

MORE THAN 50 SIX METRES SET TO COMPETE IN SWISS AND EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS ON LAKE GENEVA

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More than 50 International Six Metre yachts from across Europe and North America are set to converge on Lake Geneva this month for the Swiss National Championship (July 15–17) and the 2026 International Six Metre European Championship (July 19–24), hosted by the Société Nautique de Genève (SNG).

The fleet represents one of the largest gatherings of Six Metres in recent years and highlights both the international strength and enduring appeal of the class. Competitors will travel to Switzerland from 11 nations, including Switzerland, Great Britain, Germany, Spain, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Sweden, the United States and the British Virgin Islands.

A particularly strong Swiss contingent will be led by boats from Société Nautique de Genève and other clubs around the country, facing an impressive international fleet featuring former European Championship medalists, world-class sailors and some of the most iconic yachts in the history of the class.

The entry list showcases the remarkable diversity of the International Six Metre fleet. Alongside highly competitive modern designs, a number of historic yachts dating from the early decades of the twentieth century will compete, with several boats now more than 100 years old. Their presence underlines the unique ability of the Six Metre Class to bring together living maritime heritage and top-level racing in the same regatta.

Among the notable entries is Bribón, skippered by HM King Juan Carlos of Spain, together with former championship podium finishers including Astrée III from Finland, Britain's Battlecry, and Switzerland's Junior. The fleet also includes renowned classic yachts such as Jill, Jane Ann, Saskia II, Aera, Ylliam III, Ylliam IV and Ylliam V, representing generations of Six Metre design and development.

Competitors will race for honours in both the Classic Division, reserved for yachts built and/or certificated before 1966, and the Open Division, for more modern designs. Across both divisions, sailors ranging from Olympic competitors and world champions to passionate amateur crews will share the same racecourse.

Since the adoption of the International Rule in 1907, the Six Metre Class has earned a reputation for combining elegant design, technical innovation and close racing. Today, more than 300 Six Metres race internationally, and Switzerland remains one of the class's most important centres. The spectacular setting of Lake Geneva provides a fitting backdrop for a championship that celebrates sporting excellence, craftsmanship and international friendship.

The Swiss National Championship will take place from 15–17 July, followed by the official opening of the 2026 International Six Metre European Championship on 18 July, with racing scheduled from 19–24 July.

