

WELCOME BY FIREBALL SLOVENIA

by Miha Kavčič, President, Fireball Slovenia



Dear Fireball sailors,

Since Izola's Europeans in 2004, Slovenian Fireball sailors were interested in making next steps, so Fireball International's invitation to organize Europeans and Worlds in 2013, was a big honour and recognition of our work in past years.

Since location has changed from Izola to Portorož, we have to say that Portorož Bay is well known in sailing world since many World, European and Nationals championships were organized there. Portorož Bay with its surrounding infrastructure, influence of Mediterranean weather and

friendly seas gives a unique opportunity to organize great and unique event for Fireball class. Location of marina Portorož gives a variety of possibilities to meet sailors' requirements trough shore facilities, unique Boat Park and possibilities to stay close with accommodation in hotels or apartments, nearby camp or just to park mobile home inside the marina. True long cooperation with GoSailing and YC Portorož, and their experience with organizing top sailing events in Portorož Bay, we are expecting that Fireball championship will be very well organized with a lot of innovative and unique stuff to go along the venue on shore and see.

Therefore we would like to invite you to come and see this wonderful peace of Slovenia on Mediterranean cost and to experience joyful sailing and Adriatic atmosphere.

EARLY BIRD ENTRY FEE - VISIT US AT THE DINGHY SHOW, LONDON UK

by Team GoSAILING

**Early Entry Fee Due Date is approaching!
March 31, 2013 is near and you can save at least 50 EUR!**

A good opportunity to save some extra \$\$\$ for Bank fees is paying the Early Entry Fee at RYA Dinghy Show in London on the weekend of 2nd and 3rd March, 2013

GoSailing and Fireball representatives will be there.
Come and see us at Fireball International stand!

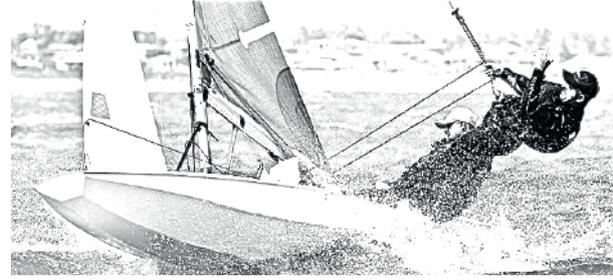


FIREBALL WORLDS 2013 COUNTDOWN

by Team GoSAILING

- 57 days until Early Bird Entry (March 31, 2013)
- 179 days until Regular Entry (July 31, 2013)
- 220 days until Late Entry for Europeans (September 10, 2013)
- 224 days until Late Entry for Worlds (September 14, 2013)
- **221 days until European Championship (September 10, 2013)**
- **225 days until World Championship (September 14, 2013)**





FLAG-NAME STICKER SURVEY - WE KINDLY ASK FOR YOUR REPLY

by Team GoSAILING

Please participate and send us your feedback on Flag Survey which was announced in the previous Newsletter. Let us kindly remind you what it was about:

One of the ideas which 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 stickers is good, so no fear that they will fall off after first day of sailing.

We are eager to hear your opinion on the following:

1. Do you like the idea of having the Flag-Name sticker on mainsail (position to be defined, approximate size is 600 mm x 400 mm) as shown on figure to the right?
2. If yes – would you be willing to contribute 20 EUR to cover the costs?

Please send the answers to: info@gosailing.si

Thank you.



SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

DRY STORAGE FOR YOUR FIREBALL DURING THE WHOLE CHAMPIONSHIP

by Team GoSAILING

GoSAILING and Marina Portoroz, organisers and hosts, are happy to announce a unique feature of the 2013 Fireball World Championship:

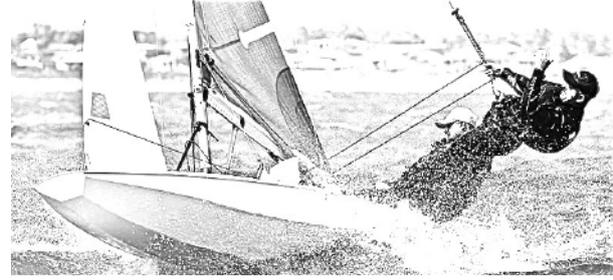
For the first time, Marina Portoroz is offering to host the boats inside the hangar.

Yes, you will be able to store your Fireball with the sails on in the shade of the big hangar! A bit longer walk to the launching ramp (50 m), but unique feature that you will remember forever :)

Remember **place for the first 50 boats entering the Championship will be granted on "first come – first serve" basis.**

ENTER NOW!





ACCOMMODATION – “CHEF’S PICK”

by Team GoSAILING

To help you with accommodation during the Event, we have arranged 6 accommodation options with special rates. We chose them based on our previous experience, sailor's needs and best quality/rate relationship we could negotiate. Enjoy the selection and contact directly the links below, use “magic

words” GoSAILING Fireball Worlds to get special prices. Not to upset you, but during our Worlds, there will be a big event in Slovenia – Basketball Europeans, which will take part of the (best) accommodation options...so, hurry up!

1. Apartments – Marina Residence

TOP PICK – “sleep on site” – just few steps from your boat! Three sizes luxury apartments are available at special rates! Please book quickly, as half of the apartments are booked for Basket Europeans already!

