



Monday, 13th of August, 2012

350 Competitors, 65 coaches, 6 days of racing

Christina Müller-Uri and her organizing team have spent months of organizing to make this big event a success. 350 sailors, their coaches and families had to be accommodated, and processes on land and on water had to be prepared carefully.

Having hosted international events such as the Hobie Cat Europeans last year, the Yachtclub Breitenbrunn has earned its stripes and can revert to a well-rehearsed team, which was very busy to ensure a smooth start into this year's Europeans. Chief measurer Pilar Lopez Fernandez



from Spain and her team didn't miss any unauthorised tuning, while the registration team was working hard to have all competitors entered to the event.

Besides the hustle and bustle several teams spent their first few hours practicing on Austria's biggest (and flattest) lake, while



those who had arrived earlier have already had a few days to get to know the tricky conditions. In order not to lose track of this mass of sailors and coaches and to make sure that everybody returns to the harbour

save, competitors will have to sign themselves in in the morning and out after having returned to the shore.

The strong, international fleet of top-class young talents promises for six days of enthralling racing, and we are looking forward to a great competition. Lake Neusiedl offers great sailing conditions and caters to almost any preference, so we are confident that all 4.7 sailors will enjoy racing here to the fullest.

The small, but promising Austrian team was bid farewell on Saturday morning by a very special guest. Andreas Geritzer, who has just arrived back from the Olympics in Weymouth, GB, was personally concerned to see off our up and coming athletes. As a full-time sailor who spends far more than 200 days on the water, Andi still finds some time to spare with our young sailors



since he knows how important good support and encouragement is for a rookie to improve. "Events like these are a great chance for young sailors to improve in competitions and to make friends", so he says. To foster the team spirit and to make sure our youngsters look good on the shore Christian Schmid, president of the Austrian Laser Class, and Andi Geritzer handed over the team shirts to the Austrian sailors on Saturday morning.

The races for today start at 11:30 am. Don't be late and take your boats to the lake.

Have a nice day! [TB]

Weather

	morning	21°
	12 km/h N	11°
	afternoon	23°
	12 km/h SSW	21°
	evening	22°
	10 km/h NW	17°
	night	17°
	10 km/h NNW	13°

Picture of the day



My son should do that!