

## 2018 YOUTH MATCH RACING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2018 Youth Match Racing World Championship to be held in LAGO DI LEDRO (Italy) from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> organized by the “Associazione Vela Lago di Ledro asd – AVLL”.

**Lago di Ledro** is located in **Trentino**, a region situated in the north-east of **Italy** and in the **northern area of Garda Lake** and is situated 680 mt above sea level.

The winds on the lakes are similar, but not as strong as those on Lake Garda, making Match Races and Team Races very interesting.

On July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 a formal celebration marked the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Ledro Sailing Club (ASSOCIAZIONE VELA LAGO DI LEDRO -AVLL).

Over time, the competition activity of AVLL, comprising a number of events taking place on a yearly basis, has steadily increased, becoming a major commitment with initiatives at national, European and world level:

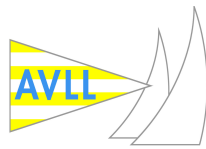
- A Grade 1 Women’s Match Race event since 1999 for 13 years every year;
- A Grade 2 Open Match Race event in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017
- ISAF Women’s Match Race World Championship in 2001;
- Optimist European Inter-Club Team Racing (14-15 teams) 2001 to 2007 every year;
- Italian Team Racing Championship in 2006 - 2013;
- World Team Racing Championship 420 in 2007;
- EUROSAF European Championship Match Race youth 2012 and 2016;
- Italian Team Racing Championship Youth in 2012 and 2014;
- World University Match Racing Championship FISU in 2014
- EUROSAF University Sailing European Match Racing Championship 2015;
- EUROSAF Match Racing Open European Championship in 2017;
- Italian Youth Match Race Championship in 2009, 2012 and 2017;
- Italian Women Match Race Championship in 2008 and 2011;

In addition, the Optimist European Team Racing Championship, which has been taking place at AVLL over the last nine years, has been awarded to our Club also for the forthcoming two years, 2018 and 2019.

And the AVLL will organize 2020 FISU World University Match Racing Championship.

In the current 2017 season, the AVLL organized the traditional OM Match Race Grade 2 with the participation of 12 teams from Europe and Australia. In July it hosted also the Eurosaf Match Racing Open European Championship.





Normally, World Championships take place on sea waters. A match race, however, a formula brought to success by the America's Cup, requires different conditions: shallow waves, equalized boats and short runs. The Ledro lake is a natural and established environment for such a competition.

The 2018 Youth Match Racing World Championship will admit maximum 16 teams, each composed of 3 athletes for men or mixed team or 4 for team all female, sailing on J22 boats.

Attached to this Newsletter you can find the Notice of Race of the 2018 Youth Match Racing World Championship.

The MNAs, together with all the teams which contested in Ledro in the last few years, will be kept up-to-date on a quarterly basis.

**Entry must be made thru the national MNA of the country not later than 01 March 2018**

For the event, a tracking of all regattas will be available on internet, and a summary will be broadcasted by television.

**The web site and the Facebook page will be online soon.**

The Autonomous Province of Trento, the Ledro Bank, the Ledro Municipalities and the Ledro Consortium for Tourism are partners to this major event.

The allocation of this prestigious event to the Trentino Province is a strong recognition of the level of its sporting activities and, in particular, of the reputation of Ledro for organizing high-level match race regattas.

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