

WELCOME BY FIREBALL INTERNATIONAL

by Andrew Davies, Secretary, Fireball International



Fireball Slovenia hosted a very successful European Championship in 2004 in Izola. It is with this experience they have agreed to host next years European and World Championship in Portoroz.

They have engaged GoSailing, a small team of people headed by Mitja Margon, who have a wealth of knowledge and experience in organizing and running major championships.

The town of Portoroz is an attractive holiday location with most amenities. Accommodation, restaurants, shops all

within a few minutes of the Marina, the regatta centre.

We will have a choice of racing areas and our PRO, Bojan Gale (IRO), has many years of experience in running races at Portoroz so we are confident the race management will be run to the highest standard.

Slovenia is a very easy place to travel to if it be by car or plane, so we encourage you to come to the 2013 Slovenian European and World Championships which will be a superb event in a very special part of the world.

WELCOME BY ORGANISING COMMITTEE

by Mitja Margon, Organising Committee



Dear Sailors and Friends,

Finally! The Official note from Fireball International, the Agreement with Fireball Slovenia and Local Authorities are on the table. This means we can officially "raise the preparatory signal" – as the start of

hard work towards Fireball European and World Championship 2013. The project started a good year ago, when the decision to candidate Slovenia as host Nation was taken. So - here we are! Ready to go and decided to deliver excellent and unforgettable sailing week(s).

This issue of Newsletter (the first one in a series of Newsletters dedicated to FBL Worlds 2013) is coming to you together with the Notice of Race and Entry form and bringing you a few basic and starting information about the venue, about Portorož and Slovenia.

The Championship venue will be in Marina Portorož, the largest marina in Slovenia. Throughout the years Marina Portorož has been hosting many big events, which means the facility is one of the best we can have for such event. The

regatta will be organized in joint venture with Fireball Slovenia and with one of the most successful clubs in Slovenia – YC Portorož. Portorož and its clubs have a history of organizing top sailing events such as RC44 circuit, Star Worlds, Extreme 40 Worlds, Musto Performance Skiff Europeans, Optimist Europeans and many more.

Since this is a bit unusual for this kind of events, we are notifying you in advance: it is in GoSailing's practice, that we donate part of the Entry Fee to charitable purposes; we will present the Organization, which will be involved and receive our help in one of the next Newsletters.

We are more than happy to answer all your questions and are looking forward to receiving first entries.

For all questions and information feel free to contact us at info@gosailing.si or simply visit our web www.gosailing.si.

Enjoy the reading and we are looking forward to seeing you soon!

PS: For those who plan to arrive with private planes – the airport is just 1 mile away...



TYPICAL WEATHER CONDITIONS

by Jure Jerman, Environmental Agency of Republic of Slovenia



General: September is weather wise one of the most pleasant months in Portorož. The hottest summer days are already over but the weather can be still very nice and warm. The average maximum daily temperature is 23.9° C. Even if September is the month with the highest monthly precipitation average (120 mm of precipitation), the rainy events are rather short lasting and intensive. The average number of days with rain above 10 mm/day in September is 3.4. The atmosphere is already getting more stable thus the number of thunderstorms is relatively small (3.6 per month comparing with 8.2 in July). The precipitation events and thunderstorms are mainly associated with the passages of cold fronts which are getting more frequent comparing with summer months.

Table: Values for Portorož (September), period 1971-2000:

Average maximum daily temperature (°C)	23,9
Average minimum daily temperature (°C)	13,0
Average No. of days with the max. temp. > 25°C	10
Average monthly sunshine duration (hours)	223
Average monthly precipitation (mm)	120,5

Winds: The most relevant wind data for race area in front of Portorož is the one from oceanographic and meteorological buoy Vida located few miles from the racing area in front of Piran. The wind rose from meteorological buoy indicates that most frequent winds are sea breezes from WSW to NW. The general direction of the sea breeze depends on the general pressure gradient. It varies between WSW to NW. The sea breeze usually starts around 11 am, is the strongest around 2pm and it dies between 6 and 7pm. The strength of the sea breeze is usually from 8 to 14 kts. Land breezes in the morning are generally weak, stronger after the Bora episodes.

Stronger gradient winds are expected from two dominant directions. S (SE in the Portorož bay) – jugo (Scirocco in Italian) and mainly from NE (Bora).

SE-S winds are normally blowing before the approach of the cold fronts. Sometimes they mix with sea breeze resulting in the sea breeze from SW.

