



July 18-25 - Marina di Massa, Italy

Bulletin 1



Youngsters On The Air
Italia 2015



Welcome on board

Youngsters On The Air started in 2011 in Romania. Florin Predescu, YO9CNU, invited about 10 European youth teams to gather together in the beautiful place of Campina. This was the early beginning of YOTA.

Within a few years, YOTA has grown exponentially. YOTA went to The Netherlands-Belgium, Estonia and Finland. All those years the European Commission, as main funder, had a big influence on both the program and the participating countries.

We are happy to say that, since the conference in Varna-Bulgaria 2014, YOTA is officially part of the International Amateur Radio Region 1. With this, a big improvement will be made with IARU R1 as new main funder. The future programmes will contain all kind of amateur radio activities. However a cultural aspect will be part of the program. This new version of YOTA will be held for the first time in Italy (ARI), with not only European teams, but also teams from Middle-East and even Africa.

Let's make sure that the youngsters will get an unforgettable time, learn a lot about amateur radio and make many new worldwide friends!

Lisa Leenders, PA2LS

Youth WG Chair of IARU R1

Ciao!

This year the YOTA event is held in Marina di Massa, in Tuscany at the center of Italy.

Between the Alps and the Cinque Terre National Park, on the border between Tuscany and Liguria, it is located in the Villaggio Torre Marina, offering its guests the pleasure of the sea a few steps from the mountain. Torre Marina has a lot of beautiful places like 200 meters of beautiful beaches and a park of pines of more than five hectares. The colors and smells of the village are those of a holiday in close contact with nature.

The Village also offers a dining room overlooking the sea, a scene of 600 square meters equipped for video projections and conferences, classrooms for teaching and laboratory, sports fields for football, basketball, volleyball and beach volleyball, and a large pool in the heart of the park. From the property you have direct access to the private beach equipped with deck chairs, umbrellas and showers. The wide pine forest of old trees is just an invitation to leave for excursions of great interest.

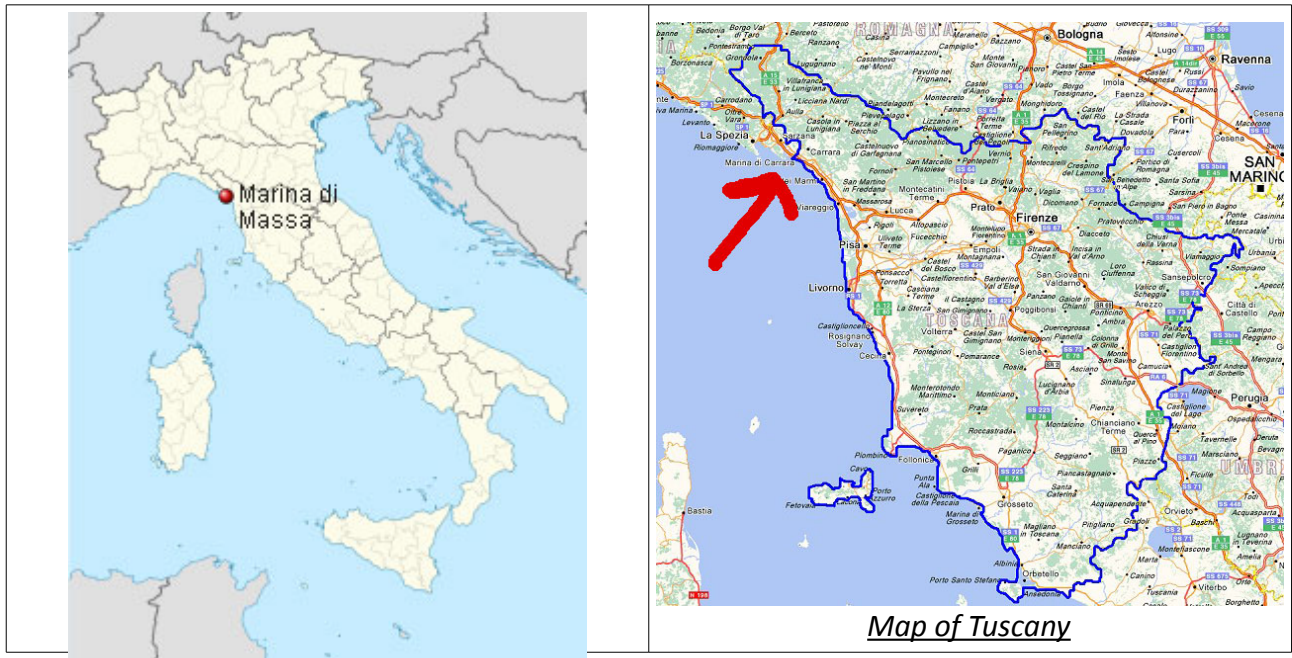
<http://www.torremarina.it>





Marina di Massa

Where is it ?



https://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marina_di_Massa (only in Italian sorry)

<http://www.turismomassacarrara.it/en/default.aspx> (Tourism Office web-site)

Travel

Arrivals

When you arrive at Pisa International Airport or Pisa Railway Station, a member of the Italian YOTA staff will be waiting for you to bring you to the camp site. The drive to the YOTA camp will take about 30 minutes.

