

Garmin Predator Cup 2026

RULES

1. PURPOSE AND MISSION OF THE EVENT

- 1.1. To promote angling as an exciting, active, and healthy lifestyle — a sport, hobby, and form of recreation freely available to all residents of Latvia and its visitors.
- 1.2. To encourage the exchange of experience among participants and to identify the best anglers.
- 1.3. The event follows the principle: *catch, photograph, release*.

2. ORGANIZER

- 2.1. *Makšķernieku klubs OSPREY*, Reg. No. 40008205046.
- 2.2. Head Office Manager: **Mārtiņš Balodis**, martins@eholotes.eu; +371 29415814.

3. JURY

- 3.1. Jury President — responsible for public order, compliance with hygiene, fire safety, and security regulations, as well as ensuring the availability of medical assistance: **Mārtiņš Balodis**, martins@eholotes.eu; +371 29415814.
- 3.2. The Fish Registration Jury will be announced one month before the event.

4. EVENT PROGRAM

August 12–13 (Wednesday–Thursday)

- 09:00 – 18:00 Registration of participants: accreditation cards, boat number stickers, measuring boards at *Eholotes.eu* shop, Austuves Street 3a, Riga.
- Registered teams are provided with a place for their boat trailer at *Eholotes.eu* shop and a boat berth at the marina [City Yacht Club](#) free of charge.

August 14 (Friday)

- 06:30 – 07:30 Inspection of participants' boats and equipment, issuance of stickers for the first day.
- 08:00 Official Opening of the Garmin Predator Cup.
- 08:10 Departure to the starting area (River Daugava, near the City Yacht Club).
- 08:25 Start of boats and beginning of fishing.
- 08:25 – 17:30 Online results available.
- 17:30 End of fishing (crews must return to the City Yacht Club by this time).
- 18:00 Announcement of intermediate results.
- 18:15 Public awarding of the leading crews of Day 1.

- 19:00 – 20:00 Boat parade: route City Yacht Club – Andrejosta – Riga City Canal – City Yacht Club. Participants are encouraged to bring and display their sponsors' flags.

August 15 (Saturday)

- 06:30 – 07:30 Inspection of participants' boats and equipment, issuance of stickers for the second day.
- 08:10 Departure to the starting area (River Daugava, near the City Yacht Club).
- 08:25 Start of boats and beginning of fishing.
- 08:25 – 17:30 Online results available.
- 17:30 End of fishing (crews must return to the City Yacht Club by this time).
- 18:00 Announcement of final results, Awards Ceremony, and Official Closing of the competition.

5. VENUE

- **Location:** Riga, Ķīpsala, Balasta dambis, City Yacht Club.
- **Marina:** Free of charge for all registered participants from **August 12–16**. For additional training days, please contact the City Yacht Club directly. There are sufficient berths for guests.
👉 [City Yacht Club Marina Information](#)
- **Official Slipway (Boat Ramp):** [Google Maps Location](#)
- **Boat Trailer Parking (for registered participants):** Free of charge at *Eholotes.eu* shop, Austuves Street 3A, Riga.
👉 [Eholotes.eu Contact & Location](#)
- **Fishing License:** A national fishing card can be purchased online 👉 www.makskeresanaskarte.lv
- **Local Fishing Rules & Restrictions:** 👉 www.manacope.lv
- **Gas Stations on Water:**
 - [Map Location 1](#)
 - [Map Location 2](#)
- **Recommended Hotel near Marina:** 👉 [Islande Hotel](#)
- **Riga City Information:** 👉 [Live Riga](#)
- **Ferries:**
 - Sweden: *Nynäshamn – Ventspils*
 - Germany: *Travemünde – Liepāja*
👉 [Stena Line Routes](#)
- **Contact Person:**
For any logistical or practical questions, feel free to contact **Mārtiņš Balodis** by WhatsApp message or call: **+371 29415814**.

6. PARTICIPANTS

- 6.1.** Any resident of Latvia or foreign guest may participate in the competition. Participation is prohibited for athletes from the Russian Federation and Belarus. Participants must be **18 years or older**, except if accompanied by parents or if a written permit from a legal guardian is submitted and accepted by the Organizer.
- 6.2.** Crews consist of **two athletes per boat**. A third person may be present in the boat for the purpose of video approval of catches.
- 6.3.** Teams consist of **two crews (two boats)**.

7. APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES

- 7.1.** Athletes may apply for the competition either as an **individual crew** or as a **team**, in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.
- 7.2.** Registration and payment of the participation fee may be completed in one of the following ways:
- **By bank transfer** to the Organizer's account:
IBAN: **LV90PARX0027361460001**
Beneficiary: *Makšķernieku Klubs Osprey Biedriba*
 - **By cash** at the Organizer's head office.
- 7.3.** Applications will be accepted until **July 31, 2025, at 23:59**.
- 7.4.** The maximum number of boats is **75**.
- 7.5.** The system for measuring catches and scoring will remain unchanged unless the Organizer announces a new system.

8. ENTRY FEE

- 8.1.** The entry fee per crew/boat is:
- **€500** for registrations completed by **December 31, 2025**;
 - **€600** for registrations completed by **July 31, 2026**.
- Team entry is **free of charge** for the 2026 event.
- 8.2.** Boat numbers will be assigned once the entry fee payment has been received.
- 8.3.** The Organizer reserves the right to refuse a participant's entry into the competition without explanation, notifying the participant in writing by **July 31, 2026**. All participants must have an impeccable reputation. In such cases, the paid participation fee will be refunded.

9. OBLIGATIONS OF PARTICIPANTS

- 9.1.** By applying for the competition, the participant undertakes to:
- pay the entry fee set by the Organizer within the specified period;
 - comply with and follow the requirements and instructions of the Organizer, the decisions of the Jury, these Regulations;
 - observe the **Regulations on Fishing, Crayfish and Underwater Hunting** (Cabinet Regulation No. 800 of 22 December 2015);
 - observe the **Regulations on Vessel Traffic in Inland Waters** (Cabinet Regulation No. 92 of 9 February 2016);
 - observe the **Regulations of the Freeport of Riga** (binding regulations No. 77 of 4 February 2020);
 - comply with all other laws and regulatory enactments in force at the time and place of the competition.

- 9.2.** The participant confirms that his/her health condition, skills, and abilities allow participation in fishing sport competitions and undertakes not to create situations or engage in actions that may endanger the safety or health of others.
- 9.3.** The participant acknowledges that the use of photo, video, or audio material recorded during the event for commercial purposes without the written permission of the Organizer is prohibited.
- 9.4.** The participant agrees that persons accredited by the Organizer may photograph and film the course of the competition, including fishing activities in the athletes' boats. Participants must cooperate with camera operators and assist them in creating valuable content for spectators.
- 9.5.** The participant confirms that the Organizer may use the data provided by the competitor for organizational and sponsor-related purposes, as far as the preparation, conduct, and reporting of the competition are concerned. The participant also authorizes the Organizer and accredited persons to publicly release competition results, as well as photos and videos in which the anglers are recognizable, through press, television, and the internet, including the Organizer's official website.

10. COMPETITION AREA

The competition will take place on **public waters accessible from the official starting point** of the competition using the participant's boat.

- The **start and finish areas are excluded** from the competition zone.
- Participants must use the **Mana Cope** application to follow speed limits and restricted areas:
 - [iOS App Store](#)
 - [Google Play Store](#)

For **maps and charts of the fishing venue**, please contact our sponsor: 🇪🇺 [Eholotes.eu](https://eholotes.eu) – [Depth Maps](#)

11. COMPETITION PROCEDURE

- 11.1.** The competition will take place according to the program and schedule compiled by the Organizer. Both athletes of each crew must participate in the boat parade, boat inspection, awards ceremony, and other activities organized by the Organizer.
- 11.2.** Stickers for participants' measuring boards must be collected separately for each competition day.
- 11.3.** Each athlete will receive an accreditation card, which must be carried at all times during the competition.
- 11.4.** If one athlete from a crew cannot attend on any competition day, the other athlete may compete alone.
- 11.5.** Boats will start one after another in the order of their assigned start numbers, passing through the start gate. Boat No. 1 starts first, Boat No. 2 second, and so on. The same starting order applies on both competition days. Overtaking before the starting line is prohibited unless explicit permission is received from the Start Jury.
- 11.6.** Start number stickers are assigned based on the order of registration and payment received — earlier registrations receive lower (priority) numbers.

