

ITALIAN MELGES 24 CLASS ASSOCIATION 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

In 2016 Italian Melges 24 Class Association counted 14 active members, 1 less compared to 2015.

Since 2015 Alice Zorzi from Melges Europe is a class secretary.

The Italian circuit started together with ESS in Portorose with 28 entries, then Malcesine with 15 entries, Riva del Garda 36 and Luino 22. 45 the total number of boat participating.

The problem in organizing the circuit is like in the previous years the difficulty to attract the boats from Northern and Eastern Europe. The goal of the class is to find new owners interested in the class.

We would like to organize a winter series in Porto Ercole with 3 events in January, February, March. The last one is the first Act of the Series. In centre of Italy there are lot of owners sailing different classes and they can think to jump on Melges. To organize these winter events we need at least 8 boats participating, hope from North someone can come to Italy. Boats will stay in nearby shipyards between the events.

A good fleet is growing also on Como Lake, and would be nice to have an Act also there, in June or September. Also there the local Melges 24 sailors are trying to organize a summer series in June, July and September with boat parking between the events - Swiss and Germans can be interested in that.

Luino will still be part of the Italian circuit, hopefully also for the ESS.

Fraglia Vela Riva is, as always, ready to host the 2018 European Championship, the club is well prepared to organize a Melges 24 event.

Italy can be interested in organizing also the 2019 World Championship, several locations available: Tuscany (Scarolino, Talamone, Porto Ercole), Liguria (Sanremo), Garda (Riva, Torbole, Malcesine), Sardinia.

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