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FROM TOMORROW TO JULY 7th, L'ESCALA HOSTS THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE EUROPE CLASS



L'Escola, 2nd July 2007. Seventy-five regatta racers will compete from tomorrow to July 7th in the European Championship of the Europe Class which will take place off the coast of L'Escola. The Opening Ceremony took place at 18.00 this evening with Estanislau Puig, the Mayor of L'Escola; Narcís Carreras, President of CN L'Escola, Ramon Ceide, territorial representative of Ports de Catalunya, Segimon Obradors, President of the FCV (Catalan Sailing Federation) and Josep Saguer, delegate of the General Secretariat of Sport of the Generalitat of Catalonia.



75 regatta sailors will take part in the competition. 43 in the male category and 32 in the female one.



As far as the males are concerned, there are five names that need to be watched: Sven Stadel from RCM Dènia and the current champion of the world; Thomas Ribeaud from the French team; Brice Baizez from the NCAF, Arne Berg from the German Team and Gerard Marín (CN Llançà). In the female category, Helen Montilla from CN Lloret is again considered to be one of the best sailors, Eli Llangués (CN Masnou) and Júlia Rita from CM Maó are also among the favourites. If the conditions mean that there is little wind in the regatta area, the favourites will increase with the Finn, Ninna Ramm-Schmidt, Ariadna Herrándiz from CV Palamós and Aina Gomila from CM Maó.



The competition programme has organised two regattas a day, without a day of rest, and the planned starting time of the first race is 13.00.



List of countries by number of participants:



Spain, 32; France, 16; Denmark, 8; Germany, 6; Italy, 5; Holland, 3; Great Britain, 2; Finland, 1; Czech Republic, 1; Slovenia 1

