

OFFICIAL APPLICATION FOR THE 2024 M24 EUROPEANS

SPLIT 2024 MELGES 24 EUROPEANS



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Sailing Club Split (SC Split) hereby formally expresses its desire to the International Melges 24 Class Association (IMCA) to organize and run the 2024 Melges 24 European Championship.

The Championship would take place in Split, the sailing capital of Croatia, proposed for race days on October 23-26, 2024.

October had recently become a 'Sailing Month' in the city of Split, with several major keelboat regattas as well as the Sailing Film Festival taking place during this particular month. Majority of the program takes place in Sailing Club Split, in days just before the proposed dates for the Melges 24 Europeans.

Sailing conditions during this time are typically in the 10-20 knot range, with winds blowing from NW or SE directions, with light current and air temperature around 15-20 C°.

All racing areas are easily reachable from the venue, some of them being close enough to the shore, thus being visible to the on-land spectators.

Facilities at the SC Split meet all requirements, both from the Class and sailors, making Sailing Club Split a quite suitable venue for the Event. All amenities, from moorings to car and trailer parking, crane, showers and restrooms, as well as meeting rooms and other closed spaces necessary for the regatta management are provided within the Club.

As one of the Croatia's top tourist destinations, Split has abundant accommodation and flight options available. October is a lower-season period, which is one of the reasons for the Event to take place during this month in particular. Accommodation becomes more available and affordable and the city is much less crowded. Yet, sailing season comes to life, since there is much less on water charter activity.

The Club is located on the edge of the park-forest Marjan, which is absolutely favorite recreational zone for all people of Split. The Club is also conveniently located within a walking distance to the city center - ancient Diocletian's palace and other must-see attractions, so that competitors and other regatta visitors can enjoy its beauties by taking a short walk.

We sincerely hope that all visiting sailors and staff will find some spare time to spend it outside the Club, after participating in all on- and off-water activities we intend to prepare, to truly enjoy the beauties the City of Split has to offer. In order to encourage them to explore our city, we will team-up with the City Tourist Board and organize free-of-charge guided tours for all interested sailors and visitors.

The support services that are required to run this kind of a major event are conveniently located within the driving distance from the venue. International airport (SPU) is approximately one-hour drive away from the Club, also reachable by the sea if necessary. All major sail lofts are located in Split and its vicinity, as well as several well stocked sailing equipment suppliers and boat services.

Once again, Sailing Club Split would be truly honored to have the privilege of providing the stage for the Melges 24 European Championship.

Thank You for taking our proposal in consideration and hope to be able to host the Melges 24 fleet in our Club next year.

Josipa Prosinecki, Sailing Club Split GM

ABOUT THE VENUE

Sailing Club Split is located in the city of Split, which we can refer to as a Croatian sailing capital. Established in 1950, it is one of the largest and most successful sailing clubs in Croatia. With several Olympic sailors through our history and numerous medals from World and European championships in various classes, we are ever growing sailing community. We have previously organized several major international sailing events, some of them being Laser Class European Championships, Finn Master Europeans, Snipe Europeans and the latest one which will take place this October, 2023 Melges 24 European Sailing Series Regatta. Club annually organizes up to 10 regattas, including national championships and international regattas for the Optimist Class and traditional keelboat regattas. We normally host sailing camps for Optimist, Laser, Moth, 29er and Snipe Class teams.

We see this event as a great opportunity to promote the Class in our Sailing Club and Croatia, as well as an opportunity to build our experience in organizing international sailing events.

