

2008 IODA EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

FRAGLIA VELA RIVA – LAKE GARDA – ITALY

28 June – 6 July

PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF RACE

1. VENUE

The 2008 IODA European Championship will be held from June 28 to July 6 2008 in Riva del Garda – Lake Garda - Italy. Attachment A shows the location of the Regatta Harbour and the Racing Area.

2. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Championship is organized by the Fraglia Vela Riva and the Italian Optimist Association under the authority of the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA) and with the permission of the Italian Sailing Federation.

3. LANGUAGE

English shall be the official language for the Championship.

4. RULES

4.1. The Championship shall be sailed under the following rules:

- a. The current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (except as altered by the Sailing Instructions);
- b. The current Class Rules and Conditions of the IODA;
- c. The Notice of Race;
- d. The Sailing Instructions (SI) and their amendments;

4.2. The prescriptions of the Italian Sailing Federation will not apply.

4.3. Advertising will be restricted to Category A, according to ISAF Regulation 20. All competitors may be required to display advertising of the event sponsors on each side of the hull in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3(d)(i).

4.4. Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

4.5. Boats shall “conspicuously display a red flag” according to the second sentence of RRS 61.1(a). (Amends RRS 61.1(a)(2)) A boat required to display a flag shall do so until she is no longer racing and shall inform the Race Committee of the boat being protested immediately after finishing. (Amends RRS 61.1(a), third sentence)

5. INTERNATIONAL JURY

An international Jury will be constituted in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Decisions of the International Jury are final and not subject to appeal as provided in RRS 70.4.

6. ELIGIBILITY

6.1. Competitors shall comply with the ISAF Eligibility Code, Regulation 19 and with the Conditions for IODA Continental and IODA European Championships.

6.2. Each European member of IODA may enter up to 7 sailors with a maximum of 4 being of the same gender.

6.3. Each non European member of IODA may enter up to 4 sailors with a maximum of 3 being of the same gender.

6.4. Each team shall be accompanied by a Team Leader and may be accompanied by two other adults.

6.5. Italy, as host nation, may enter two teams.

6.6. Competitors who will sail in 2008 IODA World Sailing Championship are not allowed to participate, except that,

6.7. The defending 2007 European (closed) champions (boy and girl) may participate, if eligible, in addition to those stated in 6.2 above.

6.8. Each competitor entered by an IODA member shall have been born in 1993 or later.

6.9. Competitors shall be either national or bona fide residents of the country they represent, unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive Committee. A competitor who has represented one country at an IODA World or Continental Championship shall not represent another member country except in cases of alteration of residence, which cases shall be approved by the IODA Executive Committee.

6.10. Attention is drawn to ISAF Regulations relative to the ISAF World Youth Championship. (Changes of nationality)

7. FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

7.1. The IODA European Championship shall comprise two equal events, one for boys and one for girls. Girls and boys will sail in separate fleets.

7.2. Each fleet shall be divided into four divisions (as far as possible with the same number of boats) each of which will sail at least once, and if conditions permit, up to four times with each of the other divisions.

7.3. The allocation to divisions shall be done by the Race Committee at 1200 on June 29 with the list of sailors already registered by that time. Sailors registering later will be added at the bottom of the sorted list in the order of arrival.

7.4. No more than four races will be sailed on any day.

8. PROGRAM

June 21 to 27	Early arrivals.
Saturday, June 28th	Official Arrival Day.
14:00hrs.	Official accommodation available from
	Registration and Measurement.
Sunday, 29th	Registration and Measurement.
	Practice race.
	Team Leaders' meeting.

Opening Ceremony.

Monday, June 30th Races.

Tuesday, July 1st Races.

Wednesday, July 2nd Races.

Thursday, July 3rd Races.

Friday, July 4th Races.

Saturday, July 5th Races.

Prize giving and Closing Ceremony.

Sunday, July 6th Official Departure Day.

Accommodations must be left and returned in their original state before 10:00 hours.

