

FINNISH MELGES 24 FLEET – AGM 2014 REPORT (PRESENTED BY TOMI HAKOLA)

Year 2014 was the second year in the row in terms of the low entries after really good years during 2008 - 2012. But the overall activity has been picking up. All boat owners have been contacted 1 – 3 times / year and the overall situation of the fleet is known. Two old boats sold during October 2013 to a new lake area just 50 km from Helsinki. These two boats will be active racing boats.

The 16th Finnish Estonian Melges 24 ranking 2014 series consisted of 5 races. One race in Estonia and four in Helsinki.

Finnish Melges 24 Association has in total 20 boats of which 5 teams paid the full 2014 annual fee of 270€.

Strong fleets in the Metropolitan Helsinki area (10 boats) + fleets in SW&W coast (3 boats) and rest of Finland (7 boats).

The co-operation with the Estonians was again really good throughout season 2014. Focusing to high standard RC work and socially active off water activity. The level of sailing has improved in great deal. Three boats were internationally active and performing good in the Corinthian division.

The Finnish Melges 24 Association is now bidding for the European Sailing Series finals for 2015 and the Worlds 2017. Both held in Helsinki. Our bid has already now brought on the table 3-4 new teams interested + a good buzz. The events will definitely generate more activity in Estonia, Sweden and Russia.

Next year,

- Activate all boats to sail at least 3 events
- Finnish Estonian ranking will continue as before
 - o 6 strong events (4 FIN & 2 EST) focusing to superb RC work and social buzz
- Aggressive marketing in Finland to get more teams
- Test sailings for new potential teams will be organised in Helsinki and Tallinn

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