

Dutch Melges24 Class Association Report 2012

The establishment of the DMCA in the beginning of 2011, was a result of two years of lobbying and networking. Nowadays the class consists 18 boat owners from the Netherlands as well as one from Belgium. This year we welcomed two new boats and one refitted boat. Two other teams stopped for several reasons. So we still have about 18 teams on the water.

We expect a long term grow of the fleet with a max of 25 boats in the Netherlands. Before next season new teams are expected, due to the coming Europeans. We don't expect that they buy new boats, but young timers. The perspective of the Europeans next year as well as a international rankinglist event in the Netherlands every year, will helps us a lot to keep the class attractive.

Race review 2012

Six main events were on the Dutch kalender. Seven teams were attending the worlds; 18 boats were on the startingline at the Dutch Open with competitors from Germany, Brittain and Estonia. The Dutch Open was a success and won by Peak Sailing with Ben Koppelaar on the helm.

Preview 2013

The fleet

We expect to welcome 2-4 new teams in 2013.

The target for 2013 is to have 20 boat owners in Holland and at least 12-15 competitors on the starting line during an event. The same goalsetting as this year.

The races

Six races are planned for 2013 including the Europeans. The kalender will take into account the North European rankinglist events. It is expected that 5-7 teams will go to Kiel and 2-3 teams to the Italian Open. The Dutch open will be sailed at Scheveningen during the North Sea Regatta in may. The kalender is still a concept.

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