

# North Sea Cup 2026

02.05.2026 – 03.05.2026

O.A.: Inside Outside 'Spuiikom'

Schietbaanstraat 100, 8400 Oostende, Belgium

<https://inout-oostende.be/>

## Notice of Race

[DP] Denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

[NP] Denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).

[SP] Denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing.

The North Sea Cup 2026 will be held on the 2nd and the 3th of May and will be sailed at 'de Spuiikom'. The event is organized by Inside Outside under the supervision of Wind & Watersport Vlaanderen (WWSV), the Belgian Association for Boardriding Competitors (BABC) and Belgian Sailing (RBSF).

### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in: The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS).
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the national authority (Belgian Sailing) will apply.
- 1.3. The class rules of the different classes involved will apply.
- 1.4. Appendix B will apply.
- 1.5. This Notice Of Race will apply as well as the Notice of Race of the 'Open Belgian Championship Racing 2026'
- 1.6. The Sailing Instructions will apply.
- 1.7. RRS Rule 40.1 will apply when flag Y is shown ashore.
- 1.8. Each participant, living in Belgium, should have a valid license issued by the WWSV or FFYB.
- 1.9. Each competitor shall be a full member of her national class association.
- 1.10. If there is a conflict between languages English will take precedence.
- 1.11. When there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

### 2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. These will be available at registration in the regatta office.

### 3. Communication

- 3.1. The official notice board will be in the neighborhood of the Regatta Office.
- 3.2. [DP] While racing during the whole period of the competition, except in case of emergency, a boat shall not make use of voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data transmission that is not available to all boats.

### 4. Eligibility

- 4.1. The event is open to all competitors in the following classes:
  - Techno 293 & Techno 293+
  - Raceboard
- 4.2. Eligible competitors may enter by completing the entry form and paying the required fee in the regatta office.
- 4.3. Those who haven't paid before 10h30 on Saturday and 10h00 on Sunday, are not allowed to compete that day.

## 5. Fees and Payment

5.1. The required fees for competing in the North Sea Cup are set as follows:

- Youth: born after 2007 : 10 € /day
- Adults: born in or before 2007 : 20 € / day

5.2. Payment has to be done in cash money during registration.

## 6. Spare

## 7. Advertising

7.1. Advertising will be in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

7.2. Competitors may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

## 8. Qualifying series and final series

8.1. This event will consist in series only.

## 9. Schedule

9.1. The schedule is as follows

Date	Description	Time	Remarks
02 May 2026	<u>Registration</u> Techno 293 & Techno 293+	09.00h – 10:30h	
	<u>Skippers meeting</u> Techno 293 & Techno 293+	11:00h	Near the Regatta Office
	<u>First warning signal of the day</u> Techno 293 & Techno 293+	11:30h	Following races as soon as possible
03 May 2026	<u>Registration</u> Raceboard	09.00h – 9.30h	
	<u>Skippers meeting</u> Techno 293 & Techno 293+ Raceboard	09:30h	
	<u>First warning signal of the day</u> Techno 293, Techno 293+ & Raceboard	10:00h	Following races as soon as possible
	<u>Last possible warning signal</u> Techno 293, Techno 293+ & Raceboard	16:00h	No warning signal will be given after this time
	<u>Price giving</u>		The price giving ceremony will take place as soon as possible

9.2. Changes to the schedule will be posted on babc.be before 20:00h on the day before it will take effect.

9.3. When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal of each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

9.4. No more than 8 races per day per class will be sailed during this event.

## 10. Sail numbers, Equipment and Measurement requirements

### 11. Clothing and Equipment

11.1. The O.A. recommend all competitors to always wear a dry- or wet suit while afloat. The water temperature can be low at this period of the year.

11.2. Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times while afloat in the Techno 293 & Techno 293+ class. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

### 12. Venue

12.1. The Venue for this event is: Inside Outside, Ostend as shown on top of the first page of this document

12.2. Addendum A shows the event area.

### **13. Courses**

- 13.1. More information about the courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 13.2. Our competitors 'U13' could sail in a separate fleet so they can sail a different, shortened, course.

### **14. Spare**

### **15. Scoring**

- 15.1. The Low Point scoring system, RRS A4, will apply.
- 15.2. 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series
- 15.3. When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.  
"This change RRS B8.A2.1".
- 15.4. When 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. "This change RRS B8.A2.1".
- 15.5. When 7 races or more have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. "This change RRS B8.A2.1".
- 15.6. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

### **16. [DP] Support boats**

- 16.1. Team leaders and/or representatives shall register at the Regatta Office before the start of the first race and give the sail numbers of all boats they are supporting.
- 16.2. All support boats shall fly their national flag or a flag showing their nationality in text (BEL, NED, FRA, GB, ...). These flags must be shown on a stick (minimum 1,5m high) or on the hood of the outboard engine.
- 16.3. The name of the boat should be clearly visible.
- 16.4. [NP][DP] For reasons of safety all support boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel(s) 8-9-10-13-16-67-72-77.
- 16.5. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to support boats on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

### **17. Spare**

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### **21. Data Protection**

- 21.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and all the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

## **22. Risk Statement**

- 22.1. 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 water, 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 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.
- 22.2. The O.A. 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.

## **23. Insurance**

- 23.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1.500.000 € per incident or the equivalent.
- 23.2. It shall be the sole responsibility of each competitor to have such insurance and to provide the written proof thereof at registration, without which entry will be refused.

## **24. Prizes**

- 24.1. Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

## **25. Further Information**

- 25.1. Food and beverage
- The whole weekend there will be drinks and food available at democratic prices.
- 25.2. Parking
- Parking for cars and road trailers is on the side of the main road or the parking lot.
  - The slipway and the entrance must be kept free in case of emergency as well as the 'Schietbaanstraat' in between the club and the parking lot.
  - Trailers must be left in an orderly way on the parking lot.
- 25.3. Additional information
- - For further information concerning the event please contact phone number + 32 59 32 03 32, mail [secretariaat@inout-oostende.be](mailto:secretariaat@inout-oostende.be) or visit [www.inout-oostende.be](http://www.inout-oostende.be)

## **26. Accommodation**

- 26.1. Hotel accommodation and camping are available in the nearby area. Please contact Toerisme Oostende, Monacoplein 2, 8400 Oostende, phone +32 59 70 11 99, fax +32 59 70 34 77, mail [info@toerisme-oostende.be](mailto:info@toerisme-oostende.be) or visit [www.oostende.be](http://www.oostende.be)

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- Issued by BABC on 04-Apr-2026.
- Revision 01 (08) published on 11-Apr-2026
  - Corrected schedule on Sunday (09.00h – 9.30h)

**Addendum A: Event area**



**Addendum B: Possible Race area**

**IMPORTANT:** Always avoid the red (shaded) areas because of dangerous objects just below the water line.

