday, 12 October 2026 09.00 – 14.00 hrs

8.3 Competitors Meeting

Monday, 12 October 2026 13.00 hrs

8.4 Practice Race

Monday, 12 October 2026 14.30 hrs

8.5 Competitors Meeting

Tuesday, 13 October 2026 11.00 hrs

8.6 Racing Days

Racing Days will be from Tuesday, 13 October to Friday, 16 October 2026:

Tuesday, 13 October 2026 3 races
 Wednesday, 14 October 2026 3 races
 Thursday, 15 October 2026 3 races
 Friday, 16 October 2026 3 races

8.7 The schedule may be changed due to wind and weather conditions.

8.8 First Warning Signal

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 13 October 2026 at 13.00 hrs.

8.9 Number of races:

A maximum of twelve (12) races are scheduled. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule.

8.10 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 16.00 hrs.

8.11 Provisional Social Programme:

8.11.1	Monday, 12 October 2026	18.00 hrs	Opening Ceremony
8.11.2	Tuesday, 13 October 2026	after races	snack/dinner
8.11.3	Wednesday, 14 October 2026	after races	snack/dinner
8.11.4	Thursday, 15 October 2026	after races	snack/dinner
8.11.5	Friday, 16 October 2026	after races	Closing Ceremony

9. [DP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1 Each boat shall comply with the measurement checks as conducted by the Technical Committee. Details will be provided at registration.

9.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and Sailing Instructions.

10. VENUE

- 10.1 The Union-Yacht-Club Traunsee is located in the city of Gmunden at Lake Traunsee on the north side of the lake, refer to Attachment A.
- 10.2 The race office will be located on the first floor of the club building.
- 10.3 The racing area will be Lake Traunsee, refer to Attachment B.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 The Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.2 The target time will be 50 minutes.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 RRS Appendix P, Special procedures for Rule 42, is changed: Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 12.2 An international jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). The right of appeal from an International Jury decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.3(a).

13. SCORING

- 13.1 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 13.2 a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
b) When from five (5) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
c) When from ten (10) to twelve (12) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

14. [NP][DP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 14.1 All support person vessels shall be registered with the organizing authority. The organizing authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion. Registration fees according to NoR 6.1.
- 14.2 When support persons are present in the racing area, they are required to comply with local legislation and - if applicable - the 'Event Support Team Regulations', that will be posted.
- 14.3 Support person vessels are a part of the safety afloat.
- 14.4 Support persons shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 14.5 The drivers of support person vessels shall use the kill cord at all times while the engine is running.
- 14.6 Support person vessels shall be insured with valid and for the racing area suitable third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of EUR 1.500.000 per incident or the equivalent.

15. [DP] CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 15.1 A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race. See RRS G3.

16. [NP][DP] BERTHING

- 16.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.

17. [DP] MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 Upon registration to the event competitors agree that photos and videos may be taken of their person and used as part the organizing authority's public relations activities, e.g. via websites,

newsletters, print and tv media and social networks. In addition, competitors or their guardians grant to the organizing authority without compensation the unlimited right to use images, photographs, television and radio material produced of them during the event.

- 17.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment and positioning equipment as specified and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 17.3 Competitors may be required to be available for interviews at the event.

18. DATA PROTECTION

- 18.1 The organizers, led by the Union-Yacht-Club Traunsee, herewith would like to disclose what personal information we collect about you with your entry and participation in the race events.
- 18.2 All data regarding participating athletes and their boats will be utilized and archived by us for the purpose of the sporting event. Personal information contains the participant's real name, date of birth, home club, boat type and boat number. In particular, results, calculatory and visual analyses, position monitoring and race analyses will be published with reference to the competitors' names. In order to achieve this, your data will be transferred to our service providers such as OesV Digital, Profs Consulting GmbH, the Austrian Sailing Federation and to such governing bodies like World Sailing. It cannot be ruled out that your data will be processed outside of the EU. Our service providers and governing bodies have been or will be committed by us, to exclusively use your data for the event and its preparation and postprocessing, including ranking lists. A commercial use of your data is prohibited.
- 18.3 It is the intention of the Organizing Authority to provide relevant information during the event additionally via WhatsApp. The use of WhatsApp is not obligatory. In the interest of the best possible flow of information during the regatta, we encourage you to make use of this offer.

