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Zachos, PDG

Regional Commodore Greece & Israel

Preveza - Greece, July 6th, 2026

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Regional Greece & Israel AGM and Fleets' Fellowship Exchange
(Preveza, Greece / 18 – 20 September 2026)

About the event

Following the guidance of **Area 1 Past Commodore Olha Paliychuk**, the **Hellenic Ionian Fleet** and its **Commodore Dimitris Pitsinikos** – together with the **Rotary Club of Preveza** – is organizing the **2026 AGM for the Region of Greece & Israel** (SE Mediterranean). At the same time, we are running a **Fellowship Exchange Program** for the Fleets, plus offering the chance to enjoy a **sailing week in the Ionian Sea**. The event is also an action of **ICC Greece – Ukraine**.

Who is organizing this

The Hellenic Ionian Fleet was the first Fellowship of its kind in Greece, founded back in May 2015. Today, it operates with 18 active members. Its Founding Commodore was PDG Vissarion (Aris) Zachos, who now serves as Regional Commodore. The Fleet has built a lasting partnership with the Rotary Club of Preveza (1989, 19 members), which is co-organizing all these events.

Where it takes place

Preveza is one of Greece's main Ionian Sea ports, located at the entrance to the Amvrakikos Gulf – a true environmental treasure. This town of about 30,000 people has a deep connection with the sea. Yachting tourism is one of its most dynamic sectors, with four modern marinas operating in the area.

The **Aktio – Preveza International Airport (PVK)** offers regular flights from April to October to 50+ destinations across Europe, including Eastern Europe and the Middle East. Another big plus: the port of **Igoumenitsa (the main entry point to Greece by boat from Europe)** is **q 100 km away – about an hour's drive**. Preveza is also well connected to national highways, just an hour from the cities of Ioannina (north) and Patras (south), and about **3.5 hours (350 km) by car from Athens or Thessaloniki**.

When it will happen

The official events run **from Friday, September 18th to Sunday, September 20th**. After that, we have set aside an extra informal week for sailing in the Amvrakikos Gulf, the Ionian Sea, and its seven islands. We chose this period carefully: the weather is still great, and the atmosphere is wonderful – the summer crowds have already thinned out. The main day of our all gettogether will be **Saturday, September 19th, 2026**.

What you can expect

Our team is working hard to give you amazing experiences and memories that will last a lifetime. So, besides the formal AGM activities, we have planned:

- A guided walking tour of the old town
- A half-day cruise in the Amvrakikos Gulf (dolphins, swimming, and more)
- A half-day guided excursion to famous local attractions (Ancient Nikopolis, the Acheron River, Parga town, etc.)
- Casual dinner and the official Commodores' Dinner

How to join and register

Four separate committees are making sure everything runs smoothly and everyone has a great time. **In the next few days of July 2026, we will send out a simple Registration Form** along with all the instructions and extra details. Please **return it to us by the second week of August**.

Registration fees:

- **Fellowship members: €150**
- **Spouses, family members, and other Rotarians: €100**
- **Rotaractors: €75**

These fees cover everything mentioned above (AGM activities, tours, cruise, dinners).

Accommodation and any yacht rental are up to each participant – but don't worry: we will provide a list of at least three recommended hotels and rental agents to help you navigate the many options.

Get in touch

Feel free to contact us anytime – either directly at zachosv1@gmail.com or through the Rotary Club of Preveza at rotarypreveza@gmail.com. We're always here for any extra information you may need.

We can't wait to welcome you all to beautiful Preveza in mid-September!

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