



Pannon Egyetem és Balatonalmádi

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Solar Boat Challenge

NOTICE OF RACE

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The Notice of Race presented in this document was drawn up to serve as directives for the race. Situations that are not covered by the Rules will be decisively resolved at the sole discretion of the jury.

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SOLAR BOAT CHALLENGE – 2026 EVENT

1. AIM AND PURPOSE

1.1. The aim of the Solar Boat Challenge is to organize a top solar boat event to:

- promote sustainable technology amongst the youth and more in particular students at technical universities and professional training colleges, supported by firms in (boat) technology.
- stimulate the promotion and development of sustainable boats, with respect to the application of solar energy in the shipbuilding industry.

2. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY / RACE ORGANIZATION

2.1. The organizing authority of the event is University of Pannonia.

2.2. On behalf of the organizing authority, the Solar Boat Challenge 2026 events are carried out under the management of the project director. The race organization can be contacted throughout the year at: <https://solarboat.uni-pannon.hu/>

3. RULES

3.1. The race will be conducted subject to the provisions of this Notice of Race (NR), the current 2026 version of the Technical Regulations (TR), and the current 2026 version of the Race Elements Catalogue (REC).

Collectively, these documents form the Rules, with possible subsequent additions and/or amendments to be implemented by the race organization. At least 1 week prior to the event a Race Advanced Program will be forwarded to all competitors with last instructions and chosen elements.

3.2. The organization reserves the right to amend the rules (as incorporated in the NR, TR and REC) at any time. This will be done by means of publications on the organization's social media and website.

3.3. All competitors in the race are expected to know and accept the Rules. The jury may penalize competitors who ignore or break the Rules. Penalties may vary from a reprimand to disqualification and exclusion from further participation.

3.4. All questions related to the interpretation of the Rules shall be submitted to the organization in writing. Any explanation of the rules, as well as answers to written questions, may be published on the website (or the official noticeboard during the race) and be binding for all competitors.

3.5. In the case of a discrepancy between languages, English shall prevail.

4. DEFINITIONS

See Technical Regulations 2026.

5. EVENTS & RACES

5.1. 2026 race and racing schedule (provisional):

Location/Event	Date	Elements
Balatonalmádi	August 2026 (TBC)	A. Sprint – optional
		B. Endurance
		C. Time Trial
		D. Top Speed
		F. Slalom
		G. Match Race
		H. Speed Record – optional
		J. Ton's Race
		Parade

5.2. Routes, starting procedures and other specific race information will be published in the Race Advance Program. Unforeseen changes of the routes will be made known as soon as possible during the race.

5.3. The Organizer is entitled to conduct technical inspections of the vessels at any time of its own choosing. The participants are bound to cooperate with such inspections.

6. RACE ADVANCE PROGRAM

6.1. The Race Advance Program will be published at least one week before the start of the event on the website of the Organizer.

7. VESSEL CATEGORIES

The race is open to the following categories of vessels:

- Open Class boats

8. RACING NUMBERS AND PUBLICITY

8.1. Competitors shall install the racing number provided by the organization as specified in the Technical Regulations 2026, rule 8.1.

8.2. Both the race organization and the competitors may be sponsored provided this is not in conflict with the moral standards and interests of the organization, at the discretion of the organizers.

8.3. By entering the event, competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the Championship facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors' name or not, without compensation and without the competitors' approval of such images or any use thereof.

9. PARTICIPATION AND REGISTRATION

9.1. The Solar Boat Challenge 2026 is open to anyone with a solar-powered vessel that complies with the provisions of the Rules, and where the skipper is not younger than 16 years of age, provided that the boat is unable to sail faster than 20 km/h.

9.2. Skippers of the competing vessels that are capable of a speed of more than 20 km/h must hold a valid powerboat or inland waterway license recognized in their country of origin, or an ICC (International Certificate of Competence) or equivalent. The minimum age of the pilots of these boats must be 18 years or older.

9.3. Each participant will sign a copy of the Notice of Race as a certificate of participation and will thereby accept the contents of the Notice of Race.

10. LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

10.1. The Organizing Authority and any other party involved in the organization of the race named in this document will accept no liability whatsoever for any personal or material damage (including but not limited to death, injury, consequential damages, etc.) sustained prior to, during or after the race.

10.2. Each participating team is solely responsible for arranging appropriate insurance coverage for their vessel. The Organizer accepts no responsibility or liability for any damage to, loss of, or claims arising from the participating vessels.

11. PRIZES

11.1. The following prizes will be awarded to vessels in each class based on the race score and depending on the number of entries:

- First prize
- Second prize
- Third prize

11.2. There may be additional prizes for the winner per class in a particular race element.

12. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

12.1. Each team is responsible for its own transport arrangements, as well as for the transport of its vessels and all auxiliary materials. The vessels and auxiliary materials must be capable of being transported via public roads in accordance with Hungarian rules.

12.2. The organizers will provide all teams with information about camping, catering and other important matters via email and other communication channels.

12.3. During the event it is forbidden to charge the batteries of the boat from any charging equipment other than the solar panels installed on the boat itself.



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