

ITALIAN MELGES 24 CLASS ASSOCIATION 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

In 2014 Italian Melges 24 Class Association counted 16 active members. The situation is stable after a period of big decreasing in the past years.

In the beginning of the year the President Ricci and member Andolina resigned. The Board decided to continue his work with Andrea Racchelli as the new President. Franco Rossini, Gianluca Perego and Alessandro Poggi remain members of the Board; this change was approved by the annual meeting in Marina degli Aregai. New elections will be held at the annual meeting during 2015 Italian National Championship.

The Association had to solve financial problems due to the last unpaid invoices by the society that followed the Volvo Sponsorship.

For 2014 in order to solve the debitorial position the Board decided to increase entry fees for Italian Series and 100 euro per boat were dedicated to the class.

The Italian Association would like to thank all the participants of 2014 Series for their understanding and support!

The circuit consisted of 5 races between May and October, with 14 to 46 participants and more than 50 boats overall.

For 2015 the Class decided to contact Riccardo Simoneschi and ask to become part of Audi Sailing Series that is a professional circuit well known for Melges 20 and Melges 32. We hope this can attract foreign crews and new owners from the other classes, the target is to have more than 30 boats in each act.

The circuit will be scheduled thinking also about international calendar hoping that travels will be the shortest as possible.

The Class received during the year the help of Melges Europe that will increase its support in 2015 following the secretary.

Italy will present at 2014 AGM the nomination to host 2017 World Championship.

The Class together with some members of Rome Zone will try to organize some test events for owners of other classes.

Andrea Racchelli