

Estonian Melges 24 Class Association

Class Report 2017

Estonian Melges 24 Class Association was established in 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 promote better the Melges 24 class in our country.

During the season of 2017 the Estonian National class had 4 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 program. We end each day of sailing with pasta and beer ashore 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 2017 one of the Estonian-Finnish ranking events was held:
June 9.-11. EST Champs in Tallinn Kalev Yachtclub

In 2017 2 Estonian boats competed at the World Championships in Helsinki, Finland. Despite the small number the results of Estonian boats were spectacular: LENNY EST790 winning the bronze in the Corinthian Division. Also our Estonian Melges 24 sailors were helping IM24CA Administrator to create some event design (event banners, t-shirts, bow numbers) and t-shirts for the Worlds in Helsinki.

Lenny has been actively participating in the 2017 Melges24 European Sailing Series. The team took part in the events in Riva del Garda in May and Portoroz in April, both times winning 3rd place in the Corinthian division and ending the Melges 24 European Sailing Series on the 10th ranking in Corinthian division.

The Estonian Melges 24 Association is looking positively towards 2018. We will continue with the Estonian-Finnish ranking series, the Estonian Championships planned end of August or beginning of September. Our teams: Lenny and Yes Sir No Sir will start early in the season sailing the European Sailing series and also plan to take part at the Melges24 Europeans at the Garda Lake.

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.