

# 2024-2026 MELGES 24 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP



**MELGES**<sup>24</sup>





# AIM OF HOST

Hungary has a stable fleet of 10-12 active Melges24 boats, of which 1-3 units were actively cooperating in the European Sailing Series during the past years.

The main regatta organizing clubs are well known for international sailors, as these clubs host various and successful events continuously.

They are also significant centers of competitive sailing and race management in Hungary.

About 15-20 regattas yearly in which Melges24 boats are competing with great result.





# HUNGARY

Hungary is situated in Central and Eastern Europe, having its borders with Austria, Slovakia, Ukraine, Romania, Slovenia and Croatia.

The capital of Hungary is Budapest having an international airport (Liszt Ferenc International Airport). Vienna Airport and Bratislava Airport are also nearby.

Lake Balaton has an easy highway access from various directions.

It is a 1,5 hours drive from Budapest Airport and 2,5 hours drive from Vienna Airport.







Balatonfüred is a small town with 13.500 inhabitants, on the north shore of Lake Balaton, surrounded by gently sloping hillocks.

Balatonfüred is mainly known by its climate which is very similar to the Mediterranean, even the sun shines somehow more gently here.

Balatonfüred and its surrounding settlements lie in the so-called „Balaton Riviera“.

# BALATONFÜRED



One of the largest sailing clubs in Hungary, which also provides outstanding work in international competitions, such as:

- J/24 European Championship 2008, 2017, 2023
- 420/470 Youth ECH 2016
- ESS Melges 24 2014
- Laser Worlds 2013
- ILCA European Cup - every two years
- 29er Euro Cup - every three years



# BALATONFÜREDI YACHT CLUB



# RACE MANAGEMENT

Race Officers are qualified to World Sailing standards.

Organising Committee is experienced in hosting International Race Officers and Juries.

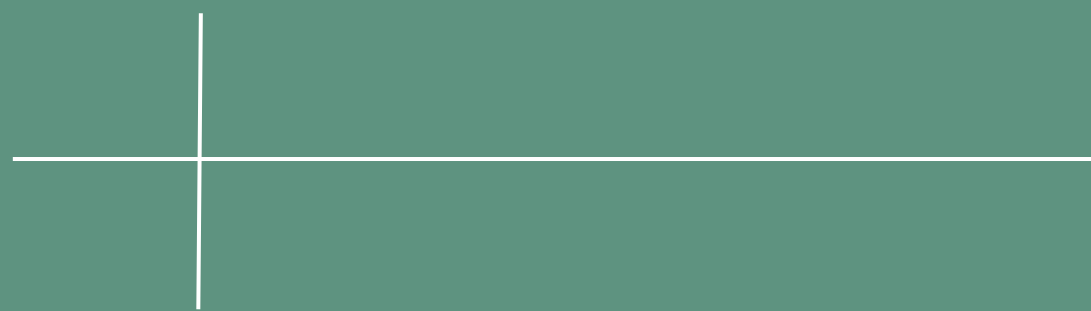
BYC owns everything needed for hosting the event, RIBs, starting- and finishing vessel, bouys, race office, hearing room, media room, etc.

BYC also maintains a prospering relationship with the Hungarian Yachting Federation and the nearby clubs.





# WIND AND WEATHER CONDITIONS



Best sailing conditions in May and September. Wind conditions are balanced but varied. Weather fronts from NW 10–15 kts.

The wave pattern is very special. The short and relatively high waves are very rough when it blows. The wave length is 3-4 metres, occasionally 6 metres but only in strong wind.

The height of the waves is usually 1 metre but in strong wind it may reach 1.5 metres and the crests fall through. No tides and no currents on Lake Balaton







We will provide opportunity for the competitors to get used to the conditions at Lake Balaton during the pre-championship training sessions.

We will provide all the facilities and infrastructure (trailer and boatpark, etc – all guarded) needed for the competitors planning to participate on the Trainings.

Our personnel will provide assistance with the trolley management at launching and recovery.

# PRE- CHAMPIONSHIP TRAINING



**Possible dates:** May or September 2024-2026

**Day 1-3:** registration, measurement, crew weigh-in and practice race on 3rd day afternoon

**Day 4-8:** races, social events, 8th day prize giving ceremony

*Schedule can be changed based on May or September 2024-2026*



# SCHEDULE 2024/2026



# ACCOMMODATION & FACILITIES

As a major tourism destination, there are many variations of accommodations available within walking distance from BYC.

Camping site is 1 km away from BYC and there are also small and large hotels or private accommodations in large numbers.

From award-winning restaurants, through quality local wines, to high quality catering establishments can be found in the area.