- 11.7.** Numbers must be affixed by competitors to both sides of their boat in a clearly visible way and kept on throughout the competition.
- 11.8.** Stickers issued by the Organizer, including those featuring competition supporters, must be affixed on both sides of the boat and remain there for the duration of the competition. No other competition numbers are allowed on the boat.
- 11.9.** The official start will be organized on the River Daugava (in front of the City Yacht Club venue).
- 11.10.** The fishing area is not limited. Crews may freely choose their fishing location, taking into account the technical condition of the boat, technical possibilities, and fuel capacity, ensuring compliance with the competition schedule. Fishing within the harbor at the start/finish area is prohibited.
- 11.11.** Fish must be caught using angling techniques: one athlete, one rod, equipped with a single artificial bait.
- 11.12.** Artificial lures may be equipped with one to three single, double, or treble hooks.
- 11.13.** Each crew is responsible for photographing their catches. Photos and the result application must be submitted by one athlete of the crew. The result report must be filled in, signed by both crew members, and submitted in person. Crews are also kindly asked to cooperate with the marketing team by providing release videos to enhance the angling experience for spectators.
- 11.14.** Once a boat has crossed the finish buoy, fishing is no longer allowed. Within the marina, fishing and registration of catches is prohibited until explicit permission is granted by the Jury.

12. RECORDING, PHOTOGRAPHY AND SUBMISSION OF FISH CAUGHT

- 12.1.** Using the WhatsApp mobile application, participants must submit **two photos** of each eligible fish to the number provided by the Organizer.
- 12.1.1.** The first photo must show the fish placed on the measuring board provided by the Organizer so that the following are clearly visible:
- the length of the fish;
 - the figures on the ruler;
 - the competition day sticker;
 - the fish's muzzle supported against the ruler stop.
- The official length of the fish will be determined by the Jury.
- 12.2.** The second photo must show the fish together with the angler and the angler's competition ID card, clearly visible. This photo must be taken by the other crew member.
- 12.3.** In both photos, the **left side of the fish** must be shown clearly and completely.
- 12.4.** Photos must be taken only with the **registered mobile phones** of the athletes who caught the fish.
- 12.5.** (intentionally skipped in original draft)
- 12.6.** Only **two photos per fish** may be submitted, and each photo may only be submitted once. The length of the fish will be confirmed by the Jury.

12.7. Photos of bleeding fish or otherwise unethical photos will not be accepted, and such fish will not be counted.

12.8. Photos must be submitted no later than **five (5) minutes** after the fish has been lifted from the water. (Storing fish in a livewell is permitted only with the approval of the Jury President, if additional time is required for the recovery of a large fish before release.)

12.9. Each individual fish may be counted only once during the entire competition (no double entries).

12.10. Fish that cannot be released due to severe injuries must be kept in accordance with the minimum size limits set by local regulations. The Jury President must be informed beforehand, and explicit approval must be obtained.

12.11. If the submitted photos meet the specified criteria, the Jury will accept them. If one or both photos fail to meet the criteria, the Jury will not accept them. The decision of the Jury is final and indisputable.

12.12. The Jury has the right to request additional proof of authenticity of a catch. In such cases, participants must provide a video of the release of the fish, clearly showing the fish, the action of lifting it from the ruler, and its release into the water. Competitors may also provide additional videos proving that the fish was caught on the competition day during permitted hours.

12.13. If the Jury has doubts about the authenticity of a catch and the competitor cannot convincingly prove otherwise, the Jury will make an independent decision.

12.14. The **Top 6 winning boats** must present to the Jury and submit to the Organizer videos of all **9 caught fish**, showing the entire process of catching, retrieving, measuring, and releasing each fish, if required. Action cameras must be used.

12.15. Upon the Jury's request, teams must provide or share their **location** during competition fishing time.

12.16. The results of any crew returning to the marina **after the set time** will not be counted.

13. RESULTS

13.1. The final result (both days combined) consists of points awarded for each centimeter of length from the **three (3) longest fish** caught, from the following species: pike, pikeperch (zander), and perch.

- Crews receive **100 bonus points** if, over the course of both competition days, they register **3 perch, 3 pikeperch, and 3 pike**.
- On the second day, competitors continue with the result achieved on the first day.

13.2. Minimum accepted lengths:

- Pike: **50 cm**
- Pikeperch (zander): **45 cm**
- Perch: **25 cm**

Only fish meeting these minimum lengths in accordance with these Rules will be counted.

