



9th BPER BANCA CROTONE OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CARNIVAL RACE

9th– 13th February 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

Club Velico Crotone is proud to host the IX BPER BANCA CROTONE OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CARNIVAL RACE.

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The regatta will be organized by Club Velico Crotone in accordance with the Italian Sailing Federation (FIV) and the Italian Optimist Class Association (AICO).

1. Date and Venue

The Race will be held from 9th– 13th February 2024. The venue will be in Crotone's Ancient Harbour, located in the heart of the city, adjacent to the Club Velico Crotone.

2. Rules

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (rules) and the current International Optimist Class Rules.

2.2 RRS Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, will apply.

2.3 The Italian Sailing Federation Prescriptions will apply.

2.4 If there is any conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions will prevail (modifies RRS 63.7).

2.5 If there is a conflict between languages, English will prevail.

3. Advertising and bow number

3.1 Sailor advertising is permitted on the hull as per World Sailing Regulation 20.3.2 but as restricted by class rule 2.8.

3.2 Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising selected and provided by the Organising Authority.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1 Competitors must be current members of the Optimist organizing authority of their country of residence and must have been born on or after January 1, 2015. According to the rules of the Italian Sailing Federation, they will be divided into two categories: Division B (born in 2015, 2014) and Division A (born in 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009).
- 4.2 The regatta will be open to a **maximum of 400 participants cumulatively between the two categories**. Entries will be accepted by the first come, first served principle.
- 4.3 All entries shall meet the requirements of W.S. Regulation 19 - Eligibility Code.

5. Entries and Fees

- 5.1 Competitor entries shall be done online via the official regatta page on the event website www.clubvelicocrotone.it. Each sailor shall pay an entry fee for the event. Online entry opens the **10th November 2023**.
- 5.2 **Entries, including payment, must be received no later than** February the 3rd 2024 at 8 p.m.
- 5.3 Competitors shall provide a signed and completed Parental/legal Guardian consent and declaration form at registration. The forms are available on the event website www.clubvelicocrotone.it.
- 5.4 The regatta **entry fee will be € 90,00 for the sailors. No entry fee for coaches**.
- 5.5 **Payments must be done by bank transfer**. Cash will be accepted as form of payment only in case of "last minute registration" - at the Registration Office of Club Velico Crotone on the 9th of February from 9 am to 7 pm by paying a penalty of € 15,00.

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Purpose of payment: name, surname and sail number

- 5.6 There is no entry fee refund after the 3rd of February 2024.

6. Registration of Competitors and Coaches

- 6.1 Competitors must send all documentation (measurement certificate, AICO membership card, FIV membership card, Parental Consent) for regatta registration to the email: segreteria@clubvelicocrotone.it.
- 6.2 Each coach must sign the registration form available on www.clubvelicocrotone.it and send it to segreteria@clubvelicocrotone.it.
- 6.3 **Only exceptionally will it be allowed to personally deliver the documentation to the race secretariat on 9th February 2024 from 9 am to 7 pm.**

7. Format of the Regatta

7.1 The event is joined with the “MAPFRE EUROMED REGATTA 2023” organized by Malta Young Sailors Club from 16th - 19th of December 2023. The Overall scores of the two events will be added as it was used to compute each event results and the EUROCARIVAL 2023/2024 special challenge prize will be awarded to the two sailor who have attended both events with less points in each category (Juniors and Cadets) regardless of gender. If there is a tie, the prize will be awarded to the sailor ranking higher in the event with the most competitors for the Optimist class. The trophies remain in the hands of the winning competitors for one year, being put as the prizes of the following regatta.

The event will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.

- 7.2 Qualifying series: entries may be divided into fleet as far as possible with the same number of boats. Initial allocation into fleet will be done by the Race Committee on the 9th of February with the list of competitors already registered by the time of the allocation.
- 7.3 If a minimum of 5 races have been completed within the end of the second scheduled racing day in the qualifying series, the following days will be final series.
- 7.4 If a minimum of 5 races have not been completed until the end of the second scheduled racing day, the following day(s) will be sailed in the qualifying series until the minimum 5 races have been completed. If so, the other day(s) will be final series.
- 7.5 A qualifying series race will not count until all fleets in the qualifying series have completed the same number of races.
- 7.6 Final series: the competitors will be divided into final fleets according to the final scores of the qualifying series. There will be the same number of fleets as in the qualifying series. The fleets will have approximately the same number of competitors in each. The Gold fleet will consist of the first part of the final scores of the qualifying series, Silver fleet of the second part, and so on with Bronze and Emerald fleet (if needed).

