

# Brač

Brač Orienteering Championship, 6 - 8 October 2023



## BULLETIN

6th BRAČ ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIP

6th to 8th October 2023.

**POSTIRA**  
Dol' edino-eco-village

**Maksimir**  
Zagreb



## Postira

*Postira is a charming island fishing village that attracts people with its contrasts: the blue sea and the pink sunsets, rocking boats and stable churches, winding pebbled streets and modern hotels, agricultural cooperative and a big fishing company, white stone monuments and far away mainland, strong wind and warm sun, nice beaches and rough stone coast, smooth football pitches and sloped rough orienteering grounds, friendly and astonished inhabitants...*

*Orienteers have been discovering it bit by bit, each year finding something different. What will surprise you this year? You'll find soon enough!*



## Gažul

*Gažul is a shepherd's settlement with long history. Four small stone houses erected by brothers more than 200 years ago treasure tradition due to care and hospitality of their descendents. Today, far from hardships of long gone times, you can enjoy story-like setting, taste Dalmatian specialities and just be happy. This will be appreciated especially after finishing tough orienteering on the 600-700m high plateau of Vidova gora*



## Trolokve

*Those three pools for rainwater collection were made in ancient times by placing waterproof clay into the recesses. They were made in the public domain, on the boundaries of three villages territories. Water is precious in Dalmatia and especially Vidova gora. It is necessary for livestock, and human survival. Trolokve still has a practical value (sheep and horses graze here), it maintains biodiversity, and has a historical, scientific and cultural importance. It is a nice spot for excursions all year round. And for orienteeres Trolokve are like a jewels crowning Orlovica map!*

# Tomislav Kaniški

## Head organizer / Course setter

Welcome to the sixth edition of BrOC!

I am so happy that we are back on Brač. Every day on this beautiful island is a new adventure for me. This year we are expecting more than 250 runners from 17 countries. Many of you are coming back. It proves that people enjoy not only tough orienteering tasks, but also beautiful nature and welcoming people on Brač. Also that is a motivation for us to be even better. As in previous years our big thanks goes to the Tourist Board of Postira, which is not only the main sponsor but an essential help in organization. Again, we are challenging you, (as well as our Orienteering Club Maksimir), with four races in three days: on Friday afternoon a middle on pastures and pine forest on Gažul, with some new area mapped. Saturday morning and long distance is back to basics. After a few years we are back to the “fast” central part and fabulous area around fish ponds on Trolokve. Day will be long since in the evening night sprint will take you exploring new “cruiser” with a bit of underground orienteering and finish in Postira elementary school. Sunday is reserved for middle in Pirja bay and visit to the well-known fish factory. Best will get our special medals made from the famous Brač stone. As always, be careful and enjoy the event.



# Ivana Jelinčić

## Tourist Board Postira

Dear BrOC competitors and organisers, Welcome to Postira! My beautiful hometown is well known not only for its fishing, but also as a very loved tourist destination. Most people enjoy it during long spring and summer days at or near our crystal blue sea and during various cultural events. This year we are glad to have more visitors than ever before.

But autumn is also special season here, less crowded and much quieter, but pleasantly warm and suitable for all kinds of activities (not only for orienteering, swimming, walking...) but also relaxation and most of all picking and savouring our tasty seasonal fruits (grapes, tangerines, olives...).

This October we host not only the 6th BrOC but also the 6th World Championship in Olive Picking with teams from more than dozen countries. Both competitions require a lot of skill and stamina but no matter how difficult they are always fun and bring many smiles.

So besides excellent results I wish you all a very enjoyable stay, great moments and unforgettable memories of Postira, Gažul and Brač!

# Fabiana Cini

## Heart of the race / Secretary

Hello!

I am once again tasked with BrOC administration. I am handling payments (this year in euro!), meal vouchers, O-FISHall T-shirts...

For all of you who are in Postira on Thursday evening we will set a Competition Centre in Tourist Board Postira (located besides the roundabout at the entrance to the town). It would be nice to see you there to evade expected prerace rush. On all other days you'll find me at gathering locations or finish areas. I will be there 90 minutes before first start till the end of each race (look out for OK Maksimir blue flag). Don't hesitate to pose me and my team mates any questions you'll have, we'll be glad to help you.

Have enjoyable competition!





# Petar Strmečki

## Right arm of the race / Start

Greetings from start crew! I'll be happy to meet you before each leg in -3 minutes! So take that into account as well as distances (longest is on Saturday: 900m with 80m climb) when you'll start to follow blue-white ribbons! If needed, you can leave some belongings with us, and after the last start they'll be transported to the SI readout.

