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A WARM WELCOME TO ST. MORITZ!

**Dear Members of the
SAILING Champions League,
Dear Sailing Friends,
Dear St. Moritz Guests,**

We are very pleased to welcome you in the Engadine region for the SAILING Champions League. After holding last year's semifinals, this year we will be holding the final from 30 August to 2 September, where 32 sailing clubs will compete for the title of "Best Sailing Club of the Year".

This event is an absolute high point of the year and builds on a long-standing sailing tradition in St. Moritz that dates back to 1939. It was in that year that the Zürich Yacht Club held their regatta in the Upper Engadine instead of in Zürich. Two years later, the St. Moritz Sailing Club was born. Thanks to the legendary Maloja winds, St. Moritz and the Upper Engadine have become world-renowned sailing destinations.

It is no accident that Porto Cervo, Sardinia and St. Petersburg, Russia will hold the first two rounds of competition for the 2018 SAILING Champions League, leading to the final in St. Moritz. Just like St. Moritz, these places combine thrilling sailing with style, elegance and class. What's more, they exude what has always been a tradition here: Joie de vivre!

It is in this spirit that I wish you, on behalf of the St. Moritz community and St. Moritz Tourism, a wonderful stay in St. Moritz. I would like to extend a special thanks to our sponsors and partners, without whose support this event would not be possible. Have fun and enjoy sailing at its best at 1,856 metres (6,089 feet) above sea level!



M. Berthod, Director
St. Moritz Tourism



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THE BEST RUN 



THE ST. MORITZ SAILING CLUB

For many years, the St. Moritz Sailing Club, which was founded in 1941, has organized a number of regattas like Swiss, European and World Championships on Lake St. Moritz and Lake Silvaplana for dinghies, yachts and catamarans. Boats are launched at the beginning of June and the season ends in mid-October.

The St. Moritz Sailing Club also offers sailing courses led by its own instructors along with certified experts and has an ocean sailing division and crews who travel the world to take part in regattas.

For those who don't sail, the club organizes boat rides, the ideal way to enjoy St. Moritz's stunning views. Even though St. Moritz's sailing season is unusually short and the lake is at an exceptional altitude of 1,865 metres above sea level, the St. Moritz Sailing Club is a normal sailing club without any pretention.



If you would like to become a member, please visit the website and download a member application: www.scstm.ch





SAILING AREA ST. MORITZ: THE SEA IN THE MOUNTAINS

At 1,800 metres above sea level, the lakes of the Upper Engadine offer some of the best wind conditions for sailing. The Maloja winds are strong and regularly blow at 3 to 6 Beaufort. These winds arrive in the morning and last until sunset. Lake St. Moritz, which is in summer also a water sports arena, offers a beautiful panorama, complete with the St. Moritz Skyline and surrounding mountains. And not only that: due to the warm light in the St. Moritz valley you might almost think you're sailing on a southern sea.



See it all from the shore

Lake St. Moritz holds regattas with up to 30 boats. Since the founding of St. Moritz Sailing Club, the lake has been an ideal sailing location for many different dinghy classes. Sailors in the modern generation of foiling dinghies have discovered Lake St. Moritz to be an ideal sailing area for their technically demanding competitions. With its confined waters, the only 1,600-metre-long and 600-metre-wide Lake St. Moritz requires from strong tactical and technical skills as well as physical fitness. It's a great advantage that the entire course can be viewed from the shore, allowing spectators to see every manoeuvre by every team.



A lake with sailing tradition

Lake St. Moritz has been a sailing destination since the 1930s. It was at that time that the Zürich Yacht Club chose Lake St. Moritz as a replacement lake for its regattas. Since then, high-profile regattas have been held every year on Lake St. Moritz. One such race was the St. Moritz Match Race, which was held for many years. At this event, some of the big names from the America's Cup duelled in front of an impressive crowd of spectators. On the start line were teams with famous names such as Murray Jones (Alinghi), Mark Mendelblatt (BMW Oracle Racing), Jesper Bank (Victory Challenge) and Francesco Bruni (Luna Rossa).

Sailing school and clubhouse

If you want to perfect your sailing skills, you have come to the right place at the St. Moritz Sailing Club's sailing school. The clubhouse of the St. Moritz Sailing Club has a restaurant, facilities for sailors, and a wharf. Boats such as Lasers, Laser 16s and Catamarans are available to be rented. On the shore, there are two ramps for easy lake access. There are also places for 60 small boats and a dock with space for 20 larger boats. And on the rare occasion that the wind goes away, you can rent stand-up-paddleboards, rowboats and e-bikes.



PIER 34 – THE RESTAURANT OF THE ST. MORITZ SAILING CLUB

Pier 34, the restaurant of the St. Moritz Sailing Club, offers fresh, regional specialties with an international flair. For those just looking for a snack, the Sailing Club's restaurant also offers a variety of smaller plates, such as homemade fruit pies. Pier 34's manager Roberto Giovanoli and his team attach great importance to the origin of their food products. The ingredients rarely come from large wholesalers but instead are sourced from small, local farmers. The restaurant has a large sunny terrace with a view of Lake St. Moritz, along with an enclosed patio for cooler weather. More information: www.pier34.ch



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