Bora is associated with the period after the passage of cold fronts and contrary to the winter and spring months doesn't

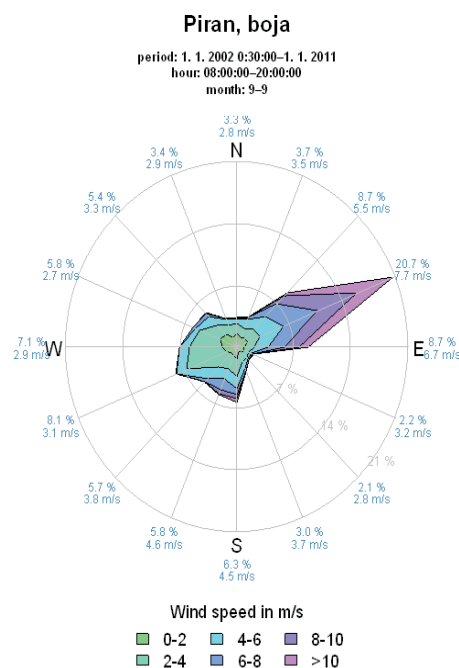


Figure: The wind rose for the daily hours from Buoy Vida located few miles from the racing area (September 2001-2010)

last for longer periods. The longer episodes with Bora are associated with lows in the N Adriatic but the probability of their appearance is quite low in September. Bora is a katabatic gusty wind and gusts can easily reach more than 30 kts.

The North Adriatic Sea is still quite warm in September, the average temperature is around 22 deg. C. Sea can get temporary colder after the intensive Bora episodes, but it regains the normal temperature in few days.

About the Author

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FLAG-NAME STICKER SURVEY

by GoSAILING

One of the ideas that are helping increase interest in our sport and makes the event and sailors more attractive and “eye-catching”, is the idea of National Flag-Name stickers on main sails. The quality of the sticker is good, so no fear that will fall off after first day of sailing. So, here we have a little survey.

Please tell us your comment on this (you will find the same question in the Entry Form, but please respond anyway):

1. Do you like the idea of having the Flag and Name sticker on mainsail (position to be defined, approximate size 650 mm x 500 mm)?

2. If yes – would you be willing to contribute 20 EUR to cover printing costs?

Please send the answers to: info@gosailing.si
Thank you.



EURO BASKET 2013 IN SLOVENIA

by GoSAILING

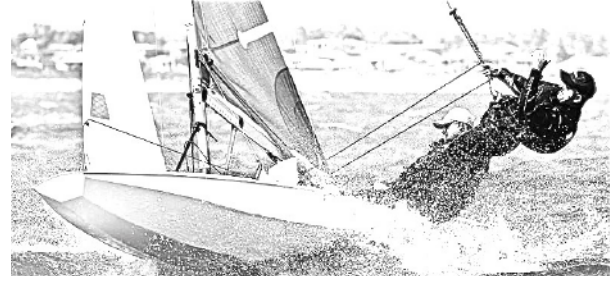


For all Basketball fans - one more reason to visit Slovenija is for sure the European Basketball Championship that will be held at the same time as Fireball Europeans&Worlds.

Only 15km drive from Portoroz, teams as Greece, Russia, Italy, Turkey, Finland and Sweden will play last games for next round qualification (a day before Europeans start).

On “day off”, there will be Quarter Final’s matches in Ljubljana, our capital, which is only 1,5 hour drive from Portoroz.

You can find all information and the full schedule on following link:
www.eurobasket2013.org



TOP 5 ... FACTS ABOUT SLOVENIA

by Katarina Kerševan, Info Center & Web Master



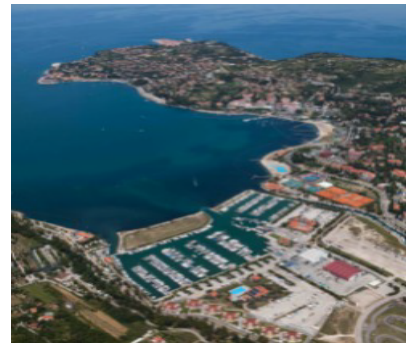
Dear Fireball Sailors,

As I have spent many hours sailing and racing on Fireball, I feel even more eager to do my best in bringing you all the information you need to feel welcome and comfortable in Slovenia.

Editing our web page, posting interesting information and editing Newsletter will be my occupation until the first boats arrive to Marina Portorož. This section will keep bringing you useful and interesting facts about Slovenia, so you (and whoever will be coming with you) can enjoy the stay in our beautiful country as much as possible.

So, here we go with TOP 5 FACTS about Slovenia:

1. Slovenia (capital: Ljubljana) is an independent democratic republic since 1991
(Borders: W-Italy, S-Croatia, E-Hungary, N-Austria)
2. Slovenia is a member of European Union since 2004
3. Population: 2 Mio
4. Currency: EUR
5. Official Language: Slovenian



Above: Location of Slovenia
Below: Marina Portorož and Portorož Bay

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