

Annual Report 2016 – Melges Norway

In 2016, approximately 50 Melges 24s are registered in Norway, of which 21 are full paying members, compared to 22 in 2015. There has been a large change in owners the past year, which contributes to the uncertainty of the total number of boats on Norwegian soil.

The national championship was held on the 3rd-5th of June in Stavanger. This was the first time in six years that the national championship was held outside of eastern Norway. 22 boats participated, of which 19 were from Norway. In 2015, 24 boats participated in the national championship, 16 being Norwegian. This shows a slight reduction in total participation, but also a slight increase in national activity.

The fleet is split into three geographical regions, east, southwest, and north, with multiple fleets within each region. The eastern region has seen a slow reduction of the number of active boats over the past couple of years, this year being no exception. New recruitment strategies are being prioritized for the upcoming season. The southwestern region has seen significant growth both in the number of boats and in activities. They have held their own cup, called Java Cup, named after their main sponsor, Java Invest. This is a three-year project to strengthen the fleet in the region, and so far it has proven to be a huge success. Five regattas were held, and in total 17 boats participated. There has been little change to the northern fleet the past season, with five active boats, which is the same as in 2015.

Due to sailing champions league being implemented in Norway for the first time in 2016, many sailing clubs have acquired Melges 24s to use for practice. The Norwegian Sailing League is being held in J/70s, but Melges 24 has proven to be a good practice platform. None of these have been active in the 2016 season, but we hope to see some of them in 2017. This has partially contributed to the large change in boat owners in 2016.



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