Don't forget to do CLEAR and CHECK and also SIAC check since it will be ON throughout the competition. Besides on the maps, additional control descriptions will be available in -2 minute but prepare your own holder or tape. Maps on waterproof paper will be waiting for you after the start line. Double check that you take correct one and follow red-white marks to the start point... and then challenge begins! Have good route choices, fast, and safe return to finish!

# Mario Štambuk

## Big smile of the race / Controller

As I have deep roots in Brač, and great passion for orienteering, I am so glad that BrOC competition has been growing some firm roots of its own in this tough Mediterranean terrain and some really deep ones in hearts of people that come here each year.

Having been part of this island since childhood I was in a great position to advise on Tome's quest to make interesting courses which will task your orienteering skills to the maximum. So don't be distracted by the beautiful scenery, make fewest mistakes and you'll get one of the famous white Brač stone medals on Sunday! Best of luck!



# Lobel Horvat

## Legs of the race / Finish

Many times have I put controls for BrOC, and on Gažul it always took a bit more time than expected. Map is very good and correct but you need to get "in to it". So my advice is to start slow till you take a firm grip with the map and the terrain.

Also, ground is stony, in places very rough. Put on some good shoes! There is clear white pine forest, but Dalmatian vegetation can be dense, tough and spiky. Cover your body. Prepare a head lamp for night sprint that will be surprisingly tangled and fun. On the last day be fast on the sprint-scaled map and make some time to relax in the sea before prize giving ceremony. Take care and enjoy!

# Darko Sakar

## Spirit of the race / In Memoriam

DARKO SAKAR (1950-2016) was an initiator of the modern orienteering sport in Croatia. He was a founder of our first club dedicated to orienteering, Maksimir, more than 42 years ago. One of O pioneers in our country, with great enthusiasm and energy he gathered people, popularised the sport, made many of the first 5-coloured maps and organised numerous races.

Professor of veterinary medicine in professional life, he was also a great orienteering teacher. To many of us he transferred not only knowledge but also a huge love for this sport. With his example he instilled in us the highest human values. Darko had a great love for nature and the outdoors. He was an accomplished mountaineer and member of the Croatian Mountain Rescue Service. He was dedicated in helping, persistent in creating and doing, able to find solutions in difficult situations and adverse circumstances, usually a bit thrifty, but always kind, good humoured and joyful. He was hosting parties and gatherings, we remember him with a guitar in his lap and leading in song. Because of all he did and all he was he is greatly missed in his club Maksimir and Croatian orienteering.

We are dedicating the first BrOC 2023 race on Friday, middle distance on Gažul, to Darko Sakar. Only winners in each category will be awarded special prizes after the race, so try your best from the start as Darko always did!



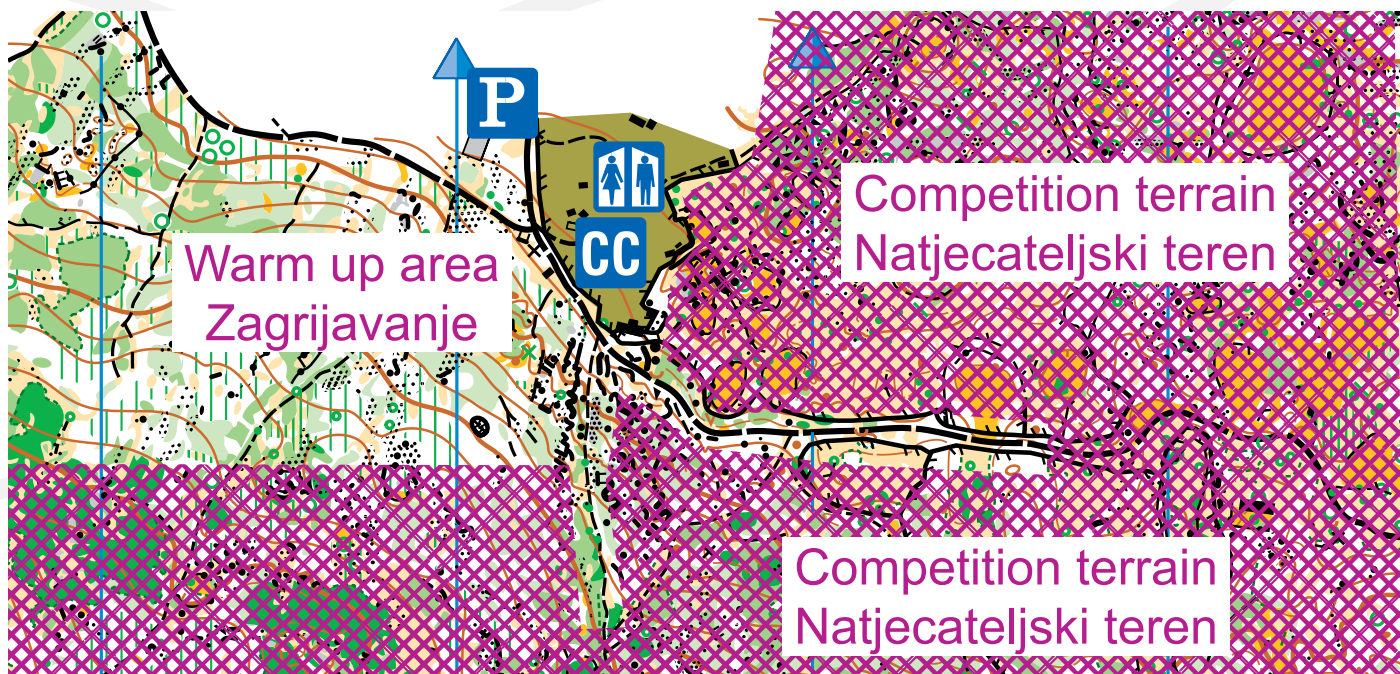
# 6th BRAČ ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIP

