NOTICE OF RACE

RS21 Cyprus International Winter Series

2026–2027 · Limassol Marina, Cyprus · four events, December 2026 – March 2027

1 Series Events

The RS21 Cyprus International Winter Series 2026–2027 comprises four events. The overall series prize-giving will take place at the fourth and final event.

Event	Venue	Dates
1	Limassol Marina	11–13 December 2026
2	Limassol Marina	15–17 January 2027
3	Limassol Marina	12–14 February 2027
4 — Series final and prize-giving	Limassol Marina	12–14 March 2027

The notation (NP) means that a breach of the relevant rule shall not be grounds for a protest by another boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The series is held under the name RS21 Cyprus. The Organising Authority for all four events is RS21 Cyprus.

2 Rules

2.1. The events will be governed by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028 (RRS), the International RS21 Class Rules, the World Sailing Umpire Observation System and RRS Appendix T.

2.2. In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions and subsequent official notices shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c). The official version of this Notice of Race is published in English.

2.3. Additional directions issued by the Organising Authority or other competent authorities, including those issued subsequently, shall be complied with at all times. (NP)(DP)

3 Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available from 18:00 on the day before the first scheduled racing day on the official series webpage: https://rs21cyprus.com/international-winter-series/

4 Notices

The official notice board is hosted on the official series webpage. Links to registration and forms, the Sailing Instructions, official notices and results will be published there. The webpage address will also be displayed at the race office: https://rs21cyprus.com/international-winter-series/

5 Eligibility

5.1. Entry is open only to RS21 class boats.

5.2. All competitors shall comply with the World Sailing eligibility rules, the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code, and the national and international RS21 Class Rules.

5.3. All crew members shall comply with rule C.3.1 of the International RS21 Class Rules.

5.4. Participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes: neutral status, political propaganda and political references — RS21 Class policy.

In accordance with the principles of the World Sailing Neutrality Policy (A5) and the related guidance, the RS21 Class admits athletes holding Russian or Belarusian citizenship exclusively in a neutral capacity, subject to the Class policy set out in Appendix A.

By entering, each competitor accepts the Class policy and undertakes to comply with it. Non-compliance may result in refusal of entry and any further action the protest committee considers necessary, including exclusion from the event and action under RRS 69. (NP)(DP)

6 Entries and Fees

6.1. Eligible boats may enter through the RS21 Cyprus online entry form, which will be linked from the official series webpage: https://rs21cyprus.com/international-winter-series/

6.2. The entry fee is EUR 700 per event. A late entry fee of EUR 800 applies from 10 calendar days before the first racing day of each event, starting on the following dates:

Event	EUR 800 late entry fee applies from
1	1 December 2026
2	5 January 2027
3	2 February 2027
4	2 March 2027

For entries covering all four events, the fee is EUR 600 per event, totalling EUR 2,400 for the series.

The entry fee for each of Events 1–4 includes:

- one launch on the days specified in paragraph 7.1;
- one haul-out after the event;
- wet berthing on the days specified in paragraph 7.1;
- parking for a car or van and trailer.

If the organiser cancels or postpones an event for serious reasons, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a deduction of up to 10%. No refund will be made if a competitor does not participate for any other reason.

6.3. Payment is made when submitting the entry on the website. Bank charges are payable by the applicant. An entry is valid only when all sections have been completed, details of the entire crew have been supplied and the entry fee has been paid.

6.4. Registration for each event closes at 10:30 on the first racing day.

6.5. The following information and documents are required for online registration. For all competitors:

a) Details of the helm and all crew members. An entry without details of the entire crew will not be considered complete.

b) World Sailing ID and Group 1 categorization, or membership of the International RS21 Class Association in accordance with rule C.3.1.c of the International RS21 Class Rules.

c) Valid third-party liability insurance with minimum cover of EUR 1,500,000, including racing cover and an extension of motor third-party liability cover to the hull. The hull number shall appear on the policy.

d) The insurance certificate in Appendix C, signed and stamped by the insurance company.

e) The online Equipment Self Inspection Form, completed by 10:30 on the first scheduled racing day.

Documents c) and d) shall be uploaded during online registration. The Equipment Self Inspection Form will be linked from the official series webpage and shall be completed online.

Corinthian Division. In accordance with RRS 79 and the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code, all crew members, including the owner, shall hold valid Group 1 categorization before registration closes and retain it throughout the event; see paragraph 7.1. The person in charge shall enter the boat in the Corinthian Division before registration closes. Failure to meet any of these conditions will result in exclusion from the Corinthian Division.

