

Melges 24 European Sailing Series 2016

Bids received

No	Dates	Country	Venue	Event	Special	More	Link to the bid	IMCA comments
1	* April 1-3 (preferred) * March 18-20 (second option) * March 27-28	SLO	Portoroz Yacht Club / Marina Portoroz	Melges 24 Spring Regatta	As is already well known, we are offering to all sailors free bear and pasta or pizza after race, gala dinner at Saturday evening and again free bear and snack in Sunday before price giving.	The idea of proclaiming the winners for last year series at gala dinner in Saturday evening, as we have been told by sailors, was much appreciated so we suggest doing it again in Portorož, if we are the first race in the season.	Bid - SLO	2014 – 23 boats 2015 – 22 boats Italian Class would like to have this event as the joint event of their series
2	April 16-17 April 23-24 April 30/May1 May 7-8	HUN	Keszthely Yacht Club		Free buffet Dinner on Saturday evening, great Race Management and venue	Similarly to 2013-2015 spring regattas we would like to host Melges 24 European Sailing Series event in 2016 as well, but in better place with better package.	Bid - HUN	2013 – 23 boats 2014 – EC 62 boats 2015 – 11 boats
3	May 26-29	AUT	Yard Club Segelclub Kammersee	Austrian Open	We are doing this race over ten years now with quite good participation (around 20 boats year by year). The lake is very easy to reach through highways from Germany, Austria and Switzerland but also from Italy, Hungary, Czech, etc.	This is a long weekend in Austria/Germany as 26 th May is a public holiday.	Bid - AUT	
4	June 17-19	FIN	HSK Lauttasaari – Helsinki	2017 WC venue	This event would be an excellent promotion for the Melges 24 class for the 2017 Worlds and also training session for the race organization.	More information can be found from the WC2017 bid	Bid FIN	
5	June 23-26	GER	Kiel Kiel Week		Kiel Week was the event of the European Sailing Series in 2014. In Kiel we have plenty experience in Melges24 sailing. The class is invited since 2010 for Kieler Woche and for Maior.	The European Sailing Series will be part of famous Kieler Woche and will take place in Kiel-Schilksee from Thursday, 23 June to Sunday, 26 June being part of the biggest sailing event in Europe http://www.kieler-woche.de/english/	Bid GER	
6	June 23-26	NOR	Hankø, Royal Norwegian Yacht Club	Hankø One Design Series	Hankø One Design Series is one of the major events during Norwegian Yachting Calendar, hosted by Royal Norwegian Yacht Club and supported by Hankø Yacht Club	Racing conditions at Hankø are well known as „Premium“ within the Norwegian sailing community	Bid NOR	

7	July 15-17	ITA	Riva del Garda, Fraglia Vela Riva		The club Fraglia Vela Riva would be available to host us on the 15-17 of July and we would like to apply this event to be an Act of the European Sailing Series.			2015 – 46 boats 2014 – 46 boats
8	* July 23-24 * July 30-31	GBR	Haven Ports Yacht Club		We understand that the above weekends may include either the Friday and/or the Monday adjacent to the above dates and we can easily accommodate this.	We wish the UK Association very success with their tender to hold such an event which we feel would further enhance the reputation of racing on the East Coast and bring to the attention of a wider audience the benefits available in the area especially the sheltered waters of Dovercourt Bay which provides a great venue for racing.	Bid GBR	
9	Sept 2-9	FRA	COYCH, Hyeres	Melges 24 Europeans 2016				
10	Sept 16-18	NED	International Medemblik Sailing Center	Delta Lloyd Dutch Opens	Delta Lloyd Dutch Opens has been the ESS event for 2 years now. It's becoming a very popular and convenient place to travel from the neighbouring countries. 2015 5 boats from UK came to race in addition to 15 others	Very good feedback from the participated sailors both for the Race Committee work on the water as to the organization ashore.		
11	* Oct 7-9 * Oct 14-16	SUI/ITA	Associazione Velica Alto Verbano, Il Consiglio	Lino Favini Cup & Swiss Championships for Melges 24	Following a proven format, the event would take place over three days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday), with arrival in Luino on Thursday.	For many years our sailing club has organised the Lino Favini Cup for the Melges 24 Class, devoted to one of our members and father of Flavio, flag bearer in the Class for our club.	Bid SUI/ITA	Italian Class would like to have this event as the joint event of their series