

29th March – 5th April 2026

44° Lake Garda Meeting 2026

12° Meeting Country Cup

2° Rothoblaas Sprint Race



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))

NOTICE OF RACE
XLIII LAKE GARDA MEETING OPTIMIST CLASS
FRAGLIA VELA RIVA 29th March - 5th April 2026
Amendments 07/02/2026

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

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VENUE AND DATE

The events will take place in Riva del Garda 29th March – 5th April 2026
2° Rothoblaas Sprint Race - 29th March
12° Meeting Country Cup 2026, 1st April
44° LAKE GARDA MEETING OPTIMIST 2nd – 5th April 2026

ELIGIBILITY

The regatta will be open to all competitors who were born between **2011** and **2017**. According to Italian law and FIV Regulations, competitors will be classified as follow:

“Juniores” Division A born in **2011 to 2015**.

“Cadetti” Division B born in years **2016 and 2017**

The following rules 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.

Other rules that will apply will be posted on the official noticeboard no later than 20:00 on March 31st. Italian sailors shall be 2026 FIV members and holders of a valid FIV card with the required medical certification for the current year.

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

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 2026.

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]

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

7.2 Competitors may be required to display advertising stickers.

7.3 The stickers, which will be provided by the Organizing Authority, shall be displayed from 10:00 am on the 30th of March until two hours after the last race ends.

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

4. ELEGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The event is open to all boats of the Optimist Class

4.1 ENTRIES PROCEDURE:

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

4.2 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.

4.3 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.

4.4 Competitors **must** check registration at Fraglia Vela Riva Race Office from March 30th from 09:00 to April 1th at 18.00.

5. ENTRY FEES

5.1 The entry fee is fixed at € 150 only through the web site before the 16th of February; for payment done from 17th 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.

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

5.3 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 party, and a special gadget (more info soon).

	Entry Fee online up to 16 th of February	Entry Fee online from 16 th of February to 31 st of March	If the entry is paid at the venue
Division A (Juniores)	€ 150	€ 200	€ 300
Division B (Cadetti)	€ 150	€ 200	€ 300

5.4 REFUND POLICY

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

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available online on 29th March 2026.

7. COMMUNICATION

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

8. TRACKING

Tracking devices will be provided by Metasail.

9. 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.

10. SCHEDULE OF THE EVENT

"Cadetti": Eight (8) races are scheduled from, 2nd – 5th April 2026

"Juniores": Ten (10) races are scheduled from, 2nd – 5th April 2026

Date	Time	Event
29/03	At 13:00	Rothoblaas Sprint Cup
01/04	at 13:00	Warning signal 1 st race – 12 th Meeting Country Cup (see NOR in Add. A)
01/04	At 17:00 (at 5:00 pm) at 18:00 (at 6:00 pm)	Opening Ceremony Coaches Briefing
02/04	at 12:00	Warning signal 1st race – XLIV Optimist Meeting
03-04/04	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.

05/04	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)
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11. CHANGE OF FORMAT AND SCHEDULES

11.1 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.

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

12. REGISTRATIONS

12.1 All documents SHALL BE SENT to meeting@fragliavelariva.it within the 20th of March.

12.2 The documents needed are:

- Italian sailors shall send to the Organizing Authority a current .
- 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)

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

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

11. Spare

12. VENUE

North side Lake Garda

13. COURSE

IODA international course will apply

14. 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).

15. SCORING

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

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.

If during the finals just one race is sailed, it will not be discarded.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

Team leaders/coaches shall register at Secretary Office.

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

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. 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

All the listed documents shall be sent to meeting@fragliavelariva.it. Filling the form at the venue will have a extra cost of 20€, (this is to speed up the coach's registration process).

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.

17. BERTHING

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

18. LOGISTICS

Every trailer or van, outside the allowed area published on the official Board, from 26th March to 6th of April, will be protested by the Organizing Authority and disqualified/penalized.

19. DATA PROTECTION

In participating in the XLIV 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 XLIV Lake Garda Meeting Optimist Class in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said XLIV Lake Garda Meeting Optimist Class without compensation.

20. RISK STATEMENT

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. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

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.

21. ENVIROMENTAL RESPONSABILITY

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". **All boats must arrive at the venue already washed to avoid any impact on our lake.**

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. FURTHER INFORMATION

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, specialist for accommodation, travel services and tour packages for all regatta competitors, staff and families.