If the crew as a whole does not meet the Corinthian criteria, or the division has not been properly declared, the boat will be included in the event's overall results and will lose its Corinthian status for the series. Its overall results will not be affected.

6.6. Competitors under the age of majority shall email the organiser an entry form signed by a parent, guardian or accompanying adult. The signatory authorises the minor to accept the obligations of the rules (RRS 4.1) and accepts responsibility for the minor going afloat to race (RRS 4.1(b)).

7 Schedule

7.1. Schedule for Events 1–4:

Day and time	Activity
Wednesday 09:00–18:00	Launching and preliminary equipment inspection or measurement
Thursday 09:00–18:00	Launching, equipment inspection, completion of registration and collection of event materials
Friday 09:00–10:30	Launching, equipment inspection, completion of registration and collection of event materials
Friday 10:30	Registration closes
Friday 11:00	Skippers' briefing
Friday 13:00	Scheduled warning signal for the first race
Saturday	Time of first warning signal to be announced
Sunday	Time of first warning signal to be announced
Sunday after racing	Prize-giving and haul-out

The time of the first warning signal on Saturday and Sunday will be posted on the official online notice board by 20:00 on the preceding day. If no notice is posted, the previous day's time will apply.

7.2. Changes to the racing schedule will be posted on the official notice board by 20:00 on the day before they take effect.

7.3. On the final day of each event, no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

7.4. The programme of shoreside activities will be posted on the official notice board.

7.5. All boats shall be afloat by 10:30 on the first racing day. (NP)(DP) Each entered boat shall be launched, berthed afloat and hauled out at Limassol Marina on the days specified in paragraph 7.1.

7.6. The haul-out order will be posted on the official notice board. The procedure is set out in Appendix B.

8 Scoring

8.1. A maximum of nine races is scheduled for each event, with three races per day. A fourth race may be sailed on no more than one day of each event to sail ahead of schedule or make up a race not previously sailed.

8.2. The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

8.3. One race is required to constitute an individual RS21 Cyprus event.

8.4. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, her worst score will be excluded.

8.5. RS21 Cyprus overall series scoring:

- A boat that does not participate in an event, or in one or more races of an event for which she has entered, will receive that event's DNC score for each completed race she misses.
- A boat's overall series score will be the sum of her race scores from Events 1–4, including scores excluded from individual event results.
- Worst scores will be excluded in accordance with the following table:

Completed races in the series	Worst scores excluded
5–9	1
10–14	2
15–19	3
20–24	4
25–29	5
30–34	6
35–36	7

9 Venue and Boat Storage

9.1. All four events will be held at Limassol Marina, Limassol, Cyprus. Racing will take place in the adjacent waters.

9.2. Between events, visiting boats will be stored ashore under covers in Limassol Marina's enclosed dry dock area, with 24-hour CCTV surveillance and security. RS21 Cyprus will prepare the boats before each event, service them afterwards and arrange their storage. Boats may be used exclusively by their owners and the owners' teams.

9.3. Dry dock storage for four months costs EUR 612 excluding VAT, or EUR 728.28 including VAT at 19%, per boat (EUR 153 excluding VAT per month). Storage is payable separately from the entry fee. This amount covers shoreside storage only and does not include wet berthing during the events.

10 Courses

10.1. A windward–leeward course with a leeward gate and a windward offset mark is planned. The race committee may select other courses, which will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

11 Penalty System

11.1. The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are replaced with: “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2, rule 31, or Class Rules C.10.1 or C.3.3 while racing.” “However, if a boat may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2 within the zone of a mark other than a starting mark, or RRS 20 anywhere on the course, the penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.”

11.2. A boat shall not take penalty turns within the zone of a mark other than a starting or finishing mark, or on the leg between the windward and offset marks. In the latter case, the penalty shall be delayed and taken at the first opportunity on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2.

11.3. If a member of the jury or protest committee observes a breach of RS21 Class Rule C.3.3 (Crew Positioning), RRS 49, Class Rule C.10.1 (Use of the Bowsprit), or RRS 42, they may indicate the breach with a sound signal, a red flag and a hail of the boat's sail or bow number. The boat may take a One-Turn Penalty. Action or inaction by the jury or protest committee under this paragraph shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

11.4. Jury or protest committee vessels may be positioned anywhere in the racing area. Their position shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

12 Prizes

12.1. Prizes will be awarded at each event to the first three boats overall and the first three crews in the Corinthian Division.

