



Event report

November 8, 2019

The Melges 24 Worlds in Villasilimus has been a great challenge for the Lega Navale Italiana - Villasilimus, the local volunteers, the municipality and all the institutions involved, along with the Marina of Villasilimus.

The World Championship has been the final event after a long season with many events for Villasilimus, and huge effort after having organised the ACT World League for Melges32, Melges20 and the 4th Act of the Italian Melges24Tour late September.

For sure the logistic has been great, nice marina and 100% fully supportive for all sailors and team, the team at the Marina did a great job and always available for any needs for sailors and Melges officials.

Villasilimus have no history about international events, pretty new in this world but everyone is understanding the potential, and the opportunity to have two different race area it's a big Plus. Unfortunately, the weather didn't help to get some race over the eastern wind area but the west course has worked great with the south west and north east wind. Luckily, we had a great week and nice weather and all sailors enjoyed the beach life as well and the sunny days around Villasilimus.

As part of the organising authority, I must admit, that the low budget didn't allow us to make something big as we wanted, but we tried our best and thanks to many helpers and volunteers we satisfied most of the request.

I was trying to help anyone, example bringing broken sails or gennaker to the sail loft and repair as quick as possible, just a quick note only one "customer" missed to pay the repair!

Another good point has been the crane services, the paddock/technical area, parking area, pontoon and or mooring for coach boat, we tried to give as much as possible space for everyone.

On the water side unless day 1 with some unlucky situation losing few anchors in few minutes and miscommunication between officials, at the end we had great regatta over all the week and good team working all over the different parties.

Note; we all know we can always improve! just a quick example, most of the Melges team booked hotels or apartments outside the list published on the NOR.

One thing which didn't work 100% has been the event dinner - super good food, lot of food but..... logistic, content, atmosphere, can be much better ! Will be a challenge for the future.

Reporting about the budget and financial I must say the cost for the officials, all, jury which they were more than we really needed, and some other components of the crew, the total cost of all this has been huge, and food all days and after regatta for sailors and travel cost we note that 60% of the budget was gone.

We need to have much higher sponsors besides the budget generated by the fee.

At the end having the open ceremony in the city, and one evening with the Rock band playing, we should have promoted better and bring more sailors and people. But ...btw we all enjoyed.

Now we understand what can be improved and we all know that some mistakes have been done, but we did our best.

We don't want to go too deep and talk about small issues, looking forward and keep the positive vibe for the future.

I want to end those few words with lot of positivity and so grateful to all Melges24 team and sailors, we all enjoyed this beautiful experience.

BRAVI

Cheers

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