

## 20<sup>th</sup> ROTARY SAILING REGATTA ZADAR, Croatia, October 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017



Last week end of September or first week end of October, as you like it, the **oldest European Rotary regatta** Zadar took place already for the 20<sup>th</sup> time. The organizers from IYFR Croatia and RC Zadar gathered 12 crews of different open class sailing yachts. The participants came from several neighboring countries. The biggest boat of Solaris 53 brought the most International crew of IYFR: Axel from Germany, Boris from Croatia, Marko, Igor, Matjaž and Erik from Slovenia, two Fleet Commodores, two Past Fleet Commodores and one Regional Commodore.

Published program of the regatta was changed due to low winds forecast. The regatta started in front of the town Biograd na moru in the Middle Dalmatia in a very light breeze that later on in the afternoon increased for few knots and allowed the crews to enjoy a nice, sunny sail on a smooth sea, along the coast till island Murter. In marina Betina, where Boris Ninić, the Fleet Commodore of IYFR Croatia is the manager, the kind staff welcomed us with a tasty dinner. Along the several glasses of local wine *malvasia* the discussions about the regattas maneuvers and tactics warmed up late in the night.

Next day we had to wait with a start a bit longer due to no wind in the morning. But local thermic built up light breeze at noon when we made the technical leg of a pole in front of the marina Betina. As it is known proverb among Dalmatian sailors: "*Po bonaci poznaje se junaci*" ("*In no wind the heroes come*"), we all followed this wisdom and reached the finish line. As the time flew too fast that in a short daylight the third leg would be done, we turned on the engines to reach the marina Biograd before night. There, in the marina restaurant, we had dinner and the announcement of regatta results.