12.2. Series prizes will be awarded to the first five boats in the RS21 Cyprus overall standings and the first three Corinthian teams. The overall series prize-giving will take place at the fourth and final event.

12.3. Prize-giving will take place as soon as possible after the end of each event.

12.4. The organising committee may award additional special prizes.

13 Measurement and Equipment Inspection

13.1. All competitors shall comply with the RS21 Class Rules. Preliminary inspections are mandatory; spot checks may be carried out before racing and during the events. Boats launched before the inspection days specified in this Notice of Race may be hauled out for measurement.

13.2. Initial measurement may take place during an event. To arrange a time, competitors should contact the measurers on site in the days before racing begins.

14 Responsibility and Safety

14.1. Competitors participate in the RS21 Cyprus international series at their own risk. In accordance with RRS 3, responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. All competitors shall hold personal accident insurance, including death and permanent disability cover, valid throughout the events and covering participation in sailboat racing.

14.2. The safety and management of a boat are the sole and inescapable responsibility of her owner or the owner's representative.

14.3. In accordance with RRS 1.2, each boat shall carry life-saving equipment for everyone on board, including one item ready for immediate use. Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device appropriate to the conditions. The organiser may impose additional restrictions in the Sailing Instructions.

14.4. Each participating boat shall hold valid third-party liability insurance with minimum cover of EUR 1.5 million, or the equivalent in another currency, for the duration of the event. The policy shall include racing cover and an extension of motor third-party liability cover to the hull. Official evidence of insurance cover shall be provided at registration together with the certificate in Appendix C.

15 Environmental Responsibility

The basic principle encourages competitors to minimise the adverse environmental impact of sailing. Competitors are encouraged to take the greatest possible care of the environment before, during and after the events.

Particular attention is drawn to RRS 47 (Trash Disposal): competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule applies at all times while afloat. The penalty may be less than disqualification. (DP)(NP)

16 Haul-Out and Shoreside Work Restrictions

16.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during an event without the prior written permission of the race or protest committee. All conditions attached to that permission shall be complied with.

16.2. The organiser may impose additional restrictions.

16.3. Rudders shall not be removed during an event.

17 Advertising and Media

17.1. Advertising is permitted in accordance with the RS21 Class Rules and the World Sailing Advertising Code.

17.2. The organiser may require electronic devices to be installed or carried on board for media coverage of the event.

17.3. By entering, the owner and crew members grant RS21 Cyprus and the event sponsors, without compensation, the unconditional right and permission to use their names, voices, images, photographs and biographical material, and images of the boat, in any media, including television, print, advertising and the internet.

18 VHF Radio Communication

18.1. During starting procedures, in addition to visual and sound signals, the race committee may broadcast the sail or bow numbers of OCS boats by radio. The committee's use or non-use of VHF radio shall under no circumstances be grounds for a protest or a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 29.

18.2. Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions while racing, nor receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other electronic devices.

19 Coaches and Support Vessels

19.1. A boat shall not receive outside help from the time she leaves her berth or mooring until she returns to it that day, except:

a) help permitted by RRS 41;

b) with the permission of the race committee, delivery of a late crew member, food or drink before the preparatory signal of the first race of the day, and transfer of a crew member, food or drink after the boat finishes or retires from her last race of the day;

c) help reasonably necessary for the safety of the crew or boat in an emergency after finishing or retiring from her last race of the day, including emergencies caused by weather, equipment failure or other circumstances.

19.2. Towing of boats is prohibited except in an emergency.

19.3. Coaches, accompanying persons and support personnel with vessels shall register by completing the online form linked from the official series webpage and sending it to info@rs21cyprus.com two days before racing begins. They shall provide details of the support vessel, confirm acceptance of the rules for coach and support-person vessels (BPS) set out in the Sailing Instructions, identify the sail numbers of the competitors they support, and carry a handheld VHF radio. An accredited coach may use the registered vessel during the event. An alleged breach of

the BPS rules may be reported to the protest committee, which may hold a hearing and take action under RRS 62.1.

