

Record number of entries for the SAILING Champions League

Hamburg, 20th September 2014 - For the premiere of the SAILING Champions League (SCL) from 17th to 19th October 2014 in Copenhagen, the number of entries is growing. 23 clubs have already registered. They will be sailing at this international event to gain the title of the best sailing club.

When the new SAILING Champions League was announced six weeks ago, the news were quickly spread among sailors and sportsmen. Until today the initiators of Konzeptwerft in Hamburg did receive registrations from 23 sailing clubs from 16 nations in total. "We are expecting 25 clubs from at least 17 nations", said Oliver Schwall, Managing Director of the SAILING Champions League.

In the SAILING Champions League the participating clubs are sailing according to the format of the national sailing leagues in Germany and Denmark on J/70 One Design boats. In Copenhagen, 45 races are planned in three days, each of the races lasting between twelve and fifteen minutes.

All invited nations can send two representatives to the SCL. The countries with an existing format for a national league are sending their top three from their premiere year. The Danish are sending the top three from 2014 and the Germans those from the previous year. "We are overwhelmed from the positive feedback", says Hans Natorp, President of the Danish Sailing Association, "when leading yacht clubs of Europe and even from the USA are showing such a big interest, we are convinced, that our idea about national and international sailing leagues has a great future ahead."

Hosts of the SAILING Champions League are the German and Danish league as well as the Royal Danish Yacht Club (KDY). Patron of the event is the European Sailing Federation (EUROSAF).

The first 23 participants of the SAILING Champions League in Copenhagen:

- Austria: Union-Yacht-Club
- Austria: Yacht Club Bregenz
- Czech Republic: Yacht Club Cere
- Denmark: Hellerup Sejlklub
- Denmark: Kerteminde Sejlklub
- Denmark: Kongelig Dansk Yachtklub
- France: Sport Nautique de l'Ouest
- Germany: Norddeutscher Regatta Verein
- Germany: Verein Seglerhaus am Wannsee
- Germany: Württembergischer Yacht-Club
- Great Britain: Royal Thames Yacht Club
- Italy: Circolo Cannottieri Aniene
- Italy: Yacht Club Costa Smeralda
- Monaco: Yacht Club de Monaco
- Norway: Royal Norwegian Yacht Club
- Oman: Oman Sail
- Poland: Chojnicki Klub Żeglarski
- Russia: Royal Yacht Club Moscow
- Russia: Saint Petersburg Yacht Club
- Spain: Real Club Náutico de Gran Canaria
- Sweden: Royal Gothenburg Yacht Club
- Switzerland: Thunersee Yachtclub
- USA: St. Petersburg Yacht Club

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