For those traveling to the YOTA camp by car, this is the address:

VILLAGGIO TORRE MARINA

*Via Fortino di San Francesco, 1
Marina di Massa (MS) - Italy*

One week before the event we will send each team another email with exact instructions for the arrival in Italy (people who will attend them, how to recognize them...).

Departures

The departures will be organized the same way as the arrivals based on the times that you have sent to the YOTA Italia Staff.

YOTA Event

Participants:

- **22 Teams** from different member societies of IARU R1, with a total of **76 youngsters** joining us at YOTA Italia.

Every team consists of one team leader and up to 4 members between 15 and 25 years old.

This year the following countries are participating:

Belgium (UBA), United Kingdom (RSGB), Poland (PZK), Czeck Republic (CRC), Tunisia (ARAT), Croatia (HRS), Spain (URE), Holland (VERON), Sweden (SSA), Austria (OeVsV), Serbia (SRS), Estonia (ERAU), Slovakia (SARA), Hungary (MRASZ), Finland (SRAL), Montenegro (MARP), Bosnia-Herzegovina (ARABiH), Oman (ROARS), Ireland (IRTS), Bulgaria (BFRA), South Africa (SARL), Italy (ARI)

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Checklist (things to bring):

- Passport or ID card
- Tickets (these need to be given to us)
- Travel and health insurance (**obligatory!**)
- Necessary medicines if needed
- Amateur Radio Licence (if you have one)
- Mobile Phone with a charger
- Shampoo and shower gel
- Toothbrush and paste
- Beach Towel and swimming suit (More than one you will use them !)
- Extra underwear and a lot of T-shirts (one official tshirt will be provided to each participant)
- Sun Cream – good protection
- Sunglasses (if you use)
- Cap to protect from the sun (take a look at www.ham-yota.org/shop)
- Sports clothes for some activities
- Waterproof raincoat (Just in case it starts raining)
- Camera
- QSL cards (if you have any)
- Handheld radio (at least 1/team)
- Torch/headlamp
- Permission from parents (if under 18)
- your national flag (at least 1/team)
- clothes from your country (like national tshirt)

The site has its own **infirmary**. Inside the camp there is a point for first medical assistance, low level request (sun burning, insect puncture, first assistance). A public hospital and a urgence point is in town (abt 10 min).

Intercultural Evening

Like every year we have an evening where you learn about each other's countries, cultures and habits.

Be proud of your country and show us how we can recognize you among all the others.

You will get some space and some tables, most of the people bringing local food and drinks.

Some people giving us the chance to look at some national costumes.

But most of all, be creative. Let us see something new and surprise us.

Besides that you will get a few minutes with the microphone to give a small presentation about the things you brought.

When everybody has finished their presentation we start the evening by putting on some music. A little 'housewarming' party tasting each others food's and drinks.

This evening is one of the most requested evenings of all the participants. Give it your best!

Radio Station

We will have a radio station in Torre Marina.

The requested callsign is I15YOTA and we will make a reservation list. Only teams can make reservations!

Rules of the station will be explained on location. We should try to be "on air" as much as possible to spread awareness of our activity and YOTA.

Homework

There is one task for all teams. It's the team leader's job to make sure everyone is involved :

PREPARE ENERGIZER / ICE BREAKING GAMES

Every team should prepare some small games that we can play (inside or outside). The games should be easy to explain and take 10, 15 minutes max. Remember we have our private beach, and games could be take place there!

Some small equipment (ball, sticks, paper/pens etc.) can be used, but please contact us in advance if you need anything. The times for every team can be checked from the schedule.

ALCOHOL POLITICS IN ITALY

In Italy, people under 18 years are not allowed to buy and consume any kind of alcohol drinks. This rule also counts for our event and it is the team leader's responsibility to make sure that participants obey this.

We don't control alcohol consumption but please notice that the event site does not allow it.

Friedrichshafen HAM RADIO MESSE

Members of the YOTA Italia team will be at the well known Ham Radio Messe in Friedrichshafen (DL).

ARI Stand will be our base and we can collect things from the teams to bring to the camp. It could be useful for teams that come to Italy by plane. Example: Things like food&drinks for intercultural evenings takes a lot of space which is expensive on the plane.

We set an appointment at ARI Stand at A1-666 for saturday at 15h for a ceremony with IARU R1 President. If all Youngsters/Teams who have the possibility to go to FHN could meet us at the ARI stand, that would be great!

FAQ

If any of you have any question: we are going to create an FAQ document that will be available on

the YOTA web site. So feel free to send your question to italy@ham-yota.com (or directly to iz5diy@arimpt.org).

Timetable

We have a preliminary timetable at the moment. We are still receiving proposal for activities from the teams. So they could be added.

Thanks to a proposal that I received, I set a "Good Morsing" activities – (Morse plus Good Morning). In the morning we will start to get familiar with Morse Code.

We'll spend one full day (wed) on a tourist trip to Florence (1,5h away from Torremarina) to show the famous city to all Youngsters.

One important thing: we have the sea! So games and free time could be easier than on previous YOTAs. Don't forget, it could be really hot, especially at midday !

So activities should be "weather" compatible, usually in July temperatures are between 20°C and 34°C .

Here is the link to the website of a local weather-station:

<http://italian.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=ICARRARA5#history>