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DEAR FRIENDS, DEAR FUTURE GUESTS,

It is my great pleasure that, in just a few days, we will be able to welcome you to Szeged for the **Paddle Europe Junior and U23 Canoe Sprint European Championships**, taking place from **23 to 26 July**.

It is always a great honour for us to host an international competition, especially at such a legendary venue as the **Maty-ér Regatta Course in Szeged**. This occasion will be no exception: at the upcoming Junior and U23 European Championships, we look forward to welcoming nearly **1,000 outstanding young athletes from 38 countries**.

Junior and U23 international competitions always attract special attention. It is at events like these that the champions of the future and the leading athletes of the next generation first emerge and take their first steps on the road to success. I believe that predicting the balance of power is particularly difficult at competitions of this kind, which is exactly why I am confident that this European Championships will provide no shortage of excitement.

For us, it has always been a priority to provide the best possible conditions for the athletes, coaches, team staff and spectators who come to Hungary, and to ensure that they have everything they need. Our experienced organising team, supported by many years of expertise, will once again do its utmost to meet this responsibility, and all the conditions are in place at Maty-ér to do so.

On behalf of my colleagues, I can say with confidence: we are ready for the start and warmly look forward to welcoming you to Szeged, the City of Sunshine.

Until we meet, I wish you all the very best — and to the athletes, a smooth and injury-free preparation

Best regards,

Bálint Szakács

Secretary General, Hungarian Canoe Federation
Chairman of the Host Organising Committee



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TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

COMPETITION COMMITTEE

Sprint Chair / Chief Official	LETIENNE Michel (PADDLE EUROPE)
Chief Judge	DOGNEROVA Marika
Deputy Chief Judge	KOVACS AGOCS Angela
Competition Manager	SEPP Kristo

IDENTITY & EQUIPMENT CONTROLLERS

1. AJJELO Aldo
2. RUISOVA Andrea
3. MOLNÁRNÉ KRAJCSOVICZ Magdolna

BOAT CONTROLLERS

1. VAZQUEZ TORRES Barbara
2. STOIAN Alexandru
3. SINKA Péter - NTO

STARTERS

1. CHAUSHEV Borislav
2. PETRYNA Malgorzata
3. VARGA Gergely

ALIGNERS / COURSE UMPIRES / VIDEO JUDGES

1. CHRISTODOULOU Apostolos
2. BILLAU Claire
3. DOSEN Igor
4. PALII Vladislava
5. LARSEN Per Spejder
6. BERT Ulrike
7. DR. TÓTH László

FINISH LINE / PHOTO FINISH

1. LEVKOVICH Marina
2. MILES Adam
3. DR. BABÁK Krisztina

Announcer WEIXL Mónika

Announcer JÁRFÁS Tímea





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PROGRAMME

15 July (Wednesday)

Online **ITO** meeting 19:00

16 July (Thursday)

Online **Team Leaders** meeting 19:00

Team-Leaders Meeting Link (CLICK HERE TO JOIN)

July 20 (Monday)

Access period starts

Accreditation opens

Official training between 8:00 - 13:00, 14:00 - 18:00

July 21 (Tuesday)

Official training between 8:00 - 13:00, 14:00 - 18:00

July 22 (Wednesday)

Official training between 8:00 - 13:00, 14:00 - 18:00

11:00 – 12:00 starting machine test (1000m)

15:00 – 16:00 starting machine test (500m)

16:00 – 17:00 starting machine test (200m)

18:00 – OPENING CEREMONY at the grandstand

July 23-26 (Thursday – Sunday)

PEU JUNIOR AND U23 SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS competition days

All necessary information regarding timetable, startlist and results are available at:

<https://timetable.europecanoeevents.com/>

Under the **ENTRIES** tab you can find all pdf files for Country and Competitors list, Timetable, Entries per event and Provisional Start list.

Please check for updates regularly.



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ACCREDITATION & TEAM INFORMATION CENTRE

OPENING HOURS

July 20, Monday:	12:00-18:00
July 21, Tuesday:	09:00-12:30, 13:00-18:00
July 22, Wednesday:	09:00-12:30, 13:00-18:00
July 23, Thursday:	07:30-12:30, 13:00-17:00
July 24, Friday:	08:00-12:30, 13:00-17:00
July 25, Saturday:	08:00-12:30, 13:00-17:00
July 26, Sunday:	08:00-14:00

The Accreditation & Team Information Centre is located at the Regatta Course on the ground floor of the Finish Tower. Team Leaders are kindly requested to come directly to the Accreditation Centre upon arrival. After having paid their dues, they may collect their accreditation cards, along with the hotel vouchers (if booked their accommodation through the HOC).

