

FINNISH MELGES 24 FLEET – AGM 2013 REPORT (PRESENTED BY TOMI HAKOLA)

Strong fleets in the Metropolitan Helsinki area (9 boats) + fleets in SW (3 boats) and Northern Finland (5 boats).

Finnish Melges 24 Association has in total 20 boats of which 10 paid teams paid the full annual fee of 330€. Year 2013 was predictable in terms of the low entries after 5 really good years. But the overall activity has to pick up and get the non-active boats back on the circuit. All boat owners have been contacted 1 – 3 times / year and the overall situation of the fleet is known.

The 15th Finnish Estonian Melges 24 ranking 2013 series consisted of 5 races. One race in Estonia and four in Helsinki.

The co-operation with the Estonians was again really good throughout season 2013. 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 one European Sailing Series event for 2014 and the Worlds 2015. Both held in Helsinki. Our bid has already now brought on the table 4-5 new teams interested + a good buzz. The events And would also 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 5 strong events focusing to superb RC work and social buzz
- Aggressive marketing in Finland to other decreasing classes will continue
- Test sailings for new potential teams will be organised in Helsinki and Tallinn