8. Schedule

8.1

Friday, February 9th	9 am – 7 pm: last minute registration 5 pm: Carnival Parade
Saturday, February 10th	9 am: Mandatory coaches meeting 11 am: warning signal for 1st race of the day.
Sunday, February 11th	9 am: Mandatory coaches meeting RACES
Monday, February 12th	9 am: Mandatory coaches meeting RACES
Thursday, February 13th	9 am: Mandatory coaches meeting RACES – No warning signal will be made after 3 pm. Closing and Prize Giving Ceremony

8.2 12 races are scheduled with a maximum of three races per day.

9. Racing Area and Course

9.1 The attachment 1 and Sailing Instructions will show the exact location of the racing area in the Gulf of Crotona.

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

10. Scoring

10.1 The Low-Point Scoring System, Appendix A, will be used.

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

10.3 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.

10.4 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11. Sailing Instructions and communication

11.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the Club Velico Crotona website. **No paper copies will be distributed.**

11.2 Communications (notice boards) will take place exclusively on Racing Rules event page.

12. Safety

12.1 Each competitor must wear a personal flotation device (PFD) in accordance with CR 4.2 (a), always secured properly, from dock to dock except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable Personal Flotation Devices do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy aid.

12.2 All coaches and supporting personnel will be requested to be equipped with and use the life jacket and to carry with them a VHF radio out on the water.

13. Designated Adult

13.1 Parents not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated as tutor.

13.2 The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

14. Support boats

14.1 All support boats may be required to display an identification number supplied on bail by the Organising Authority. No other flags shall be displayed by support boats.

14.2 The flag will be given by Organising Authority upon the payment of a security deposit of € 20

14.3 All other boats must always stay outside the course area. It is the intention of this provision that each sailor shall have a support boat on the course.

15. Measurement

15.1 Each boat shall produce a valid Registration Book and each sail shall be accompanied by the corresponding Sail Measurement Certificate (CR 2.5.6 and 6.1.4).

15.2 Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit, and sail during the regatta.

15.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

15.4 There may be measurement on the water following each race. A number of boats may be spot-checked after finishing the race.

15.5 All equipment may be subject to a safety check.

16. Prizes

16.1 For the joined scoring list of “EUROMED REGATTA” and “INTERNATIONAL CARNIVAL RACE” prizes will be awarded as described by point NOR 7.1

16.2 For INTERNATIONAL CARNIVAL RACE prizes will be awarded at least to:

Categories Cadets:	-The five best-placed sailors regardless of gender -The five best-placed female sailors
Categories Juniores	-The five best-placed sailors regardless of gender -The five best-placed female sailors
Club Team	-The first best-placed team Cadets composed of the first three competitors of the same club with the lower points

The Organizing Committee may decide to award extra prizes.

17. Disclaimer of liability.

17.1 Competitors take part in all races at their own risk. The Club Velico Crotona or any of their officials or representatives or the sponsors or their officials or representatives is not responsible, under any circumstances, for any damage, loss, or injury either ashore or on the water either to people or equipment, which may result.

17.2 Participation in this event, supporting events and in each race in them is at the sole discretion of the sailor and at his/her own risk. Notice is drawn to RRS 4.

18. Insurance

18.1 Each participant boat must hold third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of at least 1.500.000,00 euros (or equivalent) per incident. All competitors at the registration are required to produce evidence of such insurance written in Italian or English and clearly indicating the name of the sailor(s) or the sailing number(s) or the Class registry number(s) of the insured boat(s), including the starting date and ending date of the insurance and the euro amount of the insurance.

18.2 If an insurance is issued to a sail number/Class registration number, the competitor shall present a valid measurement certificate and will not be allowed to sail with a sail number different from the one printed on the measurement certificate.

19. Additional information

For additional information contact: Club VelicoCrotone, e-mail: segreteria@clubvelicocrotone.it; tel. +39 327 536 2330

20. Charter Boats and Coach Boats

Charter boats: €.280,00 for the full event; coach boats (if available): €.500,00 for the full event. Reservation of the charter boats will be considered valid only if the payment is received and a proof of payment will be consequently sent to segreteria@clubvelicocrotone.it as soon as possible.

21. Transfers

Competitors or teams can book transfers to/from the Lamezia Terme Airport (110 km from the city) – prices per person/per way are listed in the following table:

1 or 2 passengers	60€
3-4 passengers	30€

To/from Crotone Airport – the price is €.10,00 per person per way. All transfers must be booked in advance by e-mail providing information regarding flight number, number of passengers and arrival/departure time writing to segreteria@clubvelicocrotone.it.

22. Accommodation

The list of hotels and B&Bs associated with the regatta is available on the website www.clubvelicocrotone.it

ATTACHMENT 1: RACING AREA

