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Friday, 12th of August, 2011

Top sailors have nothing to give

It is an exhausting weather game, the lake Neusiedl is playing with the sailors of the Hobie Multi Europeans 2011. Even the



day before the wind brought the different teams to their limit. But yesterday's second final day was very calm again. Perhaps a sign of fate, could the sailors in this way recover from the effort of the day before. Even though, there were capable sailing conditions and so all Hobie classes started, a little later, at half past 1pm to the first races of the day.

In winds of about 6 knots, the participants of the gold fleet had all time in the world to place themselves ideally on the start line. Already here the different tactics of the secret favorites were distinctly visible, but also how high the ambition is and how thin the red line to defeat. At the start of



the first race, in fact numerous teams were disqualified for early starts. The start was certainly just a part of the race about two rounds. And so, the placement of the top starters changed until the finish. „With such a high profile starting field and this weak wind conditions, you mustn't make any mistakes“, said Florian Herold, who lost

a lot of ground because of minor driving errors. Participants, who prefer the more active sailing in the trapeze, had additional problems with the wind less conditions yesterday. The second and final race of the day was similarly spectacular, as the first, but without extensive disqualifications at the start.

Until the last meters also the silver fleet used every breeze for a better placement. Some of the teams proved, that they absolutely had the potential for the gold fleet too.

The Wildcat, FX One and Tiger boats, which started on track alpha, had also to suffer under the few, but stable wind. Exciting fights on buoys maneuvers or swe-



ating sailors in the trapeze, were not seen yesterday. On the 0.6 miles long track three complete races could be finished. The first race over two rounds, the second and third then about three rounds. Maybe because of the slow sailing, some of the competitors had more need to hurry than others. For this, two unstoppable early starters in the FX One class were disqualified after the start of the first race.

The weather forecasts for today promises similar wind conditions, like yesterday. Therefore we should hope, that all weather experts are wrong in favor to the third final day and we can look forward to an exciting racing day.

Have a Hobie day! [TB]

Weather



morning

15°



8 km/h
OSO

13°



afternoon

25°



12 km/h
SSO

22°



evening

25°



14 km/h
SSW

18°



night

20°



7 km/h
WNW

17°

Picture of the day



Ups, that shouldn't be here!



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European championship results of the 11th of August

Hobie 16 gold fleet (after 6 races)	
1st place	Bernardo Arndt and Bruno Oliveira from Brazil
2nd place	Enrique Figueroa and Victor Aponte from Puerto Rico
3rd place	Smith Lucas Gonzalez and Smith Moira Gonzalez from Argentina
Hobie 16 silver fleet (after 5 races)	
1st place	Terrade Thomas Tiffon and Augustin Hugues from France
2nd place	Boris Burgarella and Burgella Nans from France
3rd place	Michaela Sattler and Thomas Fritsch from Austria
Hobie FX One (after 4 races)	
1st place	E.-Michael Mayer from Germany
2nd place	Marc Verdaguer from Spain
3rd place	Jörn Knop from Germany
Hobie Tiger (after 5 races)	
1st place	Christoph Beinlich from Germany
2nd place	Alexander Alexandrov from Bulgaria
3rd place	Alberto De Caro from Italy
Hobie Wildcat (after 5 races)	
1st place	Vittorio Bissaro and Lamberto Cesari from Italy
2nd place	Jason Waterhouse and Josh McKnight from Australia
3rd place	Gijs Pelt and Olivier Witteveen from the Netherlands



The man behind the scenes

He is already on site the whole time of the Hobie Multi Europeans 2011, but he has never been on the lake. Why? He is the man behind the scenes, who takes care of the boats of every team in every class. Alban Rossollin belongs to the technical staff



of the Hobie factory and represents it on the different sailing events. His working place is a little container in the boatpark of the seaside resort. Daily he has a lot to do there since the Hobie EM has begun. Broken boat parts, damaged pylons or bro-

ken boat hulls. One of the biggest repairs was a completely broken stern of a Hobie 16. His working time is free for the participants. The sailors only have to pay for the boat parts they need. A service from the Hobie factory and part of the Hobie way of life. This way also reflects in the colours of the Hobie Cat sails for the European championship. For the Hobie Multi Europeans 2011 they made 70 limited sails for the gold fleet teams. The colours red white red on top of the sails stand for the organizing nation Austria. The rest of the colours are always flashy and show the fresh and free feeling of Hobie sailing. For the sails of the 40th anniversary of Hobie 16, the company made a design contest in the internet. The best design shows a lot of flowers and is called „The Legend“, produced in a limited edition of 40 peaces. If you need more informations or help to repair your boat, visit Alban at the seaside resort or ask for him in the race office. [TB]

Notice

Huge memories on DVD

In the last days a lot of sailors, coaches or team leaders asked us for a photo DVD with the pictures from the video screen. Our two photographers made them for you to enjoy thousands of great sailing and other moments and keep these nice memories for the future. To give you the chance to take this memories home, we will produce DVDs with all the photos we made and give them out for a little donation in the evening today and tomorrow. This donation will be used for our youth sailing activities and so you contribute a little part for the next generation of sailing champions too. If you are interested in both, please give your inquiry in the race office as soon as possible to collect the number of DVDs.

