



# MicroClass

## Micro Class Country Report

Country: Italy

Year: 2018

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Resources:

N° of boats: Around 30 in Class association, around 100 outside Class.

N° of new boats built in the present year and certificate: 0

Average price of complete new boat without sails (Euro):

No new boats has been built or purchased in Italy. Recent used boat with sails is around 8000 €.

## Number and list of Micro Regatta, location, participants:

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CLUB	
6/5	I tappa Campionato Zonale XII Zona	Mestre (VE)	Circolo della Vela Mestre	
18-20/5	II Campionato Italiano Micro	Mestre (VE)	Circolo della Vela Mestre	
16/6	II tappa Campionato Zonale XII Zona	Mestre (VE)	Circolo Velico Casanova	
17/6	III tappa Campionato Zonale XII Zona	Mestre (VE)	Canottieri Mestre	
30/6	Regata Zonale XII Zona	Mestre (VE)	Circolo della Vela Mestre	
6/10	I tappa Campionato Autunnale Zonale XII Zona	Mestre (VE)	Circolo della Vela Mestre	
20/10	La Veleziana	Venezia	Compagnia della Vela Venezia	
27/10	II tappa Campionato Autunnale Zonale XII Zona	Mestre (VE)	Circolo della Vela Mestre	
10/11	III tappa Campionato Autunnale Zonale XII Zona	Mestre (VE)	Circolo della Vela Mestre	

Roughly 10 participants to the different legs of the Local Micro Championship in Venice area.

Italian Micro Class has been acting in cooperation with Italian Sailing Federation, to have Micro cuppers recognized as ORC Sportboats division M (provided they are equipped with an ORC certificate, both ORC Club or ORC International). The first two boats are in the process to obtain their ORC Club Certificate for 2019; with this, they can join the Sportboat regattas, which are very popular in the same areas the Micros are also spread (Venice and Chioggia lagoons, Lake Maggiore and Lake Como). Despite no Micros join Sportboats regatta in 2018, their entries were acceptable according the following calendar:

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CLUB
13-15/4	Campionato d'area Laghi Minialtura	Lovere (BS)	Associazione Velica Alto Sebino 
21-22/4	Campionato d'area Adriatico Minialtura	Ravenna (RA)	Ravenna Yacht Club 
11-19/5	Rolex Capri International Sailing Week Minialtura	Capri (NA)	Circolo del remo e vela Italia 
11-13/5	Campionato Italiano Minialtura	Chioggia (VE)	Il Portodimare 
30/5-3/6	Campionato Europeo Minialtura Sportboat	Sistiana (TS)	Yacht Club Portopiccolo  Dipartimento Nautico Sistiana 
15-17/6	Coppa Italia Minialtura	Chioggia (VE)	Il Portodimare 

### Euro Micro, location, participants:

18-20/5/17 Italian Euro Micro Venice Circolo della Vela Mestre 16 Italian participants

### World Championship, location, participants:

13-18/8 XLII Micro World Championship Świnoujście (PL) 1 Italian participant

### Main actions of the year:

A new board has been elected, made by 6 members. Italian President is now Marco D'Alba.

Increase in number of old boats measured by National Italian measurer Mauro Fogato. New measurer Matteo Pitari appointed and trained by Manfred Bauendhal.

Two sailmakers (Euro Sails and Elvstrom Sails) started designing dedicated solutions for Micro boats.

Still the two main areas of Micro boats competition are Lake Maggiore and Venice.

Italian Navy has been discovered using 12 Micro Pomo (Italian model from the 80's) in its headquarter in Sardinia for sailing courses. A permanent link has been created with Italian Navy to involve this fleet in the Class activity (namely racing and sailing school).

Second Italian National Micro Championship have been held in Venice, with 17 boats competing (one from Germany). Boats for rent were used by crews coming from different regions in Italy, extending the interest around the Class in new territories. An effective media coverage has been performed by the web-TV Saily.it

Other 7 Micro regattas will be raced in 2018, all of them in Venice area.

Micro Class is noticed with several entries in the two most famous regattas in Italy: Barcolana in Trieste (celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with about 2000 boats at the start) and Veleziana in Venice (with about 200 boats at the start).

Italian National team is still composed by two boats, with open selection and application for the crew among the Class members. The National team is still supported by its sponsor BELIMO and by technical sponsors Harken and Gottifredi-Maffioli.

## Next year projects:

Micro Class Italy goals for 2018-2020 :

\_\_List of the Micro boats in the Italy, regardless they are sailing/racing or not.

\_\_Organization of two major events a year (Italian/Euro Micro and a cruising raid).

\_\_Cooperation with other classes and support form Italian Navy.

\_\_Target of all crew-members racing in Micro enrolled in the Class.

Recognition of Micros as ORC Sportboats is targeted, to extend the interest and populate the calendar with many additional regattas.

A record path, recognised by World Sailing, is under attempt on Lake Maggiore (40 nautical miles) by the National team. The record attempt will be open for any Micro in the world, trying to beat the first reference time.

A second record path, unofficial and shorter, has been set in Venice Lagoon. Enrollement is via Facebook and tracking is via Race QS app. Time to beat: 00:51:56, set by MicroPomo Stella Mia ITA-313. The record has been intended also to offer extra-activity to the boats coming to compete in Euro Micro Italy in Venice.

Different projects to improve the cruising activity and involve people not interested in racing are under study. «50 Miles Challenge» is a 50-miles long sailing course in one shot, taking place on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 in Northern Adriatic Sea, starting in the night from the sea side and entering the Venice lagoon at dawn. A joint-venture with Formula 18 catamarans to organize a raid is under development for 2019.

Links with different National Micro Class organizations from all over the World could be beneficial to enhance the turistic aspect of the Class, including boats exchanges and rental, attracting owners more interested in cruising then in racing.