13.3. The length of fish is recorded as follows:

- Measured in **whole centimeters**, rounded down.
- Example: perch 31.0 cm = registered as 31 cm; perch 31.9 cm = registered as 31 cm.

13.4. Rankings for crews are determined by the total points received, including any additional points. More points = higher placement.

13.5. In the case of a tie in points between crews, placement is decided as follows:

1. The crew with 9 fish is ranked higher.
2. If still tied, the crew with the longest single fish is ranked higher.
3. If the longest fish are identical, the crew that caught the accepted fish closer to the end of the fishing time is ranked higher.
4. If still tied, the crew that registered their fish first is ranked higher.

13.6. A team's result is the sum of the points received by both its crews, including additional points (if applicable). More points = higher placement.

13.7. In the case of a tie in team points, placement is decided as follows:

1. The team with 18 fish is ranked higher.
2. If still tied, the team whose crew caught the longest single fish is ranked higher.
3. If the longest fish are identical, the team whose crew caught the longest fish closer to the end of fishing time is ranked higher.
4. If still tied, the team whose crew first registered a fish is ranked higher.

13.8. Protests regarding results must be submitted in writing to the Jury within 15 minutes after the end of fishing.

13.9. The Jury reserves the right to review and clarify the recorded results based on submitted photos if any violations are identified.

14. REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPANTS

14.1. Athletes' physical abilities, state of health, knowledge, and skills must allow them to safely participate in the competition.

14.2. Athletes must be properly registered for the event, and the entry fee must be fully paid for the crew or team within the period specified in these Regulations.

14.3. Athletes must provide themselves with the following:

- **14.3.1.** A fully charged mobile phone with internet connection and camera, ensuring the ability to take and submit photos and fish release videos for the duration of each competition day.
- **14.3.2.** An action camera, or a cameraman in the boat, to record the fishing process.
- **14.3.3.** A valid Latvian Fishing Card (www.manacope.lv) or a document authorizing fishing without it.
- **14.3.4.** A valid document certifying the right to operate a boat (at least one athlete per boat must hold this).
- **14.3.5.** Angling gear, artificial lures, and accessories for the safe and gentle capture and release of fish.
- **14.3.6.** Weatherproof clothing and footwear.
- **14.3.7.** Water and food supplies, if needed.

14.4. Each crew must provide a boat that is equipped in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, meets the needs of the athletes, and is in good technical condition.

14.5. Participants are responsible for the care of their angling equipment and boats. The Organizer is not responsible for boats, equipment, or personal belongings of competitors.

14.6. Competitors are solely responsible for their own safety on the water and must observe all fishing and navigation rules.

14.7. Athletes must agree to inspections of their boat and equipment before the start of each competition day and during competition hours.

14.8. Athletes must take a photo/video operator on board during the competition to provide live video coverage. Teams may use their own operator who provides a livestream from the boat, using a phone with a high-quality camera (can also be provided by the Organizer).

- Organizers must be informed of the cameraman's name and phone number no later than **July 31**.
- The video operator must attend a technical meeting on **Thursday evening at the City Yacht Club** to test livestreaming and receive instructions.

14.9. Athletes must install and use any video cameras provided by the Organizer on their boats whenever instructed.

15. PROHIBITED

It is strictly prohibited for participants to:

15.1. Participate in the competition under the influence of alcohol. (Noticeable alcohol consumption may be determined by the Jury, and such decisions are final and not subject to appeal.)

15.2. Register or submit photos of fish caught by another person and/or outside official competition hours.

15.3. Use live or dead natural bait.

15.4. Display rude behavior, use offensive language, or apply physical force during the competition.

15.5. Show disrespect towards other competitors, athletes, the Jury, spectators, or the Organizer.

15.6. Participate without the official ruler and ID card issued by the Organizer.

15.7. Begin fishing before the official start time or continue fishing after the official end time on competition days.

15.8. Operate the boat using the main outboard engine without wearing a life jacket.

15.9. Feed or otherwise attract fish to a specific area.

15.10. Use two or more lures simultaneously per competitor.

15.11. Use more than one rod at a time per competitor.

15.12. Angle in official shipping routes of the main Daugava River.

15.13. Engage in trolling.

15.14. Engage in vertical jigging.

15.15. Approach closer than **50 meters** to another boat, whether participating in the competition or not. If a boat at anchor is approached closer than 50 meters, the anchored crew must warn the approaching boat to respect the distance.

