



ERSTE PRIVATE BANKING DRAGON EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2010

Balatonkenese, Hungary

June 5-12, 2010

Tune-up race: Hungarian Championship, June 1-5, 2010



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INVITATION

DRAGON EUROPEANS 2010, BALATON

We offer you more than a high-level Dragon Championship:

we offer you and your team the legendary Hungarian hospitality, a superb sailing venue, friendly atmosphere, best cuisine and excellent wines.

Warm welcome | On behalf of the Hungarian Dragon Association and the Organizing Committee of the Europeans, we are very pleased to invite you to the first-ever major Dragon Championship in Eastern Central Europe. With our dedicated sponsor, Erste Private Banking, we are proud to present you an exciting Dragon race in the heart of Europe, on our Lake Balaton.



It was in the mid 90s when new, younger owners, skippers and crew brought a new era of dynamic growth into the Hungarian Dragon fleet. Since 1999 the Hungarian Dragon Championship has become a regional event. Dragon sailors from several countries, as Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands, the UK and the US came regularly to enjoy racing on Lake Balaton. Hungarian teams competed in the 75th Anniversary Race in

St.-Tropez, the Europeans in Medemblik and Thun, attended the Swiss, the German and the Austrian Championships and a series of other events.

We set proud aims, as to leverage racing, achieve better results and bring a highly regarded international Dragon event into Hungary. After getting the internal support of all Hungarian Dragon sailors and the external help of our friends from the international class, now we see our dream become true.

The International Dragon Association has awarded us to organize the Europeans in Hungary in 2007. So we have the honour to welcome you in Hungary.

Come, sail and enjoy with us our Lake Balaton next June!

Yours truly:



Vilmos Náray
President
Organizing Committee

As Hungary is a member of the EU and Schengen, there is no border and customs clearance for EU citizens. Towing your Dragon you can arrive there within one day from anywhere in Europe. Sailing conditions proved to be ideal in the past Dragon events there: wind in the range of 15 to 25 knots, sunshine, no current, and warm but choppy water.

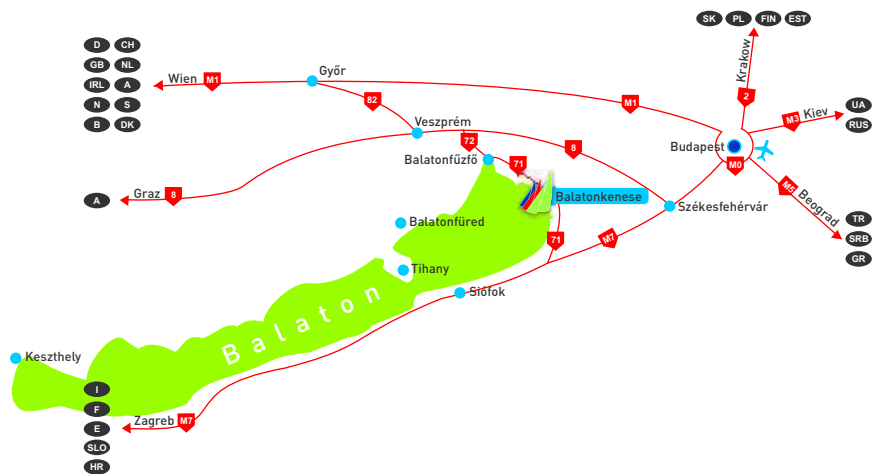


Within a one-day travel distance | Hungary is situated in the heart of Europe. The country is protected from the Western side by the Alps, from North and East by the Carpathian Mountains, which gives it a relatively smooth climate in the summer time.

The country joined the European Union in 2004 which heralded in a development of the infrastructure for all industries. The capital Budapest is connected to the European motorway network, it is in a driving distance of about two hours from Vienna. Balaton can also be accessed on a motorway; Budapest Airport is in a driving distance of 1.5 hours.

