

Estonian Melges 24 Class Association

2019

Estonian Melges 24 Class Association was established November, 2011. Before that date Estonian boats sailed under the Finnish Class Association. The decision to start our own Class Association was made after reaching the number of 6 boats in Estonia. Having a separate Estonian Class Association has made it possible to better promote the Melges 24 class in our country.

The Estonian Class Association has been working very closely with the Finnish Association to organize our joint ranking series. Estonian-Finnish ranking events are always very well organized and also characterized by great after sail program. We end each day of sailing with pasta and beer and friendly discussion of the events on the water.

However, 2019 we were not able to organize the Series as there were not enough potential participants from Finland.

However, we look very positively into 2020. We are already in contact with the new leadership of Finnish Melges24 Class Association and we have agreed that we will set up a joint Estonian-Finnish Melges24 series consisting of at least 3 regattas.

The Estonian Melges 24 class also maintains our own Estonian ranking series and at the end of each year the winners of this series are awarded by the Estonian Yachting Union together with other Olympic Sailors and other sailing series held in Estonia.

In 2019 the Estonian Championship was held in Tallinn Kalev Yacht Club August 23-25. The Champs were very tight and offered excitement and tension until the very last race, Lenny winning gold, Zuxu silver and Rock City bronze.

In 2019 two Estonian boats participated in the Pre-Worlds and 3 Estonian boats competed at the World Championships in Italy. Despite the small number of our boats the results of the Estonian teams were spectacular: LENNY winning the bronze in the Corinthian Division and 8th overall.

The Estonian Melges 24 Association is looking positively towards 2020. We want to continue with the Estonian-Finnish ranking series if possible and organize a great Estonian Championship event again in Tallinn.

Last but not least we find it very important to maintain a very active social program for our competitors as well. In order to promote the Melges 24 class we regularly end the year with a big party for all the people active around the class.