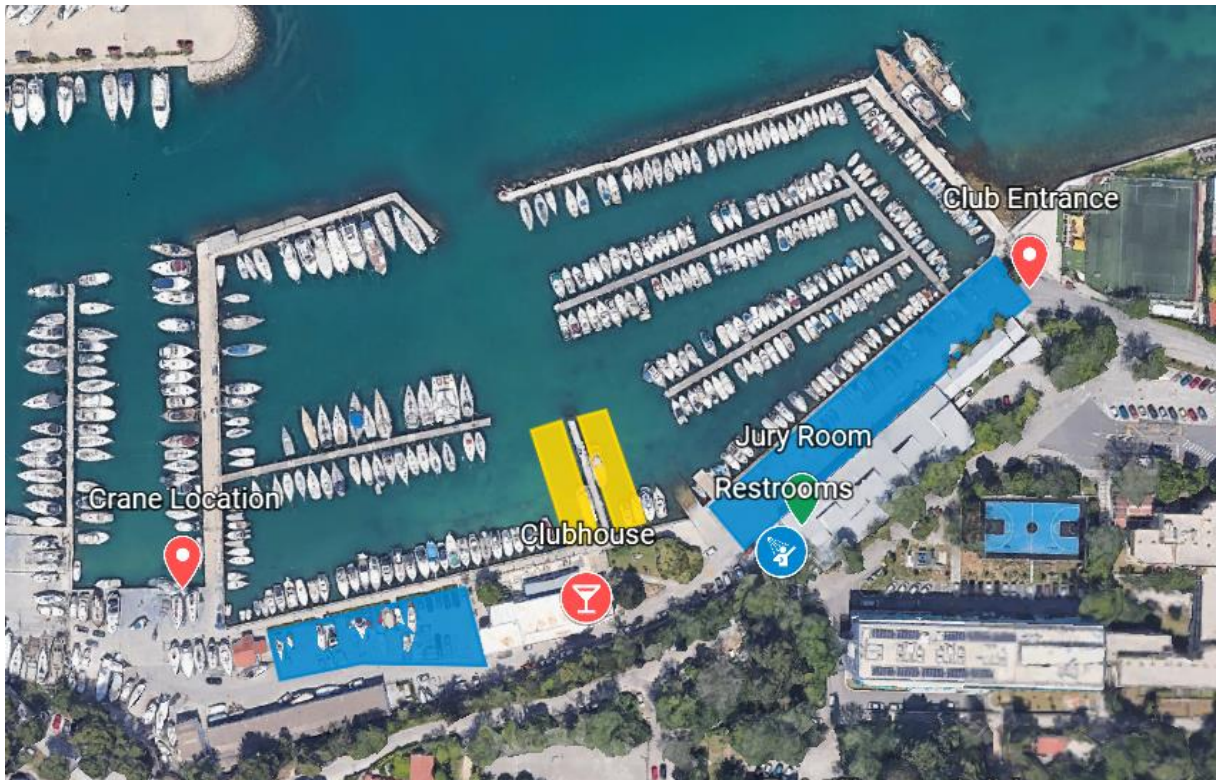
We would be truly honored to be given the opportunity to host the 2024 Melges 24 European Championship.



CLUB FACILITIES

Sailing Club Split has plenty of high-quality facilities and space ashore to properly host a major Melges 24 Fleet. With safe and accessible mooring and all the necessary amenities such as 10T crane for boat lifting, designated areas for car and trailer parking, plenty of closed hangar spaces, comfortable and well equipped large-space offices, showers and restrooms as well as a Club café and closed space for daily gatherings, it can be a perfect venue for the Melges 24 European Championship.

All the amenities would be at the full disposal to competitors and regatta staff members during the event. Also, the Club would be closed for the traffic during the event and fully dedicated to giving the best conditions to the Class and regatta guests.



MOORINGS (YELLOW ZONE)

SC Split has more than 350 sea berths, part of which would be at full disposal for the event. We intend to prepare necessary quantity of moorings specifically for the Melges fleet, in front of the Clubhouse, placing the Melges fleet in the very center of the venue. Moorings for support boats, the Race Committee boat, Jury and Press boats would be conveniently placed right next to the Melges fleet. Since we have plenty of berth capacities, we can make this particular segment of the event meet all the requirements and expectations both from the Class and sailors.

10T CRANE FOR BOAT LIFTING

Club has a regularly operating 10-ton crane for boat lifting, operated by two trained members of our service staff, which is used on a regular basis, normally providing marine services to our Club Members. During the event, crane would be used exclusively for the fleet management, with service staff being at disposal any time needed. Crane is located within the Club service zone, easily accessible by the road heading from the Club entrance through the Club, with large operating space in front of it.

CAR AND TRAILER PARKING (BLUE ZONES)

Club is closed for the outside traffic at all times, which makes it a perfect haven for all its members and visitors. At the Club entrance there is an automatic ramp, to which all competitors and regatta staff are provided with access during the event. Entry by car during the event week is available for regatta staff and competitors exclusively, making sure that the Club does not become overcrowded and ensuring much safer environment for the event. There is plenty of parking space designated for cars and vans, and in the service zone, close to the crane, plenty of parking space for trailers. Parking is completely free of charge during the event. If needed, additional trailer parking space will be arranged with the neighboring marina. Car parking is limited to approximately 60 cars, but there are several parking lots which are also free of charge located just outside of the Club.

