

Zug, 22 April 2018

### Light winds and high-spirited celebrations at the blu26 Swiss Championship

This year's blu26 Swiss Championship took place 20-22 April on Lake Zug with beautiful weather conditions. Lake Zug stands for a historical landmark on the blu26 journey: this is where the first boats of the production series were baptized in 2008. The anniversary year obliges: 14 boats were ready to compete. However, the crews required a lot of patience as the wind was biting hesitantly, while the high-spirited anniversary celebrations took place on Saturday evening!

Clear blue skies and a wonderful mountain scenery blessed the sailing weekend, as the blu26 class was looking forward to starting the first regatta of the 2018 season. Chances for a nice breeze on lake Zug are usually good in spring. However, a high-pressure system on Friday, the first regatta day, did not allow for any races to be scored. The winds on Saturday allowed the fleet to run two races in light winds. Sailing well in these light conditions takes discipline and focus, which was best mastered by team Sailingcenter with Skipper Julian Franke coming out on top after the two races.

On Saturday evening it was time to celebrate! Over 100 guests - among them regatta sailors, boat owners, partners, and individuals in support of the blu26 class - celebrated the ten-year anniversary at Yacht Club Zug with an exclusive reception, followed by a fantastic dinner and an anniversary party in honor of the blu26. Highlights of times past and present and regatta anecdotes sprinkled the evening, and knotted the blu26 family together even tighter. A blu26 film reviewing the decade came in as special treat, and the launch of the book 'blu26 2008-2018', authored by Christian 'Blumi' Scherrer, was the pinnacle of the evening and is a must-read for all passionate blu26 regatta sailors and fans!

The forecast for Sunday was looking very light again. Race officer Philipp Koch did a tirelessly job looking for a steady breeze the lake might offer, with two start attempts. But despite all the efforts the light conditions left the fleet with no further racing. With only two scored races the championship could not be validated as an official Swiss Championship, but a Class Championship, which was won by team Sailingcenter from Yacht Club Bad Wiessee, Germany, followed by the local Yacht Club Zug team Wyuna in second place, and in third by Giachen Duas from the Sailing-Club St. Moritz

The blu26 class thanks Yacht Club Zug, it's race officer, the jury, and all the voluntary helpers for a great event and wonderful dinner. Special thanks go to Christian Scherrer who made the anniversary party a memorable event.

View the full [regatta results](#). For blu26 class media enquiries please contact [communications@blu26.org](mailto:communications@blu26.org).

To order the book 'blu26 2008-2018' please contact [info@bluboats.com](mailto:info@bluboats.com) (price CHF 60.-).

*The Blu26 International Class Association was founded in January 2010 with the goal to promote and support all activities of the blu26 class. Since 2015 the blu26 class is an official Swiss Sailing class. Learn more about the blu26 class, the regatta season and event plan 2018 at [www.blu26.org](http://www.blu26.org).*

blu26 regatta events coming up in 2018:

Date:	Event:	Location:
11.05.-12.05.	blu26 Cup Bayern	Bad Wiessee / GER
09.06.-10.06.	blu26 Cup Romanshorn	Romanshorn
30.06.-01.07.	blu26 Race Middelfart*	Middelfart / DEN
08.09.-09.09.	blu26 Cup St. Moritz*	St. Moritz
29.09.-30.09.	blu26 Cup Zurich	Zurich

\*boats available on site