45˚ Lake Garda Meeting 2027
13˚ Meeting Country Cup 2027

NOTICE OF RACE
XLV LAKE GARDA MEETING OPTIMIST CLASS
FRAGLIA VELA RIVA 24th – 28th, March 2027

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY
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VENUE AND DATE
The events will take place in Riva del Garda 24th – 28th March 2027
13° Meeting Country Cup 2027, 24th March
45° LAKE GARDA MEETING OPTIMIST 25th – 28th March 2027

SP	Denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the Protest committee with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1;
NP	Rules that may not be ground of protests between boats (this changes RRS60.1(a))

1. RULES
1.1 The race will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028 and by the Normativa FIV per l'Attività Sportiva Nazionale 2027.
1.2 International Optimist Class Rules will apply

1.3 The following Regulation of the Italian Sailing Federation will apply to the Cadetti fleet:

1. Time on the water will not exceed 7 hours per day
2. No more than three races per day.

1.4 The first three sentences of RRS 61.1(a) are changed to 'A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest concerns an incident in the racing area in which she was involved in or saw she shall hail 'Protest' and she shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line immediately after finishing or as soon as practicable as she retires.

1.5 RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4 are changed as follows:

1.5.1 The first sentence of RRS 40.1 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."

1.5.2 Add to the preamble of Part 4, after 'racing': "except rule 40.1 as amended by NOR 1.5.1"

1.6 Appendix P will apply

1.7 Appendix T will apply.

1.8 Rule 90.3 (e) will apply

1.9 No drones are allowed closer than 500 m from racing areas from the Warning Signal for a race and after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This does not apply to OA drones.

1.10 In case of conflict between NOR, SI and notices, the SI and the official notices shall prevail (this change RRS 63.7)

1.11 All boats shall keep clear of ferryboats operating on the lake.

1.12 In case of conflict the English language will prevail

2. CODE OF CONDUCT [DP] [NP]

2.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

2.2 Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

3. ADVERTISING [DP][NP]

3.1 Advertising is not permitted except as provided in WS Advertising Code.

3.2 Competitors may be required to display advertising stickers.

3.3 The stickers, which will be provided by the Organizing Authority, shall be displayed from 10:00 am on the 24th of March until two hours after the last race ends.

3.4 In case of loss, new stickers shall be requested at Race Office.

4. ELEGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 **The event is open to all boats of the Optimist Class** and to all competitors who were born between **2012** and **2018**. According to FIV Regulations, competitors will be classified as follow:

"**Juniores**" Division A born in **2012 to 2016**.

"Cadetti" Division B born in years **2017 and 2018**

4.2 Other rules that will apply will be posted on the official noticeboard no later than 20:00 on March 23thst.

4.3 Italian sailors shall be 2027 FIV members and holders of a valid FIV card with the required medical certification for the current year.

4.4 All sailors shall be current members of their National Class Associations (A.I.C.O. for Italian sailors)

5. ENTRIES PROCEDURE:

ENTRY FORMS MUST BE FILLED ON-LINE THROUGH THE WEBSITE: www.fragliavelariva.it.

5.1 The entry form must be filled-in paying attention to required fields in red and sent clicking on SEND at the bottom of the entry form.

5.2 All entries when confirmed will be displayed on the event's website. To save time and money at the secretary's office we strongly suggest paying in advance through the web site at the last step of the entry form online. If the procedure is completed properly together with the payment it will only take a few steps to complete the registration once you are here.

5.3 Competitors **must** check registration at Fraglia Vela Riva Race Office from March 23thth from 09:00 to March 24th at 18.00.

6. ENTRY FEES

6.1 The entry fee is fixed at € 150 only through the web site before the 8th of February; for payment done from 9th February to 15th of March the entry fee will be € 200. Fee paid by Paypal will be charged 5%. If the entry will be paid at the venue the cost will be € 300, no matter when the registration is made.

6.2 Changes in sailing numbers at the venue, not previously communicated by email, will be extra-charged of € 20.

6.3 The entry fee for coaches is 50€. The entry fee includes a voucher for the launch and haul of the rib, vouchers for pasta and pizza parties and a special gadget.

	Entry Fee online up to 8th of February	Entry Fee online from 9th of February to 15st of March	If the entry is paid at the venue
Division A (Juniores)	€ 150	€ 200	€ 300
Division B (Cadetti)	€ 150	€ 200	€ 300

7. REFUND POLICY

Before 31st of January the refund will be 100%, from 1st February to 28stFebruary refund will be 50%, after 28th February no refund.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available online on 23th March 2027.

9. COMMUNICATION

The online official notice board is located at Racing Rules of Sailing: https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/

10. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

The event will consist of 3 days of qualifying series and 1 day of final series.

At registration competitors will be seeded into groups. During the last racing days, finals will be sailed, only if 4 or more races have been completed. The finals may consist in a variable number of races, to reach the maximum races scheduled.

