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GERARD MARÍN (CN LLANÇÀ) COMES IN SECOND IN THE SEVENTH REGATTA OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP, NOT EIGHTH, AND IS PROCLAIMED WINNER



L'Escala, July 1st 2007. Fourth day of the Open Regatta competition of the Europe Class, in which the Catalan sailor Gerard Marín (CN Llançà) added a second place to the first regatta of the day, did not do the second race, and was proclaimed champion of the Open Regatta, by taking advantage of Marc Paris' DNC, who has been second until that time. In the female category, Helen Montilla was proclaimed champion after obtaining a 14 and a 7 on the last day.



The weather conditions were not particularly favourable, as in previous days. A changeable wind of 160° to 190° appeared in the area in which the regatta was taking place with an intensity ranging from 14 knots at the beginning to a maximum of 23 knots. Under these conditions, Brice Baizez again won the first regatta of the day, showing us, once more, his credentials for the forthcoming European Championship of the Europe Class. Gerard Marín came in after him, thus sealing the championship, followed by the current world champion, Sven Stadel of RCN Denia. Marc Paris (CN L'Estartit) was one of the great disappointments of the day as he did not compete and therefore added 60 points to each of the regattas of the day. By doing so, he spoilt any chance of obtaining one of the first places in the competition.



By the second regatta of the day, everything had been decided. Gerard Marín decided to do a DNC, which did not prevent him from winning the Open Regatta title. In view of this, Marc Paris (CN L'Estartit) decided not to compete either. Rubén Fernández of CM Oza won the last leg of the regatta, in front of Sven Stadel (RCN Denia) and Aina Gomila (CM Mahón) who was third in the general classification and first in the female. In the female category, behind Aina, Helen Montilla (CN Lloret) and Ascensión Roca (RCM Torrevieja) took the next places, which confirmed Helen Montilla as the female champion of the Open Regatta and an important candidate to occupy one of the privileged places in the European Championship of the Europe Class which will start on July 2nd.



The final overall classification of the Open Regatta was the following:



1.- Gerard Marín (CN Llançà), 12p; 2.- Sven Stadel (RCN Denia), 19p; 3.- Brice Baizez (French Team), 34p; 4.- Ruben Fdz (CM Oza), 51p; 5.- Helen Montilla (CN Lloret), 57p; 6.- Berg Arne (German Team), 59p; 7.- Eli Llangués (CN Masnou), 73p; 8.- Ascensión Roca (RCN Torrevieja), 78p; 9.- Ariadna Herrándiz (CV Palamós), 79p; 10.- Marc Paris (CN L'Estartit), 81p.

All the information, about the Open Regatta as well as the European Championship itself, can be found at <http://europe.nauticescala.com>

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