

Dutch Melges24 Class Association Report 2013.

2013 starts very well in the Netherlands. With 20 boat owners and 12-18 boats on the starting-line, the Melges 24 class was the largest one design class during the Van Uden Reco and North Sea Regatta events.

Although we expected one or two new teams this year, the class did not grow. There seems a status quo for the moment.

For the next two years we hope the class will establish. The perspective of one big international event each year (the European Sailing Serie) in the Netherlands must keep the class attractive for top sailors.

Race review 2013

Five main events were on the Dutch kalender excluding the Europeans were all the active teams were attending. The Dutch Open had unfortunately only 7 teams on the starting-line and was won by Team RapidSugar (NED 796) with Frank Lieve on the helm.

Preview 2014

The fleet

We still expect to welcome 1-2 new teams in 2014.

The target for 2014 is to have 20 boat owners in Holland and at least 12-15 competitors on the starting line during an event. The same goalsetting as last year.

The races

Six races are on the concept kalender. We take into account the European Sailing Serie events. 3 to 4 teams showed their interest in the Europeans, Kiel and an event in Italy (Riva) The Dutch open (also proposed to be an European sailing serie event) will be sailed at Medemblik in September. As soon as the data of the European Sailing Serie events are known, the Dutch kalender will be finalised.

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Frank Lieve, Chairman DMCA.