

Who will be the "Best Sailing Club" 2017?

## **Audi SAILING Champions League's final from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September in Porto Cervo**

**Hamburg/ Porto Cervo, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – This weekend the best sailing clubs from all over Europe will gather together for the final of the Audi SAILING Champions League in Porto Cervo, Sardinia, Italy. For three days 32 clubs will battle for the title "Best Sailing Club" in front of the fantastic scenery of the hosting club, the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS).**

A maximum of 48 races will be sailed in fleet-race-mode on eight one-design J/70 boats on the north-eastern coast of Sardinia. First practice-races on Wednesday will help the teams to get familiar with the sailing area before the races will take place Friday to Sunday. The weather forecast announces light winds with summerly temperatures of 22 degrees Celsius.

The favorites are the Norddeutscher Regatta Verein (NRV) from Hamburg who won Act 1 in St. Petersburg, the Segelclub Mattsee (SCM) from Austria, winner of Act 2 in St. Moritz, and certainly the Deutsche Touring Yacht Club (DTYC) from Bavaria. The defending champions from 2016 just participated successfully in the Nord Stream Race and are placed top of the German Sailing Bundesliga.

Among the participants are further topclass teams like Cape Crow Yacht Club, Swedish Champions and winner of the Nord Stream Race 2017, the Royal Norwegian Yacht Club, winner of the SAILING Champions League in 2015 and the famous Yacht Club Costa Smeralda.

The 32 participating top-teams qualified during this year's SAILING Champions League Act 1 in St. Petersburg (11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> August) and Act 2 in St. Moritz (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> September) for the final.

SAP as the technological partner of the SAILING Champions League will provide spectators worldwide with a professional livestream. Races will be commentated and explained comprehensible for everyone by sailing experts and sailing reporters. All races will be broadcast live via the internet Saturday and Sunday from 12.00 pm.

Results and stream can be found here: [www.sailing-championsleague.com](http://www.sailing-championsleague.com).

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