



NOTICE OF RACE

FINNISH SAILING LEAGUE 2026

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Finnish Sailing and Boating Federation (SPV) in conjunction with the Organizing Clubs.

All entries and Official Notice Board at Manage2Sail: Event FIN 14.8.-20.9.

Semifinals and final have their own event pages to mark the dates.

Information & Contact

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DATES AND VENUES				
QUALIFIERS 2026				
Youth Qualifier	May 9.-10.	Lahti	LPS Kommodori Race	J70
Women's Qualifier	May 16.-17.	Helsinki	HSK Sprint Helsinki	J70

Separate NOR for the qualifiers on Manage2Sail

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Semifinal 1	August 14.-16.	Helsinki	Uiva, Helsingfors Segelklubb	J70
Semifinal 2	August 28.-30.	Helsinki	Helsingfors Segelklubb	J70
Final	September 18.-20.	Lahti	Lahden Purjehdusseura	J70

All dates above are racing days

2. PROVISIONAL SAILING LEAGUE PROGRAM

FRIDAY	
10:00	Registration
10:30	Skippers meeting
	First Warning Signal as soon as possible after the skippers meeting
17:30	Intention to schedule all starts before this time

SATURDAY	
9:00	Skippers meeting
	First Warning Signal as soon as possible after the skippers meeting
17:30	Intention to schedule all starts before this time

SUNDAY	
9:00	Skippers meeting
	First Warning Signal as soon as possible after the skippers meeting
16:00	Last possible warning signal

Prize-giving as soon as possible after racing. This is mandatory for all team-members unless excused by the OA.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1** Only member clubs of the Finnish Sailing and Boating Federation (SPV) and Estonian Sailing Federation (EPL) will be eligible to enter the Sailing League. This does not apply to possible wild card teams. Clubs need to be affiliated with SPV or EPL from 1.1.2026.
- 3.2** All team members shall be members of their participating clubs by the 31.7.2026. A team member shall represent only one club in the Sailing League during the season. This does not apply to possible wild card teams.
- 3.3** Youth team means that all sailors in a crew are under age 23 before 31st of December of the year the event takes place.

4. APPLYING FOR INVITATION

- 4.1** Registration is open between 6.2-28.2.

Eligible clubs may register and pay their first team at <https://spv.fi/tuote-osasto/kilpapurjehdus/>. Please make sure that also the team's contact information is registered in the form.

Women's and Youth qualifiers have their own Notices of Race and deadlines in Manage2Sail.

5. ENTRY FEE

5.1 The non-refundable fee for the semi-finals is 950 euros/club. Also a spot in the finals is 950 euros/club. If the club gets a spot in the finals it is committed to take the place.

The non-refundable fee for the Youth (under 23 years) is 800 euros/ team and successively 800 euros / team for a spot in the finals.

The entry to the Finnish Sailing League 2026 opens on the 6th of February and closes on the 28th of February. During this time the entry is for one team only.

To secure a spot in the 2026 League you must:

1. Pay the spot in the web shop: <https://spv.fi/tuote-osasto/kilpapurjehdus/>.
2. Add the club team on the Official Event Web page and ONB: Manage2 Sail, Event FIN, Finnish Sailing League 14.8-20.9

6. NUMBER OF TEAMS

6.1 Maximum 36 teams will participate in the Finnish Sailing League Semi-finals. 18 teams sail in each semi-final.

7. ALLOCATION OF TEAM INVITATIONS TO THE SAILING LEAGUE SEMI-FINALS

7.1 The OA will send the invitations for the semi-finals events:

- 26 invitations to individual Finnish clubs based on the applications
- 2 invitations to individual Estonian clubs based on the applications
- 4 invitations to the top teams in the Women's qualifier
- 4 invitations to the top teams in the Youth qualifier

7.2 However, if there are more than 26 applying clubs from SPV, the clubs are ranked based on the Finnish Sailing League rankings from the previous year and single invitations will be sent based on this ranking. If clubs have not participated in the previous year, the results from years before this will count. If this does not give a ranking, which can be used to issue the remaining invitations, the remaining single invitations shall be sent on a first-come-first-served basis. Teams from EPL participate through their own internal qualifications.

