

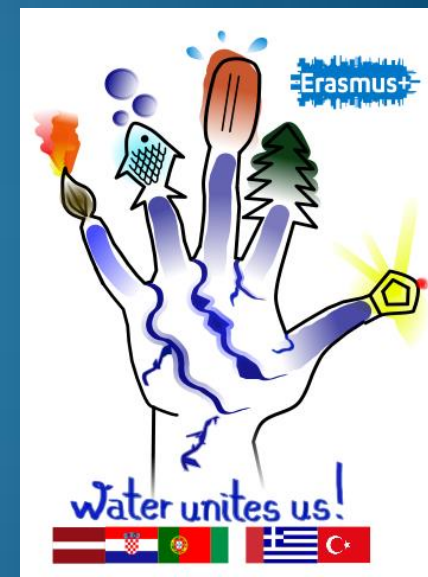
'Water sports in Latvia'

'Water unites us'

KA2 Erasmus+ Strategic Partnerships School Project

Olaines 1.vidusskola

Meeting in Paredes de Coura, Portugal 26.02.-02.03.2018.



Water sports in Latvia

Latvia is the northern country and because of that many water sports are done in summer which is very short – only 3 months.

In summers there are many popular water sports, like:

- Swimming
- Water skiing
- Canoeing
- Windsurfing

Swimming

- In Latvia there are 59 indoor swimming pools.
Open water swimming is only available in summer if the weather is warm enough.
- Each year there are at least different 100 swimming competitions in Latvia.

Olaine City Swimming Pool

- Olaine swimming pool is available for everyone.
- Water temperature : + 28 C.
- The tracks are 25m long.



Olaine City Swimming Pool

- The swimming pool is free for students during Sports lessons.
- Students learn how to swim there.
- In the summer period the swimming pool is closed.



Swimming Competitions between schools

Every year a swimming competition between Olaine Secondary School No 1 and Olaine Secondary School No 2 is held in our city swimming pool.

Participants are the best swimmers from grades 3 to 12.

