

BALTIC SEA FESTIVAL

6TH EDITION 2026

ECKERNFÖRDE KIEL GERMANY 29.05.2026 - 31.05.2026

INVITATION / EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

We are delighted to welcome you for the 6th Baltic Sea Festival in 2026, the largest ocean sports festival in Germany.

The event will take place from 29 May to 31 May 2026 in Schwedeneck, at Grönwohld Camping Park and, of course, on the Baltic Sea.

All seaworthy boats powered exclusively by muscle strength and paddles are eligible to participate. The races are open to paddling athletes of all nations.

We aim to exclude no one and therefore offer all possible options for different paddling preferences. We continuously strive to improve this event based on your wishes and suggestions. However, paddling will always remain the central focus.

Our event location is the well-equipped and family-friendly Grönwohld Camping Park. With townhouses, caravans and plenty of other camping spaces, it offers the ideal combination of accommodation and sport.

A festival area with a large marquee and exhibition spaces for SUP, surfski and outrigger exhibitors will be available, inviting visitors to watch, exchange ideas and talk shop.

It is important to us that everyone can attend this event in the way that suits them best. Especially for families, this weekend is well worth the trip. The passion for paddling can be shared with young and old, women and men alike. So feel free to bring the whole family and enjoy a fantastic weekend with your loved ones and friends.

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SUP

Female / male rankings

- Tech Race
- 12 km Long Distance
- 27 km Long Distance

Surfski 1, OC1, Va'a 1 and Sea Kayak

Female / male rankings

- 12 km or 27 km Long Distance

Surfski 2 and OC2

- Female, male and mixed
- Minimum distance 20 km
- On Saturday: 12 km or 27 km possible

Va'a 6

- Race limited to the mixed class
- Each boat must include at least two(2) women
- This ensures fair rankings and a larger competitive field

Individual rankings are only possible with a minimum of five boats per class/category.

If a category does not reach this number, it will be ranked in the next higher class.

Junior races (SUP, Surfski, Outrigger – Single and Double boats) will be ranked separately.

The top three will always be awarded, even if fewer than five boats compete.

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Team Boats

Due to high demand and the wish to race twice, team boats (two- and six-person boats) will be separated from small boats.

Important:

If you would like to paddle the downwind race on Saturday in a two- or six-person boat, this will be possible.

The Double and Va'a 6 boats will start on Friday, 29 May 2026 at 3:00 PM from Grönwohld Camping Park.

The exact course will be announced two days before the race.

A pure downwind race on Friday is excluded to minimize shuttle effort and maximize paddling enjoyment.

SUP Tech Race

A SUP Tech Race will take place on Friday, 29 May 2026, organized with the support of Martin Teichmann, in front of the southern beach of the campsite. This race offers variety and makes full use of the weekend. All SUP paddlers who also participate in any race on Saturday are eligible to take part in the TechRace. Both races are covered by a single entry fee. Those only interested in the traditional downwind race on Friday are also welcome.



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Main Race

The main race will take place on Saturday, 30 May 2026, between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

This requires a high level of discipline regarding the shuttle organization.

The race is open to all boat classes, from SUP to V6 / OC6.

Start locations:

- Eckernförde (South Beach), 24340 Eckernförde

Finish locations:

- Diving Site Kiel, Sports Beach, Am Deich 1, 24229 Strande
- Grönwohld Camping Park (Water Sports Beach)

As this is a downwind race, start and finish locations may be swapped depending on wind direction.

COURSES ZURÜCK

The main race course runs from South Beach Eckernförde, along the restricted area toward Kiel Lighthouse, and continues to Strande Sports Beach.

For the short track, the race ends near Grönwohld Camping Park.

The course always follows the coastline.

The restricted areas Lindhöft and Surendorf must be passed on the seaward side.

Near Dänisch-Nienhof, paddlers turn toward Bülk Lighthouse at the checkpoint.

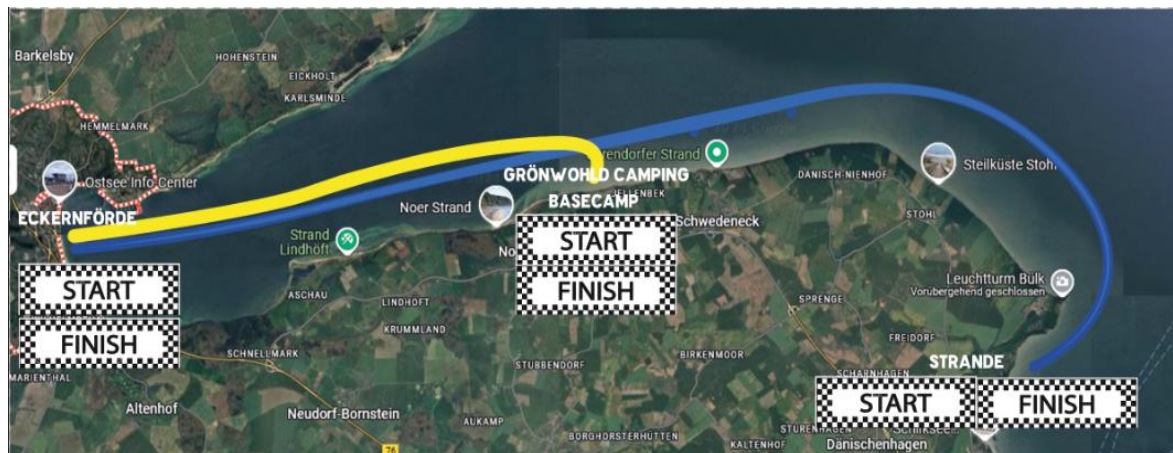
Bülk Lighthouse must be rounded at the marked position, passing on the left and turning right.