9. SCORING

9.1. The series shall consist of up to 12 races, of which 3 must be completed to constitute a championship.

9.2. Each race of two divisions will be scored as one race in which all competitors of those two divisions have entered. Allocation of points according to RRS A4.2 will consider that “the number of competitors entered in the series” is the maximum number of competitors after grouping the two largest divisions. Only races which have been completed for all 4 divisions will count.

9.3. Each boat’s total score will be the sum of her scores for all races except that when 12 races have been completed, her two worst scores shall be excluded or if only 4 or more but less than 12 races have been completed, her single worst score shall be excluded.

10. SAFETY

10.1. Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times while afloat. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. If the buoyancy device is of an inflatable type, it shall be inflated at all times while afloat. This changes RRS 40.

10.2. Each boat shall have on board a paddle securely attached to the hull by a lanyard or elastic cord (CR 4.3.c). The blade surface of such paddle shall not be less than 0.025 square meters. Each competitor shall carry a whistle securely attached to the personal buoyancy device (CR 4.2.a). Competitors not complying with this instruction will be attributed a penalty of 5 points for each race of the day on which they have failed to observe this instruction.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

11.1. Team support boats shall be registered with the Organizing Committee (OC) and used according to the following conditions:

a. Mechanically propelled boats are generally prohibited on Northern Lake Garda, however, during this event a special permit to use such boats may be issued by the organising authority. Team leaders/coaches having a boat, shall produce the following documents to the organising authority: rib's engine registration document (engine brand name - engine serial numbers); rib's engine insurance; driver's identity document.

b. Team leaders/coaches shall register at <http://www.fragliavelariva.it/> and complete on-site registration at the race office at the venue.

c. Each support boat shall fly a specific flag which will be supplied the Organising Authority together with the navigation permit.

d. From June 28th boats shall be shared by coaches of at least two different countries as decided by the OC. No more than one person from each team shall be on the water in a support boat at the same time.

e. All support boats shall comply with the rules established by the OC.

f. Fuel and other consumables will be paid by the teams using the boat.

11.2. From June 28 to July 5 2008, when two teams have to share one boat according to 11.1.d, team support boats (4,7m length – 25HP) may be hired from the organizers at € 200,00 per day including insurance but excluding fuel.

11.3. From 21 to 27 June 2008, pre-regatta support boats may be hired from the OC at the price of € 200,00 per boat per day, including insurance but excluding fuel.

11.4. Reservation of the support boats to be used during the regatta or during the pre-regatta period must be done by March 1st 2008 together with

the payment of 50% of the total amount. The remaining 50% must be received before May 1st 2008.

11.5. A damage deposit of € 500,00 (in cash) per boat will be charged at registration in the Regatta Office and refunded at the end of the championship provided the boat is in good conditions. Should the OC decide to deduct from the damage deposit, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the coaches are permitted to use the boat again. Any remaining deposit will be refunded at the end of the Championship. Damage deductions will be shared by the teams using the boat.

11.6. See point 16.4 for payment instructions.

12. SPECTATORS' BOATS

The organisers may supply spectators' boats for parents and other supporters. If done, tickets will be available at the Regatta Office at registration. Costs to be announced. However, the racing area can be viewed from any point on the coast of the lake.

13. MEASUREMENT

13.1. Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, daggerboard, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the Championship. These parts of the equipment will be scrutineered and may be measured by the Measurement Sub-Committee according to the Measurement Regulations, and approved by this sub Committee to be complying with the Class Rules.

13.2 GRP boats shall be equipped with epoxy foils.

13.3. Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted providing that:

- a. The damaged equipment has been checked by the Measurement Committee;
- b. The substituting equipment is presented for measurement to the Measurement Committee after the end of the day's racing.
- c. Such substitution is subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.

13.4. Only boats officially chartered for the Regatta through the OC may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of the Class Rules.

The national letters to be carried shall be those of the country entering the chartered boat, and the number shall consist of the number of digits equal to the most recently issued sail number in that country. All other boats shall be correctly registered in the country of the competitor and shall carry the correct sail numbers for the boat.

13.5. Hulls officially chartered through the organisers shall be supplied with a Registration Book but are exempt from complying with Class Rule 2.4.3 (b) and (c).