7.3 In case there are less than 28 applying clubs from SPV and EPL, the remaining invitations will be sent to the clubs for the second teams. However, if there are more second teams applying for an invitation than the available places, the second teams will be based on the ranking from 2025, ie no general qualifiers will be conducted in 2026.

7.4 In case there are still places to be filled, remaining places are filled with first a youth team, then a women's team, then a youth team etc. in order of the youth and women's qualifiers.

7.5 In case there are less than 4 women's, or youth teams entering the Sailing League, these places are added to the 28 places for open teams.

8. GENERAL QUALIFIERS

8.1 No general qualifiers in the Finnish Sailing League 2025.

9. WILD CARDS

9.1 In case there is a force majeure, e.g. a late cancellation, at the Sailing League Semi-finals and Final, the OA may issue wild cards to fill the remaining places and achieve the intended number of teams per event. Wild card teams are not eligible to qualify to the Finnish League Finals, win the title National Club Champion, National medals, or the "Sportklubbens-pokal", or qualify to any other event

10. SEMI-FINALS

10.1 Team allocation to the semi-finals events is at the discretion of the OA.

10.2 In the semi-finals, one club may be represented by a youth team, a women team and one or two open teams.

10.3 One individual sailor can take part in one semi-final.

10.4 18 teams will take part in each semi-final. Three sailing days are planned per semi-final.

11. FINAL

11.1 Twelve teams shall participate in the final. From each semi-final the top six teams shall advance to the final.

11.2 Clubs qualifying for the final, shall confirm participation and pay the entry fee within 5 days of getting the information that they have qualified, otherwise the OA shall cancel their entry.

11.3 If the entry of one of the top 6 teams from either semi-final is cancelled, the OA will invite the number 7 first in the same semi-final, then from the other semi-final, then 8 in the same semi-final etc.

11.4 When a youth or women's team from a club qualifies to the League through youth or women's qualifyer, the team shall be assigned with "Y" or "W" in their name and the team must be a youth or women's team also in later stages. In case these youth (Y) or women's (W) team from a club qualifies for a later stage, but the club cannot get a youth or women's team to participate in this later stage, then 11.3 applies.

11.5 In case a semi-final cannot be sailed due to weather conditions or other such force majeure, teams will be allocated from that semi-final to the final based on the rankings of the previous year(s) (can be found on the official notice board).

12. DAMAGE CONTRACT

12.1 A damage contract shall be signed at registration at the event. The team is liable to maximum 2.000 € as a result of any one incident. If the team continues in the event the following incident has another 2.000 € maximum etc. The possible damages will be invoiced from the participating clubs by the OA as soon as possible after the incident.

13. RULES

13.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, including "appendix UF UMPIRED FLEET RACING Finnish Sailing League Edition attached to this NOR."

13.2 The rules for handling boats (SI Appendix) will also apply for any practice sailing.

13.3 Class rules will not apply

13.4 Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board on Manage2Sail

- 13.5** For Finnish Sailing League sub-events, qualifications, semi-finals and finals, the right to appeal is denied and the RRS 70.3(a) and 70.3(b) apply.
- 13.6** An International Jury will be appointed for the League as a whole in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Semifinals and Final will be umpired on the water according to Appendix UF. The umpire team is also the protest committee for these individual events.

14. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the official notice board latest at the start of registration.

15. BOATS

- 15.1** The events will be sailed in J70 boats provided by the OA.
- 15.2** Six (6) boats will be provided.
- 15.3** The following sails will be provided: Mainsail, Jib, Gennaker.
- 15.4** Boats will be allocated by the OA.

16. CREW

- 16.1** The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 4. All registered crew shall sail all races in an event. The crew number of all-female teams may be 4 or 5 (as long as the number stays the same on all days of the regatta). In a youth team all sailors in a crew are under age 23 before 31 December of the year the event takes place. A youth team may sail with a crew of 4 or 5. This to comply with number of crew members in Women and Youth Champion Leagues.
 - a.** The names of the crew members should be communicated to the OA latest on Friday, the week before the event takes place. The crew members can be different from day to day, as long as they are communicated to the OA on the Friday of the previous week. [DP]
 - b.** At least one crew member must be of full legal age (18 years)
 - c.** There will be no crew weight limit
 - d.** When a registered crew member is unable to participate or continue in the event due to a serious force majeure, the Protest Committee may authorise a temporary substitute or other adjustment. In case of a possible substitute, the new crew member shall be a member of the same club of the replaced crew member. In case the new crew member is not from the same club, the team shall be considered as a wild card team in that event.

