

## Micro Class Country Report

Country: **Germany**

Year: **2016**

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Resources:

N° of boats: ~ 50 in Classassociation, ~200 outside Class

N° of new boats built in the present year and certificate: 0

Average price of complete new boat without sails (Euro):

No boats can be bought on German market.

Number and list of Micro Regatta, location, participants:

1. Zülpich, 8 (+ 4 international Starters)

2. Steinhuder Meer, 5

3. Altmühltalsee, 3

4. Losheim, 8

5. Hochheim, 5

## Euro Micro, location, participants:

02./03. 05      Euro Micro, Zülpich, 12 from GER, NED, POL, FRA

## World Championship, location, participants:

Russia, 1 German Boat

## Main actions of the year:

After a very difficult year 2015 with a loss of nearly 50% of active racing crews, situation stabilized in 2016 on a low level. All announced races could be held. Euro-Micro in Zülpich was a success. We had new crews and a good attendance from crews of other countries. At the moment we have 4-5 Crews, who are travelling to races and about 12 crews, who sail local races in their own region. Our main problem remains the strong competition on market with four to micro comparable boatclasses, supported by active boatyards or dealers: Varianta 18, Seascope 18, I550 and Fareast 18R. Added to this, there are strong german traditional classes "Jollenkreuzer" with big fleets in same market. They all have or try to establish classorganisations. We tried to develop a cooperation under the name "Open 5", but it was no big success, because other classes see us as opponent. We have no support from any german boatyard or boatdealer. There are no new Micros to buy on german market. A positive thing is, that the number of members in classassociation (50) remains stable and financial situation is healthy. Some of the new things, we tried in 2016 were a success:

- We abandoned any differentiation in categories. In Germany, there is only "Micro" and no "Cruiser, Racer, Proto". Differences on races will be counted by a compensationsystem (Yardstick).
- We delayed our classmeeting in Spring to have a big event with training, meeting, party and presentation of class.

## Next year projects:

Our main goal will be to attract more crews to go on foreign races and to find young crews for circuit. We have good responses to location of world championship in Annecy. 3-5 Crews think about a participation. There would be more interest, if there were not the problem of the late date of Championship. We maybe will change the compensations-system to a special rating for every boattype and not only for every division.