

PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS

Skippers and Co-skippers | European Schools' Cup 2027

1. Nature and Purpose of the Event

The European Schools' Cup (ESC) is a week-long introduction to sailing for young people aged 12 to 18. Its aim is to teach them sailing, life on board, independence and teamwork.

The ESC is an educational activity, not a regatta or an official sporting competition.

2. Status and Responsibilities

Skippers and co-skippers participate on a voluntary basis, without any employment relationship or relationship of subordination with Sailing Passion a.s.b.l.

As master of the vessel, the skipper has nautical authority and remains the sole decision-maker regarding navigation and the safety of the yacht and its crew, in accordance with applicable maritime rules.

The co-skipper assists with the supervision of the students and life on board.

3. Sailing Instruction

The skipper provides practical sailing instruction: helming, sail trimming, manoeuvres and safety rules.

Students actively participate in sailing and manoeuvres under the skipper's supervision, according to their abilities and the sailing conditions.

The co-skipper contributes to this learning, organises daily life on board and ensures that tasks are shared fairly among the students.

4. Student Supervision and Safety

The skipper and co-skipper jointly supervise the students, both at sea and ashore. They organise themselves so that at least one of them remains with the crew whenever the other needs to be absent, while respecting the students' normal independence, particularly when they go to the sanitary facilities in marinas.

During Saturday check-in and Friday check-out, the skipper handles the formalities with the charter company while the co-skipper supervises the students.

Any incident or concerning situation must be reported to the Organisation immediately.

5. Rules of Conduct

The skipper and co-skipper undertake to:

- comply with and enforce the Organisation's safety instructions. The skipper decides when lifejackets must be worn, unless the Organisation makes their use mandatory;
- ensure that students comply with the prohibition on alcohol, tobacco, vaping and illicit substances;
- set an example through their conduct and comply with safeguarding rules for minors;
- maintain appropriate relationships with students and avoid private communications not necessary for the event;
- follow the Organisation's instructions concerning event coordination and navigation;
- respect the confidentiality of participants' personal information.

Any serious breach of these obligations may result in refusal of participation in future editions of the European Schools' Cup.

6. Withdrawal

If unable to participate, the skipper or co-skipper undertakes to inform the Organisation as soon as possible and, where feasible, to seek a replacement who meets the Organisation's requirements.

7. Insurance

Sailing Passion takes out third-party liability insurance for each skipper, as well as insurance covering the security deposit for each yacht, subject to the terms and limits of the respective policies.

The relevant insurance documents are provided individually to each skipper.

8. Acceptance

Submitting and confirming the online registration constitutes acceptance of these conditions.

