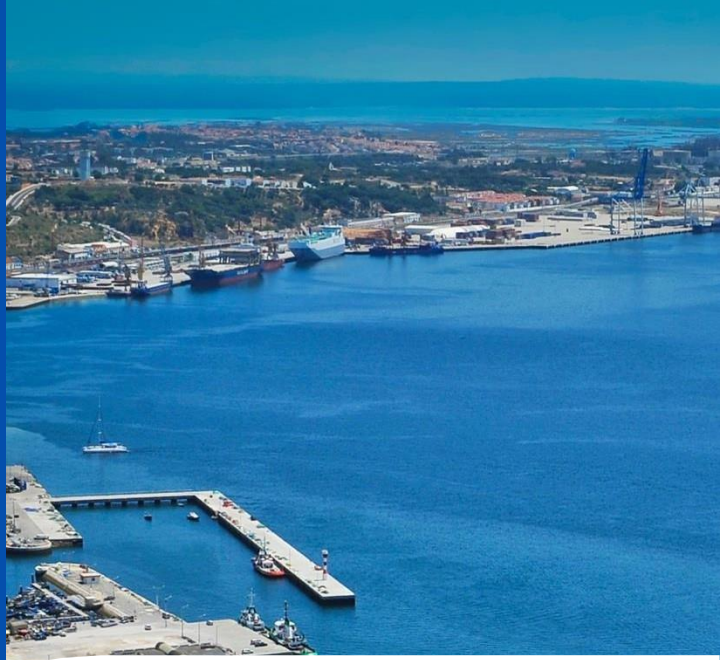


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1. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear friends,

On behalf of the entire World Aquatics family, I welcome you to the World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup 2025 series.

This year, the world's top open water swimmers will compete in a series of stunning destinations: Somabay, Egypt (21-22 February); Ibiza, Spain (25-26 April); Setubal, Portugal (14-15 June); and Golfo Aranci, Italy (10-11 October). The venue and date for the World Cup Finals will be announced later.

The crystal-clear waters of Somabay, Egypt, have become a favourite destination on the Open Water Swimming World Cup circuit. Following successful editions in 2023 and 2024 as part of the Egypt Aquatics Festival, this beautiful Red Sea venue will launch the 2025 season again.

The second stop takes us to Ibiza, where athletes will compete in the pristine waters of the Mediterranean Sea. Although Spain has hosted an impressive 49 World Aquatics events, this marks Ibiza's debut as a host for the world's finest aquatic athletes.

From Ibiza, the tour continues to Setubal, Portugal, a well-established locale for open-water swimming. Known for hosting key events such as the Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifiers in 2012 and 2016 and the Open Water Swimming World Cup for the past three years, Setubal's open ocean waters provide a familiar and challenging stage for the athletes.

Golfo Aranci, Italy, located on the beautiful Sardinian coast, returns as a host for the third consecutive edition of the Open Water Swimming World Cup. This Mediterranean venue is renowned for its vibrant local culture and breathtaking natural scenery.

We'll conclude the year with the World Cup finals. Details on this stop will be confirmed and communicated later.

With the dedicated support of the Local Organising Committees, local authorities, officials, and volunteers, I know you are in very safe hands in these great cities.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the host cities and sponsors for their continued trust and unwavering support in making 2025 a very special year for open water swimming. To all the athletes, I wish you the very best throughout this much-anticipated racing series.



Captain Husain Al-Musallam
World Aquatics President

2. MAYOR OF SETÚBAL MESSAGE



The city of Setúbal has been, since 2006, the stage of great emotions at each new stage of the World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup, with the presence of the most important elite swimmers from all over the world.

The Sado River framed by the Arrábida Mountains was also the scene of the 2012, 2016 and 2021 Olympic Games Qualifications, which further reinforces that the investment and effort we have made to promote the municipality and its potential in the field of aquatic sports has been worthwhile.

