

Dear Sailor, dear Family,

The year near its end, it is time to give you some news on the upcoming season. And there will be some changes.

Program

You already know that the Selection Regattas will be :

- 6-8 March: Youth Centenary Regatta, Riva del Garda
- 2-5 April: Sailing Point Easter Regatta, Portoroz

We hope you are already Registered for Riva.

Registrations for Portoroz open usually on the first week of January.

The lucky top 5 will be selected for the World Championship in Tangiers, Morocco 18-28 June. The lucky next 7 (including minimum 3 girls and minimum 3 boys) will qualify to the European Championship in Gdynia, Poland 24-31 July.

These and all the other dates can be found on the website:

<https://swissoptimist.ch/program/>

Registration for selection

Registrations for the selection will be open from the 1st January until the 15th February. (Please note that this is sooner than the start of the first selection regatta). Registration fee is 125 CHF unchanged. Registration is to be done on the website under *Members* by choosing *Manage* (<https://swissoptimist.ch/list-of-members/>)

All Sailors who register will get the *Selection-lycra* with the swiss colors. The size must be given during the registration. It is not possible to buy the lycra only. The lycras will arrive probably for the PM in Thun, but latest for the last PM in Estavayer-le-lac. The registration fee contains the lycra, and a participation to the costs of the World Championship Team.



At the same place sailors can order the official Swiss Optimist Life-Vest from Nob. The price is 195 CHF, and it is open to all sailors, not only to the selection. The life-vest should arrive for the PM in Thun.

Yearly fee

The yearly fee is unchanged, 60 CHF and is due before the first PM in Lugano. Of course it is possible to pay it together with the registration and/or life-vest starting the 1st January. This is done under *Members* by clicking on *Manage*.

National Coach

Sebastian Peri Brusa took over the preparation of Swiss Sailors from Region 5 and 3, a role that is not compatible with the National Coach position. Luka on the other hand resigned after the World Championship. Our thanks go to Peri and Luka who were with us in the past years, and did a great job. The sailors who were lucky to be trained by them can testify that they are at the highest level of Optimist sailing and trimming, but also regarding IODA events.

The Swiss Optimist Committee has chosen the new National Coaches for 2026:

- Adrian Barcelo will be the National Coach for the Worlds Team
- Damir Nakrst will be the National Coach for the European Championship team

A warm welcome to Adrian and Damir.

Swiss Optimist Annual Meeting

The Swiss Optimist Class will hold its Members Meeting an Annual Meeting in Lugano on March 21st, starting at 18h30.

At the Members Meeting, the sailors will vote for the venue of the 2027 Swiss Championship. One application was received so far, it is from the Société Nautique de Nyon (SNNy).

Right after the Members Meeting will start the General Assembly where the parents represent the sailors according to the Statutes of the Class (see <https://swissoptimist.ch/documents/>). Besides approving the finances, the program, the budget and different reports, the Committee will propose a modification to the PM calculation method, applicable from August 2026.

Also several positions of the Committee will be up for election, and we can talk about a generation change. The following positions will be open: President, Vice-President, Cashier, and representatives for Region 1, 4 and 6. Interested parents, coaches or other volunteers can contact any member of the committee for more information.

The official invitation and the detailed Agenda will be provided in February, and the Assembly should not take longer than one hour this time. We hope to have a large participation in regards to the decisions to be taken. If you are not able to participate you can ask another parent to represent you.

After so much information, the last thing left is to wish you Merry Christmas-period, and all the best for the upcoming year. We hope to meet you all, latest in Lugano!

Your Swiss Optimist Committee:

David (P&R2), Tanja (VP), Frédérique (S&R1), Monika (F), Nicola (T), Jean-Pierre (R), Kari (R3) , Kari (R4), Tom (R5), Benedikt (R6) and Edoardo (R8)