Teams arriving before July 20 or outside the opening hours of the Accreditation Centre should contact the HOC at **booking@szeged2026.com** to discuss their check-in process at their designated hotels.

All participants of the event must be accredited, since no access is granted to the venue without an accreditation badge. Please be advised that you will not receive the badges until your balance with the Host Organising Committee is cleared to zero.

Acceptable methods of payment: cash (EUR), credit card (Visa, Eurocard / Mastercard)



HOSPITALITY



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LUNCH AT THE REGATTA COURSE

Lunch will be offered to participants who have purchased it or have a hotel reservation through the HOC. It will be available at the Regatta Course in the designated catering area between 11:00 and 14:30, after presenting the accreditation card for scanning.

MEALS AT OFFICIAL HOTELS ON COMPETITION DAYS

Competition days	Breakfast from	Dinner
Thursday - Friday - Saturday - Sunday	06:30	18:00-21:00

If you wish to have breakfast earlier, please discuss with the hotel staff the day before.

To the attention of National Teams with hotel reservations through the HOC:

Please be advised that **the first meal included in your daily rate is dinner at your designated hotel on the day of your arrival.** The first lunch will be served the following day. Breakfast and dinner are available at your designated hotels.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Check-in at the official hotels is from 15:00 and rooms must be vacated by 10:00 on the morning of departure. Upon request, the hotel will provide late check-out options upon availability or storage rooms for an additional fee, which should be discussed with the HOC in advance.

Disclaimer: the HOC does not take responsibility for any extra services provided by the hotel, such as minibar, laundry, etc. These costs are to be paid directly at the front desk.

DRINKING WATER

The Host Organising Committee offers bottled drinking water for accredited participants at a designated distribution point in the Athletes Area during the access period.

1. During the accreditation process, each team receives two water tokens per team member.
2. At the distribution points, these vouchers can be exchanged for the first bottle of water.
3. Any additional bottles or tokens will only be provided in exchange for an empty one returned at the same point.
4. Our staff will ensure proper selective collection of the returned bottles.
5. Please make sure to return your token at the water distribution points or at the accreditation desk before you leave. We would appreciate it if no one kept their token after the competition.

We kindly ask all team members to actively cooperate so that the selective waste processing can be carried out efficiently. Let's be mindful of our environment!

AIRPORT TRANSFERS



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ARRIVAL: upon entering the Arrival Hall, please search for our staff. Our team members will provide you with additional details regarding your transportation to Szeged.

DEPARTURE: an information sheet on the departure pick-up time and location will be posted on the wall next to the Accreditation & Team Information Centre one or two days prior to your scheduled departure.

SHUTTLE SERVICE

A shuttle bus service will run daily between the official hotels and the Regatta Course during the access period. The schedule and walking maps will be available at the **official website of the event**, in the hotel lobbies and at the Szeged Olympic Centre as well. The shuttle service is accessible to all participants with an accreditation badge.

ATHLETE AGE VERIFICATION

To enter in an event with a specified age group an athlete or the National Federation must produce documentary proof such as passport, identity card or similar document with a photograph, confirming the age of the athlete (ICF Rules 1.4.8)

A new event management platform for National Federations is being developed by Paddle Europe and its service provider. From 2027 onwards, the platform is expected to support additional event management procedures, including team uniform submissions, protests, online payments, crew changes and other services.

For the first time it will be used to manage athlete age verification for the 2026 Paddle Europe Junior & Under 23 Canoe Sprint Championships in Szeged.

To access the platform and submit athletes' identification documents, each National Federation must send an email to **events@paddle-europe.eu** requesting its password.

The username for each National Federation will be its three-letter IOC/NOC country code. For example, the username for Germany will be GER.

Inside the platform, National Federations will be able to identify which athletes are required to upload an ID card or passport. Once the documents have been reviewed, the Federation will receive an online confirmation and a notification in its private area.

The age verification system is connected to a central database. Once an athlete has been successfully verified, the verification will be stored and may be used for future Paddle Europe Championships.

Please access it at this link: <https://peuevents.memosoftware.app/>



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LATE ENTRY WITHDRAWAL CREW CHANGE

In extraordinary circumstances, an application can be made to the Chief Official for the acceptance of late entries.

Following the closure of the SDP system, LATE ENTRY POLICY will be activated on 14 July + (CET), 2026 00:01.