17. TEAM FLAG

- 17.1** The OA may supply ID-flags for each team.
- 17.2** Instructions how to display the ID-flag during racing will be stated in the SI.

18. EVENT FORMAT

- 18.1** A pairing list will define the number of races and groups of each flight. A final pairing list will be defined by the OA at the event.
- 18.2** The RC may change the format, terminate or eliminate any flight when conditions or the remaining time scheduled do not permit the completion of the intended format
- 18.3** The intention is that each team will sail at least 12-15 races in each semi-final and 18-24 starts in the final. The number of races may be more, or less, depending on weather and other conditions.

19. SCORING

19.1 Individual event

- a.** The event is valid if all participants present have had two (2) races.
- b.** No scores shall be excluded.

20. PRIZES

20.1 The winner of the Finnish Sailing League will be given the title Finnish National Club Champion.

20.2 Finnish Championship medals for the overall best 3 teams.

20.3 The best SPV affiliated team will receive "Sportklubbens-pokal" to keep until the next year's event. The best EPL affiliated team will be awarded with a trophy from EPL.

21. QUALIFICATION FOR THE SAILING CHAMPIONS LEAGUE, THE WOMENS' SAILING CHAMPIONS LEAGUE, YOUTH SAILING CHAMPIONS LEAGUE AND NORDIC SAILING LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 21.1** The 2026 Finnish Sailing League will be the qualifier for the 2027 Sailing Champions League for teams representing Finnish Clubs. Estonian teams will not represent Finland in Sailing Champions League. Estonia may use the Finnish Sailing League as their internal qualifier to the Sailing Champions League and any other races.
- 21.2** One club can only get one place in the Champions League. However, an all-youth, or all-female, or all-youth-and-all-female team that wins a place to the Champions League, can also win a place for their club in the Women and/or Youth Champions League(s) at the same time.
- 21.3** Women qualification for the Women Sailing Champions League 2027 through Finnish Sailing League 2026 - best all-female team.
- 21.4** Youth qualification for the Youth Sailing Champions League 2027 through Finnish Sailing League 2026 - best all-youth team.
- 21.5** Youth and Women Sailing Champions League qualifications are open to all all-female and all-youth teams that sail in the Finnish Sailing League, irrespective of whether they qualified to the Finnish Sailing League through Youth or Women's qualifications, or as open teams.
- 21.6** To qualify to Women or Youth Sailing Champions League from the Finnish Sailing League final, the club must have qualified to the final with an all-youth, or all-female team.
- 21.7** In case no all-youth or all-women team advance to the Final, their scores are changed to average points from the semi-final they participated. These average points are compared to find a ranking between the teams.
- 21.8** For the Nordic Sailing League Championships, the best all-female team from the women's qualifications, the best youth team from the youth qualifications. The open teams will follow the same logic as with SCL qualifications in 21.1 and 21.2.

22. COURSE

22.1 The course will be windward/ leeward, with downwind (and possibly windward) gate, finishing downwind.

22.2 The intended course area as defined in the Sailing Instructions.

23. ADVERTISING [DP]

23.1 Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

- 23.2** Boats are not permitted to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising, media, images and sound. This amends RRS 60.
- 23.3** Teams may have their own bibs with club logo. Teams without satisfactory bibs shall wear bibs supplied by the OA.
- 23.4** Teams may have advertising on their bibs and clothing.

24. MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND [DP]

- 24.1** If required from the OA
 - 24.1.1** Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing
 - 24.1.2** Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC
 - 24.1.3** Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing
- 24.2** Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment
- 24.3** The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge

25. SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS

- 25.1** Support and coach boats must register with the Race Office and shall be identified as required by the OA.
- 25.2** The OA will not provide berths for coach boats.

26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 26.1** All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. See RRS3 Decision to race. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, however caused.