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# YACHT CLUB ITALIANO



## 2.4mR CLASS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP GENOA – 12 / 18 OCTOBER 2019

**The worlds of the small metre class ended today after a week of very rough weather. A female podium, two women among the first three. England's Megan Pascoe dominated with a perfect week, second was Finland's Marko Dahlberg and third Fia Fjelddahl from Sweden**

The world 2.4 mR championship ended after a very windy week and after six races staged by the Race Committee in often difficult conditions, with heavy

seas and strong wind that forced many competitors to retire early. There were however numerous entries – 91 from 15 countries – with tiredness and satisfaction in their eyes as they return to dry land. *“The Genoa racecourse proved perfect,”* said Yacht Club Italiano President **Nicolò Reggio**, *“thanks also to the unique logistics of the fair quarter that hosted the event and the by now habitual synergy between clubs, bodies, and institutions needed to host international events of this magnitude.”*

The fourth and final day, decisive for the rankings, began under a rain-filled sky, waves of 2 m and a stiff south-easter of 15/18 kn with frequent gusts. Decidedly tough conditions for this boat – although it is unsinkable – that demands particular ability in strong wind. In any case, the team of support inflatables was constantly busy guaranteeing the safety of all competitors and did a magnificent job in the many recovery operations in these stormy days.

The Northern European crews were at their ease in these conditions and dominated the top of the rankings right from the first race. There was a consistent performance from the English **Megan Pascoe**, with a series of impeccable races (1,1,2,3,2,1,2) who became 2.4 world champion. *“It was an incredible week, we expected gentle conditions but the opposite happened,”* said a sparkling Megan Pascoe returning to land after the final race. *“This is my second world title and I’ve been sailing the 2.4 for 18 years, but winning in Genoa was special!”*

Silver medal for the Finnish helmsman **Marko Dahlberg**, who also sailed an excellent championship (2,2,1,1,7,4,5) and bronze for **Fia Fjeldahl** (9,5,9,5,3,10,4) of the Swedish team. An excellent fourth place for helmsman Antonio Squizzato who, after a poor start, continued to improve and won today’s final race. *“New sails and some problems with the rating penalised me on the first day of racing,”* said the helmsman from the Circolo Canottieri Garda Salò, *“but from then on I got the feel of the boat and climbed up the rankings. Genoa surprised me again with these unexpected conditions, but then the unpredictability of the elements is one of the greatest things about the sport.”*

The prizegiving today ended the 30th edition of the World Championships of a class which, we should remember, is open and can be awarded without any distinction of gender or ability. All of this made the world’s a wonderful event, with an extraordinary participation of sailors of all ages, sexes and physical abilities. For lovers of numbers, the youngest entry was a boy born in 2003 and the veteran of the worlds was born in 1940.

As well as the world title and awards for the individual races, during the prizegiving the following awards were presented:

**Guldmann Cup:** Antonio Squizzato - ITA

(Best Italian in 2.4 World Championship)

**Guldmann Cup:** Giancarlo Mariani -ITA

(Best in 3 races circuit Italian Championship)

**Best Lady Competitor:** Megan Pascoe - GBR

**Best Disabled:** Megan Pascoe - GBR

**Best Master:** Julio Reguero - PUR

(over 55)

**Best Grand Master:** Harald Rolfsnes - NOR

(over 65)

**Best under 30:** Fia Fjelddahl - SWE

**The Youngest:** Gianlorenzo Copertari - ITA

Complete rankings on the website: [yachtclubitaliano.it](http://yachtclubitaliano.it)

### **The boat**

The 2.4 was created in Stockholm in 1983 by local designers who used the “R Metre” rule to create a small keelboat, the 2.4 mR. It was a thoroughbred boat with the complicated and sophisticated nature of keelboat but with the costs and the sensitivity of a simple dinghy. It was a younger sister, in terms of size but not style of sailing, of the bigger international 6m, 8m and 12m (these latter used for the America’s Cup in the *Azzurra* generation). In 1992 the class obtained the status of an International Class and since then world Championships have been sailed every year with between 60 and 100 boats taking part.

Since the 2.4mR is suitable for disabled helmsmen it was chosen as a single-handed class for the Paralympics in Sydney in 2000. The biggest fleets are in the Scandinavian countries, in Italy, England, Germany, Australia and the USA.

### **The organisation**

Beyond the cooperation and commitment of the organisers: [Yacht Club Italiano](http://Yacht Club Italiano), the [International 2.4 mR Association](http://International 2.4 mR Association) and the [Federazione Italiana Vela](http://Federazione Italiana Vela), a fundamental contribution came from the main institutions: the Liguria Region and the municipality of Genoa.

**Title Sponsor** of this edition of the World Championships is [Guldmann](http://Guldmann), a

Danish company that produces and develops technologies for the well-being of people – and sportsmen – with reduced motor abilities, [SLAM](#) which will provide the T-shirts, [Costa Edutainment](#), which will host participants in the championships in a visit to the Genoa aquarium on Wednesday evening, and the official supplier is Acqua Sangemini. Important partners in the complex organisation of events of this size are: [CBG Convention Bureau Genova](#) for the welcome and reception and Croce Rossa Italiana for health services and first-aid on sea and land

### **Guldmann**

*Based in Denmark, in develops, produces and markets technologies applied to the well-being of people with reduced motor capacity and working tools to those who assist and care for them.*

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*We are people of the sea, for people of the sea. Sailing is the air we breathe, the wind is our heartbeat. We design and make special clothing for athletes and enthusiasts looking for performance and technique. Slam: a slap of wind to put on history, competence, adrenaline and passion. Born 39 years ago to meet the needs of real "sea dogs", Slam has a single mission: to make the life of yachtsmen more comfortable and safer with technical sports were a very high quality: characteristics they have also infected sportswear collections. Sailing is not just passion and adrenaline: it also demands sacrifice, competence and, above all, clothing that can handle unexpected weather.*

*We were born in Genoa with our feet in the water and a storm in our soul.*

### **Costa Edutainment**

*A leading company in Italy in the edutainment sector and manager of the Genoa Aquarium and the Galata Museo del Mare, it is always acted in synergy with the main touristic and cultural operators of the territory to develop the common heritage.*

*Events that can unite sport and social attention and have an international flavour like the 2.4 World Championship are important chances to reinforce this*



*joint commitment in promoting Genoa.*

### **Technical data of the 2.4 mR**

LOA: 4.182 m

LWL: 2.978 m

Beam: 0.72 m

Displacement: 259 kg

Sail area: 7.39 m<sup>2</sup>







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*molti altri eventi distinguono il presente e il futuro del Club, da sempre pronto a misurarsi con nuove sfide.*

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