
DELKO SAILING REGATTA

Turkey | 18–24 April 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028 (RRS)*.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted or communicated before 1100 on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it takes effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be given at daily skippers' briefings held at 0900 near the race committee boat.

3.2 On the water, notices will be communicated via VHF radio.

3.3 The official VHF channel is Channel 77. Backup channel is 68.

4. BOATS

4.1 The event will be sailed in Bavaria 46 yachts.

4.2 Boats shall not be modified in any way except that:

(a) Wind indicators may be attached.

(b) Adhesive tape may be used above the waterline.

(c) Adjustable equipment may be adjusted in accordance with class and charter rules.

4.3 All equipment supplied with the boat for sailing purposes shall remain on board during racing unless otherwise instructed.

4.4 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment immediately after docking.

4.5 Failure to comply with this instruction may result in disqualification in all races in which the breach occurred.

5. CREW

5.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

5.2 All registered crew members shall be on board during racing unless otherwise approved.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on or near the race committee boat or announced at briefings.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, 18 April

Arrival and accommodation

2000 Opening ceremony

Sunday, 19 April

0900 Skippers' briefing

1300 Warning signal for the first race

Prize giving: 1830

Monday, 20 April – Thursday, 23 April

0900 Skippers' briefing

1200 Warning signal for the first race of the day

Daily prize giving: 1830

Thursday, 23 April

2000 Closing ceremony

Friday, 24 April

0900 Skippers' briefing

Return to home marinas

Saturday, 25 April

0900 Disembarkation

7.2 The schedule and courses may be changed due to weather or other conditions. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

7.3 The number of races is not limited.

8. CLASS FLAGS

8.1 The class flag will be an orange flag with "Delko" logo.

9. RACING AREA

9.1 The racing area will be in the coastal waters of Turkey along the planned route announced at daily briefings.

10. COURSES

10.1 Courses will be described at the daily skippers' briefing.

10.2 Before the warning signal, the race committee will broadcast the approximate bearing to the first mark on VHF.

11. MARKS

11.1 Marks 1 and 1A will be yellow cylindrical buoys.

11.2 Start and finish marks will be yellow cylindrical buoys.

11.3 Gate marks will be red cylindrical buoys.

12. THE START

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

12.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the starting mark.

12.3 To alert boats, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least one minute before the warning signal.

12.4 A boat starting later than 20 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A5.

12.5 Boats OCS may be hailed on VHF. Failure to hail is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12.6 Engines shall be turned off at least 4 minutes before the start signal.

12.7 A boat may use her engine only in an emergency, provided no advantage is gained. A report shall be submitted after finishing.

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel and the finishing mark.

13.2 If the race committee is absent, boats shall record their finishing time and assist in recording other boats.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1 The time limit is 130% of the elapsed time of the first boat finishing in each class.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office (race committee boat).

16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee boat docks or anchors.

16.3 The protest fee is €100.

16.4 Hearings will be scheduled and communicated within 30 minutes after the protest time limit.

17. SCORING

17.1 One race is required to constitute a series.

17.2 When fewer than 4 races are completed, all scores will count.

17.3 When 4 to 7 races are completed, one score will be excluded.

17.4 When 8 or more races are completed, two scores will be excluded.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 A boat that retires shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18.2 Boats shall maintain VHF communication throughout racing.

18.3 No redress will be given for breaches of this instruction.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1 Boats and equipment may be inspected at any time.

19.2 Only sails and equipment supplied by the charter company may be used.

20. OFFICIAL VESSELS

20.1 The race committee vessel is catamaran BALI 48 “BAIKAL”.

21. DIVING EQUIPMENT

21.1 Underwater breathing apparatus shall not be used without prior approval of the race committee.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

22.1 Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.

22.2 The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

Chief Judge

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