



Two Danish clubs on the podium in Lausanne

The experienced sailors prevailed

The Danish clubs continue their winning series at the Women's SAILING Champions League 2022 in Lausanne, they already brought home the victory in 2018. The ladies of the Royal Danish Yacht Club (KDY) won again in Lausanne with their experienced team of two Olympic champions and two match race world champions.



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Lotte Meldgaard Pedersen as helmswoman, Ann Sofie Munk Hansen, Tina Schmidt Gramkov and Helle Ørum Rhyding sailed to victory brilliantly even in the unusual light wind conditions on Lake Geneva.

The German ladies from the Hamburg sailing club HSC, however, are only one point behind. The team around Silke Basedow, sailed superbly despite the difficult wind conditions. Together with her sister Maren Hahlbrock, Lea Witt and Julie Zepp, Silke sails successfully in



the German national league and has already won the Helga-Cup, which she initiated, three times.

The second Danish team, Aarhuser Segelclub ASK, is tied on points with the Hamburg sailors, but had sailed fewer single wins and is therefore in third place in the overall standings. The Aarhus team is also known as "Team Salt" and sailed to victory in the WOW Regatta 2022, a successful women's sailing format in Denmark. Helmswoman Line Just Emsvang and her team of Louise Halberg, Sofie Slotsgaard and Christina Andersen put in a consistently high and focused performance and visibly spread their joy of sailing.



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The best Swiss team from Yacht Club Arbon took fourth place with a good and consistent performance throughout as well. Helmswoman Livia Naef (YCA), Natalie Winger (YCA), Danielle Rast (RCO), Tessa Egli (SCM) and Dominika Vadurova (YCA) just missed out a podium place by 2 points.

Fifth place was taken by the German crew around helmswoman Isabelle Knaus of Yacht Club München, followed by the Swiss women's team of Segelvereinigung Thalwil, which was leading at the beginning of the regatta, in sixth place, with Mara Bezel at the helm. The Polish team of Sztorm Grupa from Warsaw around helmswoman Lulia Szmít followed in seventh place. Together with the Swedish, Norwegian, and Finnish teams, they probably had one of the longest journeys by minibus.



Another Swiss team, the women from Morges, were equal on points in eighth place. Helmswoman Manon Kivell had the same crew around her that took victory in this year's Swiss Sailing League Women Cup. Further Swiss teams were ranked ninth, tenth and eleventh: from the Yacht Club Bielersee, the Club de Voile de Lausanne and the Regattaclub Oberhofen. They all prevailed over the teams following them.

In twelfth place is Club Sport Nautique de L'Ouest from France, ahead of the two Dutch ladies club teams. One of these teams comes from Giesbeek (WSV Giesbeek), the second from Muiden near Amsterdam. This one competed for the Royal Sailing and Rowing Association - the oldest sailing club in the Netherlands. They follow in thirteenth and fourteenth place.

The German women from Flensburger Segelclub sailed their way into fifteenth place, followed by the Norwegian team, from Helsingfors Segelklubb, whose home is the Bygdøy peninsula in the Oslo Fjord. Then comes the German Touring Yacht Club from Tutzing near Lake Starnberg in seventeenth place. The Swedish ladies of the Ljunskile Segelsällskap come from the beautiful area north of Gothenburg sailed their way to eighteenth place and were the dancing queens on Saturday evening.

The second Polish club team from Gdansk from Jachtklub Stoczni Gdanskiej came in nineteenth place. They were followed by the only Finnish team from Helsingfors Segelklubb from Helsinki in twentieth place. Places twenty-first and twenty-second went to the German ladies from Mühlenberger Segelclub and the ladies from Austria, from UYC Mondsee in Salzburger Land.

The women's team from the host club Cercle de la Voile de Vidy came 23rd, followed by another Swiss team CER from Geneva. Both teams could not use their home advantage and their knowledge of the sailing area against the long experienced and well-rehearsed winning teams.

On Friday, the first day, 10 races were sailed in variable and light winds. The sky was shining blue and the scenery on Lake Geneva enchanted all the sailors. On Saturday, day two, it started to rain, and the wind went completely to sleep. The races resumed in the early afternoon, but only one race could be completed as the wind fell asleep again. Sunday had an early start, with the first signal sounding at 9.00 in the morning. The wind that had come up during the night died down a little but made 7 more races possible.



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The Swiss Sailing League was the organizer of the Women's SAILING Champions League this year. The sailors found a magnificent setting at the Club de Voile de Vidy Lausanne and received a lot of active support from the club's numerous volunteers and volunteers from Switzerland and abroad.

This top event in women's sailing was made possible by the sponsors EFG Private Banking, Streuli Pharma, the City of Lausanne, and the Fond du Sport Vaudois. One highlight was certainly the live streaming, which was realized by Wacker-TV. A team of over twenty made a professional live broadcast possible, to the delight of all the teams involved and those interested in sailing. The commentators Christian Sprecher (German) and Nathalie Birt (English) did a brilliant job. Even if you are not familiar with the sailing format or racing, it is fascinating to learn a lot about it. Many topics related to sailing in Switzerland were also highlighted to help more people access and understand it in a well-founded way.

The next Women's SAILING Champions League will take place from 15-17. Sept 23 in Copenhagen.



The recordings of the live streams can be found here:

Saturday: <https://youtu.be/NAB0P5ZtGVU>

Sunday: <https://youtu.be/NAB0P5ZtGVU>

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