In recent years we have gained the confidence of countries, athletes, and coaches. A recognition that we have also received from our peers in similar organizations, as result of a well-coordinated work that allowed us to win the confidence of World Aquatics and of the Portuguese Swimming Federation. To the athletes, managers, coaches, and other elements of the delegations from various countries who return to Setúbal, or visit us for the first time, welcome!

To the swimmers who inspire our young athletes and show them the path to which effort and dedication lead, I wish the best sporting success and that Setúbal and the river Sado continues to be a reference in your careers, remembered as one of the places where you achieve results of excellence.



André Martins
Mayor of Setúbal

3. PRESIDENT OF PORTUGUESE SWIMMING FEDERATION MESSAGE



The Portuguese Swimming Federation has the honor to organize, once more, in partnership with Setúbal Municipality, in the beautiful Albarquel Urban Park, the Open Water World Cup, in the stage of three Olympic Qualifying Events, and as the aquatic's world recognizes it, one of the most challenging stages that really shows the true spirit of the discipline.

Since 2006 Portugal and the city of Setúbal receive the best world swimmers of the Olympic Marathon that face a 10km Open Water course in the ending of Sado river embraced by the Sado's and Serra da Arrábida's natural reserve, in an astonishing landscape and a rich local culture.

Knowing that the sport needs to reinvent itself as competition model and that World Aquatics (AQUA) is developing, together with the LOC's, new references that adjust the model in order to gather the swimmer's interests and the organizational costs, and that set the discipline as major interest to all great swimmers in medium and long distance as they do in the pool.

Also together with this competition, we will have the challenge of a promotional event that contribute for the development of a discipline that in Portugal gathers leisure, physical activity, competition and health, all together with beautiful sightseeing's and the Portuguese gastronomy.

A deep welcome to all wishing that the success of this organization be also yours and the fulfilment of your goals.

Best of luck to you all!



Miguel Arrobas
Portuguese Swimming Federation President

4. INTRODUCTION

This Venue is one of the most iconic in the World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup, generation after generation, Setúbal stays as a challenging race. Continuously since 2006, it was a stage for all the World Top OW Swimmers, and stage for 3 Olympic Qualifiers.

The following information has been prepared in order to assist your National Federation on your attendance to the competition.

5. EVENT CONTACTS

Should you have any questions or queries regarding the information provided in this document please feel free to contact the Portuguese Swimming Federation.

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6. CALENDAR

LEG	DATE	LOCATION
#1	FEBRUARY 21-22	SOMABAY (EGY)
#2	APRIL 25-26	IBIZA (ESP)
#3	JUNE 14-15	SETUBAL (POR)
#4	OCTOBER 11-12	GOLFO ARANCI (ITA)
#5	NOVEMBER	TBC

7. EVENT KEY DATES

May 2	ACCOMMODATION DEADLINE – Submission of Accommodation Form
May 2	VISA DEADLINE - If Visa is required, complete registration in GMS
May 23	FINAL REGISTRATION & SPORT ENTRY DEADLINE
June 10 to 13	OFFICIAL TRAINING
June 13	TEAM LEADERS MEETING – 18:30 (Novotel)
June 14	COMPETITION – 10k Individual (M/F)
June 15	COMPETITION – 3km Knockout Sprint (M/F)

8. OFFICIAL SCHEDULE AND COMPETITION PROGRAMME

Training Schedule will be as follows:

Date	Morning Period	Venue	Afternoon Period	Venue
June 10	9h00 – 11h00	Swimming Pool	15h00 – 17h00 16h00 – 18h00	Ocean Swimming Pool
June 11	9h00 – 11h00	Swimming Pool	15h00 – 17h00 16h00 – 18h00	Ocean Swimming Pool
June 12	9h00 – 11h00	Swimming Pool	15h00 – 17h00 16h00 – 18h00	Ocean Swimming Pool
June 13	9h00 – 11h00	Swimming Pool	15h00 – 17h00 16h00 – 18h00	Ocean Swimming Pool
June 14	9h00 – 10h30	Swimming Pool	16h00-18h00	Swimming Pool

If the Weather conditions do not favor outdoor training, a 25m indoor pool will be available

The World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup, Setubal 2025 competition will include a 10k and a 3k Knockout swim race for men and women.