Ideal sailing conditions | Lake Balaton is the biggest lake in Central Europe. With a length of around 80 km and an average width of around 3 km it grants a large surface to all who are fond of water, sailing, sunshine and wind. Balatonkenese is situated on the Eastern shore of the lake. In the most common Northerly and Southerly breezes it is very good to sail here, because the lake is wide enough and there are no mountains at the shoreline. It never takes more than 30

minutes to get to the starting line from the harbour and there is absolutely no current. The shallow water provides for choppy sailing but ensures a pleasant water temperature of more than 22 C° even in the early summer time.



We tested the venue of the Europeans with a series of Dragon events in the past two years. In June, Northerly breezes prevailed, if not, a thermic South wind is coming in the most cases by midday. The 2009 Hungarian Championship was won by Vinci Hoesch in ideal circumstances: 5 races in winds in average 20 knots gusting up to 25 knots, 2 races in winds around 15 knots.

While you are sailing, your 'Dragon Family' can enjoy a nice holiday at and around Balaton in its pre-peak season. You find a wide range of accommodation nearby, from the 4star-hotels to private pensions, houses and hotels.

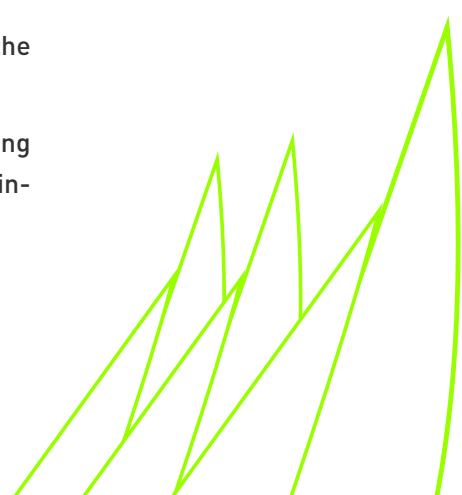
The venue for the Europeans – Kenese Marina Port | The hosting yacht club for the Dragon Europeans is the most modern marina at the lake. The yacht club have all the necessary facilities: a large harbour, bar, restaurant, a hotel with accommodation for about 250 people, parking places and possibilities for other types of activities, like swimming, playing tennis or golf. The local government ensured its support - volunteers, public parking places and cultural programs are on the list.

Programs for You and Your Dragon family for ten days | Just relax and enjoy sunshine: a mild summer with air temperatures of 25-30 C° and a water temperature of 22-24 C°...

- or participate in the social programs: after-race parties, 'Csarda visit', crew party, 'Lecso-evening', wine-tasting, Dragon Dinner...
- or discover the region – medieval castles and monasteries, the beauty of the hills on the Northern shoreline, vineyards and thermal baths...
- or reveal the hidden secrets of Budapest, the liveliest and most beautiful city in Central Europe, lying within 1 hour from Balatonkenese...
- or just have fun and enjoy Hungarian gastronomy while looking at the races from the shore or the spectators' boat.

We help you organizing your program | The organizing committee is giving you a helping hand in organizing your complete program. You find a lot of information on our website or just send us your queries.

WE WISH YOU A PLEASANT TIME AND A GOOD RACE IN HUNGARY!





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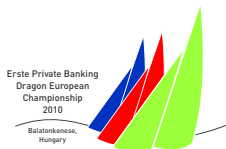
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LAKE BALATON

Having a Good Time Aboard and Ashore

After daily races or on your rest days you can enjoy a series of opportunities on the biggest lakeside holiday area in Central Europe.

All sailors, team-members and partners are welcome to discover the natural beauty of Lake Balaton, the 'Hungarian Sea', with many spa and wellness facilities, the atmosphere of the historical cities, the excellent Hungarian cuisine, quality local wines and warm hospitality.



After the daily races | discover the cosy village of Balatonkenese, admire the breathtaking view of the lake from the lookout tower (or even watch the races from above) and enjoy the traditional Hungarian food and wine in the local Csarda restaurants (country taverns). Or simply enjoy the indoor/outdoor beach and sport facilities of the yacht club. The local horse-riding farms are also available.

Within 25km | you can discover the charm and beauty of the popular cities of Balatonfüred or Siófok, with good restaurants, wine cellars, trendy discos and various night clubs. The spa and wellness facilities in these cities can help you relax for your next day's sailing.