Addendum A

12th Meeting Country Cup

Notice of Race

2026, April 1st.

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CC1. RULES

As per Meeting NOR 1.

CC2 – CODE OF CONDUCT [DP] [NP]

CC2.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

CC2.2 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.

CC3. ADVERTISING

CC3.1 Advertising is not permitted except as provided in WS Advertising Code.

CC3.2 Competitor may be required to display advertising stickers on both sides of the hull.

CC3.3 Stickers with national colors will be given by the OA and may be attached to the top of the sails behind the Optimist logo.

CC3.4 In case of loss, new stickers shall be requested at Race Office.

CC4. ELIGIBILITY

CC4.1 The regatta will be open to all competitors who were born between **2011** and **2017**.

- Italian sailors shall be 2026 FIV members and holders of a valid FIV card with the required medical certification for the current year.
- each sailor shall be current members of their National Class Association (A.I.C.O. for Italian sailors).
- all sailors shall have third party insurance cover of not less than € 1.500.000,00 and are required to produce evidence of such insurance during registration; It will be possible to buy the insurance at the race office.
- all boats shall lodge a valid measurement certificate.

CC4.2 Only one sailor per country will be allowed. The sailors will be indicated by Optimist National Class of their country not later than midnight of 2026, April 1st. If no one is indicated the OA of the event will choose the sailor. This will not be grounds for request of redress and changes RRS **61.4(b)1**.

CC5. ENTRIES

CC5.1 No fee will be required.

CC5.2 The list of the sailors will be posted on the event web site not later than 10:30 hours 2026, April 1st.

If less than 10 nations entered the regatta, Country Cup will not be held.

CC6. RACES AND SCORING

Three (3) races are scheduled for April 1st and no score will be excluded.

CC7. SCHEDULE OF THE EVENT

2026, April 1st at 12:00 Warning signal 1st race – 12th Meeting Country Cup

CC8. CHANGE OF FORMAT AND SCHEDULES

CC8.1 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 absolute right to modify the conditions of regatta.

CC8.2 The official notices of the Committees will be displayed on the ONB.

CC9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available online on 28th February 2026.

CC10. COMMUNICATION

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

CC11. LIABILITY:

CC11.1 Competitors will sail under their own risk. Fraglia Vela Riva and all Race Committees and the Jury decline any responsibility to persons or goods, at sea or ashore, in consequence of participation in the competitions.

CC11.2 The competitors and/or the parents or tutors shall contract all insurances required to cover every risk, including that to a third party.

CC12. INSURANCE

CC12.1 Italian sailors shall have third party insurance cover of not less than € 1.500.000,00 and are required to produce evidence of such insurance during registration.

CC12.2 The foreign sailors shall have third party insurance, letterhead to the sailor(s), cover of not less than € 1.500.000,00 and are required to produce evidence of such insurance written in English and clearly indicating the name of the sailor(s), the period insurance coverage and the euro amount of the insurance, during registration.

CC13. MEASUREMENT CHECK

Measurement checks may be carried out before or after racing. All the equipment may be measured.

CC14. INTERNATIONAL JURY

An International Jury will be appointed according to RRS 70.3 and Appendix N. The decisions of the International Jury will be final and the right to appeal will be denied (RRS 70.3a)

CC15. LIABILITY

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. Competitors shall have all insurances required to cover every risk, including risk to a third party.

CC16. SUPPORT BOATS AND MOTOR NAVIGATION

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

- rib's engine registration document (engine brand name - engine serial numbers).
- rib's engine insurance.
- driver's identity document.

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 do not follow. It is forbidden the navigation of private assistance boats on the right-hand side of the course looking site.

CC17. COACHES, AID AND SAFETY

Team leaders/coaches shall register at the race office.

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.**
- At completion of registrations coaches/trainers/parents/support people are required to leave their personal details including mobile phone number and the list of their sailors; the list of sailors can be sent in advance by e-mail before completion of registrations.

CC18. PRIZES

- General ranking - from 1st to 3rd classified.

Others special prizes will be stated with an official notice.

CC19. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating in the 12th Meeting Country Cup any competitor automatically grants to the Organizing Authority and the sponsors of the 12th Meeting Country Cup 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 12th Meeting Country Cup in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said 12th Meeting Country Cup without compensation.

ACCOMMODATION

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