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OFFICIAL APPLICATION FOR THE MELGES 2027 WORLDS

MELGES 24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PULA – CROATIA

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Sailing Club Trogir hereby formally expresses its desire to the International Melges 24 Class Association (IMCA) to organize and run the 2027 Melges 24 World Championship.

The Championship would take place in Pula, the sailing capital of the Istria Region, Croatia, proposed for race days from May 29th to June 5th, 2027.

The end of May and beginning of June represent the best Time for organizing the Championship in Pula, Istria, due to Sailing conditions and related tourism activities.

During this time, winds are typically in the moderate 10-15 knots range, winds from SW-NW directions, with light current and air temperature around 15-25 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.

SC TROGIR will organize this venue in coordination with the general sponsor Marina 21 – Marina Polesana, who will provide all onshore facilities, as well as berths and logistics.

Location of the venue will be:

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Facilities at the Marina Polesana-Pula will meet all requirements, both from the Class and sailors, making Marina Polesana a venue for the Event. All amenities, from mooring 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 Croatia's top tourist destinations, Pula-Istria has abundant accommodation and flight options available. May-June is a Low-Mid season period, which is one of the reasons for the Event taking place during this month. Accommodation is becoming 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. Since Marina Polesana is situated in isolated part of the city, a great offer to competitors will be made in the 5 STARS Hotel Monumenti opposite Marina Polesana. The hotel is owned by the same company, so it will be a part of the Championship, and it will make this venue even more special. Hotel rooms are looking onto the racing area as well as moored Melges 24 boats.

Link to hotel:

<https://marina21.com/en/heritage-hotel-resort-monumenti-the-first-five-star-hotel-in-pula/>

The Marina is located in a favorite recreational zone for all people of Pula. The distance to the old city center is well connected.



CITY OF PULA

Pula is one of Croatia's most ancient cities; its founding dates back more than 3,000 years. Commonly, the city is known for its well-preserved Roman architecture, above all, for the Pula Arena, which testifies to the age of the city. Pula was an important Roman colony and later became a very important city with a port during the Venetian and Austro-Hungarian periods. It combines its historic legacy with modern charm today and is going to be able to offer visitors an active glimpse of both worlds.

Pula is also famous for its vivid cultural scene, nice beaches, and proximity to some of the most beautiful natural parks in Croatia.

We sincerely hope that all visiting sailors and staff will find some spare time to spend 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. 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 major event are conveniently located within driving distances from the venue. The International airport (PUY) is approximately 20 20-minute drive away from the Venue. Local and support sail lofts will be available for the venue, as well as several well-stocked sailing equipment suppliers and boat services.

Once again, Sailing Club Trogir would be truly honored to have the privilege of creating the stage for the Melges 24 World Championship in Marina Polesana, Pula.

Thank you for taking our proposal into consideration and opportunity to host the Melges 24 World Championship.





SAILING CLUB TROGIR

Sailing Club Trogir is located in the city of Trogir, and with a good connection to the Main sponsor of the event, MARINA 21, proposed to organize the event for several reasons in Pula, Istria:

SC TROGIR has a tradition in organizing big events, organized ILCA 4 (LASER 4.7) WORLDS 2008 with more than 500 sailors, organized Melges 24 Nationals and European Sailing Series events for Melges 24 in the old city of Trogir, and many more big events throughout History.

Finding Pula as the best location to provide excellent sailing & on shore activities, and to try to break the record of entries due to the better and closer location of Pula with the rest of Europe, where most of the fleet of M24 is located.

Sailing Club Trogir has Melges 24 teams, and class terms are well known among club members.

Established in 1948, it is one of the top 10 sailing clubs in Croatia. With several medals from World, Continental & National Championships throughout our history in various classes (SENIOR, JUNIOR), we are ever growing sailing community.

The club annually organizes up to 6 regattas, including national championships and international regattas for the Optimist Class and traditional keelboat regattas. We normally host sailing camps for OPT, ILCA, STAR, MELGES 24, and IOM teams.

