Kindly invites you to the 5th

OPTIOPENING 2026

First act of

ADRIATIC GOLDENSERIES 2026

powered by

6 to 8 March, 2026

Portorož - Slovenija

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority of the event is Sailing Club Pirat Portorož in cooperation with Slovenian Sailing Federation.

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protests another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

1.1. Opti Opening will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.

1.2. RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times whilst afloat

1.3. If there is any conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.5(c)(2).

1.4. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after Wednesday, 4 March 2026 on the event website and on the official online notice board.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. Opti Opening is open to all Optimist class boats in the following categories:

Category	***Born in years***	***Max No. of competitors***
Junior	2011, 2012, 2013, 2014	300
Cadet (U-12)	2015, 2016, 2017, 2018	
Rookie	started sailing in 2025 or 2026	60

Junior and Cadet category will sail together. See NoR 6.2.

3.2. Coaches of the Rookie category competitors may request Organizing Authority to change their category to race in a Junior/Cadet category. The request shall be done before the entry closing date and shall include the reason for changing category including past results, which will help Organizing Authority decide, if the competitor is able to sail in a Junior/Cadet category. The request will be accepted only if the number of competitors is lower than the Max No. of competitors from NoR 3.1. The Organising Authority has the right to refuse the change of category.

3.3. All competitors shall be members of Slovenian Sailing Federation or any other World Sailing Member National Authority and shall be born on or after 1 January 2011.

3.4. It is mandatory for all competitors to have a coach or support person at the Opti Opening.

3.5. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form with all accompanying documents, available on the event website and paying the appropriate entry fee. To be considered an entry valid, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees (kindly see Payment deadlines as per NoR 4.1.).

3.6. Online entry will open on Friday, 9 January 2026 and close on Thursday, 26 February 2026 at 23:59 or until maximum number of entries as mentioned in NoR 3.1. is reached, whatever is first. After the online entry closes due to reaching the maximum number of allowed entries, the Organizing Authority (OA) will start a waiting list and competitors will be advised that they are on a waiting list. Competitors on the waiting list will only be accepted, after written approval of the OA, and only for categories that have not reached their maximum number of allowed entries. In case of waiting list, the OA will

announce the waiting list entering procedure on event website (kindly check section *REGATTAS* on OA's website).

3.7. No entry will be considered as valid without payment of the required entry fee as per NoR 4.1.

3.8. All non-Rookie online entries shall be personally confirmed in the race office latest on Thursday, 5 March 2026 until 19:00.

All online entries for the Rookie category shall be personally confirmed in the race office latest on Saturday, 7 March 2026 until 09:00.

Only the corresponding coaches or team leaders shall make registration of competitors.

3.9. The following documents shall be present at the registration:

a) Fulfilled and signed Parental or Legal Guardian's Authorization for sailor (available on the event website).
b) Disclaimer of Responsible Person (available on the event website).
c) Original third party insurance policy, covering not less than 1.000.000 EUR (NoR 15).
d) A valid measurement certificate (NoR 8).
e) Original support vessel insurance policy.

3.10. The Organizing Committee has the right to accept entries received after the entry deadline.

3.11. No entry will be considered as valid without payment of the required Entry fee.

3.12. Competitors can request the cancellation of their entry by sending the Organizing Authority an e-mail to regata@klub-pirat.si. If request is made latest on Thursday, 26 February 2026 and is accepted by the OA, the entry fee will be reimbursed after deduction of an administrative fee of 10 EUR. No refund will be made if the cancellation is received after 26 February 2026.

4. FEES

4.1. Entry fee is:

Type	Payment made	Category	Entry fee
Standard	Together with entry and latest on 26 February 2026	Junior & Cadet	80,00 EUR
		Rookie	45,00 EUR
Late entry fee	After 26 February 2026 and latest on 6 March 2026	Junior & Cadet	100,00 EUR
		Rookie	60,00 EUR

Entry fee includes personal gift, daily meal after sailing and tickets to all social events.

4.2. Entry fee shall be paid at the end of registration by Credit Card or by bank transfer to:

Club: Jadralni klub Pirat Portorož, Obala 6a, 6320 Portorož, Slovenia
IBAN : SI56 1010 0006 2566 547 BIC: BAKOSI2X

4.3. Late entry fee could be paid at the registration in the race office in cash only.

4.4. **Training Camp**

A week before and after Opti Opening Regatta a training camp site will be organized which includes boat storage, wash off water, toilets, trailer storage and coach boat mooring. Candidates shall enter Regatta Office to get their training camp labels. Training camp fee for a boat is 6 EUR/day and for support coach vessel 10 EUR/day and should be paid in cash at arrival in the Regatta Office.

Wednesday, 4 and Thursday, 5 March are exempted from paying the training camp.

Please contact the intention about training to trening@pirat-klub.si.

