



European Championships 2026 Fact Sheet

The purpose of this fact sheet is to provide details for sailors and parents specifically in relation to costs and travel arrangements etc.

Key Dates:

Travel Days: 20th July & 31st July 2026
 Official Event Dates: 24th - 31st July 2026
 Racing Days: 26th - 30th July 2026

In-Venue Training: 13th - 17th May 2026 (travel on 12th May)

Team Coach & Team Leader	Jaume Genovard & 1x Team Leader (to be confirmed, potentially a parent of a team member)
Admin Manager	Parents in the team will be required to help coordinate plans, arrange any additional training, assist with airport runs etc for the team.
Team Members	As selected at the GBR Team Selection trials in line with the Team Selection Policy
Event	2026 IODA Optimist European Championships
Event Venue	Gdynia Marina, Poland
Pre-event training	<p>The team will travel to Gdynia for pre-event training. This includes a regatta so the team can sail, train and race on the event waters before July. The coach and team leader/house parent will accompany the team.</p> <p>The team will travel to Poland on Tuesday 12th May The team will return on Sunday 17th May</p> <p>Flights will be booked asap after Selections, after agreement with the team. Apartment accommodation has been booked for the team.</p> <p>This training trip includes accommodation, flights, charter boats, RIB, subsistence etc in the overall team costs. Sailors will need to bring their own sails (and the team/parents will need to coordinate rig tubes).</p> <p>=====</p> <p>Any other additional training that might be arranged pre-Euros is not included in the team cost.</p> <p>Some potential further dates have been flagged for training, but these will depend on numbers, team organisation etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 25-27 April (2 or 3 days) - 2-4 May - 25-28 May (during half term) - 20-21 June (2 days) - 4-5 July (2 days)



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Event Travel	<p>The team will travel to Poland for the Euros on Monday 20th July The team will return on Friday 31st July</p> <p>Flights will be booked asap after Selections, after agreement with the team</p>
Event Accommodation	Accommodation is arranged by Event Organisers (IODA) and is included in the team costs
Entries	Entry to the event is organised by IOCA and is included in the team costs
Boats /Sails	<p>Charter boats for the event have been booked and arranged by IOCA and and the Event Organisers, and are included in the team costs</p> <p>Sailors will take their own sail, mainsheet etc (a list will be provided of additional items). These will be checked into sail tubes for the flight. (The team will need to provide and coordinate sail tubes).</p>
Sailing Conditions	<p>Daytime air temperature: 18 – 30 Celsius Water temperature 18 Celsius Prevailing wind direction: Western or northeastern Wind speed: 5 – 20 knots Hours of good wind: 8 Tide: No tide Current: Slight current</p>
Event website & NOR	<p>Event website Notice of Race</p>
Kit	<p>A team buoyancy aid badge will be provided. All other team kit (onshore t-shirts and rashvests etc) will be purchased directly through our class sponsors, Rooster.</p> <p>A Team Kit web link will be shared so kit can be ordered and paid for.</p> <p>For those sailors already with a white team jacket, the Euros event embroidery can be added to jackets, but this will have to be arranged yourselves (although IOCA Teams can provide the wording, font and point you in the direction of branding houses if required). For those in need of a new white jacket, one can be purchased through Rooster on the team kit web link, and can be branded by Rooster.</p> <p>Sailors wear their own Navy shorts for the opening ceremony in Poland.</p>
Finances	The cost of this event per sailor is £4700 . If the cost of the team, after paying out all the expenses associated with it, comes to £20 less than has been budgeted, a refund will be made to parents.
Other	A sailor will be offered a team place at the end of the 2026 Selections. Parents will be required to pay the team fee, in full, to accept a Europeans Team place before they leave the Selection Trials.