

Commodore's Report Eastern Europe

Fireball racing in "Eastern" Europe varies from country to country. The fleet in SUI is slowly growing, they have managed to attract young sailors, which is a great success. The CZE fleet is keeping its numbers altogether, with slightly lower attendance at Czech cup regattas. The fleet in ITA is active but not so keen on travelling abroad. On the other hand, foreign sailors always receive a very warm welcome on Italian events. Slovenian fleet has diminished to only handful of boats. They have agreed to keep the class alive at all costs with the perspective of attracting younger generation of sailors – both family members and friends of current fireballers and sailors from other classes, e.g. Flying Junior which is popular in Slovenia.

The „Central“ European Cup has been discontinued for 2019. However, the short tradition of visiting our closest Fireball neighbours at Nationals and other important regattas seems to continue. The NCAs keep in close touch and work on a regatta calendar together so the Nationals do not collide.

CZE has hosted the Europeans at Lipno lake this year, 47 boats attended the event. I would rather let the evaluation on somebody impartial, from my point of view, the event was successful both on and off water even though the weather was colder than originally expected.

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