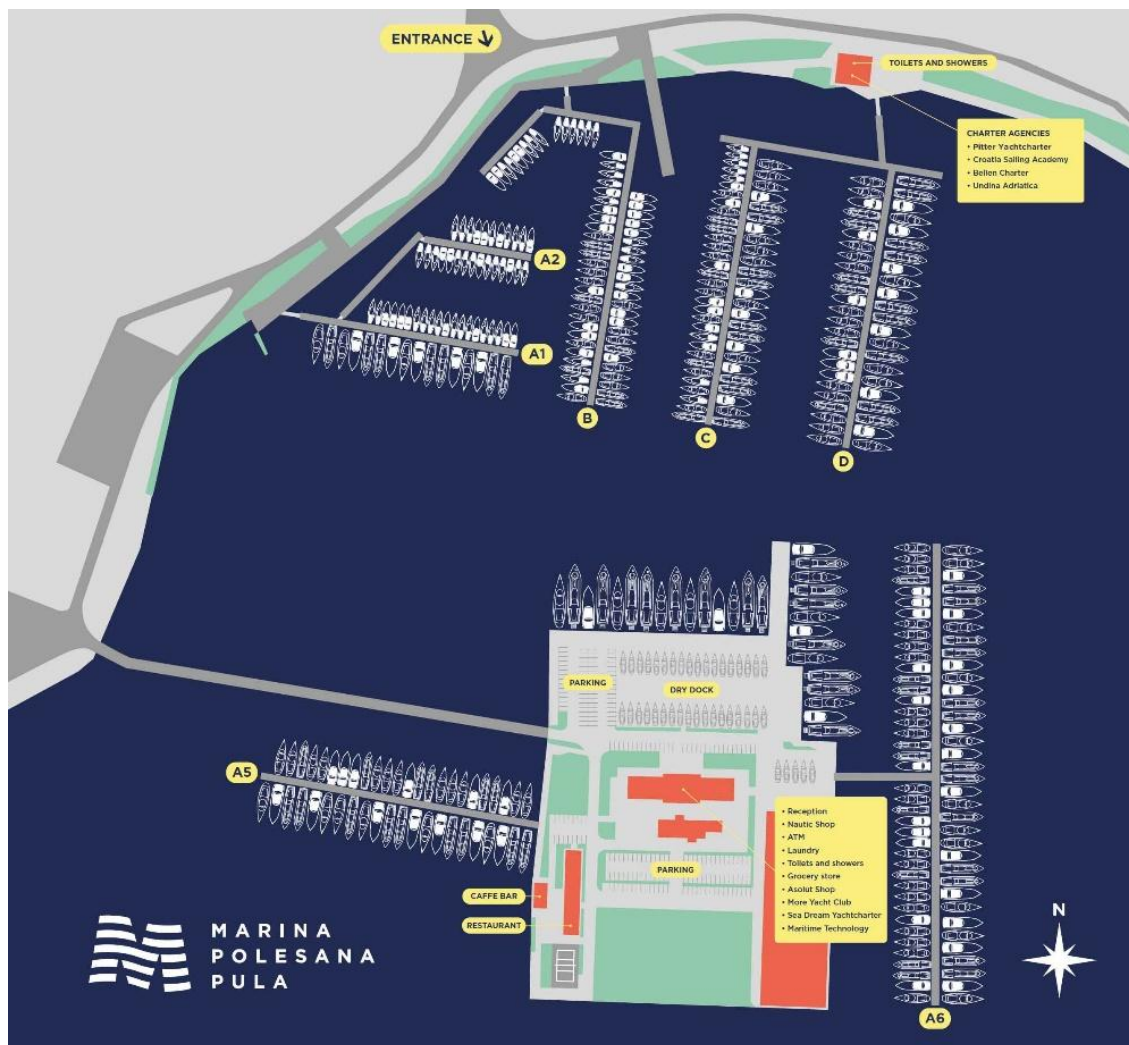
We see this event as a great opportunity to promote the Class in our Sailing Club and Croatia, as well as an opportunity to build our experience in organizing international sailing events.

We would be truly honored to be allowed to host the 2024 Melges 24 World Championship.

MARINA POLESANA FACILITIES

MARINA POLESANA 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 a 200T crane for boat lifting, designated areas for car and trailer parking, closed shed spaces, comfortable and well equipped large-space offices, showers and restrooms as well as a Caffe Bar & Restaurant and closed space for daily gatherings, it can be a perfect venue for the Melges 24 World Championship.

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



Marina Polesana has more than 400 sea berths, part of which would be at full disposal for the event. We intend to prepare a necessary quantity of moorings specifically for the Melges fleet, in front of the Restaurant/Caffe bar, 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. Map position/pontoon **A5** will be used for the mooring place

200T CRANE FOR BOAT LIFTING

Marina Polesana has a regularly operating 200-ton crane for boat lifting, operated by 2-4 trained employees of our service staff, which is used regularly, normally providing marine services to our Club Members. During the event, the crane would be used exclusively for the fleet management, with service staff being at disposal any time needed. Crane is located within the service zone on the island,



150 m from moorings and 50 m from Car & Trailer Parking, easily accessible by the road, with a large operating space in front of it.



