



**INTERNATIONAL YACHTING FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIANS**

## **AREA-1 ANNUAL MEETING**

**Portorož, Slovenia**

**9<sup>th</sup> October – 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2020**

**Area 1 Commodore Carlo d'Amore invites all members of the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians to join us for the Annual General Meeting and Fellowship weekend: »Let us meet on the Slovenian Coast and see the the largest sailing race in the world!«**

**BARCOLANA<sup>®</sup>52**





This time we will meet in Slovenia, the tiny country between Alps and Adriatic Sea. Slovenian coast extends from Trieste bay to Istria peninsula with just 46 kilometers. Here you will find the important Port of Koper, fishermen town Izola, touristic jewel Piran and riviera of Portorož, where our meeting will take place.

### Getting to Slovenia

Slovenia is only a few hour drive away from Venice, Munich or Vienna. It is easily accessible from all neighboring countries, as it has good road and rail connections, with daily flights from many European cities.

By air, you can reach Slovenia from major European capitals. If the flights to Ljubljana airport are not convenient, it is worth to look at the nearby airports of Trieste and Venice in Italy or Zagreb and Pula in Croatia. Our agent Atlas Express is ready to organise you transfer from your airport.

### Why Slovenia

Slovenia captures visitors with its variety. You will be surprised on how much diversity you will find within its small size.

Nature is a big part here. Slovenia is covered with lush green forests, the mighty Alps, crystal clean rivers, preserved underground caves and a sparkling coastline.

Gastronomic heritage is also related to the nature. The food experience just multiplies the sensorial experience and upgrades each visit with its unique farm-to-table availability.

But what will leave you an imprint in your heart is the warm hospitality Slovenian people have towards all visitors. It is their sincere welcome that is warm and lasts forever. This gives the love factors *sLOVEnia* carries in her name.





### The IYFR AGM hotel

**Grand Hotel Portorož** is a 4-star Superior hotel on the riviera of Portorož. It has a number of top quality facilities in terms of both food and well-being. Our AGM will take place here and all transfers will start and end also here. We have reserved Twin rooms with special IYFR discount. Bed & Breakfast price for Double use is 120€ and 95€ for Single use. The availability for us is guaranteed until March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. (Do your booking on time!)

Please, make your accommodation booking direct with hotel [here](#).

#### **Grand Hotel Portorož\*\*\*\***

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### Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> IYFR Program

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| 5:00 PM | IYFR reception and registration at Grand Hotel Portorož |
| 6:00 PM | Guided tour to Piran                                    |
| 8:00 PM | Dinner at Marina Portorož with Rodica wine tasting      |

### Piran

The romantic town of Piran on the peninsula is one of the most beautiful towns in Slovenia. The home of celebrated composer Giuseppe Tartini oozes with music and culture and has something to offer for everyone, whether you're into theatre, museums or galleries. Brace yourself, you're about to surrender to its charms! Look at [PIRAN](#)





### Marina Portorož

The restaurant in the center of the marina is distinguished by top service, a diverse range of dishes and Mediterranean flavors, which combine in harmony with recognized Slovenian wines. They will serve us three course menu with meat or fish. Look at [Marina Portoroz](#) or [Portorož by Lonely Planet](#)

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### Organic Winery Rodica

Family wine farm is located in the heart of Slovenian Istria, above the town Koper. Position and climate are ideal for growth and development of vine. The farm consists vineyards with 60,000 vines, mainly native varieties of Refosco, Malvasia and Yellow Muscat, but also Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. They are committed to ecological farming only. Look at [Rodica winery](#)  
Marinko Rodica will guide us through a short tasting of his wines.





## Sailing regatta GO TO BARCOLANA FROM SLOVENIA By Kempinsky & MK Group

A regatta that bring sailors from Slovenia and Croatia along a route to Trieste: it is a way to transfer boats in groups and with a competitive spirit, giving value to the bond that unites the navigators of the Adriatic. The start of regatta is from Portorose and it finishes in front of Piazza Unità d'Italia, Trieste.



### Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> IYFR Program

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| 10:00 AM | Portorož, Kempinski: start of regatta GO TO BARCOLANA FROM SLOVENIA |
| 11:00 AM | Postojna caves, visit of caves and lunch                            |
| 04:00 PM | Bus transfer back to hotel  |
| 06:00 PM | AGM-2020 at Grand Hotel Portorož                                    |
| 08:00 PM | Gala Dinner at Grand Hotel Portorož                                 |

### Postojna Caves

Postojna caves are one of Europe's most popular natural attraction. The caves were opened to the public in the early 19th century, with the first visitor of honor being the Austrian Emperor. It might come as a surprise to you, but small Alpine Slovenia has over ten thousand registered caves. Caves are underground channels, a product of rainwater. The Postojna cave system is the longest with cave passages over 20 kilometers in length. The hydrological system has developed extensive chamber cave system with magnificent formations of stalactites and stalagmites. We will enjoy exciting mini-train ride through a breathtaking underground landscape and walk around the underground chambers for about 1,5 km. The visit takes around 90 minutes. Dress yourself warm as there is just 10°C. Look at [Postojna](#)





### **Our ship LAHO**

Constructed in 1903 in the Netherlands with a name LAHO (LAsT HOpe). Length of the ship: 37m and 6,12m breadth. GRT: 179. Guests are accommodated in two levels: lounge and terrace. Number of passengers: 150. Maximum speed: 7 knots. Prime engine: 282 KW MTU 12 cylinders. The crew of the ship: the master, chief engineer, sailor, cook, waiter. It has modern kitchen, bar and dining salon, which is comfortably fitted.

We will sail along the Barcolana regatta field between first and second buoy turn and having lunch.

### **Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> IYFR Program**

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| 08:30 AM | Embarking ship LAHO                                  |
| 10:30 AM | BARCOLANA-52: the regatta start from Barcola-Trieste |
| 12:00 AM | Buffet lunch on LAHO                                 |
| 04:00 PM | Arrival back to the Hotel                            |

### **BARCOLANA-52, the largest sailing race in the world**

In Gulf of Trieste will take place the regatta Barcolana, the largest sailing race in the world. For all sea and sailing lovers and those who would never miss this one-of-a-kind show, the place and time are always the same every year: Trieste on the second Sunday of October. Barcolana, the international sailing regatta with the world's highest number of participating sailboats, is now in its 52nd edition, and continues to offer that unique combination of sailing competition and great entertainment.

Over 2,000 boats line up at the start line, sailed by world-class helmsmen, racing enthusiasts and cruisers, all fascinated by an event which every sea dog should experience at least once in their life. The race will be held on a 13-mile triangular course with offset mark.

Look at [Barcolana](#) or [Italy and Barcolana](#)



## The race course

Here's the race course for Barcolana52: Regatta will be raced on a quadrilateral course with fixed angles in the Gulf of Trieste and it will be 13 nautical miles long. Starting time is at 10:30 a.m. and the starting line is positioned between Barcola and Miramare. Initially the sailing yachts will race at 210 degrees for 4.3 nautical miles. After Mark n°1, the race course presents a 0.90 miles offset mark at 332 degrees. The Regatta proceeds for 4 miles off the coast of Miramare Castle between Mark n°2 and Mark n°3, then the yachts will sail back towards Barcola for 2.3 miles. The final leg of the race course is located off the coast of the lighthouse Faro della Vittoria and after sailing for 1.5 miles at 160 degrees yachts will reach the Regatta's finish line positioned in the Dam of Porto Vecchio in the waters off Piazza Unità d'Italia, Trieste.

