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Austria 2008 - One of the fastest growing Fleet

We are proud to present the results and activities of the Season 2008 in Austria.

Regatta and Training Activities

In December 2007 / January 2008 we founded Austrian Musto Skiff Class Federation (AMSCA) called "Österreichische Musto Skiff-Klassenvereinigung". At the end of the season 2007 we counted 4 active MPS sailors in Austria. At the same Ovington Boats appointed the Austrian Skiff Center / i3 Consulting as the local. We took to take over some response to market the Musto Performance Skiff in Austria.

In April AMSCA went online www.mustoskiff.at



In May we started our annually skiff training organized by the class association at Lake Attersee, Sailing Club Attersee. 10 Sailors, including our special guest Andy Bunyan from Scotland, joined the training split in two groups. The main focus was explaining some of the maneuvers to our new sailors. Having completed three ordinary races that weekend the starting became more complex, as the following starts are in a two minute window.



In September the 1st Austrian Musto Skiff Nationals has been held at Lake Attersee and organized by the Austrian Musto Skiff Class Federation and Sailing club Attersee www.scatt.at . Due to great effort and development work we had a total of 12 MPS Sailors (8. Austrian. 3 German and 1 Slovenian) that join this event which twice that much compared to the year 2007!

Result: Musto-Skiff – Austrian Nationals

	Name	Sail No.	1. Race	2. Race	3. Race	4. Race	5. Race	6. Race	Total
1	Mitja Margon/SCP	SLO 271	2	1	4	1			8
2	Martin Mayrhofer / SCATT	AUT 381	1	3	1	3			8
3	Christian Häring/SGD	GER 072	3	2	2	5			12
4	Markus Mühlbauer/SCSts	GER 348	5	5	9	2			21
5	Moritz Zieher/SCATT	AUT 061	7	8	3	7			25
6	Günther Zieher/SCATT	AUT 382	DNF/13	4	5	4			26
7	Gerald Richtarski / SCATT	AUT 217	4	6	6	DNF/13			29
8	Felix Luchterhand / SCATT	AUT 223	8	7	7	8			30
9	Christian Maier/SVR	AUT 177	6	9	8	11			34
10	Christian Kettl/SCATT	AUT 268	9	11	DNF/13	6			39
11	Holger Neu/SW	GER 118	10	10	11	10			41
12	Ferdinand Haberl/SCATT	AUT 1	11	12	10	9			42

It was a great Season in fast growing class in Austria. Over the entire year almost 20 prospects tested the Musto Skiff under the Controller with a dingy boat and our local MPS Dealer.

Now we proudly to report 12 active MPS Sailors / Boats. Our latest new Members is Andy Bunyan former 14-foot Skiff Sailor from Scotland who became a member of the sailing club Scatt, Attersee.

List of AMSCA Members

No.	Owner	First Name	Sail No.
1.	Mayrhofer	Martin	AUT 381
2.	Richtarski	Gerald	AUT 217
3.	Luchterhand	Felix	AUT 390
4.	Zieher	Günther	AUT 382
5.	Weihls	Patrick	AUT 347
6.	Keber	Andreas	AUT 61
7.	Maier	Christian	AUT 177
8.	Kettl	Christian	AUT 268
9.	Haberl	Ferdinand	AUT 106
10.	Benda	Phillip	AUT 223
11.	Bunyan	Andy	AUT
12.	Haunschmidt	Franz	AUT

Internationals Events 2008

In addition our individual sailors joined several international events such as Skiff Weekend, Alpsee GER, UK Nationals, Withtable, UK, Skiffsailing Dongo, ITA and Worlds Championship, SUI.

Events 2009

Our event schedule for the season 2009 contains our annual spring training May 16/17th with some testing again and the Austrian Nationals dated 21st to 23rd of August. The Austrian Nationals becomes a skiff event. Other classes like 29er, contender and Laser start as well. The Nationals will be held by the Union Yacht Club Attersee, the biggest and successful club in Austria next door www.scatt.at. The same club applied for the MPS World Championship 2013 to Paul Manning.

Our Nationals start one weekend before European Championship at Lake Garda! A great possibility for the UK sailors to practice before the Europeans start at Lake Garda. A driving distance of approx. 4 hour to Lake Garda.

We decided to keep the amount of events in Austria next year at a max. of 3 due to other events in Germany, Switzerland, Slovenia and Italy. At this moment we work on a Mainland Series called "Alpe Adria Cup" to increase the amount of foreign mps sailors in each country. In each country we pick the biggest event that counts to the series which are:

Germany	Skiff Weekend, Alpsee, Bühler Segelfreunde	May 10th -12th, 2009
Austria	Austrian Nationals, Attersee, UYCAS	August 21st -23rd, 2009
Switzerland	Date and Spot pending	
Italia	Date and Spot pending	
Slovenia	Date and Spot pending	

A third local event (Regatta) may organize at a Lake Neusiedl or Achensee. The dated will be set in spring next year.

Therefore our local Dealer Gerald and Felix achieved the amount of sales that has been budgeted in the beginning of the season 2008. An increase of more than 100%. Well done, it's surprising what hard work and enthusiasm can produce.

By the end of next season we estimate 20 MPS Sailor in Austria

Martin Mayrhofer

President of AMSCA