

# EURO NEWS



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## Schedule

We plan two warm up-events before the Europeans:

### April 28 - May1: HYC Cup

an event to learn the conditions. All boats can be left for free in Balatonfüred.

### May 23-26: Hungarian Championship

an open event, same waters as the Europeans. Those who participate, will be inspected and for the Europeans only new sails should be checked. We plan 10 races from Wednesday afternoon until Saturday 2 pm.

### Main event: Dragon European Championship 2018

**May 26-27:** Registration and technical inspection for the Europeans. A practice race is planned for the afternoon. Opening ceremony and welcome cocktail at 5 pm.

**May 28-June 1:** Races. Maximum 2 races are planned for each day, total number of races: 8. Last possible start 2 pm on Friday. Prize giving at the Gala Dinner on Friday night.



## Dear Dragon friends,

we had this week the first snow in Hungary which means, a Dragon season has concluded again. For those of you in the North it happened some time ago, for those fortunate fellow sailors in the South (or down under) sailing just goes on or begins again...

However, the most of you are already thinking of the next season - new events with old friends, new venues with our wonderful boats. Christmas is coming, and this time of the year means for a lot of Dragon sailors a time to plan the next season.

We are completely aware of the things the most of you are thinking of in December.





## Accommodation

Balatonfüred has a wide choice of accommodation opportunities in every category. However, we want to help you to find the appropriate ones.

Therefore, the Organizing Committee has carefully selected some hotels offering special deal for the Hungarian Championship ( May 22-26) and the European Championship (May 26 - June 2).

We have some special arrangements for you from four-star-plus to bed-and-breakfast categories.

You find some details here: <http://dragoneuropeans2018.hu/accomodation/>

We help you - drop us an email, and our staff in charge of accommodation will contact you:

[hello@dragoneuropeans2018.hu](mailto:hello@dragoneuropeans2018.hu)

Which events should I choose? How can I get there? Are there good accommodation possibilities? What will be the expenses for me and my crew? How many boats may sail there? Important and understandable questions.

We have the honor to organize next year's Europeans in Balatonfüred, Hungary. We have the honor to welcome the best sailors in our class (I dare to say: some of the best sailors in the world) on our beloved lake. We would like you to enjoy your stay here, and have a nice sailing. Our motto for the Europeans: Balaton - a friendly place to sail.

That is why we, a bunch of engaged Hungarian Dragonistas, the 'Organizing Committee' decided to help you in your decision, when you plan your own personal rota for Dragon events 2018. We would like to give you as much information as possible, to make you say easily: yes, Balatonfüred is the place where we have to go.

You may find a lot of actual information on our website: [www.dragoneuropeans2018.hu](http://www.dragoneuropeans2018.hu). Or the social-minded among you - just go to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dragoneuropeanshungary/>

In addition, to inform you, we start a series of monthly newsletters: in the first days of every month until next May we send you the most important news around the Europeans.

After this lengthy introduction let me give you an overview of the schedule and other important facts for the Europeans. I take the opportunity to wish you a peaceful holiday season and a lot of joy with your families and friends.

Yours faithfully

*Vilmos Naray*

*Head of Organizing Committee*

*Dragon European Championship 2018, Balatonfüred, Hungary*



## How to get there?

From the South the easiest way is to drive through North-Italy and Slovenia. Distance to Cannes is about 1,300 km. Motorway, except for the last 40 km.

From the West you should come through Germany and Austria. The distance to Munich is 650 km. Motorway except for the last 90 km.

From the North through Germany, the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Distance to Berlin: 900 km.

Hungary is in the Schengen zone - no border problems for EU citizens.

Those who want to fly should arrive at Budapest Airport - about 140 km to Balatonfüred.

## How can I enter?

You find the buttons to [register online](#) for both the Europeans and the Hungarian Championship [on the opening page of our website](#). We use the system [manage2sail](#), so you can also enter directly [here](#) or [here](#).

**Alternatively**, if you do not like to do this online, no problem, [just send us an e-mail](#) with some basic data: helm name, sail number, your contacts - we are doing all the rest later.

Important: as this is an IDA event, your entry will be accepted only upon the confirmation of your national Dragon association or IDA.



## What will it cost me?

An important aspect in the decision are costs, including accommodation, travel costs, meals and so on. We can assure you that this event can be sailed at very reasonable prices.

Let us have a look at the most important cost factors.

**Entry fee** We offer an 'early bird discount' to all of you who registers and pays entry fee until April 15th the latest. The entry fee for the Europeans will be Euro 850, and the 'early-bird-rate' will amount to Euro 700. The entry fee for the Hungarian Championship is Euro 500, however, until April 15th you can register for Euro 950 for both events! The fees include all social events for you and for your crew, including free beer, good wines and so on...

**Accommodation** You can find accommodation in every category in Balatonfüred or close to it. In some pensions you can have double rooms for 50 Euros p. night, in the 4-star hotel next to the club double-bed superior rooms with breakfast cost Euro 260 per night.

**Meals** Balatonfüred offers you a wide range of restaurants at very reasonable prices. You can have a very good dinner with 'pálinka' (the famous Hungarian fruit spirit) and regional wines at prices ranging from Euro 25 to 35 p. person.