CAR AND TRAILER PARKING-GREEN AREA ON MAP

At the Marina 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. There is plenty of parking space designated for cars and vans, and in the service zone, plenty of parking space for trailers. Parking is completely free of charge during the event.

CLUB HOUSE

Marina Polesana has a large administration building, accommodating regatta offices as well as a Club café. Club offices are spacious and well & restaurant space is available for the event, thus being well-suited for the Race Office, serving as a registration office and the race administration office. In general Café bar is open daily from 7 AM and offers a variety of hot and cold beverages. It has an open terrace, placed right next to the sea, with a nice view of Marina berths and the Pula Harbor. It can accommodate about 200 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, with an extra tent/shed available for sailors and measurements.



OTHER AMENITIES

The Jury Room would be located in a meeting space in the Main Building. This space has full internet access and could be divided into smaller spaces if needed.

There are showers and restrooms available on site, 20 m from moorings and the same distance from Trailer parking, free of charge and open daily during the event.

Marina is under 24/7 video surveillance and under Marinero 24-hour shift surveillance, making it a safe environment for the fleet.

There are also several wi-fi access points around the Marina, free of charge, providing competitors with the very much needed access to the Online Notice Board and other information. We intend to organize the Opening and Closing Ceremony in the City of Pula, possibly PULA ARENA (still to be agreed), alongside the Prize-giving Ceremony in Hotel Monumenti, as well as a mid-week event in a Restaurant, 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 Pula and its vicinity. Experienced sail lofts are located a few km from the Marina and could offer overnight services in partnership with larger lofts. We would establish a partnership with one or more of the major lofts, whose staff and delivery vans would be present daily at the Marian Polesana, 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 that could be available on site for the fleet on demand. Organizers 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 Pula.

SHORE FACILITY MANAGEMENT

LAUNCHING AND HAUL OUT

Launching and hauling will be coordinated by a staff member and undertaken exclusively by our trained service staff. It is the intention of Marina Polesana 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 before or after the event shall be charged according to the valid Marina Polesana pricelist.

MOORINGS

Boats shall be on pontoon A5, the whole fleet will be in a single mooring area. We intend to prepare around 60-70 moorings located in front of the Caffè bar (A5). Each boat should be assigned a specific mooring location and number before the launch, during the registration process. The whole process of boat launching, trailer parking, and mooring assignment shall be coordinated by the Organizer's staff members.

TRAILER AND CAR PARKING

Trailers will be placed within the parking place marked as GREEN on the official map on a space designated specifically for trailer parking. Marina service staff might slightly rearrange parked trailers within the service zone if necessary. Competitors and regatta staff will receive key links for entrance and exit by registering a vehicle plate upon arrival at MARINA POLESANA RECEPTION.

COMPETITOR, RACE COMMITTEE, AND JURY MEETINGS

Organizers will provide separate spaces for everyday competitors' gatherings (Club café and space for social events), the Jury Room, and the Race Office. Competitors shall receive a venue map of Marina Polesana, helping them find their way around the Club. An organizer 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

We intend to run the Official Notice Board online. The organizer will also be 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 Café Bar. This on-site Official Notice Board might be a digital screen. Other means of online communication between the organizing committee and competitors might be used, such as WhatsApp Group Chat, mainly for everyday practical information.

OFFICIAL FLAG POLES

The main flagpole will be located on top of CAFFE BAR HOUSE, visible from A5 pontoon where boats are moored.

OTHER FLAG POLES

Flags of each participating country and of the main sponsors may be displayed on flagpoles in front of the mooring place or on the entrance of Marina Polesana Bridge.

EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AREA AND EQUIPMENT FACILITIES

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

RACE MANAGEMENT AFLOAT

The organizer annually organizes several major regattas, including national and international 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 competitors' requirements.

RACING AREA

Proposed racing areas are located between islands Brijuni and the water break of Pula Harbor and are at a distance from the Sailing Club of approximately 3-5 NM.



