

Intense day 2 at Audi SAILING Champions League final

Team Yacht Club Costa Smeralda maintains overall lead ahead of Société Nautique de Genève

Hamburg - Porto Cervo, 23rd September 2017. A busy day for the 32 teams competing in the Audi SAILING Champions League saw them reach a tally of nine flights completed. Tomorrow's final race day will bring the event, organised by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS) in collaboration with the SAILING Champions League and with the support of Title Sponsor Audi and Technical Partner Quantum Sails.

Racing ran perfectly to schedule today with teams taking to the regatta course at 10 a.m. and completing 22 races over the course of more than 7 hours at sea accompanied by a 12-13 knot south-easterly breeze. This brings participating Clubs to a total of 36 races run out of a maximum possible 48.

Competition is incredibly close at the top of the leaderboard where each point counted towards losing or retaining a podium position today.

The YCCS team (Flavio Favini - Federico Michetti - Branko Brcin - Luca Faravelli) gave a mixed performance, alternating top finishes with low scores, but maintain their lead of the overall classification thanks to victory in the final race.

The team flying the Société Nautique de Genève burgee (Guillaume Girod - Marc Stern - Nicolas Kauffmann - Mathieu Fischer) sits just one point behind the Italians and posted a 5-3-1-6-2-3 scoreline today. In third place is Lord of the Sail - Europe (Evgeny Neugodnikov - Viacheslav Ermolenko - Iurii Popov - Sergey Musikhin) who came back from taking an OCS in today's second race with a victory in the third (4-OCS- 1-3-2).

Guillaume Girod, Swiss Laser sailor and helmsman of Société Nautique de Genève, commented on the day's events: "At the start of racing we weren't very consistent but we got better towards the end and finished in the top three so it went well! The crew has trained, they took part in the Audi J/70 World Championship last week and we also sailed together for a few days before this race but we can always learn more. We were more aggressive in our starts today compared to yesterday and we will try to improve again for tomorrow's final day."

After a full day of competition, teams gathered this evening for a Team BBQ Dinner at the YCCS Clubhouse in Porto Cervo. Racing will continue tomorrow, Sunday 25th September, with the first signal scheduled for 10 a.m. and north-westerly winds of 7 - 10 knots forecast.

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 a.m. Results and stream can be found here: www.sailing-championsleague.com.

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