

The 38 GAES Christmas Race finished in the bay of Palamós with double Olympic medallist Slovenian Finn sailor claiming the Absolute Winner title, Trofeo Manuel Albalat.



The absolute youth winner -Trofeo Miguel Company- was Ukrainian 470 women team Anna Kyselova and Anastasiya Krasko.

Sun and an excellent SW Garbi wind, average 15 to 20 knots, provided excellent conditions for the medal races.

All races could be sailed according to the schedule and the top ten competitors in each class enjoyed battling for victory on the last day of racing in Palamós. Spanish sailor Rogel claimed the 2013 Gaes Christmas Race title in Laser Standard followed by British sailor Martin Evans and Spanish sailor Joaquín Blanco second and third overall.

In Laser Radial Women Belorussian sailor Tatiana Drozdovskaya won comfortably the Medal Race and the GAES Christmas Race. Second place was for Polish sailor Agata Barwinska and third place for Spanish competitor Mònica Azón. Slovenian double Olympic medallist, Vasijil Zbogar claimed victory in the Finn class also winning the Medal Race. Zbogar kept up a tight battle throughout the regatta with Estonian sailor Deniss Karpak who finished second in the Medal Race and second overall.

Spanish sailor Àlex Muscat, the 2012 GAES Christmas Race absolute winner, climbed up to third overall and took a place on the podium. In 470 women, absolute dominance of Ukrainian sailors Anna Kyselova and Anastasiya Krasko who also won the Medal Race. Polish team Agnieszka Skrzypulec and Naalia Wojcik and French sailors Meëlen Lemaitre and Aloïse

Retornaz finished tied in points but second place was for the Polish team and third place was for France.

The winners of the 2013 GAES Christmas Race in 49er class were French sailors Julien D'Ortoli and Noe Delpeche who had an excellent performance and won the Medal Race. Finnish team Lauri Lehtinen and Kalle Bask and Beijing Olympic champion, Danish Jonas Warrer together with Peter Orster took second and third place on the podium respectively. Denmark climbed to first and third place on the podium in FX with teams Lin Ea Cenholt and Anders and Jena Mai Hansen and Katja Steen respectively. Second place was for team from Germany skippered by Phillip Müller.

Exciting racing in the Laser Radial Men in which Mon Cañellas won in extremis with just one point over Spanish competitor Héctor Domínguez who was second. Third place overall was for Polish sailor Jerzy Bajko.

A tight battle as assured today in the 470 Men with two teams tied before the start of the Medal Race. Spanish team Onán Barreiros and Juan Curbelo proved their experience and claimed final victory in the GAES Christmas Race and won over the Class Junior World champions Jordi Xammar and Joan Herp that were second.

The current class World silver medallists Pierre Leboucher and Nicolas Le Berre ended up third overall. Great Britain took the title in the 420 class with team Max Clapp and Joseph Burns (Izzy) at the top of the leader board and Spanish sailors Paula Barceló and Margarita Alba (EBE-Bauhaus-CN Arenal/CMSAP) with an outstanding performance claimed second overall. The podium was completed by Polish sailors Ewa Romaniuk and Kaarzyna Goralska. The 38th edition of the GAES Palamós Christmas Race came to an end today with the prize giving ceremony at 16.00h at the beach venue tent. Fair winds and a great 2014 sailing season for everyone!

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