19.4. Coach and support vessels shall remain at least 200 metres from the racing area at all times on racing days.

19.5. Outside help includes all forms of communication between competitors and support persons.

20 Contact Information

ORGANISER	WEBPAGE	EMAIL	TELEPHONE
RS21 Cyprus Limassol Marina, opposite Paul Cafe, Limassol, Cyprus	rs21cyprus.com/international-winter-series official notice board and entries	info@rs21cyprus.com	+357 9797 2125

APPENDIX A

RS21 Class Neutrality Policy and Prohibition of Political Propaganda

1 Purpose

This appendix sets out the conditions for participation and conduct in a neutral capacity, and the prohibition of political propaganda and political references at the RS21 Cyprus International Winter Series 2026–2027, in accordance with RS21 Class policy. In this appendix, "Class" means the RS21 Class.

2 Basis

The Class policy is adopted in accordance with the principles of the World Sailing Neutrality Policy (A5) and the related explanatory guidance.

3 Scope

The policy applies to:

- competitors, owners, helms, crews and support persons;
- coaches, technical personnel, team leaders and accredited support personnel;
- all official event activities: registration, inspections, briefings, racing, official communications, ceremonies, prize-giving and interviews conducted in an official event context.

4 Russian and Belarusian Athletes and Neutral Status

4.1. The Class admits athletes holding Russian or Belarusian citizenship exclusively in a neutral capacity, subject to this policy.

4.2. For the purposes of this policy, neutral status means:

- no national representation within the event;
- no use or display of the national identifiers specified in section 5;
- use of the designation determined by the organiser in official event documents and communications, such as AIN or an equivalent designation, where applicable.

5 Prohibition of National Identifiers on Boats, Sails, Equipment and Clothing

5.1. The display or use of flags, coats of arms, emblems, names, national codes, official colours and symbols, or other identifiers relating to Russia or Belarus is prohibited:

- on the hull, mast, boom, rudder, keel or centreboard, and visible parts of the boat;
- on sails, sail numbers, decals, graphics and lettering;
- on technical clothing, uniforms, lycra tops, headwear, bags and accessories used on the water or in official event areas.

5.2. This prohibition also applies to identifiers that, by their form, content or context, may reasonably be perceived as national or institutional representation.

5.3. Commercial sponsors are permitted subject to the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, provided that they do not directly or indirectly constitute national or institutional representation prohibited by this policy.

6 Prohibition of Political Propaganda and Political References

6.1. During the event, it is prohibited to display, wear, distribute or transmit messages, symbols or materials that constitute political propaganda or are political in nature, including references to governments, institutions, armed forces, political parties and political campaigns.

6.2. This prohibition applies in particular to:

- boats, sails, equipment and clothing;
- statements and official communications during briefings, ceremonies and prize-giving;
- interviews and media content produced in an official event context.

7 Inspections and Remedial Action

7.1. The organiser and/or the Class may inspect boats, sails, equipment and clothing for compliance with this policy, including by visual inspection.

7.2. In the event of non-compliance, the offending items may be required to be removed or covered before racing begins or within a period specified by the organiser.

8 Consequences of Non-Compliance

8.1. Failure to comply with a requirement to remedy a breach may, at the organiser's discretion and in accordance with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, result in: (1) refusal of entry to the event or individual races; (2) organisational measures, including withdrawal of accreditation where appropriate; (3) other measures provided for by the applicable rules.

9 Acceptance

9.1. By entering, each competitor declares that they have read and fully accept this policy.

10 Status and Precedence

10.1. This policy forms an appendix to the Notice of Race and may be referenced in the Sailing Instructions.

10.2. In the event of a conflict between this policy and the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the event concerned shall prevail.

APPENDIX B

Haul-Out Procedure

The haul-out order will take into account the geographical distance to the home base of each boat. Two boats may agree to exchange places in the queue, provided that the race office is notified in good time. Any change to the order, whether unilateral or agreed between two competitors, is invalid without the approval of the race office.

APPENDIX C

Insurance Certificate

For participation in the RS21 Cyprus International Winter Series in accordance with paragraphs 6.5 and 14.4 of this Notice of Race. **To be completed and stamped by the insurance company.**

This is to certify that the policyholder or insured person:

First name and surname	_____
Telephone	_____
Place of residence	_____
Address	_____
Postcode and city	_____
Place of birth	_____
Date of birth	_____

is the owner of the boat with sail number: _____

Insurance company: _____

Policy number: _____

Expiry date: _____

Sum insured in EUR: _____ (minimum EUR 1,500,000)

THE INSURANCE COVERS PARTICIPATION IN RACING.

It is further confirmed that this declaration of valid insurance on the terms stated above meets the requirements of paragraphs 6.5 and 14.4 of this Notice of Race.

Date: _____

Insurance company stamp and signature: _____