11. SCHEDULE OF THE EVENT

"Cadetti": Eight (8) races are scheduled from, 25th – 28th March 2027

"Juniores":Ten (10) races are scheduled from, 25th – 28th March 2027

24/03	at 13:00	Warning signal 1st race – 12th Meeting Country Cup (see separate NOR)
24/03	At 16:00 (at 04:00 pm) At 17:00 (at 5:00 pm)	Coaches Briefing Opening Ceremony XLV Optimist Meeting (Parade)
25/03	at 12:00	Warning signal 1st race – XLV Optimist Meeting
26/03	Qualifying races	Races - The time of the first warning signal of following racing days will be shown on the Official Board within 20:00 of the day before.
27-28/03	Final races at 17:00 (at 5:00 pm)	Races - The time of the first warning signal of following racing days will be shown on the Official Board within 20:00 of the day before. Last warning 15:00. Prize Giving and Country Cup Prize Giving will be in open spaces and with gifts drawing online. (according to the race programme and anyway two hours after the end of the last race)

12. CHANGE OF FORMAT AND SCHEDULES

12.1 According to the number of confirmed entries received within the deadline defined above the regatta rules, the Organizing Committee, after consultation with the Race Committee, reserves the right to modify the conditions of the regatta.

12.2 The official notices of the Committees will be displayed on the official ONB.

13. REGISTRATIONS

13.1 All documents must be uploaded during the online registration within the 13th of March.

13.2 The documents needed are:

- Italian sailors shall send to the Organizing Authority a current third-party insurance/FIV card.
- membership of the National Class Association (A.I.C.O. for Italian sailors).
- third party insurance cover of not less than € 1.500.000,00
- a valid measurement certificate.
- Parental Form, (can be download it on our website)

14. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

All boats shall lodge a valid measurement certificate; Boats may be inspected at any time.

15. VENUE

North side Lake Garda

16. COURSE

IODA international course will apply

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.3 and Appendix N. The right to appeal will be denied (RRS 70.3a).

18. SCORING

18.1 The Low-Point scoring system will apply to both divisions.

18.2 To both divisions when 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score, including final series.

19. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

19.1 Team leaders/coaches shall register at Secretary Office.

19.2 Only ribs accredited in Fraglia (with given Fraglia flag) will be entiteled to stay on the race course**. Non-accredited ribs will be reported to the Coast Guard**

19.3 - Team leaders/coaches shall comply with the following items:

- to follow all instructions given by the Race Committee and by the Organizing Committee.
- to carry other coaches on board if necessary.
- Not more than 2 coaches/trainers/parents are allowed on the same assisting rubber boat.
- The Organizing Authority reserves the right to assign a different area to each team
- Follow all the rules published by the Organizer, according to Italian and FIV regulations

19.4 Mechanically propelled boats are generally prohibited to run on the northern part of Lake Garda, however, during this event, a special permit to use such boats may be given.

19.5 - Support personnel having a boat shall produce the following documents to the Organizing Authority:

- The form is available on our website
- rib's engine registration document (engine brand name - engine serial numbers).
- rib's engine insurance.
- driver's identity document

19.6 All documents must be uploaded during online registration within the 13th of March. Filling the form at the venue will have an extra cost of 20€, (this is to speed up the coach's registration process).

19.7 The permit will be issued only for assistance with the races and training, and it can be withdrawn at any time if rules for coaching as stated in the SI will not be followed. It is forbidden the navigation of private assistance boats on the right-hand side of the course looking south.

20. BERTHING

All boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park

21. LOGISTICS

Every coach or parent or other kind of support person with trailer, car or van, outside the allowed area published on the official Board, from 20th to 29th March, will be reported by the Organizing Authority to the International Jury under rule 62.

22. DATA PROTECTION

In participating in the XLV Lake Garda Meeting Optimist Class any competitor automatically grants to the Organizing Authority and the sponsors of the XLIV Lake Garda Meeting Optimist Class the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said XLV Lake Garda Meeting Optimist Class in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said XLV Lake Garda Meeting Optimist Class without compensation.

23. RISK STATEMENT

23.1 - RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden

changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.
23.2 **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
23.3 It is up to parents, team leaders or support people to allow competitors to take part in the races and therefore they must sign the declaration of participation on registration. Fraglia Vela Riva, the Race Committee, the Jury and all volunteers involved decline all responsibility regarding persons or goods, at sea or ashore, in consequence of participation in the competition.

24. ENVIROMENTAL RESPONSABILITY
24.1 It is recalled the Basic Principle which states: "Participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing", it is recommended that care be taken to always protect the environment during and after the event. Especially attention is drawn to RRS 47 -TRASH DISPOSAL- which states: "Competitors and support people shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule always applies while afloat. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be less than disqualification".
24.2 **All boats and ribs must arrive at the venue already washed to avoid any impact on our lake. Not washed boats or ribs will not be allowed to splash**

25. INSURANCE
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1.500.000 euro per incident or the equivalent and are required to produce evidence of such insurance during registration.

26. PRIZES
- "Cadetti" Division B - general ranking - from 1st to 10th classified
- "Cadetti" Division B - female ranking - from 1st to 3rd classified
- "Juniores" Division A -general ranking - from 1st to 30th classified
- "Juniores" Division A - female ranking - from 1st to 5th classified.

Others special prizes will be stated with an official notice.

27. FURTHER INFORMARTION

ACCOMMODATION
See https://www.fragliavelariva.it/accommodation/ (when booking mention the regatta to take advantage of the exclusive rates) or contact Garda Trentino S.p.A, e-mail booking@gardatrentino.it, website www.gardatrentino.it, otherwise On The Go S.R.L, e-mail info@otg.agency, website ON THE GO s.r.l., both of which specialize in accommodation, travel services and tour packages for all regatta competitors, staff and families.