Late Entry Policy will be applied until the deadline being Monday 20 July 18:00h (CET) as per below.

There will be 2 types of Late entry:

- 1.** Late Nominal/SDP entry - which means new athletes not yet accredited for the Championships. Late SDP entries will incur a fee of 100 euros per athlete. Payments of the late entry fees will be accepted cash or card in EURO at the Accreditation & Team Information Centre after Chief Official approval
- 2.** Late event entry - which means athlete is already accredited for the Championships and/or entered in some other event. NO fee will be applied. BUT it is the Chief Official's discretion to accept or decline a late entry. Please note there will be NO change of progression plans after the publication of the Preliminary start list as a result of late event entry.

The request for late entry/withdrawal/crew change can be submitted via the following **ONLINE FORM HERE (CLICK HERE)**

Only requests submitted until the deadline will be considered. After the deadline you need to contact the Chief Official directly.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT THE REQUESTS: LATE ENTRY: Monday 20 July, 18:00h (CET)



CREW CHANGES: Wednesday 22 July, 11:00h (CET)



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- 1. Any athlete named in the final entry of his/her country may substitute in any other event.**
2. Notification of alterations of the entries must be submitted via online form within pre-determined deadlines given above.
3. Chief Official may in exceptional circumstances accept late alterations. Late alterations must be given in a written form to the Chief Official at least one [1] hour before the first race of the morning or afternoon session.
4. The withdrawal of an entry is considered final and the same athlete/crew is not allowed to compete in any other events of the competition.
5. The withdrawal of an entry in an event without consequences is only permitted until five [5] days before the first day of the races [Saturday 18 July 2026];
6. In crew boats the names of the competitors **MUST BE** in order that they race in the boat. The first name at the top **MUST BE** the competitor at the front of the boat



**SCAN THE QR
OR PLEASE CLICK HERE**

BOAT STORAGE AND PARKING

Boat racks are provided either in the boathouse or at the tent in the Athletes' Area. You are requested to take your trailers to the designated trailer parking area located on the Southern dam. Each team gets **ONE** parking sticker, further parking stickers can be added for **50 EUR/car**.

For accreditation purposes, we provide temporary parking near the Accreditation Centre.

BOAT NUMBERS AND PERSONAL NUMBERS

Bib numbers will be handed over during the accreditation process.

The boat numbers can be collected before the race at the designated place. OC will collect a deposit (€50) which will be refunded at the end of the competition when all boat numbers are returned.



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ATHLETE NAME AND COUNTRY CODE STICKERS

Each athlete's name sticker must be applied on all boats for European Canoe Sprint competitions. For canoes and kayaks to be presented in a standard manner, name stickers must be positioned at the same point on every boat. The country code sticker will be applied on all boats and at the same place for each ICF Canoe Sprint competition and will be checked at the Identity and Equipment Control.

It is the participating National Federations' responsibility to provide the stickers to their athletes.

Please use **this template** provided by the ICF with the correct sizes and font.

Athletes' name stickers have been modified in 2022 to match the re-formatted TV graphics. The last name is now placed after the initial of the first name.

For the official guideline, **please click on the link**.

ID AND EQUIPMENT CONTROL

Athletes can embark only from the designated place before the competition where their boats, equipment, clothes (uniforms and uniformity), body numbers, boat numbers and accreditation cards will be checked.

UNIFORMS AND UNIFORMITY

The athletes must compete in team uniforms of the design and colours submitted with their nominal entries.

In a crew boat all athletes must compete in the same team uniform including sleeve length, hats, headbands, undergarment (if worn, they must all be the same colour). In a K2 and K4 all spray decks must be the same colours. The front athlete in K2 or K4 may compete without a spray deck.

Teams shall upload a picture of their uniform before the entry deadline in SDP to the relevant section or send by email to **events@paddle-europe.eu**





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FOREIGN SUBSTANCE AND DEVICES

In addition, athlete's equipment will also be checked for any foreign substances and forbidden devices. A boat or an athlete may be equipped with a device which provides feedback on performance for use by television or event presentation. The same device may be used by the coach and athlete for analysis after a race.

But in NO circumstances may the device be used to provide real time feedback to an athlete during a race. A device **MUST** be placed **BEHIND** the last athlete in the boat. Any devices that ID Controller[s] do not know or understand can be removed.

PRE-START PROCEDURE

Only athletes for the next race start will be allowed to enter the indicated starting areas 200-300m, 500-600m, and 1000-1100m. They will be called to the starting area 4-5 minutes before the start. Once the boats enter the starting area they are forbidden to turn around and they need to paddle a straight line towards their assigned start boats.