19. [NP][DP] SUSTAINABILITY GUIDELINES

- 19.1 This regatta is organised in accordance with the World Sailing Sustainability Guidelines.
- 19.2 The Organising Authority is committed to reducing negative environmental impacts, promoting social responsibility, and ensuring transparent and responsible event management.
- 19.3 All competitors, support persons and officials are required to comply with these Sustainability Guidelines.
- 19.4 Waste Reduction and Recycling
 - 19.4.1 Single-use plastics (e.g. bottles, cups, cutlery) are prohibited on the entire event site.
 - 19.4.2 Each competitor shall bring and use a reusable drinking bottle.
 - 19.4.3 Clearly marked waste separation stations (general waste, recycling, deposit return) will be provided by the Organising Authority.
 - 19.4.4 Disposing of waste into the water or onto the venue will be considered a breach of RRS 47.
- 19.5 Protection of Water and Environment
 - 19.5.1 No trash, oil, fuel, or other environmentally harmful substances shall be discharged into the water.
 - 19.5.2 Cleaning boats with chemical detergents on the venue is prohibited. The use of environmentally friendly antifouling, lubricants, and cleaning products is recommended.
 - 19.5.3 Engine use shall be kept to the minimum necessary; unnecessary idling is to be avoided.
- 19.6 Transportation
 - 19.6.1 Competitors, support persons and Race Officials are encouraged to use public transport, carpooling, or bicycles.
 - 19.6.2 The Organising Authority will provide information on sustainable travel options.
- 19.7 Catering and Procurement
 - 19.7.1 Food and beverages will, where possible, be regional and seasonal.
 - 19.7.2 Reusable or deposit-based container systems will be used.
 - 19.7.3 Suppliers are selected with consideration of ethical and sustainable business practices.

19.8 Inclusion, Safety and Respect

19.8.1 The event promotes a safe, inclusive and respectful environment for all participants, regardless of gender, age, background or ability.

19.8.2 Discriminatory, abusive or environmentally negligent behaviour is not tolerated and may be subject to sanction.

19.9 Communication and Documents

19.9.1 Official notices, announcements, and results will be provided digitally whenever possible.

19.9.2 Printed material will be limited to essential items only.

19.10 By entering this regatta, participants acknowledge their role in supporting the long-term sustainability of sailing and the marine environment, consistent with World Sailing's sustainability objectives.

20. RISK STATEMENT

20.1 Competitors and support persons participate in the event entirely at their own risk. Rule 3 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

20.1.1 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 event;

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

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

20.1.4 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;

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

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

20.1.7 It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

20.1.8 World Sailing's effective Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the class rules as well as the regulations of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions are to be complied with and are expressly recognized.

20.2 Austrian law shall prevail.

20.3 Competitors shall present a signed and completed consent and declaration form at registration. For competitors under 18 years of age these forms shall be signed by a parent or guardian.

21. [DP] INSURANCE

21.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of EUR 1.500.000 per incident or the equivalent.