5. [NP] [DP] ADVERTISING

5.1. Sailor advertising is permitted on the hull as per World Sailing Advertising Code 3.2 but as restricted by class rule 2.8.

5.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Advertising Code 9.2 applies.

5.3. The organizing authority may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear on the top of any clothing or PFD, visible while racing.

6. [NP] FORMAT OF RACING

6.1. Junior and Cadet category will be divided into fleets, as far as possible with the same number of boats.

6.2. Junior and Cadet category will sail together and will have one results.
Rookie category will have shorter course and separate results on the same racing area as Junior and Cadet.

6.3. The allocation to fleets will be done by the Race Committee on Thursday, 5 March 2026 after the closing of registrations.

6.4. Fleets will sail an open series, followed by a final series.

6.5. In the open series, boats will be re-assigned to fleets after each day of racing.

6.6. If minimum four (4) races have been completed until the end of the second scheduled racing day, the last racing day will be the final series.

6.7. An open series will not count, until all fleets in the open series have completed the same number of races.

6.8. Final series: Boats will be assigned to final series fleets (Gold, Silver, Bronze, …) on the basis of their rank in the open series.

6.9. In the final series, boats do not need to sail the same number of races.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. Registration and coach meeting

Date	Time	Category	Description
5 March	13:00 – 19:00	All	Registration
6 March	08:00 – 09:00	All	Registration
	09:30	Junior & Cadet	Coach Meeting
7 March	08:00 – 09:00	Rookie	Registration

7.2. Dates of racing and number of races

Date	Time	Category	Description	Races per day
6 March	11:00	Junior & Cadet	Racing (open series)	3
7 March	11:00	Junior & Cadet	Racing (open / final series)	3
		Rookie	Racing (final series)	3
8 March	11:00	Junior & Cadet	Racing (final series)	3
		Rookie	Racing (final series)	3

7.3. No more than four (4) races may be sailed each day.

7.4. The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race each day is at 11:00.

7.5. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 16:00.

8. [DP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1. Each boat shall present a valid measurement certificate.

8.2. Boats may be inspected at any time.

9. VENUE

9.1. NoR Addendum A shows the location of the club, regatta harbour and the racing areas.

9.2. All competitors will sail on the same racing area.

10. THE COURSES

10.1. The course will be an outer-loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg.

10.2. The course for the Rookie category will be windward/leeward or trapezoid with shorter target time.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1. RRS Appendix P will apply.

11.2. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.3(a).

12. [NP] SCORING

12.1. (a) Junior & Cadet category:
Nine (9) races are scheduled and the event will be valid if at least two (2) races will be finished.

(b) Rookie category:
Six (6) races are scheduled and the event will be valid if at least one (1) race will be finished.

12.2. (a) When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12.3. If only one final race is sailed, it shall not be excluded.

13. [NP] [DP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

13.1. Team and support vessel drivers shall register their vessels via online formular or at the Race Office before the start of the event. The registrations shall include sail numbers of boats they are supporting.

13.2. Support boats shall be marked with numbered flags, supplied by the Organising Authority.

13.3. Refundable deposit for a flag is 20,00 EUR and will be given back while returning the flag.

13.4. All support vessels shall carry a VHF radio capable of communication on international channels.

13.5. Fuel for support boats is available on MOL petrol station in Marina Portorož. It is forbidden to refuel the boats in club area.

14. 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.**

15. [NP] [DP] INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1.000.000 EUR per event of the equivalent.
Proof of insurance shall be provided upon registration.

16. DATA PROTECTION

By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, 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 event, and of all of his or her material related to the event, without compensation.

17. [NP] PRIZES

17.1. **Prizes will be awarded to:**
- the five best-placed competitors overall
- three best-placed girl competitors
- three best placed cadet (U-12) boys (born 2015 or later)
- three best placed cadet (U-12) girls (born 2015 or later)
- three best placed rookie boys
- three best placed rookie girls

17.2. **Adriatic Golden Series powered by Sailing Point**

Opti Opening is the first event of Adriatic Golden Series powered by Sailing Point. The winner of the Adriatic Golden Series powered by Sailing Point will be the best-ranked club in the series.
The team consists of six sailors from the same club. Two best placed boys, two best placed girls, and

two best placed cadets.
Clubs will be ranked according to the lowest sum of final places of above-mentioned sailors in the rankings and the winner is the club, with the lowest total points

18. CHATER BOATS AND COACH RIBS

Limited number of charter boats and coach ribs are available for the event. Boats will be allocated on "first come-first serve" basis. Please contact the Organising Authority to regata@klub-pirat.si for further information and package price.

19. ACCOMMODATION

Dedicated person will assist you for special arrangements. Please contact the Organizing Authority at accommodation@klub-pirat.si

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Organising Authority of the event.

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