

Final Report EuroRG65Open.

On behalf of the volunteer group Dutch team RG65 we want to thank you all for sailing with us! I think we can conclude that it was a very successful event. A beautiful location with full facilities where we all found a great place to stay. In the Hotel, on the camping or using the Camper spot just outside of the hotel. Of course there are some topics we need to improve which we will fix if we organize this EuroRG65Open again. I know personal from many of you that this EuroRg65Open must have a follow up in the near future. Let's go for it! So Hopefully see you all again at our 2nd edition!

The prediction of the weather showed us some good wind and weather forecast. But.... As I already predicted you don't know for sure until the weekend has started! So it eventually turned out all different. Two big hurricanes blowing from the Atlantic ocean just messed up our predictions so we ended up with extreme difficult wind and weather. I think we needed to change the course about ten times that weekend. On Saturday we started with cloudy weather and light wind. Around lunchtime the wind started to loose strength and heavy rain came in. Did not left us that day. Due to almost no wind from the north-west and sailing in the canal we started to have a lot of leaves in the water. The flow of the canal was the result that all this leaves (yes, it is fall and the trees start to lose the leaves and dropped into the water) passed us by and many of us had trouble that the leaves got stuck around the fin or rudder. Effected the results for many shippers. In this beautiful area you do not have weed growing. But who thought of this to happen. But fortunate still a lot of fun sailing until 6 pm. At 7 pm we could enjoy the wonderful Skippers Diner at the Hotel and have some great chats with you all. Sharing great developments, tips and tops during a good glass of beer or wine. Very proud to had you all here! Also fantastic to see all partners, kids and friends traveling with you and having fun in and around the hotel. Some of the rooms with balcony had a view over the racing course.

The Sunday, as contradiction of the Saturday gave us some nice sunshine and good wind from the south. But also during that day we needed to change the course often as it turned from south to west and back again. After the great lunch in Buffet style same as Saturday, the wind picked up some strength and some of us changed to B rig. Although the wind was much better we had some wind gusts coming from many directions and made it again very hard sailing. One race the B rig could be perfect but the follow up you needed the A rig again. Wrong choice could be easily made with bad outcome at the finish.. Sailing in two groups A and B and using the HMS system we could make 18 races during the weekend. Last race was just before 4 pm and we could start calculating. At 5 PM it was time for the ceremonial part and raffle. A huge thanks to Catsails and Imre Molnár from Molinea sails for their fantastic prizes, like the Manta2017 complete hull and sails!

The winner of the 1st EuroRG65Open is Huub Gillissen from the Netherlands. An incredible IOM world-class skipper, designer and builder did a fantastic job as introduction to the RG65 class sailing with a loan boat from Peter (Manta2017) and loan sails from Imre Molnár. So the new Manta2017 proved to be a great design. However all designs of the water, like the new Scurry, Wedge, Skinny, Manta Edge, Sliver, Pocket Rocket and Electronica are super competitive. At this level any boat could win with a fantastic skipper steering it. The starts were crucial for the outcome of the race. Some of the skippers mastered starting procedures and just took off like rockets. Looking at the top 10 most of the Skippers sail at high level international in multiple classes Like IOM, Marblehead and so on. I

guess the experience in competitive sailing together with a top design boat and perfect sail trim made the results as there are.

Unfortunately we need to rectify the end results. During calculation a mistake has slipped through administration and came to the conclusion that position 3 and 4 were mixed up. We already notified Alex Cory and Victor Izquierdo Rodriguez and apologized for this mistake. So Congratulations Victor for taking the 3rd place!

Also we learned that using the HMS system officially we can only use 3 disg. The results we calculated were based on our own system we were used to of using 1 disg. after 4 races. So a total of 4. Luckily by recalculating official through HMS the results stayed the same except for finisher 30 and 31. They should be opposite in ranking. So we will not change our end results but we do show you both end results.

Again, we as Dutch volunteer group took this opportunity to organize the unofficial EuroRG65Open. A learning process where we know we can improve. A test case for us to see if we would be able to organize a Euro competition in the future again. I think with the minor failure we did not a bad job.

Signing of now officially the EuroRG65Open edition 2017. We as Dutch team RG65 hope to see you all soon again! Thank you volunteers helping us making the event successful. A special Thanks to our race officer and his wife Henk and Jacqueline Sol.

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Best regards Oene Rozendal, Willem Loijens, Remco Sol and Peter Vulperhorst.