June 14:**11h00** – 10k Men**17h00** – 10k Women**June 15:****11h00** – 3k Men Knockout Sprint**13h00** – 3k Women Knockout Sprint

Awarding ceremonies will take place at the competition venue. Immediately after the race. All Announcements, instructions, and commands during the event will be in English.

9. PARTICIPANTS

Entries will be accepted only from National World Aquatics Member Federations which must also register a coach for each respective swimmer. A coach can be responsible for up to two (2) swimmers only. The coach is responsible for representing his/her swimmers at the Technical Meeting, and feeding the swimmer during the event. The World Aquatics Technical Delegate together with the Chief Referee will accept entries and register only swimmers accompanied by the respective coach who is in charge of swimmer recognition during the race. A swimmer without a coach present will not be allowed to start the race. Each National Federation that has entered one or more swimmers in an Event must also have at least one representative (e.g. team leader, coach) present.

10. ENTRY PROCESS & PROTOCOL

Registration:

All National Federation registrations and sport entries must be done through the World Aquatics General Management System (GMS) via <https://data.fina.org>. Each National Federation must complete their registrations before the designated deadlines.

Swimwear Protocol:

Swimwear worn shall be according to World Aquatics Competition Regulations I.7

11. TECHNICAL & TEAM LEADERS MEETING

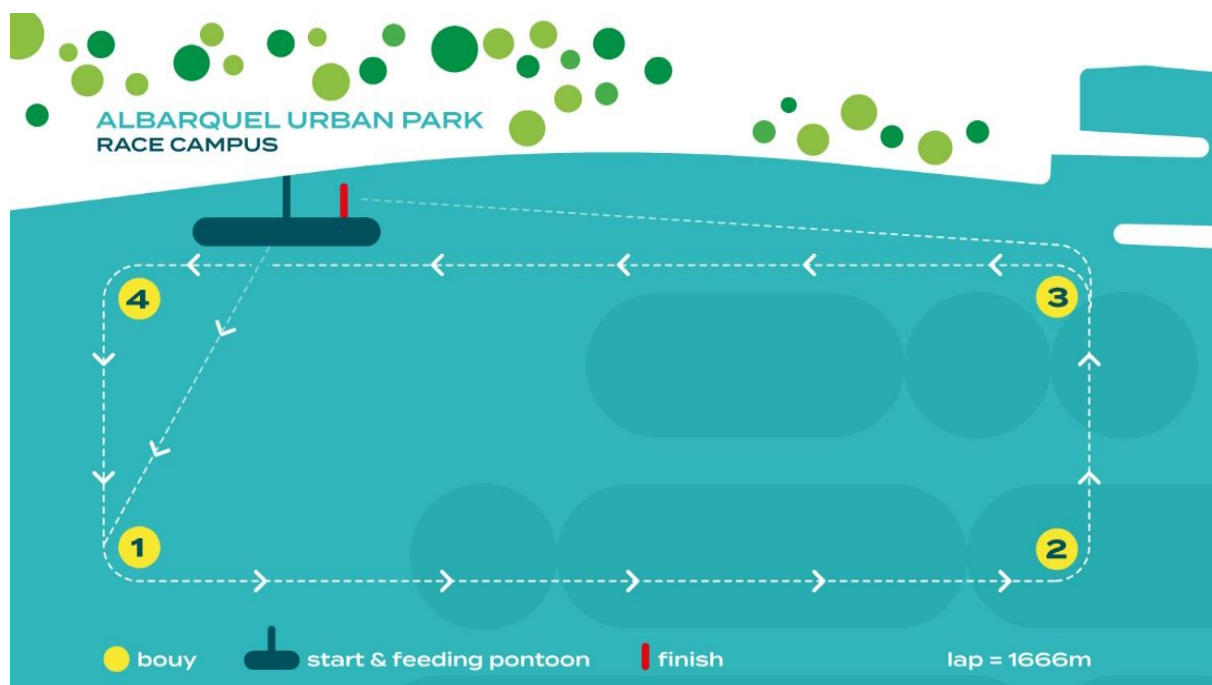
The Technical Meeting will take place on Friday the **13th of June at 18h**. At least one representative from each National Federation must attend this meeting.