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This course applies for southwest to west winds.

For winds from north to southeast, the course will be paddled in the opposite direction.



Course Description and Navigation:



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Thursday, 28 May 2026

- Setup on site
- First paddlers arrive
- Possible group paddling session

Friday, 29 May 2026

- Arrival
- Registration for two- and six-person races: 12:00–1:30 PM
- 3:00 PM start of the two- and six-person race
- Boat testing by exhibitors
- 8:00 PM mandatory race briefing for the main race (German & English)
- Social evening at the festival area
- Registration for Saturday possible until 8:00 PM

Saturday, 30 May 2026

- 9:00 AM final race information (WhatsApp channel / website only)
- Boats must be loaded onto shuttle trailers by 8:30 AM
- 8:50 AM shuttle departure (for 10:00 AM start)
- Start window: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Finish cutoff: 4 hours after start
- 8:00 PM award ceremony and social evening

The organizer reserves the right to cancel or reschedule the race due to bad weather. Entry fees cannot be refunded in such cases.

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Sunday, 31 May 2026

- 10:00 AM farewell downwind paddle
- Distance: 12 km between Grönwohld and Eckernförde
- Quiet departure from the campsite; accommodations usable until 2:00 PM

All courses to be paddled are discussed in advance by the organizers together with their surf and ocean professionals and are communicated to all participants during a mandatory briefing. The primary goal is always to ensure that all paddlers reach the finish safely, a task to which the DLRG will fully commit.

TRANSPORT [ZURÜCK](#)

- A limited boat shuttle service is available and can be booked during registration.
- Boats must be secured by participants using their own fastening equipment
- Participants are encouraged to coordinate among themselves for personal transport.

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SAFETY [ZURÜCK](#)

- All races take place on open sea. Participation is at one's own risk. The organizer accepts no liability for personal injury or material damage.
- Participants under 18 require parental consent
- Helping paddlers in distress is mandatory
- Full mobile phone coverage along the course
- 8 rescue boats will accompany the main race
- Safety has priority over equipment
- Participants missing checkpoints or cutoff times will be removed from the race for safety reasons.

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MANDATORY SAFETY EQUIPMENT [ZURÜCK](#)

- CE-certified life vest (minimum 50 N buoyancy)
- Mobile phone (waterproof and operational)
- At least one person per boat connected by leash
- Appropriate clothing for water temperatures of 10–15°C

Failure to comply results in disqualification.

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ENTRY FEES [ZURÜCK](#)

Upon registration on site, each participant will receive a welcome bag containing a race number, timing chip, event shirt, and a voucher for Saturday evening. In addition, comprehensive on-water safety support will be provided by the DLRG. Timekeeping will be handled by an external company using chip timing and magnetic timing mats. 90,00 € pro Person für alle Starter außer Va'a 6er

- €90 per Person (all classes except Va'a 6)
- Va'a 6: €400 per boat
- Juniors (up to 18): €40

Optional:

- Double start (1 & 2): €140 total
- Individual start after Va'a 6: €70
- Late registration fees apply.

Those wishing to participate in both Double and Single races should contact info@sportservicehamburg.de **before** their second registration. They will then receive a voucher for the second registration, resulting in a total price of only €140.00 for both starts.

The same applies to those who have previously participated in the Va'a 6 race and wish to additionally participate in the Single race.

The individual start will then be discounted to €70.00.

With the introduction of the new timing system, the registration process will also become more professional. Entry fees will be collected after registration, ensuring an up-to-date and accurate start list at all times. Please note that registrations can only be withdrawn under exceptional circumstances, such as a long-term injury, and only with a medical certificate. In all other cases, entry fees are non-refundable in the event of cancellation.

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Registration Opens: 05.01.2026

Registration deadline with event shirt; 31.03.2026

Registration deadline: 03 May 2026

On-site late registration: the entry fee increases to €130.00; for Va'a 6 to €440.00

If more than 300 boats are registered, a waiting list will be created. Entries from the waiting list will be accepted in the order of registration. Participants moving up from the waiting list will be informed by the organizer at short notice.

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ACCOMMODATION [ZURÜCK](#)

Accommodation at Grönwohld Camping Park must be booked directly via

info@groenwohld-camping.de.

Please mention "Baltic Sea Festival" when booking.

Our goal remains to accommodate all paddlers in one location.

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We look forward to welcoming you in great numbers.

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Daniel, Robert und der Sportclub Berlin Grünau

