



Adriatic 600: competitors from 11 countries sail 599 nautical miles along almost the entire Croatian coast

The first edition of the long-distance race Adriatic 600 led from Biograd na Moru up to Pula, then to Dubrovnik and back. The winner reached the finish on Thursday, 15 October, after 4 days, 4 hours, 37 minutes and 15 seconds. Competitors came from 11 countries.

Biograd na Moru, 20 October 2026 – The 600-nautical-mile race is a popular format across Europe and the world. According to the organizer, the format had been missing in Croatia until now. The first Adriatic 600 started on Sunday, 11 October, at 10:20 CEST in Biograd na Moru. The course led up to Pula, then to Dubrovnik and back, covering almost the entire Croatian coast.

"I am immensely glad that we managed to bring this popular long-distance format to Croatia and complete it successfully, thanks to the great cooperation of the organizing team, the race officials, the marina and the competing crews. I am convinced that we have laid the foundation stone of a race that will find its place in the European sailing calendar." – Michal Kelemen, organizer, jachta.sk

Seven boats started and three crossed the finish line. The extreme conditions on the course tested the equipment as well: four crews had to retire because of failures, for example a torn sail. All competitors are safe.

Skipper Michal Kelemen and his crew Kolotočári won aboard the First 36 CRO2948 March. They took line honours, the ORC division and the First 36 class.

"A long-distance race like this is something entirely different from the inshore regattas I had experienced before. It is an indescribable test of physical, but also mental fitness. Besides the extreme conditions, you also struggle with your own head. It is a great lesson in humility." – Petra Setnicka, crew member on one of the boats that reached the finish

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About Adriatic 600: Adriatic 600 is a 599-nautical-mile long-distance offshore race starting and finishing in Biograd na Moru. The first edition took place in October 2026. The race is organized by jachta.sk in cooperation with the club Kolotočári, JK Zadar and Marina Kornati.

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