

# MELGES 24

## EUROPEAN SAILING SERIES

28.3. - 30.3. 2014 PORTOROŽ, SLOVENIJA



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# THE HEAT IS ON!

**With only 2 days to go to the start of the first stage of the Melges 24 European Sailing Series, a truly international cast is making ready to take the centre stage in the beautiful bay of Portorož, Slovenia.**

The first event of Melges 24 European Sailing Series is set to take place from 28th March to 30th March with 24 crews from 10 nations competing. The organizing Committee of Yachting Club Portorož is checking everything is ready for the first race of the season and one of the most important competitions in Slovenian sea this year.

“We will be welcoming a very competitive fleet and are working hard to deliver an outstanding regatta,” says the member of the committee Branko Parunov. “We have great weather conditions for sailing, superb infrastructure and a team full of enthusiasm. Hosting the Melges series confirms the undeniable prestige of this ven-

ue and the professionalism of the team behind sailing events such as the RC 44 cup and Extreme 40 World Championship organised here in the recent past,” outlined Parunov, enthusiastic about the prospect to bid for the European Championship in the near future.

The regatta valid also as the Slovenian national Championship will consist of at least three races, followed by pasta and drink on Friday and Sunday and a gala dinner on Saturday. The selected jury will be led by Stane Černe while Bojan Gale was appointed as the Principal Race Officer. The latest has more than 8 years of race management experience covering Olympic classes, dinghies, keelboats and multihulls.

## OVERVIEW ENTRIES:

Austria	2 boats	Hungary	3 boats
Croatia	1 boat	Italy	5 boat
Czech Republik	2 boats	Norway	2 boats
Denmark	3 boats	Slovakia	1 boat
Estonia	1 boat	Slovenia	4 boats

# SCHEDULE

27.3.	14:00 - 19:00	Registration, weighing, measurements
28.3.	08:00 - 10:00	Registration, weighing, measurements
	10:30	Skippers meeting
	12:00	Racing
29.3.	11:00	Racing
30.3.	11:00	Racing
	after the races	Prize giving ceremony

# MULTIMEDIA

**MEDIA SERVICES:** During the day we will be publishing news on the website homepage [www.ycp-klub.si](http://www.ycp-klub.si) in the news section. A short meteo report and the daily schedule of races will be prepared every morning followed by the final press release in the evening.

**PHOTOS:** High resolution images will be available on flickr site, free of rights but always with the mention of author's credit.

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Follow the day's racing live, through the @YCPortoroz Twitter Channel. The media team will keep it updated with all the relevant information. We invite you to participate!



# ABOUT THE HOST CLUB

The Yachting Club Portorož was established at a meeting on January 6, 1982 and the proceedings of this historic conference are still preserved in the club's premises. From the report it appears that eleven local yachting enthusiasts gathered together and formatted a new sailing club for the good of the town and the amusement of those who visited it.

Today, three decades later, Yachting Club Portorož is renowned as excellent host and event organiser, and the bay of Piran as an exceptional racing venue.

Numerous sailing competitions have been held here over the years, including Tempest World Cup in 1984 and 1987, Star European

Open Championship in 1988, Soling European Open Championship in 1993 and Star World Cup in 1998. Recent distinguished racing events organised by the Club include Extreme 40 World Championship and ruthless RC 44 regattas. The last one was attended by 9 of the top 15 helmsmen in the world and was covered by The Sailing Channel TV.



Among the most prominent club members we find the sailing team Tomaž Čopi-Mitja Margon with two

European Championships and a World Vice-Champion title in the International 470 Class. When the duo split in 2001, another success story began. This time in women's sailing, with Vesna Dekleva and Klara Maučec.

The female crew became European Vice-Champions in 2003, placed fourth at the Athens Olympics, and took bronze at the European Championship in 2008.

The results of YCP's crews still represent a milestone that will be difficult to repeat, let alone exceed.



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