



## **2024 REPORT FROM VICE CHAIRMAN**

**Dear all,**

Again we had very good and prestigious year for ILCA sailing in Europe.

It was a year without stress situations, all events went smooth and calm, all of them were held according to plan and schedule, membership numbers and participation on our event is very stabile, even slightly increasing. Highlight was on beginning of season with Senior Europeans in Greece as Olympic Quallifyer.

### **EUROPA CUP**

Europa cup series is held according to calendar with all scheduled events holds so far and looking forward to end of a season and start of a new one.

Once again, we had some new venues organising events and extending activities in new districts and new places.

It is important to promote ILCA Class and organise regattas at new countries and places to increase popularity and leave legacy to such places.

With more than 1400 entries, which is about 100 more than last year, on Europa Cup we have increased numbers with very important thing that there are more and more entries from so called "small" districts. It should make all of us happy to see progress in attending events and even showing improvement on skills and scores for those districts and federations.

I would like to thank all districts, clubs and their members and volunteers for all efforts made in organisation of Europa Cup.

### **EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Another growth of entries on Championships, another fantastic year full off excitements and close battles on racing course.

This was exciting year with high level off sailing and higher and higher demands from sailors and coaches for top level race management and jury management. A level off sailing is getting higher every year in all categories and we need to follow it. With our Race

Management Policy document now is easier for organisers to follow requirements from sailors on appropriate level, also with assistance from class and course representatives.

Most challenging event was in Senior Europeans in Greece, as Olympic Qualifier, including demanding weather conditions and pressure on sailors to qualify. Special thanks goes to NC Kalamaki and Georgie and his team.

I would like to thank to all clubs for hard work this year in organising championships.

## **SOLIDARITY PROGRAM**

Solidarity program again breaks records and puts new frontiers. In Izola was proved once more how important is to run this program. Some countries will never manage to participate in championship and also brings those sailors on higher level of sailing. Friendship and atmosphere between sailors are impeccable. Thank you Burcu and team running this.

## **TEAM RACE**

In Team Racing program we have some difficulties. Requirements is not simple for organisers, it is not easy for clubs to provide a boats and equipment. We are continuing and extending efforts to develop this kind of racing.

## **FUTURE**

Plans for future are as always, to improve and develop in all areas from marketing, sustainability, solidarity program, quality on organising regattas, team racing, race management.

Despite complex situation with politics, security and economic situation in Europe, we shall hope that all our plans will be accomplished and all events in 2025 will be held with succes.

I wish you all best wishes and stay safe next year and more sailing and fun then before on all EurILCA regattas on all levels.

Good winds and fair sailing to all.

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