RACING CONDITIONS

Expected weather conditions in late May/early June are as follows:

Wind	W-NW 8-15 knots; NE 10-20 knots
Air temp	18-22 °C
Sea temp	19-23 °C
Current	light current

COMMITTEE BOATS

Organizer will provide five inflatable boats (1x VSR 5.9, 3x Lolivil 5.9, and 1x Lolivil 5.1) that are normally used for course setting, Jury, and Measurement.

During the regattas, we are also regularly granted support by our sponsor ANGELINA CHARTER, having the vessels in Marina Polesana for RC & Support boats.. We are confident that, as the organizer, we will provide all boats for this event, the Race Committee boat, support 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 the Croatian Melges 24 association & organizing club SC TROGIR.

The list of equipment shall be previously defined in accordance with PRO and Class instructions, taking into consideration the organizer's owned equipment.



ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT

SC TROGIR will provide the Class with the list of equipment at our disposal. In case of a lack of any type of equipment, SC Trogir will do its best to acquire much-needed equipment or ask the Class for their assistance with providing it.

EVENT PERSONNEL

VOLUNTEERS

Our biggest strength is 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 (MARINA POLESANA & SC TROGIR) on our side, to meet both the Class requirements and expectations we, as organizers, have from this event.

EVENT PLANNING

SC TROGIR 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, respecting both the Club event budget capacities and the requirements of the Class.

JURY

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

REGATTA CHAIR

The Regatta Chair will be determined upon acceptance of this proposal by the Sailing Club Trogir.

PRINCIPAL RACE OFFICER

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

RACE COMMITTEE

SC Trogir has a large and experienced group of race management volunteers, consisting mainly of our 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 EVENT SCHEDULE

DATE	RACING EVENT	SOCIAL EVENT
DAY 1(SAT, MAY 29)	Boat Measurement, Sail Registration, Crew Weigh-In And Registration; Launching And Berthing	Marina 21 Bar Powered By A Sponsor
DAY 2 (SUN MAY 30)	Boat Measurement, Sail Registration, Crew Weigh-In And Registration, Launching And Berthing	Marina 21 Bar Powered By Sponsor
DAY 3 (MON, MAY 31)	Boat Measurement, Sail Registration, Crew Weigh-In And Registration; Launching And Berthing Practice Race	Opening Ceremony-Town Of Pula
DAY 4 (TUE, JUN 1)	Races- Day 1	Marina 21 Bar Powered By Sponsor
DAY 5 (WED JUN 2)	Races- Day 2	Marina 21 Bar Powered By Sponsor
DAY 6 (THU, JUN 3)	Races- Day 3	Marina 21 Bar Powered By Sponsor – Crew Party
DAY 7 (FRI, JUN 4)	Races- Day 4	Marina 21 Bar Powered By Sponsor
DAY 8 (SAT, JUN 5)	Races- Day 5 Haul Out	Closing Ceremony And Awards Hotel Monumenti

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

APPENDIX B: TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION, LEISURE ACTIVITIES

For the regatta organization, we will provide travel agent contacts who can organize all the accommodations for competitors and regatta guests at their request. However, finding any type of accommodation, from apartments to 4- and 5-star hotels, should not be a problem since Pula is a major tourist destination. That also means numerous flight options, so getting here should not be a problem.

Mainly, we would like to offer a nice package in HOTEL MONUMENTI-5 stars in front of Marina Polesana, to have this unique event suitable for sailors

There are ship chandlers in the Main building of Marina, and several food and drink shops around the Marina, as well as a great restaurant. The city center is a 10-minute drive from the MP and is great for exploring the huge selection of bars.

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



While staying in [Marina Polesana](#), you might want to use a unique occasion to visit the Brijuni Islands, which are located only 3NM from the Marina. It is a collection of 14 islands that have renowned beauty, rich history, and a wealth of wildlife. You can explore ancient Roman villas, take a safari tour to see exotic animals, or simply enjoy the pristine beaches.

Why Visit? Brijuni is an ideal day excursion from Pula, combining natural beauty with historical exploration.

APPENDIX C: MEDIA COVERAGE

SC TROGIR 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 about 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. The 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, respecting their common practices and the event budget.



APPENDIX D: SPONSORSHIPS AND BUDGET DETAILS

As marketing and sponsorship details are finalized, the SC TROGIR Regatta Organizing Committee will develop the budget for the event. The registration fee will be inclusive of a single boat launching and hauling, 8-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 events. Final registration fees will be determined based upon sponsor participation, competitor participation, and IMCA requirements towards the SC TROGIR as the potential Organizer.