



AUSTRIAN MATCH RACING TOUR 2023

**World Sailing Grade 3 Events
organized by the Austrian Match Racing Association (AMRA)**

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

04 March 2023

Dear Match Racing Teams,

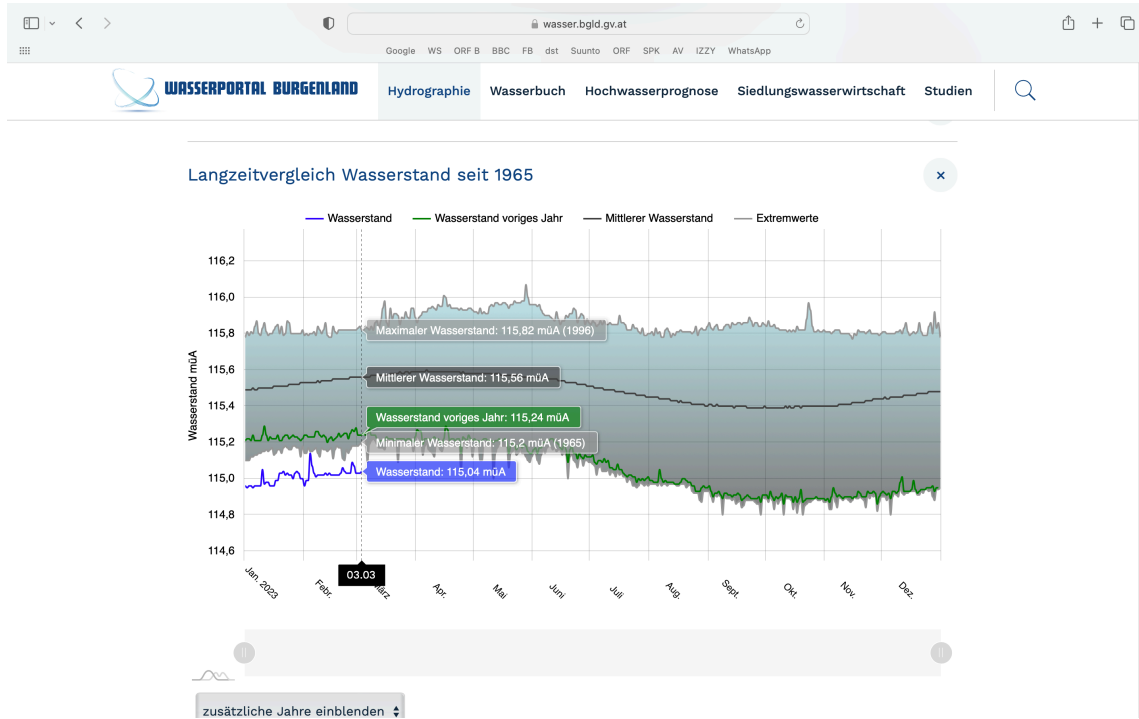
As you probably aware of, Lake Neusiedler See is affected heavily by the global climate change and experiencing a low-water-period with dropping of the average water level significantly. Last year, only 40% of the scheduled races could take place and many events had to be cancelled or moved to different locations in and around Austria.

When we scheduled our first event of the 2023 AMRT, we took into account that

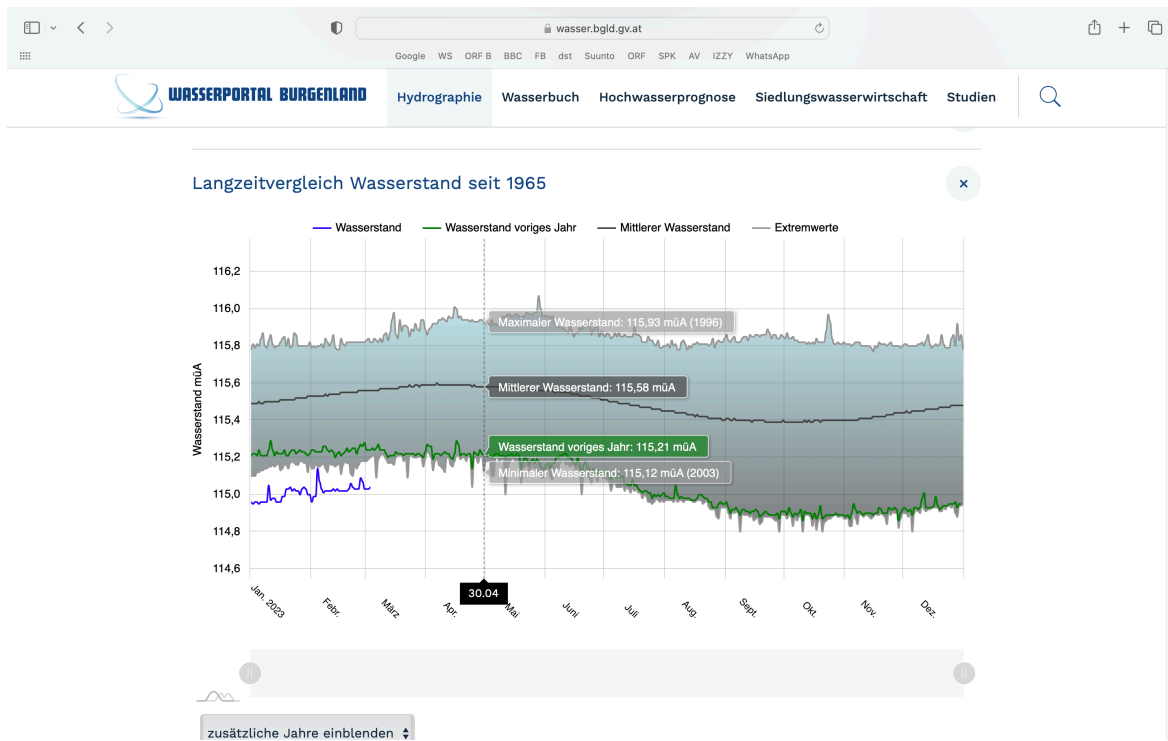
- a) the annual peak of the water level of Lake Neusiedler See is always in March/April, and
- b) the area with the deepest part of Lake Neusiedler See is off Mörbisch and Illmitz in the southern part of the lake.

Thus, we were aiming for the Burgenland Match Race at Yachtclub Mörbisch (in cooperation with the Burgenländischer Yach-Club at Rust, as last year) end of March 2023.

The official current water level is (this is measured at Mörbisch) – **IN BLUE: 115,04m above sea level**



To compare it with the level at the date of the event last year – **IN GREEN: 115,21m above sea level**



You can access full data here: <https://wasser.bgl.d.gv.at/hydrographie/die-seen>

This site is maintained by the county's government and provide actual data as well as historic data since 1965. For Mörbisch, see here: <https://wasser.bgl.d.gv.at/hydrographie/die-seen/moerbisch>

It seems VERY unlikely that the water level of Lake Neusiedler See will increase of the next 3 week by 17cm just to reach last year's level – you might remember that racing was borderline and we didn't have waves etc.

We believe that the only fair solution to everyone involved in the AMRT and the event is that

we will cancel the Burgenland Match Race for the time being.

We will however communicate that the **first event of the AMRT 2023 is being postponed** due to the water situation at Lake Neusiedler See and we are investigating the possibility of running the event at a different location – we will come back to you as soon as we have any news to check your availability before agreeing different dates and location.

The notice of race and all other relevant documents will be updated and distributed in due course.

Austrian Match Racing Tour

Tour Management