DOURO ATLANTIC CUP'27
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CLUBE DE VELA ATLÂNTICO

2027 Douro Atlantic Cup – Optimist Class

2028 OPTIMIST WORLDS TEST EVENT

PRE - NOTICE OF RACE (Pre-NoR)

THE FINAL NOTICE OF RACE WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE REGATTA WEBSITE BEFORE 31ST JANUARY

DATES	May 28 – 30, 2027
LOCATION	Porto / Matosinhos (Leça da Palmeira), Portugal
ORGANIZING AUTHORITY	Clube de Vela Atlântico (CVA), in co-operation with the Portuguese Sailing Federation (FPV), the Regional Sailing Association of the North (ARVN) and Optimist Portugal (APCIO).

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

1.2 The International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA) Class Rules will apply.

1.3 Official communications and official documents will be in English. In case of conflict, the English text shall prevail.

1.4 Appendix T will apply.

2. [DP] ADVERTISING & EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

2.1 Sailor advertising is permitted as per WS Advertising Code Regulation 2.3. When provided by the Organizing Authority (OA), boats or competitors shall carry, display or wear the following as instructed:

2.1.1. Coloured bibs for event leaders (1st, 2nd and 3rd);

2.1.2. Event advertising;

2.1.3. Cameras, camera dummies and sound equipment.

2.1.4. [SP] Tracking and timing system equipment.

2.1.5 Information from these devices shall not be used by a boat as evidence on a hearing. This changes RRS 63.4 b);

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist Class Divisions: **U16**, (born in 2012, 2013 and 2014) and **U13** (born 2015 or later).

3.2 Competitors must be registered members of their respective National Class Associations.

3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form no later than May 15, 2027. Parents/ Guardian consent for sailors must be presented at registration. Each sailor must indicate on registration the responsible coach or support person on water

3.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority, subject to an additional fee.

3.5 Coach and Support boats must enter by completing the online entry form no later than May 15, 2027.

4. FEES

4.1 Entry Fee per sailor: **90€**, **60€** if paid before March 31st

4.2 Coach & Support Boat Registration Fee: **30€**

4.3 The sailor entry fee includes: entry to all scheduled races, event equipment lottery, boat park and club facilities and access to all social events.

4.4 The coach entry fee includes: cranes, mooring and coach sunset party.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Thursday, May 27, 2027	
14:00 – 18:00	Early Registrations at Race Office
5.2 Friday, May 28th, 2027	
09:00 - 10:00	Registration at Race Office
12:00	Coaches Meeting
14:00	First possible Warning Signal for First Race of the Day - Qualifications
5.3 Saturday, May 29th, 2027	
TBA	Coaches Meeting
TBA	First possible Warning Signal for First Race of the Day - Qualifications
5.4 Sunday, May 30th, 2027	
TBA	Coaches Meeting
TBA	First possible Warning Signal for First Race of the Day - Finals

15:30	No warning signal will be made after this time
17:30	Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony at Clube de Vela Atlântico

5.5 A maximum of **9 races** are scheduled for the event. No more than 4 races will be sailed per day.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the Online Official Notice Board at no later than May 27, 2027.

7. VENUE & RACING AREA

7.1 The Boat Park and Race Office will be located at **Clube de Vela Atlântico**.

7.2 The racing area will be held in the Atlantic Ocean at Area Alpha west of Leixoes Harbour or Area Bravo south of Leixoes Harbour, depending on weather and sea conditions.

8. COURSES

The course to be sailed will be the standard **IODA Trapezoid** course as described in the Sailing Instructions (SIs).

9. SCORING

9.1 The event may be split into fleets to race qualifications and final series. If four or more races are not completed at the end of the second schedule racing day qualification fleets will race on the final day. The final format will be published in the (SIs) - Sailing Instructions

9.2 One (1) race for all fleets is required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.3 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

9.4 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

10.1 Support and coach boats shall register with the Race Office during the registration period.

10.2 Support boats must display the identification flag provided by the Organizing Authority, up on 25€ cash deposit fee on registration, at all times while on the water.

11. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to:

- Overall Top 3 Competitors (Boys & Girls)
- Younger sailor at the gold fleet (Boy & Girl)
- Top 3 Competitors U13 (Boys and Girls)

- **Perpetual Douro Atlantic Cup for the Top Club / Team Award** – The winner has the lowest overall positions sum of the best 4 sailors of the same sailing club. Ties will be broken by the best 4th sailor overall of the teams tied.
- Daily Lottery of equipment to be held at the end of races days.

12. RISK STATEMENT & DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RRS 3 states: *"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."* By participating in this event, each competitor and their parent/guardian agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. The Organizing Authority, Clube de Vela Atlântico, and its officers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13. INSURANCE

Each participating Optimist & Coach boat and Support boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €250,000 per event or equivalent to be presented at registration.

14. CHARTER BOATS

Charter Optimists are available. Requests must be done by filing the Charter form available at the Regatta website prior to 1st March 2027.

A limited number of Charter Ribs is available on a first come first served basis. Requests must file the Charter form prior to 1st March 2027

15. ACCOMMODATION

Special Hotel Offer for Teams will be published on Regatta website by March 1st

16. 2028 DOURO ATLANTIC CUP

2028 Douro Atlantic Cup will be an **Open Optimist Worlds Warm Up Regatta** held one week before. There will be a limited number of entries accepted following these criteria:

- 2028 Worlds participants
- 2027 Douro Atlantic Cup participants
- First come first served to the maximum number of entries accepted

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

- **Organizing Authority :** Clube de Vela Atlântico
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