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Race officials

A Dragon event deserves the best race officials available. Therefore we compiled a team that has a proven record of successful events and the class trusts them.

Measurer: Günter Ahlers

You all know Günter who massively contributed to the technical development of the class. He has represented continuity in change, a traditional element of success of the Dragon Class. He will be available from May 22nd in Balatonfüred, and is checking the boats for both the Hungarian Championship and the Euro together with our Hungarian Measurer, [Bence Toronyi](#).

PRO: Bojan Gale (IRO)

We succeeded in getting Bojan as PRO for the main event. With his wide experience as IRO and IJ, he is the best choice available for us. Coming from Slovenia, he knows Balaton well, can work with the local RC team and has a long experience as a race official for major events. He was a Race officer at the Rio Olympics and the Test event in Rio, PRO for Laser and Extreme 40 Worlds, just to name a few.



Dear Dragon friends,

the days are ticking away fast until the horn signaling the first warning for the first race of this year's Dragon European Championship on Lake Balaton will sound. As of today, March 18th, only 70 days are left.

The organizing team is very busy: we are helping you with the registration, responding daily to accommodation requests, planning social events, negotiating with sponsors. Your interest is very high and we are pleased to help you in any matters.

We remind you that for all of you who register until April 15th, the entry fee (if received by that day) will be only €700.

43 teams have already made their online entries.





Weather

Late May is one of the windiest periods on Lake Balaton. Two frequent conditions:

- ☑ Cold weather front from the West may bring gusty NW-winds with 15-25 knots, diminishing during a 3-day-period. Air temp.: 15 to 20°C, water temp: 19 to 20°C, increasing, some rain.
- ☑ High pressure, sunny days, no clouds, with a nice SW 12-16 knots building up during the day and nice long waves. Air temp.: up to 30°C, water temp: up to 24°C.

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Jury Chair: Yves Leglise (IJ)

We think that you all know Yves who has been serving the class for many-many years. His person is a guarantee that the International Jury is going to find the right decisions in the case of protests. He will be supported by [Walter Mielke \(IJ, GER\)](#) and [Uros Zvan \(IJ, SLO\)](#) as well as two Hungarian judges who all are aware of the class and its requirements.

You can join them by clicking [here](#). Registration takes only a couple of minutes, and if you have any problems, just let us know [here](#), and we are going to help you.

As a Dragon sailor myself, I am completely aware that booking an **accommodation** for your team members and friends are always a major concern. If I may give you a piece of advice: **do it right now**, best together with your registration. Late May is already the pre-season at lake Balaton, the best hotels and pension are already fully booked.

Our friend and fellow-Dragon-sailor, András Simon is in charge of checking the best available options for you. He is keeping on negotiating with hotel owners and managers which is sometimes not very easy. He asked me to inform you that our pre-booked options are about to expire in a few days – so the rooms will be available later only at a much higher price. So if you want to choose from the best opportunities: do not hesitate to inform us!

Speaking about sailing, we are pleased that some of you have already opted to use the opportunity to sail the Hungarian Dragon Championship right before the Euro. Dmitry Samokhin, Nicola Friesen with Vinci Hoesch, Garlef Baum from Switzerland – just to name a few – will be there... For the teams entering the Euro the entry fee is as low as 250 Euros... – worth considering, hmmm...?

You may find a lot of actual information on our website: www.dragoneuropeans2018.hu. Or the social-minded among you - just go to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dragoneuropeanshungary/>

Yours faithfully

Vilmos Naray

Head of Organizing Committee

Dragon European Championship 2018, Balatonfüred, Hungary



Our host: BYC

Our host and partner is the oldest and most traditional yacht club in Hungary, Balatonfüredi Yacht Club.

Founded by some Hungarian aristocrats in the 19th century, the club has become one of the most successful clubs of sailing sport in the country.

They have a wide range of experience in hosting major events. Just to name some recent ones:

- J24 Europeans 2017
- D-One Europeans 2017
- Melges 24 EuroCup 2015
- Laser Worlds 2013

How can I enter?

You find the buttons to [register online](#) for both the Europeans and the Hungarian Championship [on the opening page of our website](#). We use the system manage2sail, so you can also enter directly [here](#) or [here](#).

Alternatively, if you do not like to do this online, no problem, [just send us an e-mail](#) with some basic data: helm name, sail number, your contacts - we are doing all the rest later.

Important: as this is an IDA event, your entry will be accepted only upon the confirmation of your national Dragon association or IDA.



Social programs

Our motto for the Euro on Balaton has always been: **“a friendly place to sail”**. This means: fair competition on the water, best friends to socialize ashore - just the way we have been doing within the Hungarian Dragon fleet for the past 15 years or so.

Some of you may have tasted the Hungarian wines from the regions at our invitation parties at last year's World or Euro. We plan to introduce some of the best ones to you in Balatonfüred. The Europeans will feature the wines and champagnes from the vineyards Kreinbacher, Homola and St. Donát at **wine-tasting events** right after the races.

Free beer will be available daily on every racing day after getting ashore. A big covered area is waiting for exhausted sailors in the harbor with snacks, coffee and socializing... Daily prize giving will also take place here.

The **opening ceremony** with a glass of champagne for the participants will be held on Sunday, May 26th, in the main square of the town. This is a possibility to involve Balatonfüred and its visitors in our event.

Gala dinner and prize giving will take place in the 19th century building of the Anna Grand Hotel – a place where the Anna Balls have been taking place for more than a century. Hungarian dishes, the best of the region's wines and some music will conclude our event on Friday night.