



# EAYK

## 10th AEGEAN LINK REGATTA / 2026

### NOTICE OF RACE

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#### ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The EAYK AEGEAN LINK REGATTA is organized by the Aegean Offshore Yacht Club (EAYK) and IC Çeşme Marina.

#### RULES

The race will be governed by the World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing, WS Special Offshore Regulations (Category 4), WS Regulation 20 (Advertising Code), ORC Rating System Rules, this Notice of Race, the Turkish Sailing Federation (TYF) General Yacht Racing Rules, TYF Policy Decisions, and Supplemental Sailing Instructions, if any. If the racing rules have been translated into Turkish by the official authority, the most up-to-date Turkish version will be used. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and other Instructions, the Notice of Race and the Supplemental Sailing Instructions (if any) bearing the later date shall prevail. Between sunset and sunrise, the rules of RRS Part 2 are replaced by the "International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea" (IRPCS).

#### ADVERTISING

The advertising code for the race is defined as Category C in accordance with WS Regulation 20.

- Sponsor advertising/bow number stickers must be affixed in a visible location on the bow on both sides of the hull.
- Sponsor flags/pennants may be lowered during the race but must be hoisted before and after the race.
- Boats failing to display sponsor flags/pennants may be penalized by the Protest Committee.
- A 5% time penalty will be added to the corrected finish times of boats that have not affixed their boat numbers or hoisted their flags and pennants in the port. The additional time will be added by the race committee without a hearing.
- Boats carrying special advertising must present their permits regarding the display of such advertising.
- It is mandatory for boats carrying advertising to have paid the sponsorship/advertising fee to the TYF.

#### ELIGIBLE CLASSES AND FEES

This race is open to boats in the following classes with a length overall (LOA) between 6 and 27 meters, equipped with an inboard or outboard engine, and carrying adequate safety equipment corresponding to the number of people on board. The max.number of participating boats has been set at 50.

- ORC Classes: Open to boats holding an ORC International or ORC Club measurement certificate. Boats manufactured as cruisers that wish to participate in races by obtaining an ORC certificate may compete in the ORC B class. No ORC measurement changes can be made during the race organization period.
- Support Class: Open to boats that do not have any prior ORC and/or IRC measurement certificates and meet the criteria for competing in the yacht class.



- Class Divisions: The class divisions of the boats will be determined after final registrations are completed.

There is no maximum crew limit, but there must be a minimum of 3 people on each boat. All safety equipment must be sufficient in number and specifications according to the crew size. Competitors participating in the race must have sailing licenses issued in 2026 or validated for 2026. Athletes without a license cannot participate in the race. (It will not be possible to issue temporary licenses.)

An ORC International or ORC Club Measurement Certificate and valid insurance documentation are required for registration. For support class boats, the overall length is the measurement stated on the builder's certificate.

The registration fee is 20,000 TL for all boats. An additional participant fee of 2,000 TL will be charged for each participant exceeding 7 people. A 10% EAYK member discount will be applied to the participating boats of owners who are EAYK members and have no outstanding dues, including for the year 2026. Bank iban : TR40 0013 4000 0152 4897 1000 01

Pre-registration through the Turkish Sailing Federation (TYF) Sailing Information System (Yelken Bilgi Sistemi) is mandatory. Registrations of boats that have not completed their pre-registration will not be accepted. Race registrations must be submitted to the race secretariat with the registration form fully completed and signed by the person in charge of the competing boat. Final registrations with wet signatures must be delivered to the race secretariat no later than 16:00 on Tuesday, August 18, 2026.

The EAYK Organizing Committee reserves the right to reject the entry of any boats and/or athletes to the races.

## VENUE

The event will be hosted by IC Çeşme Marina. The race secretariat will be located at the IC Çeşme Marina EAYK office, and the official notice board will be established at the same location. Information regarding the race will be provided via the WhatsApp group. Onshore warning signals will be displayed on the flagpole in front of the IC Çeşme Marina EAYK Office.

## SCHEDULE

DAY 1: August 18, 2026 - Tuesday

- Registration: 12:00-16:00 - IC Çeşme Marina EAYK Office
- Briefing: 18:00 - Area in front of IC Çeşme Marina EAYK office
- Opening Cocktail: Time and venue information will be announced separately

DAY 2: August 19, 2026 - Wednesday

- Briefing: 10:00 - Area in front of IC Çeşme Marina EAYK office
- First Warning Signal: 12:00
- Race: One coastal race is scheduled.
- Course: Will be announced in the supplemental instructions.

DAY 3: August 20, 2026 - Thursday

- Briefing: 10:00 - Area in front of IC Çeşme Marina EAYK office
- First Warning Signal: 12:00
- Race: Two buoy races are scheduled.
- Course: Will be announced in the supplemental instructions.



DAY 4: August 21, 2026 - Friday

- Lay Day (Races may be held on this day if any prior races could not be completed)

DAY 5: August 22, 2026 - Saturday

- Briefing: 10:00 - Area in front of IC Çeşme Marina EAYK office
- First Warning Signal: 12:00
- Race: Two buoy races are scheduled.
- Course: Will be announced in the supplemental instructions.