<b>Date:</b>	6th to 8th October 2023.
<b>Competition Centre:</b>	Postira
<b>Venue:</b>	Vidova Gora (Gažul), Postira, Brač
<b>Organizer:</b>	OK Maksimir
<b>Head organizer:</b>	Tomislav Kaniški
<b>Course setters:</b>	Tomislav Kaniški, Lobel Horvat
<b>Controller:</b>	Mario Štambuk, Lobel Horvat
<b>Event type:</b>	3-day event.
<b>Friday Oct 6th</b>	First start 14.30, Middle distance, Orlovice.
<b>Saturday Oct 7th</b>	First start 10.00, Long distance, Orlovice II.
<b>Saturday Oct 7th</b>	First start 20.00, Night sprint, Postira.
<b>Sunday Oct 8th</b>	First start 10.00, Middle distance, Postira Ratac.
<b>Maps:</b>	Middle distance 1:7 500, E=5m, Long distance 1:10 000, E=5m, Night sprint 1:4000, E=5m. Middle distance 1:4000, E=5 m.
<b>Classes:</b>	MW 12, 14, 16, 20, 21A, 21B, 35, 45, 55, 65, 70, Open, Beginners.
<b>Punching system:</b>	The SportIdent Air+ system will be used in the competition.
<b>Entries:</b>	Until Thursday, September 28th 2023 at <a href="http://OrienteeringOnline.net">OrienteeringOnline.net</a>
<b>Start fees:</b>	Start fees: MW21 and older 70 € MW20 and younger, Open, Beginners 50 €. Single day 18 € / 13 €.
<b>Contact:</b>	<a href="mailto:tome.kaniski@gmail.com">tome.kaniski@gmail.com</a> Tomislav Kaniški +385 95 908 0222 Fabiana Cini +385 98 938 8719
<b>Payment:</b>	OK Maksimir, Šrapčeva 12, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia Bank: RBA IBAN: HR1924840081135046768 SWIFT: RZBHHR2XXXX
<b>Prizes:</b>	Medals for the first 3 runners.
<b>Remarks:</b>	Maps are printed on waterproof paper. Organizer takes no responsibility for competitors. It is forbidden to run through private and cultivated land. The competition is a public event. By entering you agree to be audiorecorded/video-recorded/photographed for competition purposes. Emergency call – 112.
<b>Refreshment:</b>	Each day in finish area plain drinking water will be provided. Please bring your own cups or bottles. Take care of nature.

# BrOC day1, Friday Oct 6th

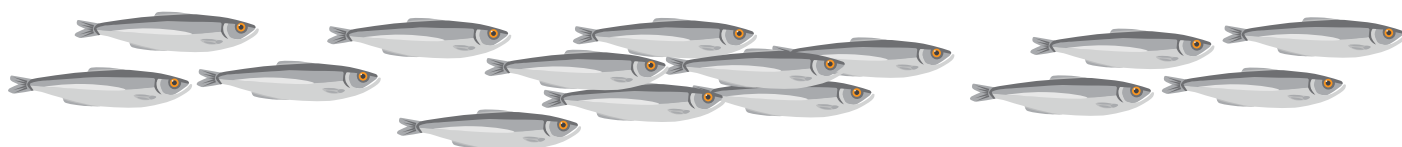
## MIDDLE DISTANCE, Darko Sakar Memorial

