

IODA EUROPEAN TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP 2009

Lago di Garda, ITALY
August 25th to 30th

PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Championship is organised by the Fraglia Vela Riva, 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.

1. VENUE

- 1.1 The 2009 IODA World Sailing Championship will be held from August 25th through August 30th 2009 on Lago di Ledro, Italy.
- 1.2 Attachment 1 shows the location of the regatta harbour and the racing area.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The Championship will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including Appendix D.
- 2.2 The current Conditions of the IODA and the Class Rules will apply as varied below.
- 2.3 No national authority prescriptions will apply.

3. LANGUAGE

English shall be the Official Language for the Championship.

4. ADVERTISING

- 4.1 Boats and equipment are supplied by the Organising Authority. ISAF regulation 20.4.1.3 applies, and shall display the event advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 4.2 Individual advertising may be displayed according to ISAF regulation 20.3(e) on clothing only.
- 4.3 While racing, competitors may be required to wear bibs displaying their national letters and/or flags. The bibs will be provided by the Organising Authority. These will be worn outside all other clothing.
- 4.4 Class Rules regarding identification 2.7.3.3, 2.7.4 and 2.7.5 shall not apply.

5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 Sailors shall comply with the ISAF Eligibility Code, Regulation 19, with the Conditions for the IODA European Championships, **and with the minimum age limit stated by the FIV and AICO (sailors entering an international competition in Italy shall have attained the age of 12 years in the year of the championship).**
- 5.2 The championship is organised for 16 teams from European member countries selected on the basis of the points of their sailors at the IODA European Championship 2009. This selection will be based as follows:
- 5.3 The total points excluding discards of the best three sailors of one gender and the best two of the other (whichever combination adds up to the best total score) 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 6(b) below shall be replaced by the next ranked team.
- 5.4 Each team shall be made up of four or five sailors who represented the relevant member country at the said European Championship (maximum 3 of the same gender) and shall be accompanied by a Coach.
- 5.5 Attention is drawn to ISAF Regulations relative to the ISAF World Youth Championship (change of nationality).

6. ENTRY

Entries shall be made according to the following schedule:

- (a) Countries entering the required minimum number of sailors (see 5.4) at the IODA European Championship shall confirm in writing on or before July 5 whether, if they qualify, they intend to participate in the IODA European Team Racing Championship.
- (b) On or before 20 July 2009 each country that qualifies as one of the first 16 teams as defined in 5.2 above shall validate their participation by paying the acceptance fee of EUR 500 per team. Payment shall be made by bank transference. (See instructions below)

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- (c) Any country which does not comply with (b) 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.
- (d) The Final Entry Form, showing the gender of the team members and coach, shall be returned to the OC not later than 31 July 2009.

7. ENTRY FEE AND DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 7.1 Entry will be free of charge and will include the use of equipment, accommodation and meals for 5 sailors and one coach per team. Official accommodation for these six will be available from 1400 on August 25th until 1100 on August 30th 2009.
- 7.2 Entries shall be made as shown in paragraph 6 above, accompanied by the acceptance fee of EUR 500 per team, which will not be refunded in case of withdrawal.
- 7.3 At registration this acceptance fee will be considered to be an initial damage deposit.
- 7.4 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.
- 7.5 The limit of liability for any one incident is EUR 500.
- 7.6 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.
- 7.7 Any remaining deposit will be refunded within 10 days of the end of the event.
- 7.8 Payment instructions:

- (a) Please make payments to

Beneficiary:	Fraglia Vela Riva Via G. Maroni, 2 38066 Riva del Garda - ITALY
Bank:	CASSA RURALE CONDINO
Bank address:	Via S. Nazzaro, 2 38066 Riva del Garda
Bank Account Number:	000060300601
International Bank Account Number (IBAN):	IT61 C 08063 35320 000060300601
Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications (SWIFT) Code (BIC):	CCRTIT2T19A

- (b) Fees must be paid in EUR.
- (c) Fees must be free from bank commissions. Any bank fee will be charged to the competitors.

8. FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 8.1 Four sailors, at least one of whom shall be of a different gender from the others, shall represent each team in a race.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 Initial seeding will be based on ranking as described in 6.3 above.

9. PROGRAM

The following program is subject to further analysis and approval of the IODA Executive Committee.

Tuesday, August 25 th	Official Arrival Day. Registration. Practice. Meeting with Umpires. Opening Ceremony.
Wednesday, August 26 th	European Team Racing Championship, Races.
Thursday, August 27 th	European Team Racing Championship, Races.
Friday, August 28 th	European Team Racing Championship, Races.
Saturday, August 29 th	European Team Racing Championship, Races. Prize Giving Ceremony.
Sunday, August 30 th	Official Departure Day.

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11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

11.1 Sailing instructions will be available at registration at the venue.

12. THE COURSE

The course will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

The races will be umpired according to RRS D 2.3(a).

14. SCORING

14.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS D3.

14.2 RRS Appendix A6 will apply.

15. SAFETY

15.1 Each competitor must wear a personal flotation device (PFD) according to CR 4.2 (a), properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. This changes RRS 40.

15.2 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).

16. 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 "Coaches Station" close to the shore to be used exclusively by the coach and the spare team member. No spectator boat will be available.

17. EQUIPMENT

17.1 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.

17.2 Instructions for handling the boats will be included with the Sailing Instructions.

18. PRIZES

18.1 Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to each member of the three best placed teams.

18.2 More prizes might be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

19.2 The Organising Authority and any other party involved in the organization of the Championship will 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.

19.3 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.

20. RESERVED

21. CONTACT

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- 21.1 For further information and queries, please contact:
Fraglia Vela Riva
Via G. Maroni, 2
38066 Riva del Garda
info@fragliavelariva.it
tel +39 0464 552460 fax +39 0464 557120
- 21.2 Each participating country should designate a person to be the official contact with the Organising Committee and provide an e-mail address.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHEET

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

A. ACCOMMODATION, LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AND MEALS

- A.1 Competitors and team officials will be housed in three stars hotels nearby the Club. Official accommodation will be available from 1400 on August 25th until 1100 on August 30th.
- A.2 All three meals will be provided. Breakfast and dinner will be served at the Hotel, packed lunch at midday. The first official meal will be dinner on August 25th and the last official meal will be breakfast on August 30th.
- A.3 Special food can be provided if requested in advance. Please send any special request filling in the relevant field in the Second Entry Form.

B. EARLY ARRIVALS

- B.1 Club facilities will not be available before the official arrival day.
- B.2 Teams wishing to arrive before the official arrival date, as well as supporters, should contact Mrs. Paola Mora: mora_paola@akmail.it Tel: +39 0464 591234 Fax: +39 046 923635.
- B.3 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.

C. TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT

- C.1 Transport from and to Verona Catullo or Brescia Dannunzio airports or Rovereto railway station can be provided. Contact info@fragliavelariva.it
- C.2 Directions for arrival by car can be found by using <http://world.maporama.com/idl/maporama/> and keying in "Italy", Postcode: "38060" and City: "Pieve di Ledro". AVLL is on the via Alzer.

D. SOCIAL EVENTS

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

E. MISCELLANEOUS

- E.1 Each team is kindly requested to bring its own National Flag (100cm x 150cm) and the National Anthem recorded on tape or CD.
- E.2 There are no medical precautions that need to be taken entering Italy.

F. SAILING CONDITIONS

Max-Min air temperature: 15 - 25 °C
Water temperature: 20 °C
Max - Min wind speed: 10-15 knots

G. VISA REQUIREMENTS

Team members who require visas are advised to ensure that the duration of these extends until date of departure from Italy.