The Meeting will take place at the official Hotel - [Novotel](#).

12. VENUE & COURSE INFORMATION

The **10k** Competition will be organized on a **1.66km** course, swimmers must complete **6 laps**.

Sprint Winner for the 10km will be crowned at **Lap 1**



The **3k Knockout Sprint** event will be organized on a **1.5km /1km /0.5Km** courses, same shape (More information will be shared closer to the competition).

13. RULES

Please note that all the events in the World Cup will be conducted according to latest World Aquatics Competition Regulations, in force at the time event.

World Aquatics Competition Regulations can be found [here](#)

14. ACCREDITATIONS & EVENT INFORMATION DESK

The Organizing Committee will provide all Swimmers and Team Staff with an official Accreditation card. Only accredited people will be allowed to access certain venue areas. All accredited people are requested to carry their Accreditation Cards with them at all times and to show them upon request.

Where to collect:

Accreditation can be collected at the Information Desk in the official hotel. Team managers will be required to present photographic identification for all team members.

The team Hotel will have an Information Desk where all the information will be provided, and where the accreditations will be delivered.

15. POINT SYSTEM & PRIZE MONEY

Point system and prize money distribution is explained within the [2025 Rules & Regulations](#).

Additionally, World Aquatics shall pay a minimum net total amount of five thousand United States dollars (US\$ 5.000) each to the men's and women's top 3 qualified athletes in the 3km Knockout Sprint, as follows:

Position	Prize Money
1 st	US\$ 2'500
2 nd	US\$ 1'500
3 rd	US\$ 1'000

16. MEDICAL

All Medical Support will be delivered by the local health authorities and in articulation with the World Aquatics Medical and Safety Officers, as well as World Aquatics Rules and Procedures.

17. VISA INFORMATION & TRANSPORTATION

All visitors to Setúbal, Portugal should have a valid visa for their entry and stay in the country.

The Portuguese Swimming Federation will facilitate an entry visa to Portugal to all participants and coordinate all the required procedures upon completion of registration in the World Aquatics GMS no later than **2 MAY 2025**.

For additional information on whether a Visa is needed for entry into the Setubal, Portugal please visit <http://www.sef.pt/portal/v10/PT/asp/page.aspx> Please note that application for Visa may take up to 3 or more days depending on various criteria.

Federations at the Lisbon International Airport ([https:// www.ana.pt/pt/lis/home](https://www.ana.pt/pt/lis/home)) at the Welcome Desk, providing transportation services only between the Airport, the Official Team hotel and the Competition /Training Venue.

Transportation schedules will be provided upon arrival and as part of the detailed Information Pack.

18.ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

The Portuguese Swimming Federation will organize accommodation to all participating athletes and team officials of that event as per World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup Rules & Regulations.

The Official Event hotel for the World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup, Setubal 2024 (Portugal) will be the Hotel Novotel Setubal. Please make sure you send the accommodation form to the Organizing Committee at goncalo.casquinha@fpnatacao.pt and secretaria@fpnatacao.pt by **2 MAY 2025**. The accommodation form can be found [here](#).

Hotel Novotel Setúbal **** (https://all.accor.com/hotel/1557/index.pt.shtml)	
Type	Price (full board) per night/per person
Single	235 €
Twin	190 €
Triple	165 €

*Payment deadline: **9 MAY 2025 (after this date 20% penalization)***

19. AQUA EVENTS INSIDER APP

**For direct event information,
please download the Events
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