

## **ITALIAN MELGES 24 CLASS ASSOCIATION 2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

In 2015 Italian Melges 24 Class Association counted 15 active members, stable compared to 2014.

Italian Class joined Audi Sailing Series in 2015, with 4 events in Loano, Portovenere, Riva del Garda, Trapani and Luino. The 5<sup>th</sup> event in Porto Ercole was cancelled due to the lack of entries. Riva and Luino were also acts of the Melges 24 European Sailing Series. Best participation in Riva with 46 boats, Luino 25, Loano and Portovenere 15, Trapani 9.

Melges Europe supported the class taking care of organization of events and secretary followed by Alice Zorzi.

For sure in 2015 the problem was the schedule, in some case because of the distance of the location (Trapani), in some case because of other European SS races scheduled soon before or after Italian Events. The Italian and International class has to work to create a more harmonic schedule in order to have less events with more participation.

In 2016 Italian Class will organize 3-4 events: 2 events on Garda between May and July, Luino in October and one event to decide depending from European schedule. One possibility is to have a race in west Liguria 2 weeks after Europeans in Hyeres. Italian Class is ready to host 2018 European Championship on Garda Lake.

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