The Best Swimmers from Olaine Schools

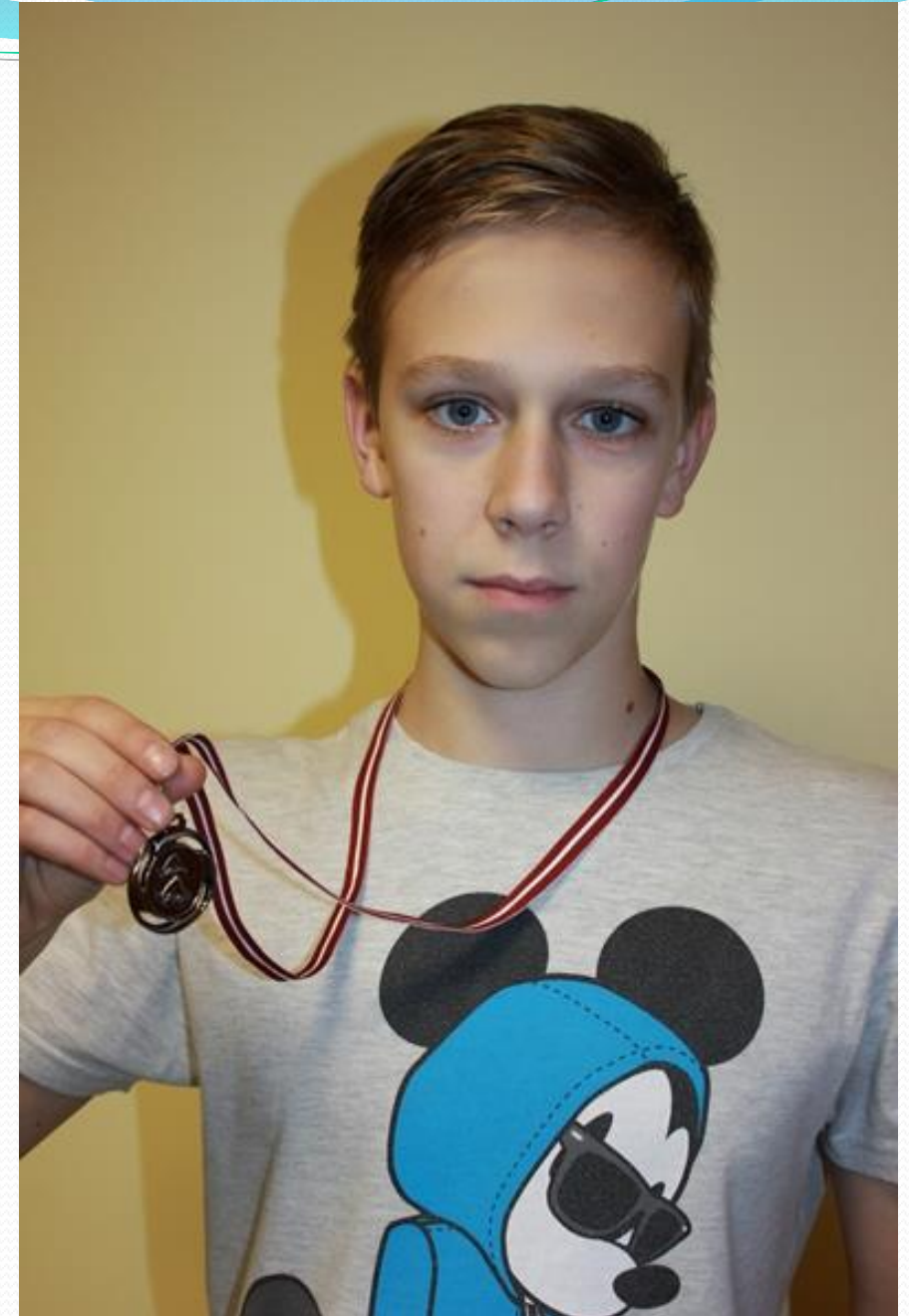


Emīls Pauls Mortuzāns

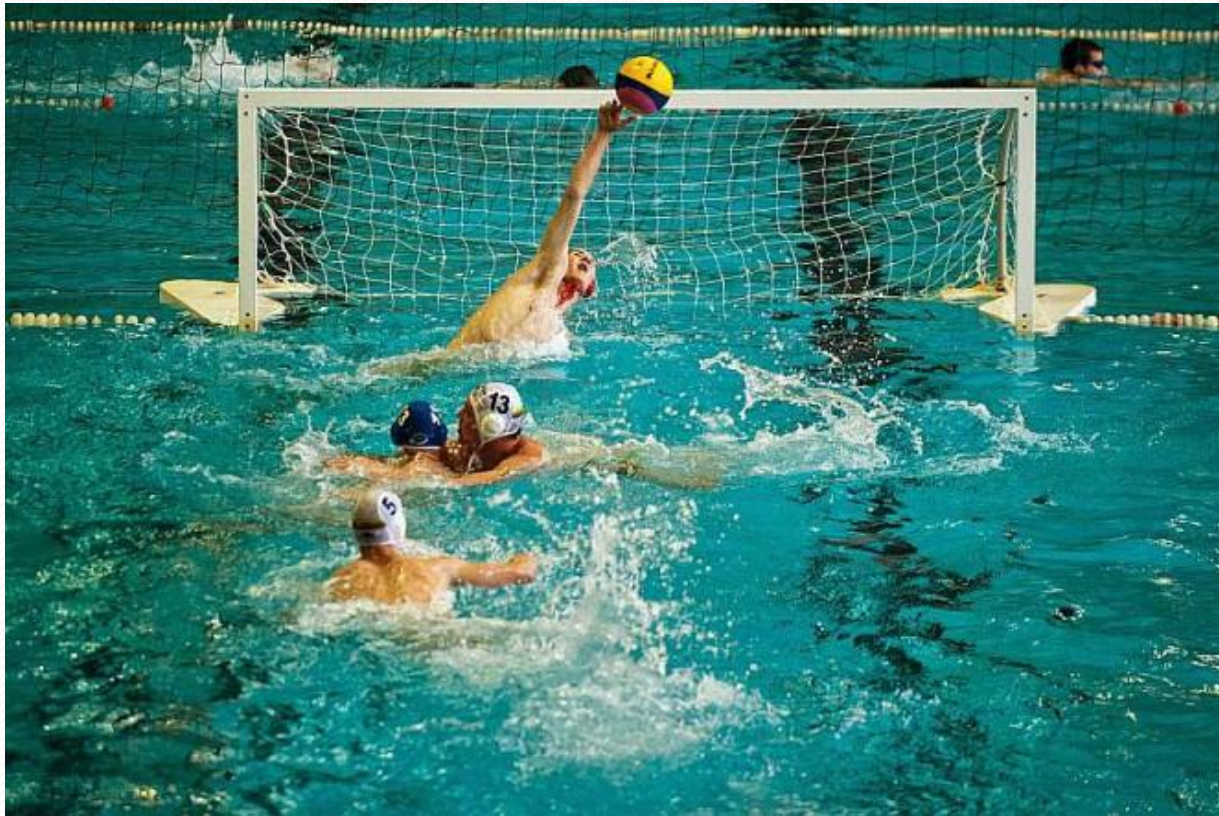
Our school is proud of Emīls Pauls Mortuzāns, a student of Form 9.

Emīls is 2017 Junior Champion in Latvia.

Emīls also received one first and three second places in 23rd International HEAD Swim Festival competitions held in Bremen, Germany in November 2017.



