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2022. Class Report

Croatian Melges 24 Class Association (CROM24) is the youngest and smallest National Class Association in the IM24CA. Despite this, CROM24 managed to grow in number of active boats to second largest fleet in the world.

Total number of active boats is 22, with a good chance to grow even more with more sailors showing interest to join the CROM24. We are especially proud on fact that all 22 boats were active on our events this year.

In 2022. CROM24 set up a series of regattas under name of CRO Melges 24 CUP. The CUP is series of seven events equally dispersed along Croatian coast, from Rovinj up north to Dubrovnik at the south. Up to this moment we held 6 events. The seventh event is our pinnacle of the season Croatian Melges 24 National Championship which will be held in Zadar in one week from now.

CROM24 was honored to organize one event from European Sailing Series. Event was held in Rovinj in beginning of April and attracted 30 teams (15 teams from Croatia) at the starting line (biggest fleet in any ESS single event this year). CROM24 was proud and suppressed with results of CRO teams, taking 2nd, 3rd and 4th place in overall and team of Mataran24 becoming winner in Corinthian division. Full program of 9 races was fulfilled, so for the CROM24 the event was big success. Total of six Croatian teams was competing on other events from ESS.

The European Championship in Genova was blast, with four teams entered (3rd largest fleet at the ECh. after Italy and Germany) getting home with two medals, European title in Corinthian division and second place in overall from Mataran24 team was like a dream. To add, Univesitas Nova taking 5th place overall putting two CRO teams in top 5 on the overall ranking.

Our plan for next season is to continue with our CROM24 Cup events again we have 7 regattas scheduled in racing calendar. We are also hopping that we will get a chance to host one or two events from ESS. We thing we deserve that chance in terms what we achieved in very short period of time.

Our long term plans are to hots European and World Championship in near future.

We do hope that our story can inspire other nations to get back sailing with Melges 24, because it is really great boat.

Filip Jurišić – President

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