



Development Team 2 2026 Fact Sheet

The purpose of this fact sheet is to provide details for sailors and parents specifically in relation to costs and travel arrangements etc.

Key Dates:

Event: 29th October - 1st November 2026
 Training at Venue: 27th & 28th October 2026
 Training in UK: 27th - 29th May 2026 at WPNSA

Team Coaches	Julia Staite and Ross Banham
Team Members	As selected at the GBR Team Selection Trials in line with the 2026 Selection Policy
Event	14th Halloween Cup, Lake Garda, Italy
Event Venue	Torbole, Lake Garda, Italy
UK Training	<p>Three day residential team training at WPNSA on 27th-29th May 2026 (during half term). Accommodation will be provided on 27th and 28th May. All meals will be provided (apart from breakfast & lunch on 27th May, and dinner on 29th May).</p> <p>Sailors will need their own boats and equipment.</p> <p>Two house parents will be required to stay and support the team during the mornings, training, evenings & bedtimes (accommodation & food provided). At least one female parent is required.</p>
Event Travel	Parents are responsible for the travel arrangements of their sailors to the event in Italy, and to ensure they are there to meet the coaches on the morning of the first training day (27th October).
Accommodation	Sailors stay with their parents in Italy.
Entries	<p>Parents enter and pay for sailors.</p> <p>There is an Early Bird entry fee of approx 100-120 Euros (depending on if the organisers increase prices for 2026).</p> <p>Entry will be via the website here (once open) and payment is made directly to the organisers (details will be in the Notice of Race): https://www.circolovelatorbole.com/en/regatta/detail/1322</p>
Boats/Sails	<p>Sailors will use their own boats and sails (transported by parents). We encourage sailors to join together for towing - 6 boat trailers are available for use. Please contact equipment@optimist.org.uk to enquire.</p> <p>Alternatively, charter boats can be booked at Garda at additional cost. Please contact teams@optimist.org.uk if you wish to find out more.</p>



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Ribs	Two RIBs will be hired at Lake Garda for use during the training & event.
Event website	https://www.circolovelatorbole.com/en/regatta/detail/1322
Kit	<p>A team buoyancy aid badge will be provided. All other team kit (onshore t-shirts and rashvests) will be purchased directly through our class sponsors, Rooster.</p> <p>A Team Kit link will be shared so kit can be ordered and paid for. For those sailors with a team jacket already, event embroidery can be added to jackets, but this will have to be arranged yourselves (although IOCA Teams can provide the wording, font and point you in the direction of branding houses if required). For those in need of a new jacket, one can be purchased through Rooster, and can be branded by Rooster.</p>
Sailing Conditions	<p>The northern area of Lake Garda offers very good sailing conditions based on thermal breezes. The well-known winds are the Peler, a north wind that blows in the morning, and the Ora, which blows in the afternoon. Temperature in October: 7-14 Celsius.</p> <p>It can be cold in October, so warm clothing is advised for when on the water, particularly if sailing in the Peler in the mornings.</p>
Finances	The parental contribution to sign up to the team is £975 . This includes 6 days sailing in Italy and 3 days residential training in the UK. If the cost of the team, after paying out all the expenses associated with it, comes to £20 less than has been budgeted, a refund will be made to parents.
Other	You will be offered a team place after Selections 2026. Once notified, sailors and parents will be required to accept or decline the place within 24 hours and make full payment.