



Volvo H-Boat
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Hanko Finland 2008

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EXPERIENCED DANISH TEAM DEN-597, GOOD SPEED! IS THE H-BOAT WORLD CHAMPION 2008

Team Festivo, FIN-887 took the fourth place for Finland

The last sailing day in Volvo H-Boat World Championships in Hanko offered good conditions for sailing. North-West wind was approximately 8–9 m/s.

Danish teams were tough to beat in World Championship regatta. Last years silver medallist DEN-559 **Steffen Stegger** with his team took the victory of the first race on Saturday.

"This was an excellent day for us. First race, which we won, we had a good start and we sailed to right side of the course when wind turned to north", Stegger commented.

Stegger and his crew Lars Christiansen and Carsten Pedersen ended up for the second place and took the silver medals in the Volvo H-Boat World Championships in Hanko.

The last race of the regatta went to Team **Hans Peulen**. Despite of two race victories Peulen ended up to the 23rd place in the World Championship regatta.

Experienced H-Boat team DEN-597, Good Speed! took the gold medals in Volvo H-Boat World Championships 2008. Skipper **Claus Høj Jensen** and crew **Henrik Olsen, Jacob Guhle** sailed well during the whole regatta and earned a victory. Team took only one race victory which tells that regatta was tight.

"Level of the regatta was very good and it's always hard to win. Winning this kind of races is not easy", Høj Jensen told after race.

On Saturday DEN-597 sailed fifth and tenth places. Before the first start their jib sheeting track broke which brought problems. They still managed to claim up to fifth place.

Difficult weather conditions did not surprise the World Champion.

"We are used for waiting, this is an outdoor sport. Everyone needs to be prepared for that", said Høj Jensen and thanked for race officers their good work.

Third place went to Sweden, Team SWE-561. Former World Champion **Jan Gustafsson** with his crew **Karl Kristensen, Richard Ivarsson** sailed with stable level during the week and lost only two points to silver medallists.

The best Finnish team was Festivo with fourth place

Team Festivo, FIN-887 – Jari Leinonen, Janne Heikkilä and Pekka Honkavaara – from Lahti took the fourth place in Volvo H-Boat World Championships in Hanko. Last day was the best for the team and they sailed places fourth and fifth.

"We managed to sail better and better all the time during the week. When wind was stronger so did we", said crewmember Janne Heikkilä.

Fourth place is always the worst one but anyhow team sailed better than last year in Switzerland.

"Of course it is hard to concentrate for competing the whole week especially with this kind of weather. But with a long time experience it's easier", Heikkilä continued.



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Final Results

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1) DEN-597 (Claus Høj Jensen, Henrik Olsen, Jacob Guhle) 30 p., 2) DEN-559 (Steffen Stegger, Lars Christiansen, Carsten Pedersen) 38.0 p., 3) SWE-561 (Jan Gustafsson, Karl Kristenssen, Richard Ivarsson) 40.0 p., 4) Festivo, FIN-887 (Jari Leinonen, Janne Heikkilä, Pekka Honkavaara) 48.0 p., 5) Team Eagle Marine, FIN-955 55.0 p., 6) DEN-589 55.0 p., 7) DEN-598, 56.0 p., 8) Sharp, FIN-872 58.0 p., 9) DEN-591, 61.0 p. 10) SWE-608 64.0 p.

Final results as wholeness's www.hsf.fi/resultswch-boat08/results.html

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