



European 2016 in Hyères – report from Regis et Bastien Berenguier

1) Sponsorship

We have two leads on possible sponsors :

1/ Marine Pool : they would provide each team a dry bag, each volunteer and staff a polo shirt, and prize for the prize giving ceremony. In exchange, they could get championship name, a sticker on the hull (with hull number), a flag in the backstay and their logo on every communication document.

2/ VW/Audi : they would take care of the social event party at their car shop (very recent). They would like to have car exposed near the boats and a sticker with the hull number. They would also have their logo on every communication document. They could also provide some rental car or van for the staf event.

2) Communication

The website is online at the URL given by the class : <http://melges24.com/europeans2016>.

We can make updates on it and the class can also do it.

We set an online payment solutions for the competitors to register at the address :

<http://coych.fr/en/regattas/18-melges-24-europeans-2016.html>

We are waiting for the sponsors to update the logo event.

We contacted Pierrick Contin to be the official photographer and he is pleased to come in Hyères working with us again. He was our photographer for the Melges 24 European 2009 and for the Star Worlds 2012, so we know each other well ! Pierrick will come with his own RIB.

Pierrick should provide pictures to present during the event party.

A press room will be available with wifi at the COYCH office.

A press RIB will be provided for the IMCA staff.

3) COYCH facilities

By the time of the championship, the COYCH will have moved on its new place (100 meters from the old). The place is the “Espace Nautique”, where we hold every registration process and press before.

We will organize several local regattas before the championship. If Melges 24 want to sail, we'll be happy to offer them the registration fees. The boats will be welcomed by Denis Infante and his company Eurovoiles.

4) Housing

Lots of hotels are located near the Yacht club, and there are also holidays rentals : CNPO, Pierre & Vacances, ...

The Hotel “La Potinière” (less than 10 minutes by feet) will welcome the staff.

AirBnb and other similar websites work great in Hyeres, and at the championship period, there are plenty of rentals available.

5) Race Committee

Pierre Lemaire asked the French Sailing Federation to name him PRO for the regatta. We're waiting for their answer. Pierre was the race comittee for the last European Championship we held in 2009, and for others Worlds championship in Hyères.

Jean Diaz should be the race comittee president. He's a past president of the COYCH and the race comittee for all the main regattas we organize (for exemple Laser master World 2014-500 Laser). The boat

will be a 12 meters that we use all the time. The main roles on shore will be handled by experimented sailors.

4 jury's members have already been confirmed : Bernadette Delbard, Abel Bellaguet, Eric Melbhaum, Piero Ochetto (all International jurys). We'll provide them 3 ribs.

Regis will be also onshore with a powerful RIB with the PRO onboard.

6) Dates

We can organize the championship from 2nd to 9th september or from 9th to 16th september. However, we think that the housing will be easy in the second week. They will be cheaper.

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