



2017 OPTIMIST EUROPEAN TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

Lago di Ledro, ITALY
August 22 - 27

The European Optimist Team Racing Championship (ETRC) is organised by the Associazione Vela Lago di Ledro and the Italian Optimist Association under the authority of the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA) and with the permission of the Italian Sailing Federation.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix D.
- 1.2 The current Conditions of the IODA will apply as varied below.
- 1.3 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 Rule 40 and the preamble to Part 4 are changed as follows:
 - 1.4.1 The first sentence of rule 40 is deleted and replaced by: "Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) according to class rule 4.2 (a), properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing."
 - 1.4.2 Add to the preamble of Part 4, after 'racing': ", except rule 40 as amended by instruction 1.4.1"
- 1.5 CR 4.3 (c) - paddle – shall not apply. Each competitor shall carry a whistle (which will not be supplied) securely attached to the personal buoyancy device (CR 4.2.a).
- 1.6 RRS 61.1 (a) (2) shall not apply. The required red protest flag shall be attached to the competitor, clothing or PFD and shall be capable of being concealed and being displayed at arm's length. To indicate a protest, the flag shall be deployed from a concealed position to a position where it is easily visible to the protested boat and Umpires.
- 1.7 Rule changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats and equipment are supplied by the Organising Authority. World Sailing Regulation 20.4.2 applies, and boats shall display the event advertising as supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 2.2 Individual advertising may be displayed according to World Sailing Regulation 20.3.1 on clothing only.
- 2.3 While racing, competitors shall be required to wear bibs or life jackets, which have displayed, on the back, their national letters and/or national flags. These shall be worn outside all other clothing, according to Regulation 20.3.1. The bibs or life jackets will NOT be provided by the Organising Authority and shall be identical for all the members of each team.
- 2.4 Class Rules regarding identification 2.7.3.3, 2.7.4 and 2.7.5 shall not apply.

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3. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. This changes rule 63.6.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 The championship is organised for 16 teams from European member countries, selected on the basis of the points of their sailors at the Optimist European Championship 2016, as described in 4.4 below. See also:

http://www.optiworld.org/uploaded_files/Country%20Ranking%20for%20Posting%202017%20ETRC.pdf
[2530_en.pdf](#)

4.2 Eligible teams may enter through the national association member of IODA they represent, hereinafter 'member'.

4.3 The members of the teams shall be born in 2002 or later. The FIV and AICO (Associazione Italiana Classe Optimist) rule on minimum age does not apply.

4.4 The total points excluding discards of the best two sailors of one gender and the best two of the other from each country will be added to give a total team score. The 16 teams with the best total team scores will race in the ETRC. Any team that qualifies but does not wish to participate or fails to comply with 5.1 below shall be replaced by the next ranked team.

4.5 Each team shall be made up of four sailors (maximum 2 of the same gender) and shall be accompanied by a Coach. The sailors who participate in the ETRC will not have participated in the Optimist World Championship, except as provided in condition 7.1.c of the Conditions for the Optimist European Championship.

4.6 Competitors must comply with WS Reg. 19.4 (Eligibility) and 19.6 (Events Requiring World Sailing Eligibility)

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5. ENTRY

5.1 Entries shall be made according to the following schedule:

5.1.1 Countries entering the required minimum number of sailors (see 4.4 above) at the Optimist European Championship shall confirm in writing on or before **March 15, 2017** whether, if they qualify, they intend to participate in the ETRC.

5.1.2 On or before **May 2, 2017** each country that qualifies as one of the first 16 teams as defined in 4.1 above shall validate their participation by paying the entry fee. Payment shall be made by bank transfer. (See instructions below)

5.1.3 Any country which does not comply with 5.1.2 will cease to be eligible and the place(s) will be offered to those next ranked which shall confirm their participation within 7 days of such offer(s) and make payment as shown above.

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5.1.4 The Final Entry Form, showing the details of the team members and coach, shall be submitted not later than **August 7, 2017** to morapaola86@gmail.com

6. ENTRY FEES

- 6.1 The entry fee will be EUR 1000 per team and will include the use of equipment, accommodation and meals for 4 sailors and one coach per team. Official accommodation for these five will be available from 1400 on August 22nd until 1100 on August 27th 2017.
- 6.2 Entries shall be made as shown in paragraph 5 above, accompanied by the entry fee of EUR 1000 per team, which will not be refunded in case of withdrawal.
- 6.3 A damage deposit of EUR 500 will be charged at registration and refunded at the end of the event if no damage has occurred. (A credit card number will be accepted as damage deposit as well).
- 6.4 A team found by the Organising Authority to be responsible for causing specific damage to equipment, accommodation etc. will be charged for such damage and the cost of the damage shall be deducted from their damage deposit.
- 6.5 The limit of liability for any one incident is EUR 500.
- 6.6 In the event that deductions are made during the Championship from a damage deposit, the deposit will be required to be restored to the original value before that team can continue racing.
- 6.7 Any remaining deposit will be refunded within 10 days of the end of the event.
- 6.8 Payment instructions:

Beneficiary: Associazione Vela Lago di Ledro a.s.d.

Beneficiary's address: Via Alzer-Pieve 38067 LEDRO - ITALY

Name of bank: CASSA RURALE LEDRO

Bank address: Via Chiassi-Bezzecca – 38067 Ledro

International Bank Account Number (IBAN): IT91K080267214000000000598

SWIFT Code (BIC): CCRTIT2T06A

- 6.9 Fees shall be paid in EUR.
- 6.10 Fees shall be free of bank commissions. Any bank fee will be charged to the competitors.

7. FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 7.1 Four sailors, at least two of whom shall be of a different gender from the others, shall represent each team in a race.
- 7.2 The format will be one or more round robins followed by semi-finals and finals. It will be described in the Sailing Instructions and may be varied as described therein.

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7.3 Initial seeding will be based on ranking as described in 4.4 above.

8. PROGRAM

8.1

Tuesday, August 22	Official Arrival Day. Registration. Practice. Meeting with Umpires. Opening Ceremony.
Wednesday, August 23	ETRC, races.
Thursday, August 24	ETRC, races.
Friday, August 25	ETRC, races.
Saturday, August 26	ETRC, races. Prize Giving Ceremony.
Sunday, August 27	Official Departure Day.

8.2 The schedule of races will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. RESERVED

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available upon registration at the Venue.

11. VENUE

The Championship will be in the Commune of Ledro, and the racing area will be on Lago di Ledro. Attachment 1 shows the location of the regatta harbour and the racing area.

12. THE COURSE

The course will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

The races will be umpired according to RRS D 2.

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14. SCORING

- 14.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS D3.
14.2 RRS Appendix A6 will apply.

15. SUPPORT BOATS

Motor boats are forbidden on Lago di Ledro, an exception being made only for the boats from the Organising Authority. There will be a special “Coach Station” close to the shore to be used exclusively by the coach and the spare team member. No spectator boat will be available.

16. EQUIPMENT

- 16.1 The Organising Authority will provide 32 Optimists (complete with sails, spars, foils and all equipment except buoyancy aids), which will be allocated on a random basis either daily or before each round as decided by the Race Committee.
16.2 Instructions for handling the boats will be included with the Sailing Instructions.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1 Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to each member of the three best placed teams.
17.2 More prizes might be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

18. RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1 Competitors and support team members participate in the championship entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Sailing is, by its nature, an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event each competitor and the responsible adult agrees and acknowledges that:
- 18.1(a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - 18.1(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 18.1(c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
 - 18.1(d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event, and they are fit to participate;
 - 18.1(e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - 18.1(f) The provision of a patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - 18.1(g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for this venue or event, and to attend any safety briefings held for the event.

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18.1 (h) It is the decision of the coach to allow the competitors to take part in the races and therefore they shall sign the declaration of participation on entry.

19. RESERVED

20. MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in this championship, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, the IODA, and the sponsors of the championship the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the championship, and of all of his or her material related to the championship, without compensation.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

21.1 For further information and queries, please contact:

Associazione Vela Lago di Ledro a.s.d.
Via Alzer – Pieve 38067 Ledro
Morapaola86@gmail.com

21.2 Each participating country shall designate a person to be the official contact with the Organising Committee and provide an e-mail address.

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ATTACHMENT 1: RACING AREA



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A. *BEHAVIOUR*

Team members and officials shall observe the regulations of the host club and the house rules of the hotel and shall behave correctly at all times. Bad behaviour at any time, whether on shore or afloat, with or without any damage to the facilities, may be investigated by the Jury who may call a hearing and impose a scoring penalty when appropriate.

The following information is not part of the rules of the event

B. *ACCOMMODATION, LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AND MEALS*

- 2.1. Competitors and team officials will be housed in three star hotels nearby the club. Official accommodation will be available from 1400 on August 22, 2017 until 1100 on August 27, 2017.
- 2.2. The address of the hotel will be provided upon arrival.
- 2.3. Three meals a day will be provided. Breakfast and dinner will be served at the hotel, packed lunches will be delivered at the club. The first official meal will be dinner on August 22 2017 and the last official meal will be breakfast on August 27, 2017.
- 2.4. A damage deposit (cost TBA) per room may be charged by the hotel and will be refunded if no damage has occurred. The damage deposit and other extra charges will be paid directly to the hotel and may be paid cash or by credit card.
- 2.5. Special food can be provided if requested in advance.

C. *EARLY ARRIVALS*

- 3.1. Club facilities will not be available before the official arrival day.
- 3.2. Teams wishing to arrive before the official arrival date, as well as supporters, should contact Mrs. Paola Mora: morapaola86@gmail.com Tel: +39 0464 591234 Fax: +39 046 923635.
- 3.3. Please make reservations before June 30, 2017 to guarantee availability.
- 3.4. Supporters should note that hotels allocated to teams will not be advised in advance and that therefore they cannot reserve rooms at the same hotel as the team. Supporters attend the event entirely at their own expense.

D. *TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT*

- 4.1. Transport from and to Verona Catullo or Brescia Dannunzio airports, or Rovereto railway station can be provided. Contact morapaola86@gmail.com
- 4.2. Directions for arrival by car can be found by visiting the page below and keying in "Italy", Postcode: "38067" and City: "Pieve di Ledro". AVLL is on the via Alzer9.
<http://world.maporama.com/idl/maporama/>.

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E. SOCIAL EVENTS

To enhance the friendship between the competitors and to make their stay in Italy more enjoyable, appropriate social events will be organised. Casual attire.

F. MISCELLANEOUS

- 6.1. Each team is kindly requested to bring its own National Flag (100cm x 150cm).
- 6.2. There are no medical precautions that need to be taken to enter Italy.

G. SAILING CONDITIONS

<i>Daytime temperature</i>	<i>15°C – 25°C</i>
<i>Water temperature</i>	<i>20°C</i>
<i>Min-Max wind speed</i>	<i>10 – 15 knots</i>

H. VISA REQUIREMENTS

Delegations shall contact an Italian Embassy or Consulate in their country to get the latest visa requirements. Team members who require visas are advised to ensure that the duration of these extends until date of departure from Italy.