

Hungarian Melges 24 Class Association report

Presently there are 12 active teams which have IMCA memberships and 1 inactive competing team.

The teams attend to various competitions at the Lake Balaton and abroad also.

During the winter months the former head of the class had theoretical education in Budapest for the racers, at which the participative ratio was around 60-70 percent.

In spite of the chilli winter some domestic boats started their trainings already in February and March on the Lake Balaton in order to prepare for the European Championship.

The main regattas in 2014:

MVM Melges 24 Spring Cup and Pre-race of the Europeans, Balatonfüred
5 races for 2 days with 9 Hungarian, 1 British, 1 Estonian, 1 Austrian boats

Melges 24 European Championship 2014, Balatonfüred
10 races, 62 entries, 17 countries (GER, AUT, FRA, SUI, LIE, DEN, UKR, CZE, SWE, SLO, FIN, NED, ITA, GBR, NOR, EST, HUN)

F. W. Raiffeisen Private Banking Cup (Hungarian ranking regatta), Balatonföldvár, June 2014
(7 races, 5 competitors)

„MVM” Hungarian National Championship, Balatonfüred, August 2014
(10 races, 10 boats)

European Sailing Series

Portoroz, 3 Hungarian entries,

Europeans, 12 Hungarian entries. (The Hungarian boat „Strange Brew” won 3rd place.) (Two different Hungarian boats could win a race.)

Lake Garda, 5 Hungarian boats

Dutch Open, 1 Hungarian team

One of the Hungarian boats (FGF Sailing Team, Rozsnyai/Bakoczy, HUN 209) won the pro am category of the European Sailing Series

Hungary had 4 boats at **Italian Open Championship**

1 Hungarian team took part on **Swiss Open Championship**.

I would mention as curiosity, that on the traditionally organised Solo Sailing race around Balaton (which takes 20 to 30 hours) more Melges start every year. This year the best Melges made it on the 5th place.

The members of the class continuously make efforts to make the class more popular here and ensure the development.

In 2015 the Hungarian Class Melges Association will be co-organizer and the teams will take place as co-entries in the regattas of the Olympic classes (Laser, 470, 49R) in order that we can better promote the Melges 24 sailing among the young sailors.

The Hungarian Melges 24 Class Association is interesting to organize a race for European Sailing Series in the season 2015 also.