

Invitation – Notice of Race

J/24 Open Swedish Championship 2026

2–4 October in Västervik, Sweden
WSSW – Westerviks Segelsällskap Wikingarna
Westerviks Segelsällskap
Lofthammars Båtsällskap
Gamleby Segelsällskap

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for a breach of this rule.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and will be umpired in accordance with Appendix UF, which will be included in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Appendix A (RRS) will apply, changed so that no race score will be excluded.
- 1.3 The event will be conducted as sprint racing in supplied J/24 boats, and sets of sails, provided by the club and private boat owners. Rules for the handling of the boats will be included in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 The event will consist of three fleets; Women on Water, Qualifiers to the national sailing league and J/24 Open Swedish Championship.
- 1.4 All boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the Organizing Authority (OA).
- 1.5 RRS 40.1 applies at all times while a boat is afloat, except that it does not apply on a keelboat when the boat is moored or when a competitor is below deck.
- 1.6 When the water temperature is below +14°C, competitors shall wear clothing that provides adequate protection against hypothermia in the water.
- 1.7 The Class Rules (CR) shall apply, except CR C.2.1 (a) which is changed due to NoR 2.2.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 Each competitor shall be a member of a club affiliated with the Swedish Sailing Federation (Svenska Seglarförbundet, SSF) or with their national authority. The skipper, if a Swedish citizen, shall hold a racing license issued by SSF.

- 2.2 Each participating crew shall consist of at least 4 members, and maximum 6 members. This changes CR C.2.1 (a).
- 2.3 Each participating skipper shall hold a liability insurance equivalent to the one included in the racing license issued by SSF. For foreign crews, each skipper shall show proof of a similar insurance to the Race Office (RO) when registering.
- 2.4 The RO will be located in the hotel [Slottsholmen](#) at the entrance. See Appendix 1 for map and the address for the RO.
- 2.5 The boats must be covered by a third-party marine liability insurance with a limit of approximately 3 300 000 EUR per incident, or the equivalent amount, for property damage and personal injury.
- 2.6 The person in charge shall be at least 18 years old, and each competitor shall be at least 13 years old. No restrictions on gender.
- 2.7 Boats owned or registered in Russia or Belarus, and boats with competitors who are Russian or Belarusian citizens, are not eligible to participate in the event.

3. Entry

- 3.1 Entries shall be submitted through [Sailarena.com](#) no later than 28 September 2026.
- 3.2 The entry fee is SEK 5,500 per crew and shall be paid through [Sailarena.com](#) when entering. If an entry is withdrawn no later than 25 September 2026, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded.
If there is a problem with payment, please contact Mikael Albinsson at mikael.tjalle.albinsson@gmail.com to ensure a solution can be made.
- 3.3 If the OA rejects a boat's entry, 100% of the entry fee will be refunded.
- 3.4 A maximum of 15 crews may enter the event.
- 3.5 Four places are reserved for foreign crews.
- 3.6 If there are less than 15 crews entered after the entry-deadline of 30 September, NoR 3.5 will not apply.

4. Registration and Inspection

- 4.1 All crew members shall be registered in [Sailarena.com](#) no later than 30 September 2026.
- 4.2 The skipper shall be able to provide proof of club membership.
- 4.3 A competitor may be replaced with the approval of the Race Committee (RC).

- 4.4 A competitor who becomes ill or injured may be replaced with the approval of the RC.
- 4.5 If crews have trouble making it to the registration in time while the RO is scheduled to be open, contact Mikael Albinsson at mikael.tjalle.albinsson@gmail.com to submit a request for exemption.
- 4.6 There will be no weigh-in of crews at registration.

5. Sailing Instructions and Information

- 5.1 The Sailing Instructions and other official information will be available on the digital official notice board on the event page on [Sailarena.com](https://sailarena.com)
- 5.2 The Race Committee may broadcast information about the course, starting times, safety, etc. via VHF
- 5.3 Each competitor is responsible for bringing their own VHF radio. The OA is not responsible for competitors having a VHF radio.
- 5.4 [NP] The RC may decide which headsails is allowed to be used during the races based on the measured average wind speed.
- 5.5 The boats will carry bow numbers and colour-coded flags on the pushpit, supplied by the OA and the Swedish J/24 class association (SWE NCA).
- 5.6 Crew changes between boats will be made using motorboats and easily accessible docks. The OA is responsible for the boat allocation schedule and for assigning crews to boats. No crew will sail the same boat in at least three consecutive races.

6. Schedule

6.1 Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Activity
Friday	2 October	13.00 - 17.00	Ability to train with the boats.
		13.00 - 19.00	Registration and the RO is open.
		19.00	After-sail and socializing at Slottsholmen.
Saturday	3 October	08.00 - 17.00	RO is open
		08.45	Skippers' meeting at Slottsholmen.

		09.30	Warning signal for Women on Water.
		19.00	Regatta dinner at Notholmen.
Sunday	4 October	08.00 - 16.00	RO is open
		08.15	Skippers' meeting.
		09.00	Warning signal for Women on Water.
Sunday	4 October	15.00	Final deciding race
		15.30	Prize ceremony

- 6.2 Practice may take place on Friday afternoon, 2 October 2026. To practice, please send an email to info@j24sweden.com. Crews that have requested to practice via email, before the 30th of September, will be given priority.

7. Format

- 7.1 The event will be conducted as umpired sprint racing.
- 7.2 After the qualifying series has been completed or terminated, deciding races will be held for the crews ranked 1–5 in the qualifying series. RRS Appendix A will apply to the final races, changed so that the ranking from the qualifying series counts as the first score, followed by two final races with no score excluded. A boat that does not start or does not finish will receive last place in the final series. The winner will be the crew with the lowest total score when the ranking from the qualifying series and the placings in both final races are added together.
- 7.3 Crews cannot be moved across group boundaries after the qualifying series has ended.
- 7.4 The Race Committee may change the format or race schedule, or terminate

8. Racing Area and Course

- 8.1 Racing will take place off Slottsholmen on Skeppsbrofjärden. See Appendix 1 for a map.
- 8.2 The course will be a windward/leeward course with gates at both the windward and leeward ends.

9. Prizes

- 9.1 Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. The highest-placed Swedish crew will be awarded the title of 2026 Swedish J/24 Champion.
- 9.2 The Swedish NCA's perpetual trophies will be awarded at the prize-giving ceremony.
- 9.3 The highest-placed Swedish skipper who has not already qualified will receive an invitation to Seglingens Mästare 2026.
Participation in Seglingens Mästare 2026 requires a request for an invitation to be submitted to the Swedish Sailing Federation in accordance with the conditions stated in that event's Notice of Race in Sailarena.
Entry for Seglingens Mästare shall be submitted in Sailarena immediately after this Swedish Championship has concluded.
- 9.4 The award of championship titles and medals will be governed by Chapter 5, Championship Regulations, of the Swedish Sailing Federation's 2026 Competition Regulations.

10. Accommodations

- 10.1 Below are links to different accommodations in Västervik:

Västervik Resort (camping) - <https://vastervikresort.se/>

Hotell Fängelset - <https://www.hotellfangelset.se/>

Centralhotellet - <https://centralhotellet.com/>

Hotell Park - <https://www.hotellpark.se/>

[AirBnB Västervik](#)

Appendix 1

Address to the RO: Slottsholmsvägen 10
 593 38 Västervik

Race Office and Race Area