Place:	Vidova Gora (Gažul), 43.30485 N, 16.62802 E.
Parking:	100 m to finish area. Look at the <a href="#">map</a> .
First start:	14.30
Distance to the start:	400 m, blue and white ribbons.
Warming up:	On the way to start. Look at the map at the bottom of this page.
Map and control descriptions:	Orlovice, 1:7 500 all classes, E=5m, May 2023. Maps are printed on waterproof paper. Control descriptions printed on the map. Additional control descriptions at the start.
WC:	Portable toilets in finish area.
Finish:	You can keep your map when entering the finish area, however play fairly and don't show your map to competitors who haven't started yet. Finish area is in a traditional shepherd's village. Please take care of nature. No smoking in forest area.
Prize giving:	17.00 p.m. or earlier if possible.
Remarks:	There are only few paths on the terrain. There are different fences on the terrain. Impassable fences have a barb wire on the top (up to 1.2 m high). Fences are not stable sometimes. Please be careful when crossing. We recomend to fully cover your body. Mediterranean vegetation can be tough. In the competition area there will be a lot of sheep. Please leave them alone. Dogs are not allowed in competition area but allowed on leash in finish area. Maximum time on the course 120 min.



BrOC day1, Friday Oct 6th  
MIDDLE DISTANCE, Darko Sakar Memorial  
COURSE LENGTHS

M21A	4960 m	130 m	23 kt
W21A	3670 m	120 m	18 kt
M70	2370 m	65 m	13 kt
M65	2830 m	85 m	12 kt
M55	3220 m	100 m	12 kt
M45	3720 m	120 m	14 kt
M35	4280 m	115 m	20 kt
M21B	3400 m	110 m	12 kt
M20	4130 m	115 m	19 kt
M16	3400 m	110 m	12 kt
M14	2430 m	65 m	11 kt
M12	2000 m	55 m	11 kt
Open	3380 m	115 m	13 kt
Beginners	2000 m	55 m	11 kt
W70	2180 m	55 m	12 kt
W65	2370 m	65 m	13 kt
W55	2830 m	85 m	12 kt
W45	3040 m	95 m	11 kt
W35	3340 m	105 m	16 kt
W21B	2420 m	80 m	13 kt
W20	3340 m	105 m	16 kt
W16	2920 m	85 m	13 kt
W14	2430 m	65 m	11 kt
W12	2000 m	55 m	11 kt

