Match Race Super Series 2010
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Showdown in early summer:
The defending champions are ready for the 22nd Match Race Germany!

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In 133 days, the first starting gun for the 22nd Match Race Germany will be fired. For Germany’s oldest, best known and most successful duelsailing classic, international top teams will be showing up on Lake Constance in front of Langenargen yet again this year, fighting for the crown of the top event and valuable points for the Match Race Super League. The defending champions, who have already announced their participation at this early stage, will be participating over Pentecost 2019 from 5 to 10 June: The Swiss Match Race Team headed by skipper Eric Monnin will be the benchmark for all challengers.

The outstandingly harmonious Confederates won Match Race Germany 2017 for the first time in their tenth attempt and successfully defended the coveted trophy a year later. Thus, the Swiss also laid the foundation for the overall victory in the Match Race Super League 2018, also winning the League for the second consecutive time. The season winners prevailed against 78 opponents including sailors from 30 nations in a total of 13 events in twelve countries around the world. The season winners are expected by the the organizers in late February, early March, registration deadline is the end of April. Then the complete starter list will be published in early May. Host club traditionally is the Yacht Club Langenargen.
The work of the organizers of Germany's famous Pentecost sailing festival is already in full swing. Sports Director Eberhard Magg and Event Director Harald Thierer have been responsible for the popular public festival for more than two decades now, which regularly attracts 25000 up to more than 30000 visitors to the picturesque Swabian port city of Langenargen, where the best spectator seats in the gondola harbor and on the beaches and shores of the Lake Constance are located. "The passion of our fans, but also our own passion and dedication remains huge," states Eberhard Magg, "we are very much looking forward to the showdown in early summer!"

The sponsoring family of the Matchrace conductors remains strong in 2019. The threads for this come together in the marketing department of Harald Thierer. The experienced event director knows what it takes to convince existing as well as new partners and supporters year after year: "What appeals to our sponsors is top-class sport as a crowd puller and the event format on shore with its multitude of attractive options. In addition visitors love our live music of well-known artists, the Southern German flair and the broad range of infotainment activities. We do not offer constructed, but absolutely authentic experiences and tailor-made events where we bring together athletes and decision-makers, smart minds and customers, creators and fans on an extraordinary stage that is fun and very passionate."

"That's what you want and expect as a company!"

One of the long-standing partners is the dtm group, which has once again signed a multi-year contract with the organizers. Managing Director Jan Moll explains what makes the sailing event in the three-country-region (AUT-GER-SUI) so unique and valuable for his company: "Every year Match Race Germany is a successful event with an ideal atmosphere and a platform where the dtm group can present itself in an emotional environment. The event offers great opportunities to showcase our computing power that we use every day and make our work tangible for everyone. We can offer our business customers a unique and unforgettable experience on the water and on shore through VIP support." Why does the dtm group act as a Partner and has actively opted for a sailing sponsorship? Moll gives
the most important characteristics of the sport of sailing as reason: "We are interested in team spirit and strong cooperation. Who once felt this motivation of the competitors and the team spirit even outside the boats, will simply be fascinated. Which is desirable as a company and also for your employees and customers. Apart from that, Match Race Germany, with it’s strong partners, is also a nice and effective network platform to exchange views and stories on a different level of communication." What does Moll expect from the 22nd edition of the only German Grade 1 event? "Exciting sport on the water, lots of wind and meeting interesting people on the water and on shore!" This is also how Jan Volk from Garmin looks at the partnership with Match Race Germany. The responsible Marine Sales Manager is not only partner of Match Race Germany with his company, but also hosts the annual Grand Prix press meeting at the Garmin stand at the 50th Boot Düsseldorf jubilee edition. Moll is looking very much forward to see his products in action on the regatta yachts and on display in the race village.

Reissue of a premiere hit
The organizers also provide real added value with top-class events as part of Match Race Germany's partner options. A good example of this is the New Mobility Convention, which celebrated a big premiere success in 2017 and has been taking place every year with growing success. Partners include well-known companies such as ZF, Sachs, BFO and Finepower with more to come. The sailing conference will take place on the 7th of June. The exchange of experts and guest speakers is about the future of mobility in all areas as well as about connectivity. In the process of what the future will bring, many interesting news are chatted out of the sewing box - an exchange of ideas at the highest level with global players at an extraordinary venue with front row seats at the picture book area of Lake Constance. Lake Constance is also the home port of the Match Center Germany, founded by Eberhard Magg, Harald Thierer and Bernd Buck, the linchpin for incentive, corporate and charter trips not only in the region. Match Center Germany is the backbone of Match Race Germany and offers it’s customers the entire Matchrace fleet for events in addition to other exciting boat types. One of these event formats, for example, is currently being created by the Swiss America's Cup winner and incentive speaker Dominik Neidhart. Under the working title "Neidhart One", extraordinary incentive events will take place in an exclusive cooperation with the event experts from Match Center Germany on Lake Constance, in front of Barcelona or Palma de Mallorca in 2019.
"Lake Constance", as the Bodensee is called internationally, is not only the stage for the competing teams in Match Race Germany over Pentecost. At the only German tour stop of the leading international series the starters aim and hunt for points that will be added to their tour account. The annual calendar of all regattas of the Match Race Super League is almost complete and will be finalized in the coming weeks. The organizers of at least ten, but probably up to 16 regattas want to be part of the 2019 Match Race Super League.

Definitive Tour members are the Szecin Match Race (May, Poland), the NJK Open Spring Match Race Cup (May, Finland), the Koper Match Race Challenge (July, Slovenia), the Baltic Match Race (August), the Internationaux de France Match Racing (July, France), the Oakliff International (September, USA), the Thompson Cup (September, USA), the DBS Marina Bay Cup (September, Singapore) and the Kingdom Match Race (December, Bahrain). More well-known and also new regattas in Russia, Greece, Italy, the Philippines, New Caledonia and Brazil will be added in the coming weeks. The announcements of the respective organizers are planned for February. So it's all set for a gripping season, where Match Race Germany counts as one of only a handful of Grade 1 events over Pentecost.

Match Race Germany GmbH and MT Partners are proud to announce the start of the cooperation in organizing Match Race Super League. The goal is to improve organization, develop further growth of the tour and leverage its marketing potential. Both companies have great experience in organizing events, respectively 25 years of Match Race Germany and consecutive 13 seasons of Polish Match Tour with over 90 ranked match race regattas including European and World Championships, Nations Cup and other high ranked events.
Preliminary Schedule

1 Szczecin Match Race, POL, 3.-5. May
2 NJK Open Spring Match Race Cup, FIN, 17.-19. May
3 Match Race Germany, GER, 5-10. June
4 Koper Match Race Challenge, SLO, 11-14. July
5 Internationaux de France Match Racing, FRA, 25.-28. July
6 Baltic Match Race, EST, 21.-25. August
7 Oakliff international, USA, 2.-4. September
8 Thompson Cup, USA, 6.-8. September
9 DBS Marina Bay Cup, SIN, 19.-22. September
10 The Kingdom Match Race, BHR, 11.-15. December