

Estonian Melges 24 Class Association

2016

Estonian Melges 24 Class Association was established November, 2011. Before that Estonian boats sailed under the Finnish Class Association. The decision to start our own Class Association was made after reaching 6 boats in Estonia. Having a separate Estonian Class Association has made it possible to better promote the Melges 24 class in our country.

During the season of 2016 the Estonian National class had 5 active boats.

The Estonian Class Association is working very closely with the Finnish Association to organize our joint ranking series. Estonian-Finnish ranking events are always very well organized and also characterized by great after sail programme. We end of each day of sailing with pasta and beer and friendly discussion of the events on the water.

The Estonian Melges 24 class also maintains our own Estonian ranking series and at the end of each year the winners of this series are awarded by the Estonian Yachting Union together with other Olympic Sailors and sailing series held in Estonia.

In 2016 we had the total of 5 Estonian-Finnish ranking events, 2 of which were held in Tallinn:

June, 11-12 Ranking No. 2 Tallinn Kalev Yachtclub

August, 19 -21 EST Champs Tallinn Kalev Yachtclub

In 2016 2 Estonian boats competed at the European Championships in Hyeres, France . Despite the small number the results of Estonian boats were spectacular: LENNY winning 5th place on overall results and placing 2nd in the Corinthian Division. Lenny will take part in the World Championships in Miami in November and they are definitely one of the strongest favorites for the World Champion title in the Corinthian Division.

The Estonian Melges 24 Association is looking positively towards 2017. We will continue with the Estonian-Finnish ranking series. 2-3 boats will start early in the season with regattas in Europe. With 2017 Worlds taking place in Helsinki we hope to see growing interest in Melges24 among Estonian sailors.

Last but not least we find it very important to maintain a very active social program for our competitors as well. In order to promote the Melges 24 class we regularly end the year with a big party for all the people active around the class.