DAY 6: August 23, 2026 - Sunday

- Briefing: 10:00 - Area in front of IC Çeşme Marina EAYK office
- First Warning Signal: 12:00
- Race: One coastal race is scheduled.
- Course: Will be announced in the supplemental instructions.
- Award Ceremony: Time and venue information will be announced separately.

The EAYK club and the race committee reserve the right to make any changes to all events and races planned in the entire schedule. Changes to the schedule will be notified to the crews via supplemental instructions by 20:00 on the previous day.

If the racing schedule falls behind on a daily basis or falls short of the total 6 planned races, 1 or more races may be held per day. The latest warning signal that can be made on Sunday, August 23, 2026, is at 16:00. For Support class boats, 1 race per day is scheduled on August 19, 20, 22, and 23, 2026.

### MEASUREMENTS

The Race Committee reserves the right to measure boats without prior notice or after each race. In accordance with RRS 78.1, all boat owners or persons in charge are responsible for ensuring that their boats comply with class rules.

### SCORING AND PENALTY SYSTEM

The winners of the EAYK Aegean Link Regatta will be determined based on their total score from all races. In the races, the WS-RRS Low Point System A4 and rankings determined by the race committee A5.3 will apply. The decision regarding the scoring method and the scoring parameters used will be entirely at the discretion of the race committee; the length of the course, leg directions, wind direction, and speed shall not constitute grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

In the ORC A and B groups, when at least 5 race results are completed, 1 worst score will be discarded. If 4 or fewer races are completed, there will be no discard. There are no discards in the Support class.

Support Class Details: Open to boats that have not previously obtained an ORC and/or IRC certificate and agree to compete in this class. Support classes will race under a white pennant. All boats in the Support class will compete under a single category.

Support Class Scoring: The time-on-time corrected time calculation  $CT = ET \times TCF$  will be applied (CT = Corrected Time, ET = Elapsed Time, TCF = Time Correction Factor).

- The TCF values of boats using a folding propeller in the Support class will be increased by 5%.
- The TCF values of boats using non-dacron sails in the Support class will be increased by 5%.
- The TCF values of boats using both a folding propeller and non-dacron sails in the Support class will be increased by 10%.



Rule 44.2, the 360-degree turn penalty system, will be applied. The protest flag shall be the "B" code flag or a rectangular red (flag red color) pennant. The dimensions of the protest flag must be at least 20x30 cm. The protest flag shall be displayed on the starboard main shroud (the main shroud of the foremast on twin-masted boats) approximately 2 meters above the deck.

A protest deposit of TRY 10,000 is required for Protests or Requests for Redress. No deposit will be taken for protests initiated by the Race, Technical, or Protest Committees. This deposit will be refunded if the party requesting the protest or redress is found to be justified at the end of the hearing. In the case of invalid or lost protests and requests for redress, the deposit will not be refunded and will be recorded as revenue to the EAYK.

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be published via EAYK WhatsApp groups.

### INSURANCE

All boats participating in the races must have third-party liability insurance covering the boat and the competitors. It is the responsibility of the participants to check that their current policies provide such coverage and to add the relevant riders to their insurance if necessary. The Organizing, Race, and Protest Committees are not obligated to check insurance policies.

### DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.

RRS 3 Decision to Race - "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

The organizing authority EAYK and its representatives, IC Çeşme Marina and its representatives, Sponsors, Race, and Protest Committees shall accept no liability for any material damage, injury, loss, damage, disability, or death in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Yacht owners or persons in charge who register for the races are solely responsible for deciding whether their crew and yacht will participate in the race.

Those who register for the race are deemed to have accepted this Notice of Race and all the rules to which this Notice of Race refers. The protest time limit is one hour after the committee boat returns to shore.

### VISUAL MEDIA RIGHTS

All competitors participating in the races grant in advance to the Organizing Authority and/or its sponsors the absolute right to make/have made any visual recordings regarding the races, to broadcast and/or have broadcast the recording live and/or taped without any duration or time restriction, to take photographs, and to use the photographs for any purpose.

### MOORING

Boats arriving for the races will be hosted by IC Çeşme Marina with an arrival date of August 17, 2026, and a departure date of August 25, 2026. During the mooring period, electricity and water expenses are the responsibility of the boat owners.

### PRIZES

Trophy prizes will be awarded to the top three places in each class. Within the ORC Classes, the ORC Overall will be awarded separately. Dyneema-Kaya Ropes line prizes will be awarded as 80 meters to the first place, 60 meters to the second place, and 40 meters to the third place in each class.



### NAUTICAL CHARTS

Nautical charts of the region shall be used.

### INFORMATION - COMMUNICATION

Radio Communication: It is mandatory to carry a VHF marine radio on boats and to keep it on during the races. Unless otherwise specified, competing boats must monitor VHF channel 71 and, if possible, channel 16.

Digital Communication: EAYK WhatsApp groups will be used for digital communication.

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