Special price for Fireball Worlds participants:
Classic apartment (3-4 persons)/week: 660,00 EUR (+ 1,01 EUR tax/person/day)

Contacts:
www.marinap.si/en/residence
Tel.: +386 5 6761100
E-mail: tanja.kodric@marinap.si



2. Apartments – Maygut

Apartments in 2 different sizes, 5' drive or 20' walk from the venue. Very quiet, new, luxury furnished.

Special price for Fireball Worlds participants:
Apartment (2 persons)/week: 385,00 EUR (+ 1,01 EUR tax/person/day)

Contacts:
www.maygut.net
Tel.: +386 5 6747058
E-mail: info@maygut.net





3. Bungalows & Rooms – Residence Maestral

Bungalows and rooms at 5' drive or 30' walk from the venue. Quite, modest, well priced, sailor's friendly.

Special price for Fireball Worlds participants:

Apartment (3-4 persons)/week: 365,00 EUR (+ 1,01 EUR tax/person/day)

Double room/week: 380,00 EUR (+ 1,01 EUR tax/person/day), breakfast included

Contacts:

www.maestralresidence.si

Tel.: +386 5 6779280

E-mail: info@maestral.si



4. Hotel – Hotel Lucija

Walking distance (8') hotel with its swimming pool and with sports fields (tennis, mini golf, basket,...) just across the street. Very reasonably priced, modern style, quiet.

Special price for Fireball Worlds participants:

Double room/week: 645,00 EUR (+ 1,01 EUR tax/person/day), breakfast included

Contacts:

www.bernardingroup.si

Tel.: +386 5 6907000

E-mail: booking@bernardingroup.si





5. Camping – Kamp Lucija

Camping at walking distance (10') from your boat. Clean, quiet and with all facilities on site.

Special price for Fireball Worlds participants:

Camping place + car + 2 persons/week: 220,00 EUR (+ 0,50 EUR tax/person/day)

Contacts:

www.camp-lucija.si

Tel.: +386 5 6906030

E-mail: camp@metropol-resort.com



6. Charter boat – Jonathan Plus (Marina Portoroz)

Sailing boats, moored in the marina, few steps from your boat. Different, unique way to spend the time during the Championship, especially if in bigger group!

Special price for Fireball Worlds participants:

Charter boat (4-6 persons)/week: 1.070,00 EUR (+ 0,50 EUR tax/person/day)

Contacts:

www.jonathanplus.si

Tel.: +386 5 6778930

E-mail: booking@jonathanplus.si



If you want further selection, please contact one of our partners:

7. Turist agency "Maestral" - contact: Andrej Babnik - andrej@maestral.si

8. Turist agency "Top Line" - contact: Zvone Uhelj - zvone@topline.si

9. Turist office Portorož - www.portoroz.si



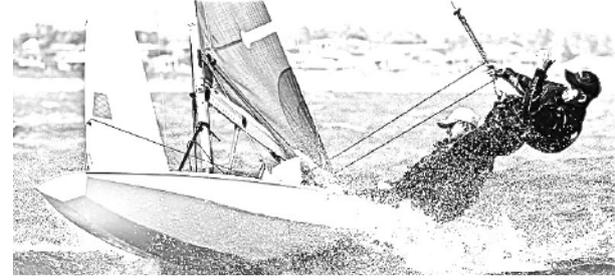
On Slovene market below presented sailing brands are imported and represented by Seaway TIM Ltd. and available in the only specialized sailing store in Slovenia - SAILING POINT
TEL: +386-5-677-8125, INFO@SAILING-POINT.SI, UKMARJEVA 2, 6320 PORTOROZ, SLOVENIJA

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TOP 5 ... HISTORICAL FACTS ABOUT SLOVENIA

by Katarina Kerševan, Info Center & Web Master



Hello in 2013,

We have entered the year of Fireball Worlds in Slovenia and as we want to offer you more than just a sailing event we will keep on bringing you interesting info about Slovenia. This time we have chosen 5 historical facts, just to give you an idea of what went on on this territory centuries ago and thus maybe give you an idea what to do on your layday or even get you to stay in Slovenia for a short vacation.

1. The recorded history of Slovenia dates back to the 5th century BC - times of Celtic tribes
2. The oldest town in Slovenia is Ptuj
There is evidence that the area was settled in the Stone Age. In the Late Iron Age it was settled by Celts. Since 1960 Ptuj hosts the biggest carnival in Slovenia, with the famous "Kurenti".



Kurenti

3. Slovenia is home to more than 500 castles
Bled Castle (on top of the cliff over Lake Bled) is particularly popular, as Lake Bled is a renowned attraction among tourists and is also home to a 15th-century church.



Bled Castle above the Lake Bled

4. Slovenia - Historical State Formations up to Independency
 - at first today's Slovenia was as a part of Roman Empire
 - followed by Austria-Hungary Empire in 1867
 - 1918 State of Slovenes, Croats, and Serbs was formed
 - which in 1943 merged into Yugoslavia
 - and finally in 1991 Slovenes have voted for independent Slovenija.
5. The oldest instrument in Slovenia is also the oldest instrument in the world
A Neanderthal flute, at least 45,000 years old, found at the Divje babe archaeological site in 1995, is most probably the oldest musical instrument in the world. The flute is kept by the National Museum of Ljubljana (Slovenia's Capital).



The oldest instrument in the world was found in Slovenia