15.16. Disturb other anglers in any way.

15.17. Continue angling in a narrow passage when another boat is required to pass, if that boat is within 50 meters.

15.18. Leave the boat during competition hours without permission from the Jury.

16. PENALTIES

16.1. For violation of these rules, the panel of jury may apply the following types of penalties:

16.1.1. issue a warning – **yellow card**;

16.1.2. reduce points (30; 50; 100);

16.1.3. cancel the day result;

16.1.4. cancel the competition result;

16.1.5. apply disqualification.

16.2. If athletes are found to have engaged in fraudulent submission — including but not limited to:

- submitting fish not caught by the athlete during the official competition day and time;
- presenting fish previously caught, brought in from elsewhere, kept in traps, or otherwise concealed in the water;
- obtaining fish in any way other than by the permitted angling technique

the athletes will be **immediately disqualified** from the competition and **banned from all future competitions organized by the Organizer**.

16.3. Within **30 days after the end of the competition**, the Jury reserves the right to apply disqualification if rule violations are detected based on:

- video footage from boats;
- recordings from spectators or cameramen;
- submitted photos or other evidence.

In such cases, prizes, medals, and trophies must be returned to the Organizer within **10 days** of the disqualification decision.

17. ADVERTISING

17.1. Advertising is permitted on competitors' clothing, uniforms, hats, bags, boats, and cars, provided it does not feature advertising related to a disqualified company, association, or athlete.

17.2. It is prohibited to place or distribute advertising at the event venue without the prior consent of the Organizer.

17.3. It is prohibited to place a vehicle or other means of transport containing advertising in the area of the opening or awards ceremonies without the prior approval of the Organizer.

17.4. During the event, or at the request of the Organizer or the Jury, participants must move their vehicle or boat to a designated area.

17.5. At the event venue, crew/team flags and sponsor flags may only be displayed on the respective boat.

18. SAFETY, DATA PROTECTION, FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

18.1. By applying for the competition, the participant confirms that the Organizer may use the data provided by the participant for the needs of the Organizer and sponsors, insofar as it relates to the organization, conduct, and reporting of the competition.

18.2. By registering for the event, the participant confirms that:

18.2.1. their state of health, skills, and abilities allow them to participate in the competition;

18.2.2. they are fully responsible for their own safety, including while on the water;

18.2.3. they will not create situations or engage in actions that may endanger the safety or health of others;

18.2.4. they grant permission to the Organizer and accredited persons to publish their name, surname, competition results, photos, and videos in which they are recognizable, in the press, on television, and online, including on the Organizer's website;

18.2.5. they are informed that, without written permission from the Organizer, the use of photos, videos, or audio recordings taken during the event for commercial purposes is prohibited;

18.2.6. they undertake to comply with these Regulations;

18.2.7. they agree that accredited persons may photograph and film the course of the competition, including the angling process and onboard activities.

18.3. Journalists must obtain official accreditation to cover the event.

19. AWARDS

19.1. The winners of the **top ten places** in the crew category will be awarded.

19.2. Awards will be presented to the winners in the **3 Longest Perch** nomination.

19.3. Awards will be presented to the winners in the **3 Longest Zander** nomination.

19.4. Awards will be presented to the winners in the **3 Longest Pike** nomination.

19.5. The winners of the **top three places** in the team category will be awarded.

19.6. The Organizer reserves the right to award additional prizes for other achievements.

19.7. Participants are solely responsible for complying with local regulations, or the regulations of their country of residence, regarding the payment of taxes on income received from awards and prizes.

20. PROTESTS

20.1. Protests are accepted only in writing and must be accompanied by a security deposit of **EUR 100.00**.

20.2. A verbal protest must be submitted within **15 minutes** after the end of the competition and confirmed in writing within **30 minutes** after the end of the competition.

20.3. If the protest is upheld, the security deposit will be returned to the protester. If the protest is rejected, the deposit will not be returned and will be transferred to the Organizer's bank account.

20.4. In cases where any clause of these Regulations may be interpreted ambiguously, the interpretation and intent of the original Latvian-language version shall prevail.

Official Information Channels

 Website: www.GarminPredatorCup.com

 Facebook: facebook.com/GarminPredatorCup

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