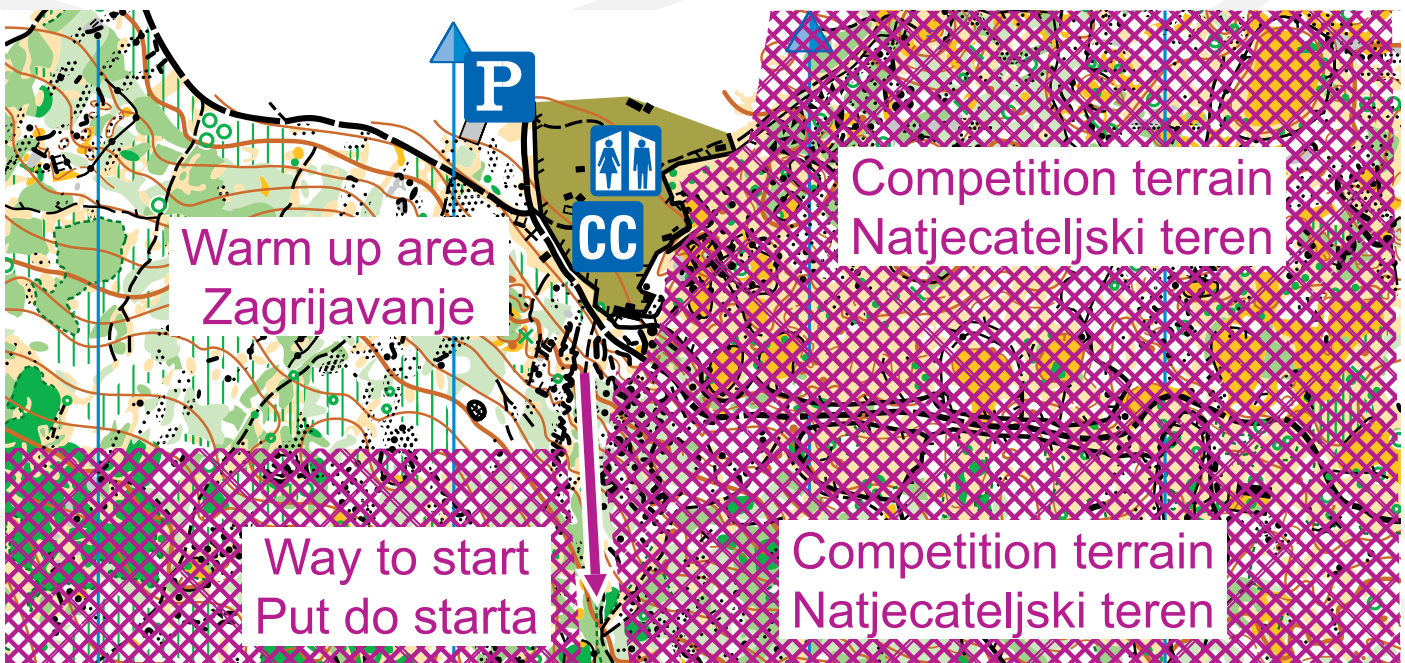




# BrOC day 2, Saturday Oct 7th

## LONG DISTANCE

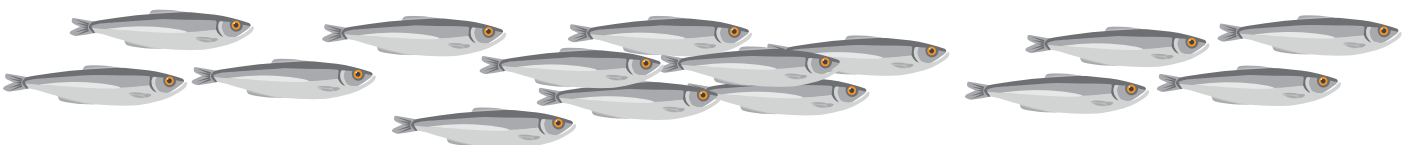
<b>Place:</b>	Vidova Gora (Gažul), 43.30485 N, 16.62802 E.
<b>Parking:</b>	100 m to finish area. Look at the <a href="#">map</a> .
<b>First start:</b>	10.00
<b>Distance to the start:</b>	900 m, 80 m climb, blue and white ribbons. It is possible to leave your belongings at start and pick them up in finish.
<b>Warming up:</b>	On the way to start.
<b>Map and control descriptions:</b>	Orlovice II, 1:10 000, MW55+ 1:7 500, E=5m, May 2023. Maps are printed on waterproof paper. Control descriptions printed on the map. Additional control descriptions at the start.
<b>WC:</b>	Portable toilets in finish area.
<b>Finish:</b>	Leave your map in plastic bags at finish. Maps will be returned after last start. Finish area is in a traditional shepherd's village. Please take care of nature. No smoking in forest area.
<b>Remarks:</b>	There are only few path on terrain. There are different fences on the terrain. Impassable fences have a barb wire on the top (up to 1.2 m high). Fences sometimes are not stable. Please be careful when crossing. We recomend competitors fully covered body. Mediterranian vegetation can be tough. In the competition area there will be a lot of sheep. Please leave them alone. Dogs are not allowed in competition area but allowed on leash in finish area. Maximum time on the course 180 min.





BrOC day 2, Saturday Oct 7th  
**LONG DISTANCE**  
**COURSE LENGTHS**

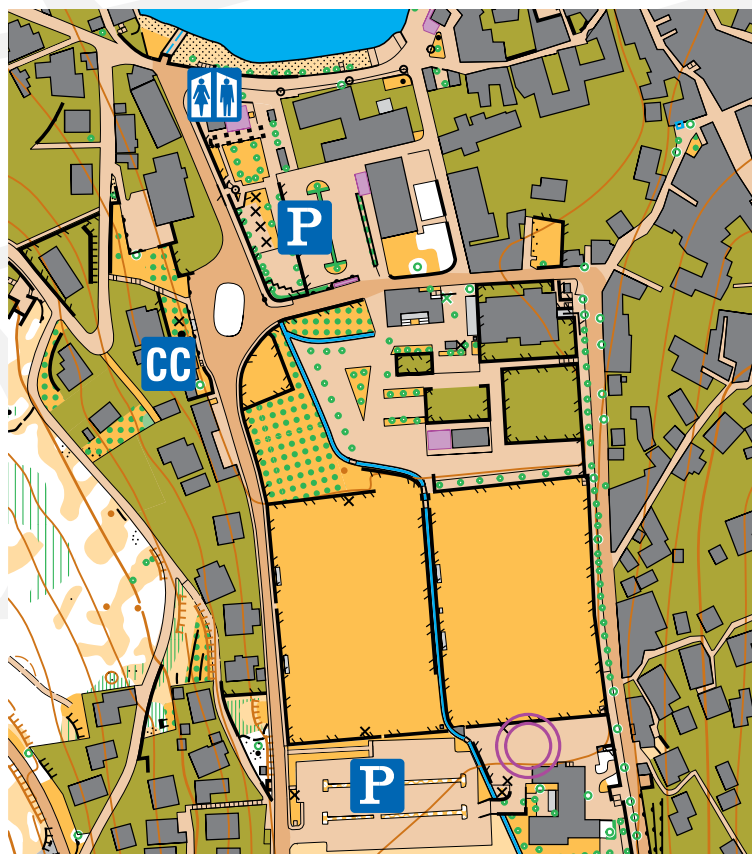
M21A	9130 m	200 m	20 kt
W21A	6750 m	125 m	15 kt
M70	2880 m	40 m	9 kt
M65	4260 m	65 m	10 kt
M55	5230 m	80 m	12 kt
M45	6350 m	135 m	14 kt
M35	7520 m	155 m	15 kt
M21B	5060 m	95 m	11 kt
M20	7520 m	155 m	15 kt
M16	4790 m	90 m	11 kt
M14	3100 m	35 m	10 kt
M12	2300 m	30 m	7 kt
Open	5080 m	100 m	10 kt
Beginners	2300 m	30 m	7 kt
W70	2770 m	35 m	8 kt
W65	2880 m	40 m	9 kt
W55	4250 m	65 m	8 kt
W45	5060 m	95 m	11 kt
W35	6090 m	115 m	14 kt
W21B	4250 m	65 m	8 kt
W20	6090 m	115 m	14 kt
W16	4600 m	75 m	10 kt
W14	3100 m	35 m	10 kt
W12	2300 m	30 m	7 kt



