

Melges 24 World Championship – Villasimius, Sardinia, Italy

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Technical Committee Report

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The team was divided to work on three stations.

1. Weighing of the boat, keel, rudder and mast.
2. Sail measurement and stamping of the sails.
3. Crew weighing.

21 boats were weighed for: Boat, keel, rudder, tiller, mast tip and mast.

The schedule was well spread in three days. The problem arised when we were informed that on the third day of measurements we will not have the crane at our disposal. Fortunately, due to cooperative crews, good crane operator and late hours work we managed to weigh all the boats until the evening of the second measurement day.

61 sets of sails were stamped (main, jib and 2 spinnakers).

All the 61 crews were weighed on time.

Throughout the event we had some extra controls agreed together with Race Committee and by request of the crews as follows:

- Race Committee check of the sails: 6 boats
- Late crew weigh - 2 boats.
- Change of the crew - 2 boats.
- Sails change due to irreparable damage – 1 boat.
- Mast change - 1 boat.
- Rudder fittings change - 1 boat.

Controls of safety equipment, hiking lines and rear gate tension were carried out on the water at 24 boats.

CEI comments on challenges encountered with the facilities and organizers the organizers SC Lega Navale Sez. di Villasimius and Marina di Villasimius:

The Organizers SC Lega Navale Sez. di Villasimius and Marina di Villasimius were not able to prepare a suitable place for sail measurements. Despite the contract, they have with IM24CA and repeated requests from the Class, they provided some picnic tables so we could not make surface big enough to lay the sails on. Due to that, decision was taken, not to make pre-racing limitation control but only to register and stamp the sails with event stamp. The decision was taken that PRO will call some boats, chosen randomly every day for full check measurement, what was done during the event.

The Organizers prepared the forklift for weighing the boats which did not have enough working height to lift the boat from the trailer. It was late afternoon of the first measurement day when they brought proper crane.

After two days of measurements, the Organizers did not allow us to perform daily checks of the sails after each day of sailing in the hangar where we had a weight control, but instead we had to do that outdoor on tables near the Race Office.

The organizers did not provide the second crane for lifting out the boats as it should be as per EVENT MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS 2019 and as they were asked for several times.

The remarkable person who has to be specially mentioned, was the crane operator Francesco, whose patience and precision were the reasons that weighing and craning of the boats went very smoothly.

The venue is great and has all the possibilities to make big regattas but Organizers has to fulfil the Class requests for organization of the events for better outcome and smoother workflow. The best thing about the venue was, that both the measurement and moorings were really close to each other, which isn't the case at every venue.

Marina di Villasimius, 13th October 2019

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