

Hamburger Segel-Club Wins the Women's SAILING Champions League

Kiel, 9 August 2026. *Three days of peak athletic performance, tricky winds, and summer heat on the Kiel Fjord drew to a close on Sunday with a picture-perfect finale for the Women's SAILING Champions League. After 12 hard-fought flights, a crew well-established on the international league circuit emerged victorious. Hamburger Segel-Club secured overall victory, claiming their second title in the premier league following their initial win in 2023.*

A compelling duel unfolded at the top of the standings right from the opening races. Hamburger Segel-Club from Germany and the Norwegian crew from Kongelig Norsk Seilforening dominated the field from the outset, engaging in a head-to-head battle for the lead. The team from Hamburg ultimately held the upper hand by a narrow margin, leaving the Norwegians with an impressive second-place finish. German Münchner Yacht-Club secured the final spot on the podium after a strong late push.

Top-level sailing was on display across the entire fleet. All participating teams impressed throughout the weekend with remarkable depth, fairness, and athleticism. Conditions on the inner Kiel Fjord tested the sailors both tactically and physically. Following heavy winds and aggressive gusts on Friday, the breeze lightened on Saturday and Sunday while remaining highly shifting and unpredictable. In temperatures reaching 29°C, the athletes kept a cool head, navigating light spots and sudden shifts with precision.

Silke Basedow, skipper of the winning crew from Hamburger Segel-Club, reflected on the victory dockside:

"We are overjoyed and honestly a bit surprised to win the Champions League for a second time. Sailing in a new lineup with five crew members worked out brilliantly for us right from the start. Our upwind speed was phenomenal. It was a fantastic event with perfect weather and a great atmosphere. We met so many wonderful women, supported each other, and had an incredible time."

The historic Hotel Kieler Yacht Club served as official host and basecamp, offering the teams ideal facilities and a welcoming atmosphere ashore. The return of the SAILING Champions League to Kiel is already around the corner, as the world's elite sailors will gather on the fjord again this October for the season final.



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