22. PRIZES

22.1 The following titles will be awarded to the overall winners of the European Championships:

22.1.1 2025 Zoom8 Boy's European Champion

22.1.2 2025 Zoom8 Girl's European Champion

22.2 Prizes will be awarded to the first three overall scored boats in each championship.

22.3 Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

22.4 Prizes not claimed at the prize giving ceremony will remain with the organizing authority.

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

23.1 For further information please contact:

Union-Yacht-Club Traunsee

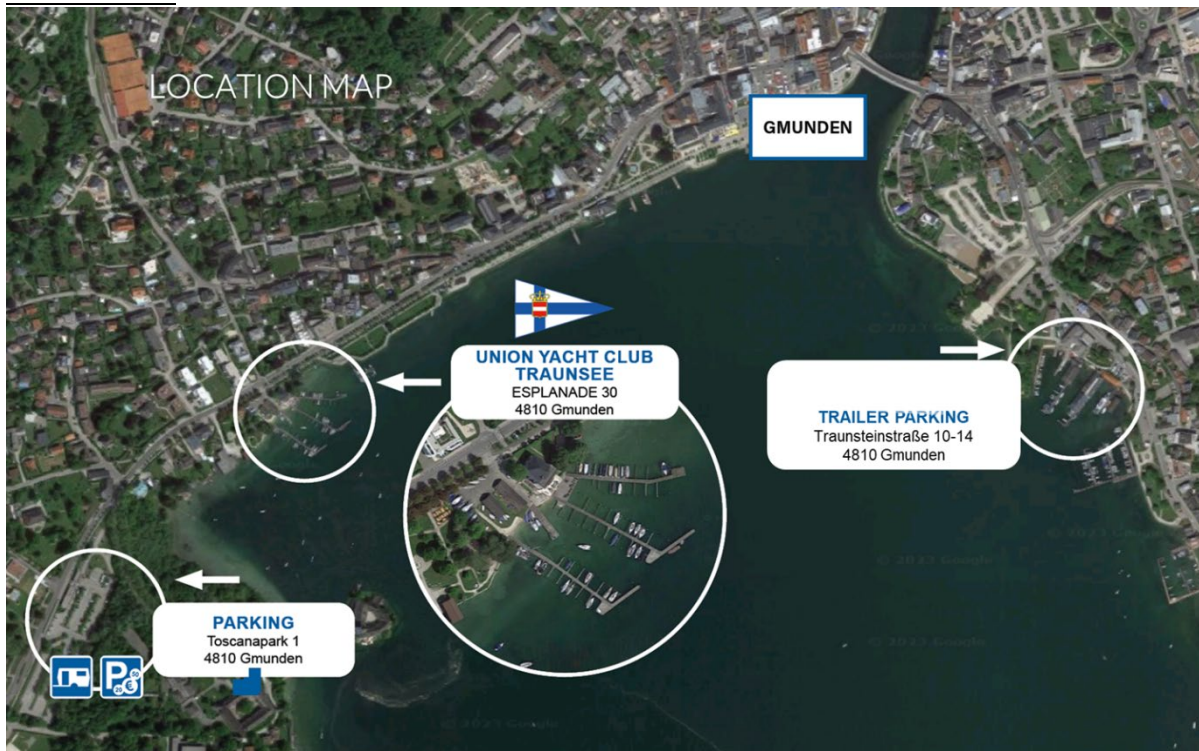
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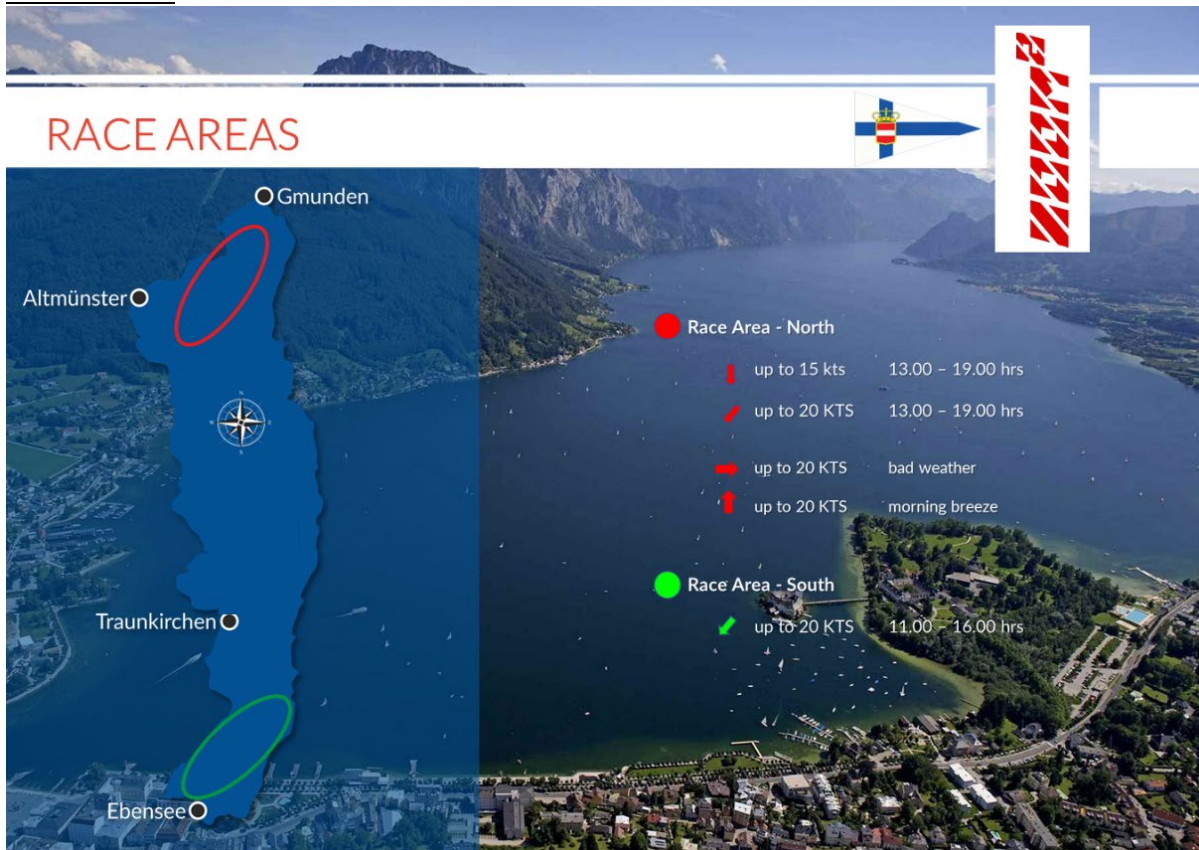
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Attachment A