Aligners will be placed at the beginning of the starting area – 300m, 600m, or 1100m to control the boats' flow.

Please advise athletes to follow the instructions from aligners, and do not enter the starting area if they are not called and they are not part of the following race.

SELF BOAT CONTROL

Pre-race self-boat control is the responsibility of teams. Boat scale available daily from 21st July 2026. at two locations, one at the big Team's tent at southern bank and the other one behind the post -race boat control area at the boathouse.

POST-RACE BOAT CONTROL

After the race some boats will be called for a second boat control. After the race the athletes must disembark onto the designated pontoon where their boat will go under control. Please do not forget to control the weight of your boat before the race at the self-boat control spot.



DOPING CONTROL



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Athletes will be randomly selected for doping control conforming to the relevant regulations.

ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION

All Athletes entered in any ICF competition or continental championships must complete the ICF's anti-doping Education program or equivalent before competing, failing which they may be denied entry to the competition.

All Athlete Support Personnel accredited in any ICF competition or continental championships must complete the ICF's anti-doping Education program or equivalent before participating, failing which they may be denied their accreditation to the competition.

Athlete Support Personnel: Any coach, trainer, manager, agent, team staff, official, medical, paramedical personnel, parent or any other Person working with, treating or assisting an Athlete participating in or preparing for sports Competition. The main criteria of being an Athlete Support Personnel (ASP) is working with, treating or assisting an Athlete participating in or preparing for sports Competition.

Verification: After the nominal entry deadline, education completion will be verified. Teams must provide proof if requested to events@paddle-europe.eu

Education Link: ADEL - WADA Anti-Doping Education <https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn>

GREEN BOX

All participants will be photographed, using green screen technology.

Paddle Europe aim is to present each athlete and boat in a professional way and your involvement is more than appreciated. The goal is to present all paddlers during the race, in the TV graphics in live streaming. The main beneficiaries of this presentation will be the athletes, Your presence is very important for the promotion of our sport, for yourself and the country you represent! It takes only 10 seconds to do it. There will be no video recording, only a still picture. If possible, please come with your team racing uniform for a better presentation.

Green screen opening hours 8:30- 12:00 and 13:00 - 18:00, from Tuesday 21 July to Friday 24 July. Location will be decided till Monday, July 20.





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TRAFFIC REGULATION DURING RACE DAYS

There is one-way traffic on the water. Athletes are requested to use the channel behind the dividing island to paddle up to the start. The Regatta Course can be reached through the cuts above the 500m, 1000m starts. From there traffic goes in the direction of the Finish Tower. It is absolutely forbidden to use motorboats during the official training, coaches, however, are permitted to follow the athletes by bikes on the service path along the course.

SAFETY REGULATIONS ON WATER

The OC provides lifeguard service on the water during the official training sessions and on race days one hour before the start of the first race. OC cannot guarantee to guard the whole water surface of the venue so please stay paddle on the guarded areas.

Guarded areas during official training sessions:

- race course between 1300m and the finish line
- water surface in front of the boathouse up to the bridge

Guarded areas during race days:

- race course between 1300m and the finish line
- water surface in front of the boathouse
- chanel behind the dividing isle up to 1100m

Please keep in mind: The OC does not take responsibility for any accidents in areas outside supervision and outside the official training time.

CYCLING AT THE VENUE

Coaches are allowed to follow the races by bike on the dividing island, which can be accessed by the connecting bridge. **Please note that the HOC does not provide bike rental services.**



TEAM LEADERS' MEETING & COMMUNICATION



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The Team Leaders' meeting will take place online on Thursday, July 16 at 19:00 (CET). Link to the meeting: [Link](#)

All Team Leaders are invited to join the 2026 PEU CSP JUNIOR AND U23 Team leader's group. WhatsApp group by scanning the QR code or click on this [Link](#). The Competition Committee and the HOC will share all essential information to the teams through this group link.

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MEDAL AWARDING CEREMONIES

All athletes (wearing their national outfit) are requested to be present at the Finish Tower 10 minutes prior to the officially scheduled victory ceremony at the latest. We have a very tight schedule therefore we kindly ask you to be aware of this request. Victory ceremonies will start at their officially scheduled time sharp. In case an athlete arrives late to the meeting point, ceremony will start on time without him/her. The Team Leader of the winning nation is also kindly requested to arrive at the medal awarding ceremony meeting point 10 minutes before the scheduled start to present the flowers during the event. Please note that caps, sunglasses, and flags are not permitted on the podium.