# BrOC day 2, Saturday Oct 7th

## NIGHT SPRINT

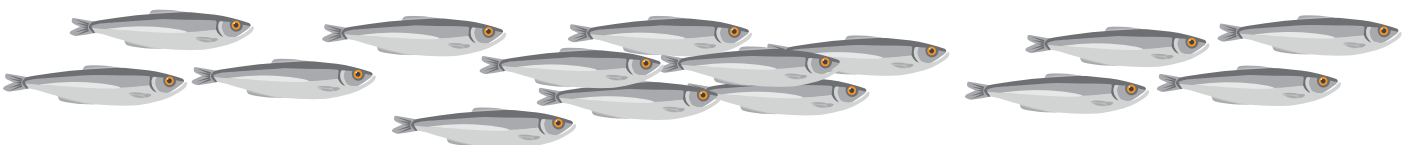
Place:	Postira, 43.373567N, 16.628638E.
Parking:	Unpaved parking near the town's entrance. Parking 2, near school. Look at the <a href="#">map</a> .
First start:	20.00
Distance to the start:	870 m, 30 m climb, blue and white ribbons.
Warming up:	On the way to start.
Map and control descriptions:	Postira, 1:4 000, E=5m, August 2019, May, September 2023. Maps are printed on waterproof paper. Control descriptions printed on the map. Additional control descriptions on the start.
WC:	Public toilets. See <a href="#">map</a> at the bottom of this page.
Finish:	You can keep your map when entering the finish area, however play fairly and don't show your map to competitors who haven't started yet.
Remarks:	Competition takes place in an urban area. Please do not enter in private areas (symbol 520, Area that shall not be entered). Traffic will not be regulated and we ask competitors to be careful when crossing streets. Impassable fences are not allowed to cross. Small part of the course is running through a 2-level garage. Garage will be shown on an separate insert on the map. Example map will be shown in a finish area on Saturday. Be careful when running in the garage and please do not damage any parked car Maximum time on the course is 60 min.