13.6. Competitors are only allowed to compete in the championship in boats correctly registered in the country of the competitor or charter boats officially chartered for the championship through the OC.

13.7 Sails measuring to the maximum limits during the measurement days may be re-measured at any time during the regatta.

13.8 Sails to be used during the event shall have already been measured before the event.

14. LIABILITY

14.1. Participants compete entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

14.2. The Organizing Authority and any other party involved in the organization of the Championship accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss or claim, whether personal or material, incurred by or inflicted to participants before, during or after the Championship.

14.3. All competitors and support staff will be required to execute liability waiver.

15. INSURANCE

Each competitor shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 1,000,000,00 per event or the equivalent. Teams unable to contract the insurance in their country should contact the organizers.

16. ENTRY FEES

16.1. Entry fee including accommodation and meals, between official Arrival Day (June 28th) and Official Departure Day (July 6th) will be per sailor € 490,00 for sailors and € 590,00 per person for up to three team officials (point 6.4).

16.2. Fees Payable

a. 25% must be received by Bank Draft or Wire Transfer by March 1st 2008.

b. The balance of fees (75%) must be received by Bank Draft or Wire Transfer by May 1st 2008.

c. A surcharge of 25% of entry fees will be charged to all late entries. All late entries include funds received after the initial or second payment schedule. This surcharge will apply to all payments for entry fees, charter boats and support boats.

16.3. Official accommodation can not be guaranteed for entries received after 1st of April.

16.4. Payment instructions:

a. Please make payments to

Beneficiary: Fraglia Vela Riva – Via G. Maroni, 2 – 38066 Riva del Garda – ITALY

Account Number: 000060300601

Bank - City: CASSA RURALE CONDINO – Via S. Nazzaro, 2 – 38066 Riva del Garda

IBAN – NR: IT61 C 08063 35320 000060300601

Swift Code (BIC): CCRTIT2T19A

b. Fees must be paid in €.

c. Fees must be free of bank commissions for the beneficiary. Any bank fee will be charged to the competitors.

17. ENTRIES

Entries shall be made with the official forms, according to the following schedule:

- a. For reasons of planning (accommodation and boats available for chartering) the Preliminary Entry Form, shall be returned to the OC not later than March 1st 2008;
- b. The Second Entry Form shall be returned to the OC not later than May 1st 2008;
- c. The Final Entry Form shall be returned to the OC as soon as qualification trials are finished and names of competitors and accompanying adults are defined, but not later than June 10th 2008.

18. ACCOMMODATION

- 18.1. Competitors and team officials will be housed in hotels nearby the Club.
- 18.2. Official accommodation will be available from 14:00 on June 28th until 10:00 on July 6th .
- 18.3. All three meals will be provided. Breakfast and dinner will be provided at the accommodation. Lunch packet at midday will be provided at the Club.
- 18.4. The first official meal will be the dinner on June 28th and the last official meal will be the breakfast on July 6th.
- 18.5. A damage deposit of € 200,00 per room may be charged (in cash) by the OC and will be refunded if no damage has occurred. All damage costs above the damage deposit will additionally be charged to the team.
- 18.6. Special food can be provided if requested in advance. Please give details of the special requests by May 1st 2008 filling in the corresponding field in the Second Entry Form.

19. EARLY ARRIVALS

- 19.1. Teams wishing to arrive before the official arrival date should return the Early Arrival Accommodation Form by March, 1st, 2008 in order to book accommodation in the official hotels. The daily fee per person per day will be € 70,00 including breakfast.
- 19.2. Club facilities will be open from June 21st.

20. CHARTER BOATS

20.1. Charter boats are not mandatory.

20.2. Charter boats supplied by Nautivela will be available on June 21st. Boats will be allocated on a random basis to individual sailors by the Organising Committee under the supervision of the IODA Executive Committee.

20.3. Competitors shall not modify the boats or cause them to be modified in any way except that

- a. a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
- b. wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
- c. hulls, daggerboards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water;
- d. adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line;
- e. all fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the Class Rules are complied with.