OPENING CEREMONY

The official Opening Ceremony for the 2026 PADDLE EUROPE JUNIOR AND U23 SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS will take place next to the Finish Tower, in front of the grandstands.

Each National Team* is requested to have one athlete present to hold their nation's flag. Assigned athletes should arrive at the Finish Tower 20 minutes before the ceremony begins.

Date and time of the Opening Ceremony: 22 July, 18:00

*Please ensure that only one athlete per nation is assigned.





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MEDICAL CARE

A medical centre will operate at the Regatta Course with ambulance, first aid and doctor on duty. Hospital and clinic assistance provided for free for the official participants of the World Cup. The costs of the above-mentioned services are to be covered by your medical insurance policy, the Host Organising Committee is not responsible for covering your expenses in connection with hospital treatment, dental treatment or any other medical treatment.

MEDICAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE CITY

Ambulance:

Ambulance central emergency number: 112

General practitioner (GP) on duty:

GP health care on duty for adults:

15-17. Kossuth Lajos sgrt., Szeged, 6722 (from the Szilágyi u.)

GP health care on duty for children:

14-15., Korányi fasor Szeged, 6722

Telephone: 1830

Emergency hours: 4 pm – 08.00 am / 8.00 am – 8.00 pm (weekends)

24-hour Pharmacy:

Vasas-Szent Péter Pharmacy

Address: 62. Kossuth Lajos sgrt., Szeged, 6724

Opening hours: 0-24

Telephone: + 36 62/558-150

Medical emergency services:

Medical Emergency Service Department

Address: Szeged, Semmelweis u. 6, 6725

Opening hours: 0-24

Telephone: +36 62/342-477

Emergency Dental Care:

Dental Clinic

Tisza L. krt. 64-66. Tisza L. krt., Szeged

Opening hours: 7 am – 5 pm,

Saturdays and Sundays: 7 am – 1 pm

Telephone: +36 62/545-283

Dentha Implant Centre & Dentistry
(Private Medical Clinic)

Osztrovszky u. 12., 6721 Szeged

Opening hours: Monday to Friday: 8 am – 9 pm,

Saturdays and Sundays: CLOSED

Telephone: +36 30/206-9532





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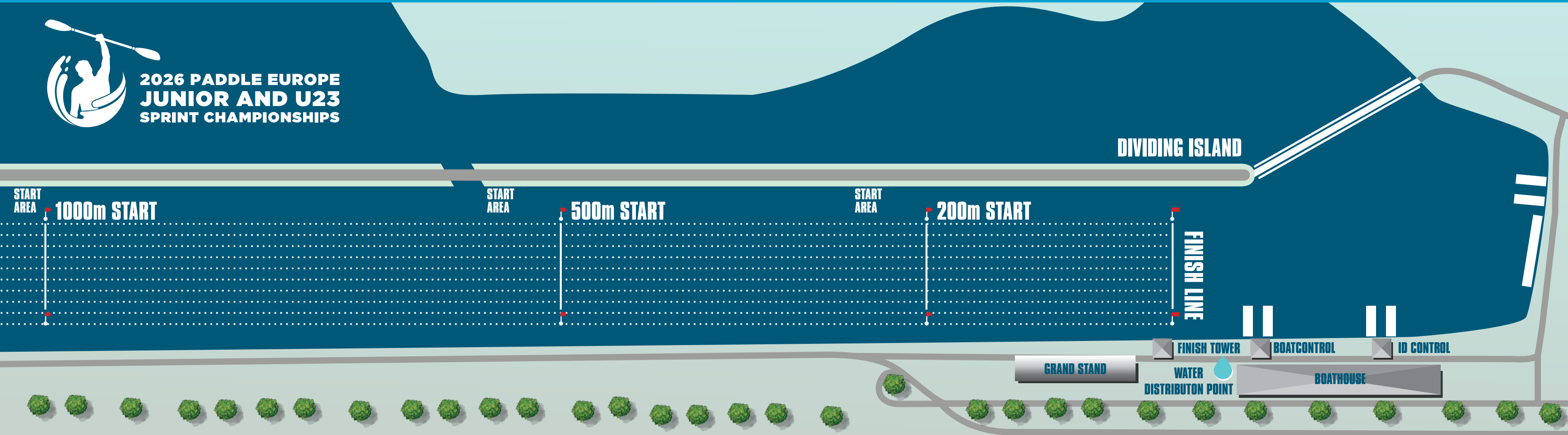
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VENUE MAP



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