

# Germany. Ladies Only 2006:

## Hahlbrock beats Schümann in the final race

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The spectators of the final race between Silke Hahlbrock and Ulrike Schümann saw a suspenseful show on the river Alster in Hamburg on Sunday afternoon.

Both teams sailed head to head and changed the lead several times during the races. Hahlbrock from Hamburg won the crown of the Ladies Only in the third and final race by giving a penalty to Schümann from Berlin during the prestart.

Hamburg/Germany, 5. November 2006, The 22 years old Silke Hahlbrock needed only two victories in the „Best of three“-final to gain the trophy like she did last year. But the road was tough. The crew of Marion Rommel, Maren Hahlbrock and Kerstin Schult skippered by Hahlbrock won all races in the first round robin but had to duel the vice world champion in the Yngling class Ulrike Schümann who turned out to be a tough competition. “We cared too much about the wind and not enough about our opponent in the second race”, said Hahlbrock, who lives and studies in Hamburg. “Ulrike Schümann could take advantage of our mistake and passed us easily.” But the crew from Hamburg managed to gain the title in the third race.

Strong winds and wet November weather characterised the last day of this year’s Ladies Only on the river Alster. Good technical skills were necessary to control the fast and sportive keelboats of the Streamline class. Stefan Roth, the principle race officer wanted to save the boats and abandoned the spinnakers from the very beginning on the last day. Manuel Huensch, organiser from the presenting Hamburger Segel-Club was very happy. “We managed to sail more then 70 races and achieved all that was resolved. The women showed professional behaviour and fought hard on three days”.

The 33 years old human resources consultant Ulrike Schümann had bad luck last year when one of her crewmembers was sick and they only finished fourth. “We could have won this year”, stated the skipper from Berlin. “But we lost the lead to Silke’s crew due to a big tactical mistake in the first duel.” Schümann who sailed with Julia Bleck, Ute Höpfner and Solveig Bauer could not confirm to compete in next years event yet, because of their Olympic campaign. “The next season will be very stressful. We will sail many deciding events for our participation at the Olympic games.” said Schümann who likes Match Race as a good practise for her crew.

The petite final was all British. Helmsman Josie Gibson and her team took the control in the only duel for the third position and won superior. “The prestart and the massive winds made it very tough to keep the control“, said the 27 years old sailor. “But we managed to cross the starting line before Gemma Farrell and her team“.

Josie Gibson who works as a management consultant is looking forward to coming back next year: „We have lots of fun at the Ladies Only-weekend every time“, added Gibson.

Andreas Ernst, the Privy Council for education and sports presented the trophies. “We are proud about the international fleet of top sailors who fought on the river Alster in match racing and it is a big enrichment for the Sport city of Hamburg“, said Andreas Ernst.

### Final Results: Ladies Only Match Race 2006

- 1 GER Team Musto HSC Silke Hahlbrock HSC,Hamburg: Maren Hahlbrock, Marion Rommel & Kerstin Schult
- 2 GER Team Schuemann Ulrike Schümann VsaW,Berlin: Julia Bleck, Ute Höpfner & Solveig Bauer
- 3 GBR Team Gibson Josie Gibson: Rachel Larman, Ali Sutherland & Barbara Watson
- 4 GBR Team sail 4 cancer Gemma Farrell: Bethan Carden, Rachel Howe & Rebecca Mariott
- 5 FIN Team Silja Lehtinen Silja Lehtinen: Maria Klemetz, Livia Väresmaa & Vivi Fleming
- 6 GER Team Kemt Suzanne Willim KYC, Goltoft: Christine Wolff, Charlotte Jäkel & Christina Bärwald
- 7 FRA Team MisStral Delphine Casas, Gaelle Combeaux, Marie-Agnes Hoche & Stacha Duflo
- 8 POL Team Torell Gdansk Maja Czarniawska AZS, Gdansk: Paula Benert, Agata Piecha & Natalia Rucinska
- 9 FRA Commune de Julie Bossard de Plougueneau: Fiorentine Audema, Eve Pajot & Sophie d’Ortoli
- 10 IRL Team O’Loughlin Mary O’Loughlin: Laura Fitzpatrick, Emma Lovegrove & Gilian Burke
- 11 ESP Team Punta Lagoa Maria Campos: Sara Campos, Beatriz Quintá & Nuria Quintas
- 12 GER Team GERUF1 Ulrike Firk SCN, Neumünster: Maren Gadischke, Beate Mohn & Svenja Stöhr

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