

E Class Section Activity Report

Dear Presidium, Naviga,

As I committed to during the previous general assembly, I have continued to develop the E Class section by introducing new competition classes and categories, aiming to attract as many athletes as possible.

This year, we held the very first E Class Speed World Championship. The event took place at the opening of the M Class World Championship in Kromolice, Poland, on July 2-3, 2025. The participating classes were: Mini Mono, Mono 1, Mono 2, Mini Hydro, Hydro 1, and Hydro 2.

The Organizer was the Polish Federation – Liga Odrony, Gmina Pogorzela, with Chief Organizer Rafał Nitecki. The competition conditions were excellent, on a small, windless lake, with the only hindrance being the excessive heat.

The officiating team consisted of: Chief Pontoon – Răzvan Olaianos, Chief Timekeeper – Scaba Danielfy, and Heat Umpire – Cornel Porcoteanu.

Although the regulations and competition conditions were announced quite late, 45 models from 8 countries lined up at the start. As this was the first competition of its kind, we took the initiative to award the title of World Champion only in classes with more than four competitors from at least four countries. Furthermore, the first-place results will receive diplomas for the World Record of the category.

Although it was viewed with considerable skepticism before the start, after the heats began, many of the competitors present expressed regret for not having entered. The results confirm this: the final rankings were determined by tenths of a second, proof that the competitors gave their absolute best performance.

I can confidently say that the E section has gained a dynamic and interesting category, which will be highly successful in the future. We are striving to become autonomous from the M section by acquiring, with your approval—for which I thank you—our own timing system, Vostock. With this system, we intend to organize competitions with even more participants starting next year. I am already in discussions with other federations to organize E Speed contests in 2026.

I am aware that developing a new section with completely different classes and regulations is a challenging task, but I assure you that I will do everything in my power to grow this section.

I would like to extend my gratitude to my good friends, Walter Geens and Ralf Thiele, who believed in this class from the beginning and who waged an epic battle for 3rd place in the Mini Hydro class, showing

everyone the beauty of this category.

I wholeheartedly thank my great friend, Csaba Danielfy, for his immense help with the timing and for teaching me that the hardest, yet most beautiful thing in life is to be perfect.

I thank another great friend of mine, Rafal Nitecki, for his goodwill and availability in granting me all his help and support.

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