Water polo



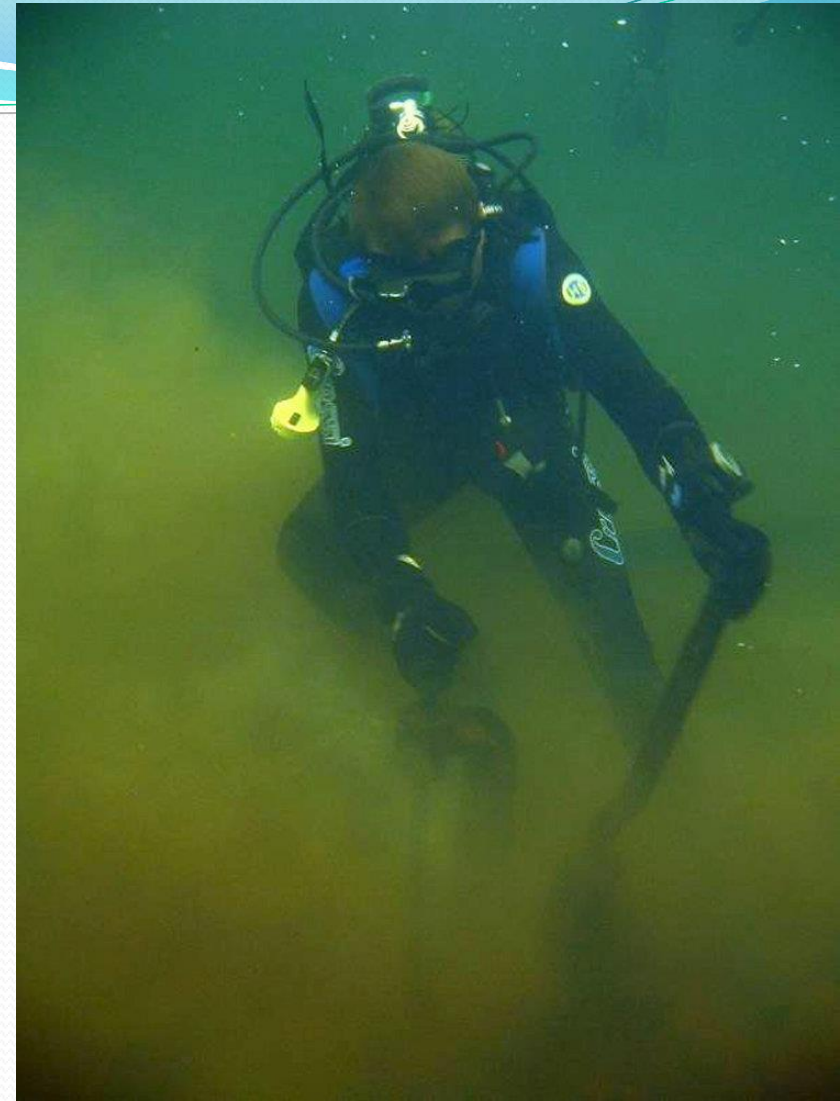
Water polo

- The Latvian water polo history began in 1930ies.
There used to be several water polo clubs in that time.
- It is believed that since 1967 water polo did not exist in Latvia until 2011.

Water polo

- In 2011 the first water polo team 'Riga' was re-established and started to train.
- In 2013 a junior water polo team was established.

Diving



Diving

- In Latvia there are a few diving training courses.
- The best worldwide known are PADI training courses.
- Because of the dark toned water there are only a few places where to dive.

Water skiing



Water skiing

- In many Latvian lakes and rivers there are waterskiing tracks.
- A few of them are close to Olaine, like Ozolnieku lake and the river Lielupe.

Waterskiers' demonstrations at Riga city celebrations



Canoeing



Canoeing

- The first canoe club in Latvia was established in 1872.
- In 1927 the first international canoe competition 'Riga – Pokal' was organised in the Lielupe river.
- In 1990 Latvian Canoe Federation was taken into the International Canoe Federation.
- In 1991 Latvia started to take part into the World championships and Olympic games as independent country.

In Rio de Janeiro summer Olympic games in 2016 the canoe-paddler Aleksejs Rumjancevs has got the 5th place in 200 metres distance.



Ivans Klementjevs





The best Latvian canoe performer - Ivans Klementjevs.

From 1985- 1994 he became the world champion in canoe single distance in the post USSR team.

As a representative of a Latvian team Ivans Klementjevs won a silver medal in 1000 m distance in summer Olympic games in Barcelona in 1992 and in summer Olympic games in Atlanta in 1996.

Windsurfing



Kitesurfing



Windsurfing. Kitesurfing.

- Windsurfing and kitesurfing became popular during last 10-15 years in Latvia.
- It is rather complicated to train in windsurfing and kitesurfing in Latvia because of the weather and wind.
- Windsurfing and kitesurfing also include wind hunting because the wind blows in all directions depending on the season.
- Fans of these kinds of sports began their day by studying the wind prognosis for a day.

Ice Fishing



Ice Fishing

- Ice fishing is very popular seasonal sport and activity in winter.
- The officially ice fishing season begins on December 1st, but it depends on the thickness of the ice.
- Ice fishing competitions are organised each winter when the ice is strong enough.
- Latvian team won silver medals in the Baltezers World Championship in 2017.

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Thank you for your attention!