Half day excursions | on your free days, before or after the Europeans, give you the chance to discover the Hungarian capital, Budapest (100 km), the Balaton wine-region (75km), the world famous Herend Porcelain Factory (40km) and the city of Hungarian Queens, Veszprém (30km).



Golf | (40km) is also available at the newest 18 hole golf course of Hungary. The marvellous view of the lake will make it hard to concentrate on your swing.




Wine connoisseurs | should discover the three registered wine-regions of the lakeside and the excellent selection of local quality wines.


Your partners | will join the optional excursions during the day and accompany you for the after-race activities. Or just relax and enjoy the services of the 4* beach-

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF RACE

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RACE LOCATION AND DATE:

Organizing Authority:	Hungarian Dragon Association and Kenese Marina-Port Yacht Club
Venue:	Marina-Port, Balatonkenese, Hungary
Tune-up races:	Hungarian Open Dragon Championship
Dates:	Hungarian Open Championship: June 1-5, 2010 European Championship: June 5-12, 2010
Main sponsor:	Erste Private Banking, Hungary

RACE COMMITTEE AND JURY:

Chairman of the Jury:	Tony O'Gorman
Chief Measurer:	Günter Ahlers
Principal Race Officer:	Gert Schmidleitner
Executive Race Officer:	Farkas Litkey
Executive Race Manager:	Vilmos Náray



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RACE SCHEDULE

Hungarian Open Championship (Tune-up races)

June 1 st , Tuesday:	Registration, measurement (for both series) 15 ⁰⁰ -21 ⁰⁰
June 2 nd , Wednesday:	Registration, measurement (for both series) 09 ⁰⁰ -21 ⁰⁰
June 3 rd , Thursday:	Opening ceremony and race day
June 4 th , Friday:	Race day
June 5 th , Saturday:	Registration and measurement European Championship 09 ⁰⁰ -21 ⁰⁰ Final race day and prize giving for the Hungarian Open Championship

European Championship

June 6 th , Sunday:	Registration and measurement 09 ⁰⁰ -12 ⁰⁰ Practice race. Start: 14 ⁰⁰ Opening ceremony: 18 ⁰⁰
June 7 th -10 th , Mon-Thursday:	Race days
June 11 th , Friday:	Final race day and prize giving
June 12 th , Saturday:	Craning-out

The number of races scheduled for the Hungarian Championship is 7. There will be maximum 3 races per day. For the European Championship 7 races are scheduled. There will be maximum 2 races per day.

Social programs |

- ▶ Opening cocktail.
- ▶ Informal after-race get-togethers with free beer after the final races each day.
- ▶ Wine and palinka (Hungarian spirit) tasting after the races. Barbecue lecsó cooking.
- ▶ Prize-giving and gala dinner.
- ▶ Crews are welcome for the social programs, accompanying persons may participate with vouchers, available in the Race Office.

Optional programs | Several other activities will be available for all participants after the races.

Entries | Only International Dragons which hold valid Measurement Certificates shall compete. For a participation at the European Championship current IDA rules shall apply. The number of boats is limited to a maximum of 75.

Entry fee for the Europeans:	490 Euro
Entry fee for both series:	690 Euro
Registration deadline:	March 31, 2010

Harbor and crane facilities | All boats can use the facilities of the Kenese Marina Port free of charge. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the harbor. All boats shall be afloat by 18⁰⁰ on Sunday June 6th and shall not be hauled out during the regatta

except with and according to the terms of written permission of the Jury.

Accommodation | We suggest that you use the accommodation facilities of Hotel Marina-Port (four-star hotel) directly at the harbor. A limited number of rooms are available at 55 Euros per person per night in double rooms (See: www.marina-port.hu).

All other types of accommodation, between 4 star hotel to private rooms, are available within a range of 10 driving minutes.

Address your accommodation enquiries to:

✉ accomodation@dragonclass.hu

Further information | You find the latest information at www.dragoneuropeans.hu

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