

2024 Micro Magic European Championship
High Tech Campus, Eindhoven, Netherlands
September 7-8, 2024

A very successful 2024 MM European Championship was held at the High Tech Campus in Eindhoven, Netherlands during the last warm weekend of 2024.

Upon registering and boat measurement, all participants received a baseball cap featuring their own MM sail number. There was a nice area for boat preparation and storage on-site at the Farm, and in the bar people got their money's worth under the watchful eyes of Lisette. The Belgian delegation brought an RC-operated boat that dropped the buoys off its back deck in just the right locations.

Saturday racing started at 10:30 am with warm weather and a weak and variable wind from the southeast. Not the optimal wind direction for this location. The first race was canceled due to shifting and dropping wind. Happily, the wind returned quickly, and we were able to start racing again. We got to the Farm in time for lunch and hydration. With the water bottles provided at hand, we enjoyed great racing after lunch. Around 5:00 PM we'd gotten in 15 races and everyone was exhausted by the heat and tension. We were all ready for a cold drink together before dinner! It was already quite clear who were competing for the top prizes.

More wind was predicted for Sunday and it turned out that way. We had a beautiful Beaufort 3+ wind (8-12 knots) from the south-southwest. After a few races the first leg was lengthened. This helped spread out the fleet and there was a lot less congestion and noise at the top mark. As usual, we quit sailing a little earlier on Sunday in order to give our foreign guests the opportunity to get home comfortably. When we reached 28 races (implying 7 drops), the regatta was ended and standing were finalized up in the Farm.

With 28 races and 7 drops, the end result was an accurate reflection of two days of sailing fun; the latter being the most important part.

Before the award ceremony, the organization, competition leader and farm crew were thanked by the chairman, Jan de Best, of MM Nederland. Special thanks went to the Belgian delegation who, in addition to sailing, also set and communicated the courses and helped with set-up and clean-up.

The winners were the last three finishers, who received a gift from Hacker, and the top three who went home with nice trophies. The country prize went to the Netherlands.

Germany will host the 2025 European Championship, and we all are very much looking forward to that regatta!

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