CLUBHOUSE

SC Split has a large administration building, accommodating Club offices as well as a Club café and sort-of a living-room space for our Club Members. Club offices are spacious and well equipped, thus being well-fitted for the purpose of the Race Office, serving as a registration office and the race administration office in general. Club café is open daily from 8 AM and offers variety of hot and cold beverages. It has an open terrace, placed right next to the sea, with a nice view on Club berths, the Kastela Bay and mountains in the backdrop. It can accommodate about 70 people in the closed space and as many on the open terrace. This space would most probably be used for daily meetings and social events.



OTHER AMENITIES

Jury Room would be located in a large meeting space, approximately 70 m² in size, placed above the Laser and Optimist Class sailing hangars. This space has full internet access and could be divided into smaller spaces if needed.

There are showers and restrooms available on site, free of charge and open daily during the event.

Club is under 24/7 video surveillance and closed for the outside traffic making it a safe environment for the fleet.

There are also several wi-fi access points around the Club, free of charge, providing competitors with the very much needed access to the Online Notice Board and other information.

Besides the above-mentioned Club café, we have another closed space we occasionally use for different events - prize giving ceremonies, concerts, festivals, etc. It is normally used as a dry boat storage, but during October - the 'Split Sailing Month', we completely refurbish it and use for the event purposes in particular.

We intend to organize the Opening and Closing Ceremony, alongside with the Prize-giving Ceremony, as well as a mid-week event, since we strongly believe that no sailing should go without lots of great time ashore.



SAIL LOFTS, SAILING EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS AND BOAT REPAIR SERVICES

There are several professional sail lofts in Split and its vicinity. One of the smaller yet experienced sail lofts is located within the Club and could offer over-night services in partnership with larger lofts. We would establish partnership with one or more of the major lofts, whose staff and delivery vans would be present daily at the SC Split, collecting damaged sails for repairs at the conclusion of each day's racing.

There are also several well stocked sailing equipment suppliers and experienced boat repair shops which could be available on site for the fleet on demand.

Club would give their best effort in order to provide the fleet with the best services they might need during the event and their stay in Split.

SHORE FACILITY MANAGEMENT

LAUNCHING AND HAUL OUT

Launching and hauling will be coordinated by a Club staff member and undertaken exclusively by our trained service staff. It is the intention of SC Split to launch all boats on site. Regatta entry fees will also cover the costs of a single boat launch and haul out and trailer storage during the event. The planned order of lifting at the end of the regatta will be established at least 24 hours in advance. Any extra services and services used in days prior or after the event shall be charged according to the valid SC Split marine services pricelist.

MOORINGS

Boats shall be appointed moorings within the Club, if possible whole fleet being located in a single area, depending on the number of participating boats. It is our intention to prepare around 30 moorings located in front of the Clubhouse, with the rest of the fleet being located in the area around the crane. Each boat should be appointed a specific mooring location and number prior to the launch, during the registration process. Whole process of boat launching, trailer parking and mooring assignment shall be coordinated by the Club staff members. Mooring will be free of charge during the event, from Monday to Sunday.

TRAILER AND CAR PARKING

Trailers will be placed within the service zone, on a space designated specifically for trailer parking. Club service staff might slightly rearrange parked trailers within the service zone if necessary. Car parking space is limited, but will be free of charge to all competitors and

regatta staff, who will receive key links for entrance and exit ramp at the Club. Competitors and guests will be provided with the information on alternative free of charge car parking options.

COMPETITOR, RACE COMMITTEE AND JURY MEETINGS

Sailing Club Split will provide separate spaces for everyday competitor's gatherings (Club café and space for social events), Jury Room and Race Office. Competitors shall receive a venue map, helping them find their way around the Club. Club staff member shall be appointed daily to each space, making sure it is available and ready for a specific use and used properly.



NOTICE BOARDS

It is our intention to run the Official Notice Board online. SC Split is also able to provide an Official Notice Board for all communications to competitors including daily results, if needed. This board will be placed in an area convenient for competitor viewing, most probably at the Clubhouse. This on-site Official Notice Board might be digital screen. Other means of online communication between the organizing committee and competitors might be used, such as WhatsApp Group Chat, mainly for the everyday practical information.

RACE RESULTS

It is the intention to use Sailwave or other scoring software as recommended by the Class, respecting the common practice of the PRO, to score this event. Results will be updated online as soon as possible after each race.

OFFICIAL FLAG POLES

The main flagpole is located between the Clubhouse and the SC Split Laser and Optimist sailboat hangar, nearby the main area designated for boat moorings, and is visible for signals made ashore throughout the most of the SC Split grounds.

OTHER FLAG POLES

Flags of each participating country and of the main sponsors may be displayed on individual

flagpoles in front of the SC Split Laser and Optimist sailboat hangar.

EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AREA AND EQUIPMENT FACILITIES

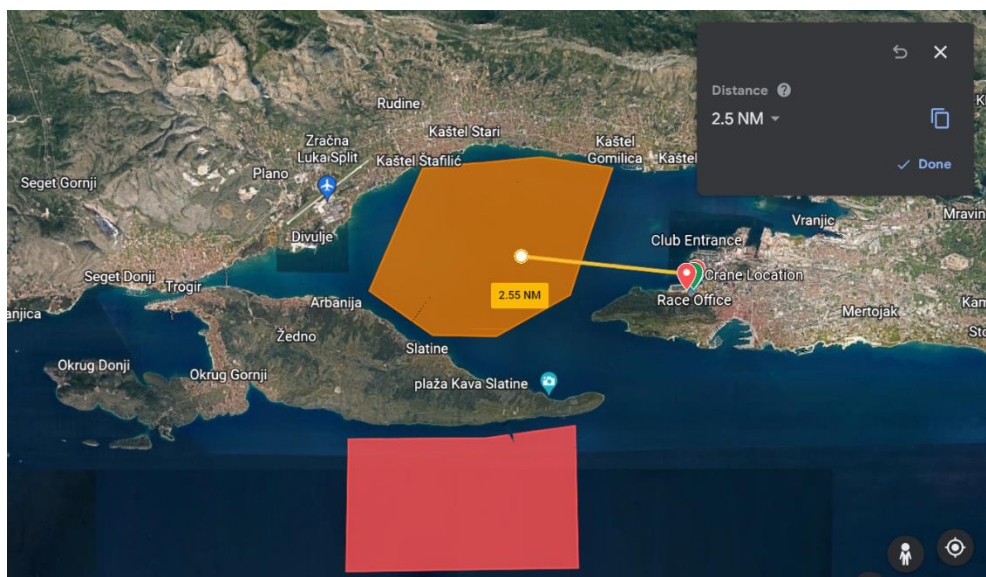
Adequate indoor space for boat and sail measurement is available on site and will be further coordinated with the event chief measurer.

RACE MANAGEMENT AFLOAT

Sailing Club Split annually organizes several major regattas, including national and international Optimist Class regattas, with more than 100 competitors on water and two annual keelboat regattas with approximately 50 boats competing. This gives us quite some experience in running sailing events and successfully meeting the Class and competitor's requirements. In October 2023 we are given the opportunity to organize a Melges 24 European Sailing Series Regatta, which will hopefully provide us with more experience needed to run this specific Class Event. We have previously organized Snipe Europeans (2021), Finn Masters Europeans (2018) and Laser Europeans (2014), which provided us with experience of cooperating with World Sailing Classes in order to successfully organize events while meeting Class requirements and standards.

RACING AREAS

Proposed racing areas are located in Kastela Bay and Split Channel, and are at a distance from the Sailing Club of approximately 3-5 NM.



RACING CONDITIONS

Expected weather conditions in late October are as follows:

Wind	SE 10-15 knots; NE 10-20 knots
Air temp	15-20 °C
Sea temp	20 °C
Current	light current

RACE COMMITTEE BOATS

SC Split owns five inflatable boats (1x VSR 5.9, 1x Lolivil 5.9 and 3x Lolivil 5.1) that are normally used for course setting and/or Jury.

During the regattas, we are also regularly granted support by our Club Members and sailing community in general, who have so far been generous with their private boats to augment the Race Committee fleet. We are confident that our members will continue to loan their boats for this event if needed, for the Race Committee boat, supports boats and medical support.

MARKS AND GROUND TACKLE

All necessary race marks, which consist of conical inflatable marks, anchor lines, anchors, counterweights, and signal flags will be provided by SC Split. List of equipment shall be previously defined in accordance to PRO and Class instructions, taking in consideration Club owned equipment.



ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT

SC Split will provide the Class with the list of equipment at our disposal. In case of lacking of any type of equipment, SC Split will do their best to acquire much needed equipment or ask the Class for their assistance with providing it.

EVENT PERSONNEL

VOLUNTEERS

Our biggest strength are our Club members and sailors, who willingly help us organize all the major events throughout the year. We will have to gather a team of at least 25 staff members on our side, to meet both the Class requirements and expectations we as an organizer have from this event.

EVENT PLANNING

SC Split fully understands the duties and responsibilities required to successfully run prestigious events. We will coordinate with IMCA to ensure that regatta requirements and guidelines are adhered to, respectfully both of the Club event budget capacities and the requirements from the Class.