BrOC day 2, Saturday Oct 7th  
 NIGHT SPRINT  
 COURSE LENGTHS

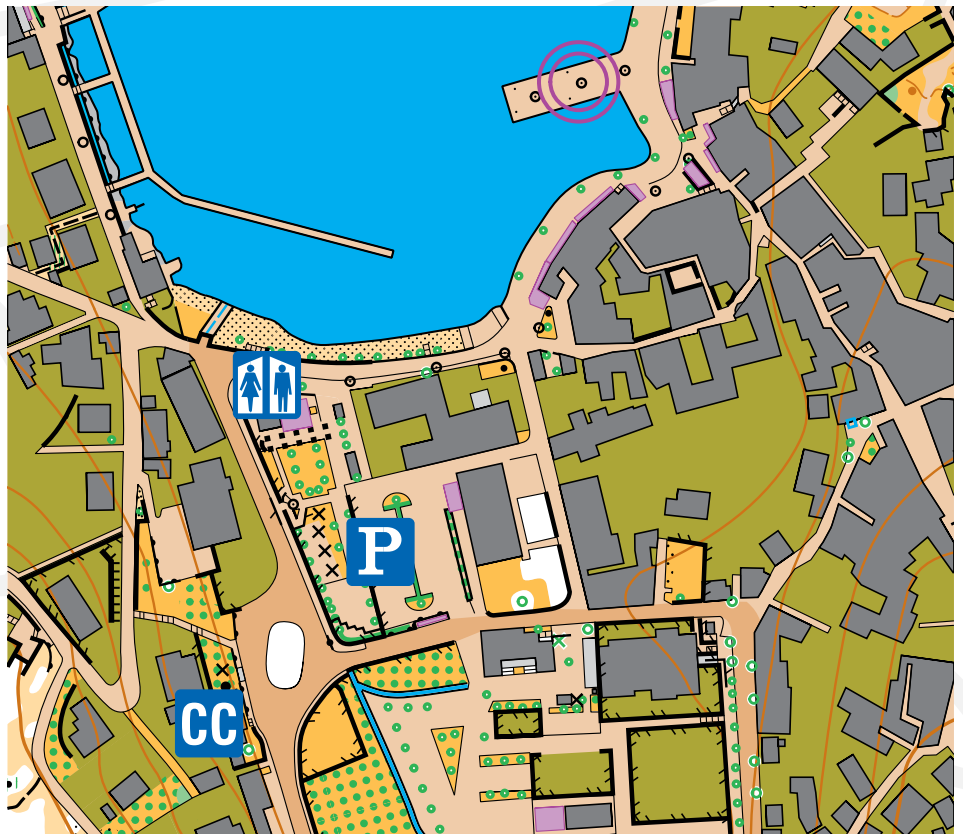
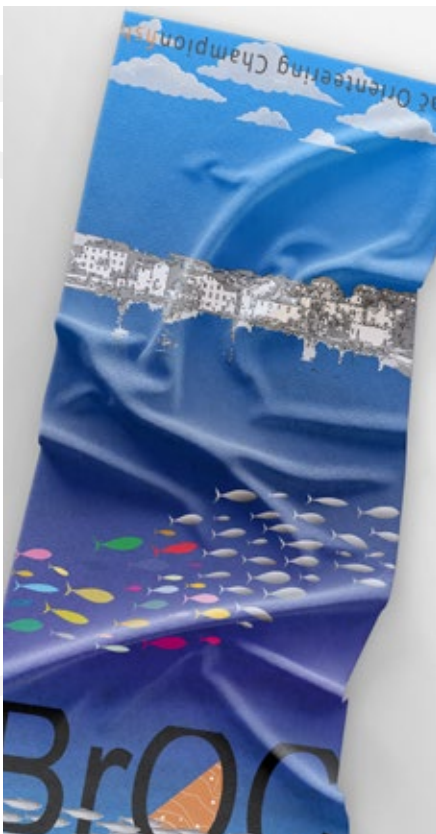
M21A	2930 m	50 m	19 kt
W21A	2720 m	25 m	17 kt
M70	2110 m	30 m	14 kt
M65	2510 m	30 m	15 kt
M55	2600 m	50 m	16 kt
M45	2720 m	25 m	17 kt
M35	2820 m	50 m	18 kt
M21B	2600 m	50 m	16 kt
M20	2820 m	50 m	18 kt
M16	2600 m	50 m	16 kt
M14	2110 m	30 m	14 kt
M12	1930 m	25 m	13 kt
Open	2570 m	30 m	16 kt
Beginners	1930 m	25 m	13 kt
W70	1930 m	25 m	13 kt
W65	2110 m	30 m	14 kt
W55	2310 m	25 m	17 kt
W45	2570 m	30 m	16 kt
W35	2670 m	25 m	16 kt
W21B	2310 m	25 m	17 kt
W20	2670 m	25 m	16 kt
W16	2310 m	25 m	17 kt
W14	2110 m	30 m	14 kt
W12	1930 m	25 m	13 kt



