

Nord Stream Race 2017:

Deutscher Touring Yacht-Club from Germany wins “Nord Stream Race Inshore Trophy”

Final challenge for Nord Stream Race fleet: Leg 4 from Helsinki to St. Petersburg

Helsinki, 5th September 2017 – Deutscher Touring Yacht-Club (Team Germany) has won the “Nord Stream Race Inshore Trophy” after winning two of the three short-course races this afternoon in Helsinki.

Just as in Copenhagen a week ago, the German team skippered by British sailor Hugh Brayshaw proved to be the best at handling the ClubSwan 50 around a short course, on this occasion in winds gusting over 20 knots. Nyländska Jaktklubben (Team Finland) won the first race of the day, making Kenneth Thelen’s team second from today’s competition and also placing them second overall in the inshore series, beating Cape Crow Yacht Club (Team Sweden) on tie-break.

In fourth place was Lord of the Sail – Europe (Team Russia). Unfortunately for Frederikshavn Sejlklub (Team Denmark), a section of their mast track broke just before the inshore racing got underway, ruling the Danes out of the competition and possibly out of participating in the final offshore leg to St Petersburg.

Leg 4 from Helsinki to St. Petersburg

The fourth and final leg of the Nord Stream Race 2017 is set to start at 2000 hours this evening from Helsinki, Finland. At 170 nautical miles, this deciding leg of the offshore race organised by St. Petersburg Yacht Club will see the international crews sail towards the eastern end of the Baltic Sea as they race towards the finish line in St. Petersburg.

Swedish skipper Patrik Sturesson has one hand on the Nord Stream Race Trophy after a dominant performance in the race so far. “We will continue the way we're sailing, sail quick and fast, aiming for another victory. We will keep a close eye on the Finnish crew because they are our closest competitor. We will try to make the most fun of it, and you have the most fun when you're in the lead.”

The leg is expected to take around 24 hours, with the fleet looking to arrive in St. Petersburg on Wednesday evening.

Inshore Rennen Ranking

| Nord Stream Race Inshore Trophy | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Place | Nation | Club | Kiel | CPH | STO | HEL | Total |
| 1 |  | Deutscher Touring YC | - | 1 | - | 1 | 2 |
| 2 |  | Nyländska Jaktklubben | - | 3 | - | 2 | 5 |
| 3 |  | Cape Crow Yacht Club | - | 2 | - | 3 | 5 |
| 4 |  | Lord of the Sail - Europe | - | 4 | - | 4 | 8 |
| 5 |  | Frederikshavn Sejlklub | - | 5 | - | 5 | 10 |

The best yacht clubs of the National Sailing Leagues from the Baltic countries Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Russia are competing this year at the relaunched Nord Stream Race. The clubs are racing in a fleet of brand-new, one-design ClubSwan 50 racing yachts.

The Baltic Offshore Regatta - Nord Stream Race - has been held by the Saint Petersburg Yacht Club with the support of Gazprom and Nord Stream AG since 2012. The race connects Russia, Germany, Finland, Sweden and Denmark.

From 25th August to 7th September, the 1,000 nautical mile race course follows the Nord Stream pipeline from Kiel to Saint Petersburg, with stopovers in Copenhagen, Stockholm and Helsinki. The idea of this revised format for the Nord Stream Race is "Connecting Baltics through Sport".

You can follow the Race:

http://www.tracrac.com/web/event-page/event_20170822_NordStream/1139/

Five champions have qualified to participate in the Nord Stream Race 2017 via their National Leagues from the previous season: Deutscher Touring Yacht-Club from Germany, Frederikshavn Sejlklub from Denmark, Cape Crow Yacht Club from Sweden, Nyländska Jaktklubben from Finland and Lord of the Sail – Europe from Russia. Each of the five sailing clubs has sent a crew with ten of their best sailors.

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