

To whom it may concern

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Dear Solar Boat Enthusiasts,

We would like to encourage you to participate in Germany's first solar boat race under the European flag - on July 4th in Koblenz, the city located on the confluence of the rivers Rhine and Moselle.

A group of like-minded enthusiasts dedicated their time to drawing up preliminary rules for such an event. Like many things in united Europe they may not be perfect and may not reflect the ideas and proposals of all countries including Germany, but it is at least a starting point.

No, there is no European governing body for solar boats to organise and oversee development and to offer financial assistance. Consequently there are no member associations in the various countries with a mandate to act locally on these issues.

However this is not merely a race or regatta for solar boats, there is a serious underlying factor, namely the promotion of solar energy and its deployment for transport. Naturally enough, as founder of the Goerlitz (GÖRLITZ) foundation for energy and environment a European solar boat championship has my full support, as a venue to exchange ideas and experiences and where a healthy sense of competitiveness is the order of the day.

The year sees the fourth Solar Boat Cup in Koblenz and it has grown from year to year. In the beginning around 60-70 boats from Germany and Luxembourg participated, mainly small remotely controlled boats and built by school teams sponsored by the foundation. As word spread and interest grew "big" boats with drivers enrolled from all over the country as well from Luxembourg.

**Wir engagieren uns für  
Energie, Umwelt und Soziales.**

So for this year 2009 I cordially invite you to participate for the first time with European rules, as provisional as they may be.

Please do not hesitate to contact us, although we are "only" the organizers and not the group that defines the rules, we will be happy to answer your questions.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Martin Görlitz', with a stylized, cursive script.

Martin Görlitz