

Team Giachen Duos celebrates blu26 Swiss Champion and *bluboats* Cup double victory

Zurich, 2 October 2023 – After unfavorable wind conditions disrupted an accredited Swiss Championship in spring, it finally became valid on the second attempt last weekend. With a great passion for sailing, 12 teams gathered in the lake Zurich basin for the showdown. Not only the Swiss Champion but also the winner of the 2023 *bluboats* Cup was to be crowned. Team Giachen Duos from St. Moritz secured both titles - the Swiss Championship and the victory in the *bluboats* Cup 2023.

"The immense passion for sailing on the blu26 was evident! Many thanks to all the teams that participated. It was a fantastic event and a celebratory weekend," said Thomas Grob, President of the blu26 Sailing Class. The blu26 Swiss Championship kicked off on Friday afternoon with surprisingly good wind conditions in the lake Zurich basin. Light winds and lake Zurich being a well-known combination. Cherishing golden autumn weather and a steady 2 Bft breeze, four exciting races with ideal conditions were sailed on Friday afternoon. The on-water umpire, led by chief judge Manuel Huensch, was highly knowledgeable and acted wisely. Any rule violations were promptly penalized and then competently and transparently discussed with the affected teams. Even between the races, the jury was available for questions and answers, which was greatly appreciated. On Friday evening, after the traditional dockside beer and buffet at the Zurich Yacht Club terrace, the annual general assembly of the blu26 class followed.

With the words "The wind forecast doesn't look promising, but we should make it work," the race director opened the skipper briefing on the second day of sailing. Despite volatile and subdued wind conditions, the racing committee did not hesitate to make starting attempts. On Saturday and Sunday one more valid race was sailed, albeit some calm spells. A bratwurst delivery directly to the boat when the wind died down? Yes, please! That's what makes the blu26 class so special.

Team Giachen Duos got off to a strong start from the beginning and dominated on Friday with nothing but race victories. Solid starts and good boat speed, along with the necessary bit of luck, paid off until the end. With 6 decisive races, the Grisons, led by skipper Wim Rossel, claimed victory and won the blu26 Swiss Championship 2023 convincingly. Team blumare with skipper Lukas Looser came in second, and Team Hazel with skipper Michael Klötzli took third place. The *bluboats* Cup victory was incredibly close in the overall standings with a tie in points between team Giachen Duos and team Hazel. Thanks to their victory last weekend, team Giachen Duos secured the double win.

The entire blu26 class extends its gratitude to the Zurich Yacht Club for its exceptional hospitality, to the racing committee led by Sascha Osterwalder, to the on-water umpires, and to all the volunteers for their tremendous effort.

Thus, this year's blu26 season was celebrated with style. While most boats are heading to their winter storage, the next season is already eagerly anticipated!

Ranking:

The ranking can be accessed [via manage2sail](#).

About the blu26 International Class Association

In January 2010, the blu26 International Class Association was founded. The class aims to promote and support regatta activities and sailing endeavors on the blu26 both nationally and internationally. Since 2015, the blu26 has been officially recognized as a Swiss Sailing class. For more information, please visit www.blu26.org.