JURY

SC Split will communicate with the IMCA to ensure an appropriate Chief Judge and Jury are selected, as well as measurement and classifier officials, as needed, respectfully both of the Club event budget capacities and the requirements from the Class.

REGATTA CHAIR

The Regatta Chair will be determined upon acceptance of this proposal, by Sailing Club Split.

PRINCIPAL RACE OFFICER

The Principal Race Officer and Race Committee Members will be determined in conjunction with the IMCA recommendations and guidelines. Our intention is to get experienced Race officials through Race Officials Exchange Program.

RACE COMMITTEE

SC Split has a large and experienced group of race management volunteers, consisting mainly of our sailors in ILCA Classes and ex-sailors who will be involved in tasks of course setting, cooperating with PRO, and other tasks with on-water race management.

APPENDIX A: PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR THE EVENT

	RACE SCHEDULE	SOCIAL SCHEDULE
DAY 1 (MON, OCT 21)	BOAT MEASUREMENT, SAIL REGISTRATION, CREW WEIGH-IN AND REGISTRATION: LAUNCHING AND BERTHING	FREE GUIDED TOUR OF CITY OF SPLIT
DAY 2 (TUE, OCT 22)	BOAT MEASUREMENT, SAIL REGISTRATION, CREW WEIGH-IN AND REGISTRATION; LAUNCHING AND BERTHING	OPENING CEREMONY + WELCOME DRINK
DAY 3 (WED, OCT 23)	RACES - DAY 1	CLUB BAR POWERED BY LAB CRAFT SPLIT
DAY 4 (THU, OCT 24)	RACES - DAY 2	CLUB BAR POWERED BY LAB CRAFT SPLIT + BBQ PARTY
DAY 5 (FRI, OCT 25)	RACES - DAY 3	CLUB BAR POWERED BY LAB CRAFT SPLIT
DAY 6 (SAT, OCT 26)	RACES - DAY 4 HAUL OUT	CLOSING CEREMONY AND AWARDS
DAY 7 (SUN, OCT 27)	HAUL OUT	

Prior to the Europeans, during the weekend 18-20 October 2024, the traditional Club keelboat regatta will take place. All boats competing at the Melges 24 Europeans are invited to participate. Additional information would be provided.

Competitors are welcome to come and train in SC Split, using our services before or after the competition, by making a reservation at the Club. Additional information would be provided including pricelist for Club services (dry storage, crane services, mooring, etc.)

APPENDIX B: TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION, LEISURE ACTIVITIES

For the purpose of the regatta organization, we have teamed-up with travel agency No Filter Croatia who can organize all the accommodation for competitors and regatta guests at their request, without any commission. Just next to the venue you can book your accommodation in Hostel Spinut in single or double rooms with option of meals in their restaurant. That might actually be the most convenient solution due to proximity to the club and their fair prices. Anyway, finding any type of accommodation, from apartments to 4- and 5- star hotels should not be a problem since Split is a major tourist destination. That also means numerous of flight options, so getting here should not be any problem.

There are three ship chandlers, several food and drink shops around the club as well as a great restaurant. The city center is a 10 min walk from the club and is great for exploring the huge selection of bars.

Split is a vibrant city with lots of content and activities to keep the fleet entertained. Split tourist board is one of our long-term partners when it comes to event organization and provides our guests with free walking tour of historical city parts.

The park forest Marjan is located just next to the Club and is absolutely perfect for mountain biking, jogging and swimming.

There is no place like Split. You can ask literally anyone.

APPENDIX C: MEDIA COVERAGE

Sailing Club Split normally works with local and national outlets to promote our sailing events. We involve several local media partners (TV, web portals and magazines) who will inform on the event. We normally cooperate with Hrvoje Duvancic, chief editor of Croatia's leading portal on sailing Regate.com.hr. They normally do all the photo and video coverage of the sailing events in Croatia. They are also the official videographer and photographer for all Melges 24 events in Croatia. Event will be promoted through our social media (Facebook page) and if provided by the Class, a website for the event. Other details can be arranged with the Class, respectfully of their common practices and the event budget.

APPENDIX D: SPONSORSHIPS AND BUDGET DETAILS

As marketing and sponsorship details are finalized, the SC Split Regata Organizing Committee will develop the budget for the event. The registration fee will be inclusive of a single boat launching and hauling, 7-day sea berth, trailer storage and car parking during the event, race committee management expenses, with social events, including opening and closing ceremonies and mid-week event. Final registration fees will be determined based upon sponsor participation, competitor participation, and IMCA requirements towards the SC Split as potential Organizer.



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