

### **PREFACE**

One team taking it up againts another team with only one goal in mind: to finish ahead of the opponent. That is what matchracing is a all about, there is no such thing as second. This is the sailing discipline Dutch Waves seeks to excel in! During The Dutch Wave matchracing 2020 season we will compete against the world's best, during 12 events across the world.

We like to tell you more about our passion. To explain who we are, why we are so driven and what makes us unique. Our ultimate goal for 2020 is to compete in the World Match Racing Tour Finals.

This brochure presents our world.

Join and ride the Dutch Wave!





## **HOW IT ALL STARTED**

After having participated in a Dutch big boat development program, named Team Heiner Talents, we decided to start our own matchracing team. That is when Team Dutch Wave was born. The team's first experience with match racing was at the youth worlds in 2015 in Poland, where the team came away with an exciting 7th place. This result encouraged the team to become a major Dutch match racing team, under the name "Dutch Wave".

To further develop our skills and to find strong competition, the sailors moved to Sydney, Australia. This provided the team with the opportunity to compete against some of the best youth match racers in the world from Australia, New Zealand, and the USA. The experiences from this time proved to be a solid base for the European season of 2017, with the team conquering the Dutch as well as the German national title. Dutch Wave ended the year on the 26th place on the world ranking.





# PROGRESS TO 2020

In 2018 the first move to major international events was made. The highlight of the year was competing in the FISU student fleet racing worlds in France, where the team ended up in 5th place. At this point in time Jelmer van Beek (helmsman), Rutger Vos (main), Robin Jacobs (trim) and Jorden van Rooijen (bow), decided to go all-in at the end of 2018 and to become the world's best match racing team.

In January 2019 the team devoted to another season in Australia, competing in the biggest U25 regatta in the world, the Warren Jones in Perth, Australia. After a few months of extensive preparations and a week of training on location, the boys showed their best sailing so far on the final day and managed to secure the overall victory! This event specifically inspired the team members since previous winners often went on the participate in the Ocean race and the America's Cup. With the team returning to Europe with their first prize money, a solid season was sailed, with a streak of wins and podium places in Gothenburg as well as in Copenhagen. With the addition of Lars van Stekelenborg (trim) to the team, the season was concluded in the 9th place of the world ranking, which reflected our growth and results.





# **RESULTS SO FAR**

- 7th place at Youth World Championship, Swinoujscie, Poland (2015)
- World Sailing Match Race Ranking 60th (2016)
- 1st place Dutch Nationals, Medemblik, The Netherlands, (2017)
- 1st place German Nationals, Medemblik, The Netherlands (2017)
- World Sailing Match Race Ranking 26th (2017)
- 5th place at FISU University World Championsip, Cherbourg, France (2018)
- World Sailing Match Race Ranking 18th (2018)
- 1st place Danish Nationals, Copenhagen, Denmark (2019)
- 1st place European Match Race Tour Swedish Stop, Gothenburg, Sweden (2019)
- 1st place Warren Jones Regatta, Perth, Australia (2019)
- World Sailing Match Race Ranking 9th (2019)





# **GOALS 2020**

The World Match Racing Tour (WMRT) are the series in which the world's best match racers sail against each other, the winner of the WMRT may call themselves World Champion. The Tour of 2020 consists of 18 events spread over the world. The WMRT is celebrating 20 years of sailing at the highest level. Winners of the WMRT have also been successfull in the Olympic Games, the America's Cup and the Ocean Race. The high amount of energy the team derives from getting better and competing together, combined with their drive to become the absolute best will be the key to success.

Team Dutch Wave's goals for this iconic event in 2020 are to:

- Qualify for the final of the WMRT in Sydney, during which the World Champion will be crowned
- Climb to the Top 5 of the World Sailing Matchrace Ranking.

This puts the team in the right position to launch a challenge for the World Championship in 2021



- 1 Ficker Cup, Long Beach CA, USA
- 2 Congressional Cup® Regatta, Long Beach, CA, USA
- 3 Porto Montenegro Match Race, Montenegro
- 4 Argo Gold Cup, Bermuda
- 5 Slovenia Match Race Cup, Portorož, Slovenija
- 6 NJK Open Spring Cup, Finland
- 7 Match Race Germany, Langenargen, Germany
- 8 Świnoujście Match Race, Poland
- 9 GKSS Match Cup Sweden, Sweden

- 10 Internationaux de France de Match Racing, France
- 11 Baltic Match Race, Estonia
- 12 AIRCALIN Match Race, Noumea, New Caledonia
- 13 Chicago Grand Slam, Chicago, USA
- 14 International Match Race for the Detroit Cup, USA
- 15 Oakcliff International, Oyster Bay, USA
- 16 Thompson Cup, Oyster Bay, USA
- 17 DBS Marina Bay Cup, Singapore
- 18 WMRT FINAL TBA



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# **DUTCH WAVE**



# **DUTCH WAVEMAKERS**

Jelmer is ambassador for Dutch Wavemakers. Dutch Wavemakers is a campaign that works under the #TalentforWater and #TalentforEnergy. An initiative that has been developed with a large international network including the Dutch government, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Top Sector Water.





Beach Cleanup, Perth 2019





# **SOCIALS, MEDIA & MERCHANDISE**









To increase the awareness of Match Racing in the Netherlands and to further build our image we are successfully active on several Social Media channels. With updates during regattas as well as interactive posts during low-activity periods. We have created an active Dutch fanbase.

To achieve a high media coverage of the team, we ourselves write press releases concerning our major events. These releases are published by all the Dutch sailing-related media channels, helping to increase the awareness of our mission to become the world's best matchracers.

To promote the team we have created merchandise. This includes stickers, postcards, t-shirts, caps and sweaters. We give it away to people who have been helping the team and sell it on our website. In 2 years we have sold more than 50 sweaters

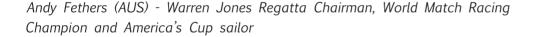
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# **REFERENCES**

Roy Heiner (NED) - vice Match Race World Champion, Volvo Ocean Race winner and Olympic medallist:

"It is great to see team Dutch Wave work as hard as they do after they have finished our youth program. I would put my money on them to get the Netherlands back on the World Match Racing podium since I last did it in 2002."



"Team Dutch Wave competed in the '18 and '19 Warren Jones Regatta becoming the first ever European team to win the event. It was great to have them over and I wish them all the best in the upcoming regatta's"







# THE NEXT STEP



We can't make 2020 a success alone. We need financial support to race all over the world and pursue our dream.

In return we will take you on our journey riding the Dutch Wave, organize (corporate) sailing events and create awareness. We are eager to get in touch and talk about what creates value for you!



## COLOFON



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