20.4. Competitors may use their own foils, spars, fittings and running rigging.

20.5. The cost for 8 days (June 28th through July 6th) will be € 500,00. First payment of € 300,00 is due March the 1st 2008 and the final payment of € 200,00 is due May the 1st 2008. Charter boats will be complete with blocks, air bags, mainsheet, racing spars and racing blades, bailers, paddles, bowlines, everything complying with IODA Class Rules. No sails will be provided.

20.6. Charter boats cannot be guaranteed unless confirmed before March 1st 2008. Charter boats requested after March, 1st, 2008 if accepted and confirmed by the OC, will be provided at the price of € 650,00 to be paid by May, 1st.

20.7 Late payments will incur a surcharge of 25%.

20.8. In addition to the charter fee a damage deposit of € 300 will be required on receipt of each boat, to be refunded if no damage has occurred.

20.9. Pre-regatta charters will be available from June 21st to June 28th 2008 at € 60,00 per boat per day.

20.10. See 16.4 for payment instructions.

21. TRANSPORTATION

21.1. For team of minimum 4 people transportation from and to Verona & Brescia International Airports will be provided at € 30,00 per person each way. Free of charge collective transport will be organized from Verona Catullo & Brescia Dannunzio airports on 27 and 28 June. A bus will depart from Airports at following time: 12:00 Brescia – 13:00 Verona , 19:00 Brescia – 20:00 Verona. Free collective transport will be provided to the airports on 6 July.

21.2. Your transport booking needs to be received before May the 1st 2008, together with the corresponding payment.

22. SUPPORTERS

Help can be provided with reserving rooms for supporters before, during or after the championship by contacting the organizers at info@fragliavelariva.it

23. SOCIAL EVENTS

To enhance the friendship between the participants and to make their stay in Riva del Garda more enjoyable, appropriate social events will be organised. Casual attire.

24. MISCELLANEOUS

24.1. Each team is kindly requested to bring its own National Flag (100cm x 150cm) and the National Anthem recorded on CD.

24.2. There are no medical precautions that need to be taken entering Riva del Garda.

25. SAILING CONDITIONS

Average temperature: min 16° max 28°

Average water temperature: 21°

Prevailing winds:

“ORA”: a breeze that comes in from the South around midday and dies as the sun sets. Wind speed 14 – 18 knots

VENTO or “PELER”: a breeze that comes in from the North after midnight and dies around midday. Wind speed 10 - 16 knots

Average tide: 60 cm maximum

Current: no current

Please visit the following websites for the latest information regarding weather conditions on the lake:

<<http://www.meteotrentino.it/>> www.meteotrentino.it ,
<<http://www.fragliavelariva.com/eng/meteo/default.asp>>
<http://www.fragliavelariva.com/eng/meteo/default.asp>

26. CHANDLERY AND REPAIRS

The following list indicates the providers offering these services near the venue:

Seatex: Via Strada Granda 25/25a – Torbole sul Garda – tel +39 0464 506050 www.seatexsails.com <<http://www.seatexsails.com/>>

RAF.WINDS service: SAIL REPAIR – Torbole sul Garda – tel +39 0464 505555 – <<http://www.rafwind.com/>> www.rafwind.com

Punto Nave: Viale Rovereto 136 – Riva del Garda – tel +39 0464 556846 – <<http://web.tiscali.it/puntonave>> <http://web.tiscali.it/puntonave>

Best Wind Via Gardesana 88 – Malcesine sul Garda – tel +39 045 7400075 – www.bestwind.it <<http://www.bestwind.it/>>

27. PRIZES

27.1. The following prizes will be awarded:

- a. One to the best-placed male sailor, regardless of their continent of residence;
- b. One to the best-placed female sailor, regardless of their continent of residence;
- c. One to the best-placed male sailor whose IODA member is European;

d. One to the best-placed female sailor whose IODA member is European.

27.2. More prizes might be awarded, in which case they will be announced later.

28. VISA REQUIREMENTS

Please check with the Italian Embassy or consulate in your country to get the latest visa requirements.

29. CONTACT

For further information and queries, please contact: info@fragliavelariva.it