Attachment B



Green Event Addendum

1. Purpose

The regatta is organised as a **Green Event**. The objective is to minimise the environmental impact of the event and to promote environmental awareness among all participants.

2. Waste Reduction and Recycling

2.1 Single-use plastics (e.g. bottles, cups, cutlery) are prohibited on the entire event site.

2.2 Each competitor shall bring and use a **reusable drinking bottle**.

2.3 Clearly marked waste separation stations (general waste, recycling, deposit return) will be provided by the Organising Authority.

2.4 Disposing of waste into the water or onto the venue may be considered a breach of **RRS 47**.

3. Protection of Water and Environment

3.1 No trash, oil, fuel, or other environmentally harmful substances shall be discharged into the water.

3.2 Cleaning boats with chemical detergents on the venue is prohibited.

3.3 Sensitive natural and shoreline areas shall not be entered or used.

4. Boats and Equipment

4.1 The use of environmentally friendly antifouling, lubricants, and cleaning products is recommended.

4.2 Engine use shall be kept to the minimum necessary; unnecessary idling is to be avoided.

5. Transportation

5.1 Competitors and support persons are encouraged to use **public transport, carpooling, or bicycles**.

5.2 The Organising Authority will provide information on sustainable travel options.

6. Catering

6.1 Food and beverages will, where possible, be **regional, seasonal, and vegetarian/vegan**.

6.2 Reusable or deposit-based container systems will be used.

7. Communication and Documents

7.1 Official notices, announcements, and results will be provided **digitally whenever possible**.

7.2 Printed material will be limited to essential items only.

8. Compliance and Penalties

8.1 Compliance with this Green Event Addendum is the responsibility of all competitors and support persons.

8.2 Breaches may be protested and penalised by the Protest Committee in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

8.3 The Organising Authority may carry out spot checks.

9. Commitment

By entering the regatta, all competitors agree to comply with and actively support the principles of this Green Event Addendum.