

Report of NS Open World Championship 2024. Sarkad/Hungary

After a five-year break, it was finally possible to organize a world championship again in the NS section.

The organization was undertaken by a club that had no experience in organizing international competitions. During the preparation, I offered advice to help their work when necessary.

The location of the competition is excellent for organizing a competition in the NS category. Four courses were placed on the lake in such a way that they did not interfere with each other. It was also possible to take into account the special requirements of the NSS categories. Competitors were able to place their models in a large hall. In the same building, the administration functioned in a separate location and the technical tests were also held there.

180 models from seven countries entered the competition. We were fortunate to have excellent judges to the competition from Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Holland, Italy, Poland, Ukraine and Hungary.

During the competition, the temperature was very high, so the organizers tried to minimize the duration of the outdoor programs. Nevertheless, after a nice opening, the competitions started. On the first day, we held a conference of judges and team leaders, where we discussed current issues. This gathering took place in the hall of the judges' quarters. Unfortunately, the judges' accommodation was significantly simpler than in previous competitions (2015 Bánk/Hungary, 2019 Bánk/Hungary). The catering service for the judges also got off to a difficult start. I think that in such hot periods it should be expected that all judges can rest in an air-conditioned room.

It was great that, in addition to the invitational categories, the competitors had the opportunity to participate in three regattas: NSS all class regatta, night race and Women's regatta. All three regattas were a great success, but perhaps the night race was the most successful. The competitions of the World Championship went well, there was no protest at the World Cup. The World Championship also includes the banquet, which is held to make the time spent competing more relaxed. The organizers put this event on the evening of the seventh day. Unfortunately, there were also minor problems at the beginning (the food arrived late), but despite these, the event had a friendly atmosphere. At the beginning of the banquet, I called Mr. Hubert Wagner, Mr. Arnold Pfeifer and Mr. Peter Sager from Germany to the podium on the occasion that, unfortunately, they are ending their active modeling careers. The three of them won a total of 68 medals at European and World Championships in the period 1980-2024. I hope they will change their mind about retiring. They were honored by special medals. Also at this event, I announced that Márta Vezér had received her international judge's card. This lady is the youngest ever NAVIGA judge.

On the sixth day, we organized the meeting of the NS section. At this event, I reported on the past period and we listened to suggestions and criticisms. At the end of the meeting, there was a vote on the person of the section leader. It is a great honor for me to be elected as the head of the NS section again.

The events were also colored by two food parties where we could buy special Hungarian food at cheap prices.

The races were not disturbed by rain, so the organizers organized a visit to a castle in the neighboring town on the spare afternoon.

The World Championship ended with the usual medal ceremony.

In summary, I can describe that it was good to meet again after a long break. In my opinion, the competition turned into a family event after an uncertain start. I hope the contestants and judges return home with good memories. I am happy that the preparations for the next World Cup have already begun.

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