# BrOC day 3, Sunday Oct 8th

## MIDDLE DISTANCE

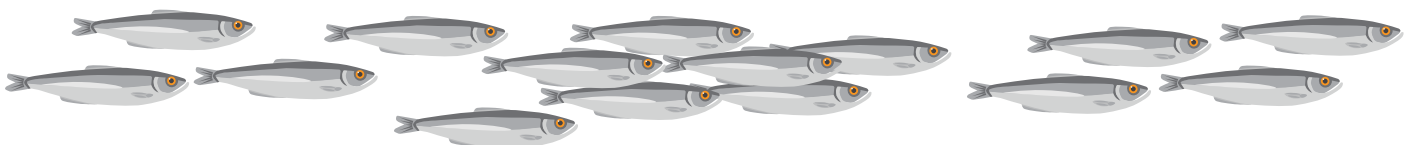
Place:	Postira, 43.37712N, 16.62829E
Parking:	100 - 500 m to finish area. Look at the <a href="#">map</a> .
First start:	10.00
Distance to the start:	750 m, blue and white ribbons.
Warming up:	On the way to start.
Map and control descriptions:	Postira Ratac, 1:4000, E=5 m, May, September 2023. Maps are printed on waterproof paper. Map size 30 X 30 cm. Control descriptions printed on the map. Additional control descriptions on the start.
WC:	Public toilets. See map at the bottom of this page.
Finish:	Leave your map in plastic bags at finish. Maps will be returned after last start.
Prize giving:	12.30
Remarks:	Classes MW16 - MW55, M65 will cross the main road. Crossing point will be same for all classes. Follow the map and officials. Last part of the competition takes place in an urban area. Traffic will not be regulated in that area and we ask competitors to be careful when crossing streets. Please do not enter in private areas (symbol 520, Area that shall not be entered). You are not allowed to cross impassable fence. Some classes will run in the fish factory yard. Read the map carefully not to end up on the wrong side of the fence. Maximum time on the course 120 min.





BrOC day 3, Sunday Oct 8th  
MIDDLE DISTANCE  
COURSE LENGTHS

M21A	5430 m	265 m	30 kt
W21A	4220 m	210 m	23 kt
M70	2620 m	135 m	19 kt
M65	3270 m	150 m	20 kt
M55	3750 m	210 m	21 kt
M45	4310 m	220 m	22 kt
M35	4820 m	240 m	25 kt
M21B	3370 m	170 m	24 kt
M20	4820 m	240 m	25 kt
M16	3630 m	210 m	19 kt
M14	2510 m	130 m	15 kt
M12	2270 m	85 m	15 kt
Open	3840 m	200 m	17 kt
Beginners	2270 m	85 m	15 kt
W70	2510 m	125 m	18 kt
W65	2620 m	135 m	19 kt
W55	3270 m	150 m	20 kt
W45	3620 m	185 m	22 kt
W35	3900 m	200 m	20 kt
W21B	2910 m	200 m	20 kt
W20	3900 m	110 m	14 kt
W16	3350 m	155 m	22 kt
W14	2510 m	130 m	15 kt
W12	2270 m	85 m	15 kt



# Start lists and results

Start lists and results will be on  
Orienteingonline.net

<http://www.orienteingonline.net/CompetitionBasicInfo.aspx?CompetitionID=12640>



## Ferry schedule



01/01 - 31/03  
02/10 - 31/12

SPLIT →	Every day	← SUPETAR
06:15*	I	06:30*
09:00	II	07:45
11:00	III	10:30
12:30*	IV	12:30
14:15	V	14:30*
16:30	VI	15:30
18:15	VII	18:00
20:30	VIII	20:00
23:59**	IX	22:45**

\* Does not sail on Sundays & Holidays

\*\* Does not sail on Dec 24th, Dec 25th & Dec 31st

- Voyage duration - 50 minutes
- The timetable is subject to change



<https://www.jadrolinija.hr/>  
[Ferry Split - Supetar](#)



## Meal on Saturday

Our hosts in the small shepherd's village Gažul have limited kitchen possibilities. On Saturday they will prepare:

- bean stew with sausage and dry meat for 8 € per portion
- pasta with homemade salsa 7 € per portion

for those who sign up. Send an e-mail to [fabcini@yahoo.com](mailto:fabcini@yahoo.com) till 23.00 on Wednesday the 4th of October. Then you'll get a coupon with which you'll claim your meal and pay to patrons!

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# Shopping



We are glad that o-shop ActiveSport and OLAND will be available on first two stages (on Gažul).

For any specific needs enquire at: [info@active-sport.shop](mailto:info@active-sport.shop)



## BrOC t-shirt and scarf



Those who pre-ordered O-FISHall T-Shirts can get them at CC for 8 € and those who did not but still would like to get one there is a limited number available and priced at 10 €.

We will also have some very nice multicoloured sardines featuring multifunctional BrOC scarfs priced at 6 €! If you are interested ask Fabiana for them!



## Arts and crafts

### SARDELA

This year Postira map has reached the world known Sardina Company. That's why sardines are BrOC 2023 mascots. So, after pebel Dol vivers last year that charmed everyone, Mirka has made a unique, really small, sardine kvačica (clothespin) for each competitor to take! Which one to select? It will be a tough choice you'll have to make after the long distance SI read out. And since Mirkas' school of sardines has grown more numerous than orienteering crowd, on Sunday you'll get a chance to claim some more in exchange for small donation.

Let's spread Postira Sardines through O-world.



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