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## Opening shot: Jonathan Lobert on his way to silver at Weymouth



### President's Letter

Dear Finn Sailors,  
Dear Friends,

The recent 2011 May ISAF mid-year meeting in St. Petersburg secured the status of the one-person dinghy heavy event and the Finn as equipment on the 2016 Olympic programme. As a result the Finn class continues its Olympic presence as the longest standing and technically most developed Olympic sailing class. The Finn has managed to answer the questions asked in the framework of recent ISAF reforms and emerged as one of the strongest and most popular Olympic classes. We managed to adapt to the new situations arising and thanks to the hard work done we managed to further strengthen our position.

As I have always said and written, the Finn allows the widest range of weight, age and physical sizes to compete on a truly equal level and is the only single handed dinghy to allow sailors from 85kg to 110kg to competitively sail at Olympic level. At the same time the Finn class has a real depth in terms of club and national fleets, as well as junior, senior and master age groups, which is partially the result of the fact that the class has been for a long time able to manage the different needs and interests of Finn sailors in every age category, on every level and in every segment of the Finn sailing world.

If you look at the fleet sizes of the Sailing World Cup events the Finn is in the forefront. This year we had again a record turnout at the Finn World Masters and there were almost 40 juniors at the 2011

Silver Cup in Moscow with new Finn sailing nations like Kyrgyzstan on the starting line. At the same time our national fleets keep growing as well, which gives a healthy balance to the Finn class structure.

One of the reasons for our strength has been equipment control and evolution. As a result the Finn has managed to move smoothly on a battlefield where many other classes fall casualty. As a new challenge I am personally looking forward to the discussion with ISAF regarding the approval of the IFA gear control programme.

Besides the strength and depth of our class, the media presence of the class has been again fantastic this year. The regular Finn newsletters, the website, major event blogs, the class YouTube site, Twitter feed and the Facebook page secured a comprehensive and continuous media presence.

To sum up, there are clearly further challenges ahead. We need to continue working on gear evolution and equipment control, racing format, media presence, class sponsorship, attractive major Finn events and build on our traditions, strengths and experience.

Best regards

Dr. Balazs Hajdu  
HUN-1  
IFA President



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#### Life for Gerrit

At the 2011 New Zealand Finn Association AGM, the class honoured more than 25 years of service to the Finn Association by Gerrit Bearda with a Life Membership to the NZ Finn Association. Gerrit has not only been actively sailing for all of those years but has held the roles of Treasurer, Secretary and most recently, measurer for the last 10 years.

The New Zealand Association also acknowledged the support and camaraderie that Gerrit has always displayed. A keen competitor on the water Gerrit always competes at the major NZ regattas and raced the 1999 Gold Cup in Melbourne. A quintessential Finn fanatic, Gerrit has owned many boats altering each and looking for improvements, Gerrit created the term "Finn on a diet" with every winter spent lightening his boat to meet the ever changing weight limit. Gerrit runs his own blog and Finn shop ([www.vanahiem.co.nz](http://www.vanahiem.co.nz)) where he created low cost options for mast step and deck collars.

Never one to believe that he completed his Finn education Gerrit always sources information from the top sailors and has been heard to say "I'm not too old or stubborn to learn new things". Gerrit has gone out of his way to make new members of the fleet welcome and had been a leading influence behind the resurgence that has happened in Finn sailing in recent years in New Zealand.

#### Cool medal race video from Europeans



Working with the young Finnish film maker Rasmus Tikkanen, the Finn Class has released a cool video of the exciting medal race at the Open European Championships in Helsinki on July 14th. Watch the top ten battle for supremacy in a tight race just offshore from the Open Europeans Helsinki 2011 venue at Hernesaari, just west of Helsinki city centre. Watch the thrilling race unfold and listen to what Scott, Mills and the GBR coach Matt Howard had to say. Watch it on [www.youtube.com/thefinnchannel](http://www.youtube.com/thefinnchannel)

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### Australian Championships

Those sailors travelling to Perth may be interested in the Australian Finn Championships from 3-8 January at Adelaide Sailing Club.

The Australian Finn Championships has been getting bigger and better over recent years and the Adelaide Sailing Club is very keen to continue this trend. Adelaide is renowned for fantastic sailing conditions during the summer months with moderate to strong sea breezes most days.

#### Schedule of Events:

Registration, Measurement and Welcome Function: 3rd Jan

Racing: 4th to 8th Jan

Prizegiving: 8th Jan

NOR, Entry and Accommodation

Information available at:

[www.adelaidesailingclub.com](http://www.adelaidesailingclub.com)



### Title sponsor for 2012 Finn Gold Cup

The Royal Cornwall Yacht Club is pleased to announce that investment management firm J.P. Morgan Asset Management will be the title sponsor of the Finn Gold Cup which takes place in Falmouth from 13 – 18 May 2012. The J.P. Morgan Asset Management sponsorship extends to the whole Falmouth Finn Festival, which consists the British National Finn Championship and followed by the Finn Gold Cup. Photo includes Ben Ainslie and British Finn chairman Andy Denison at the launch. Event website: [www.falmouthfinnfestival.com](http://www.falmouthfinnfestival.com)

### Half models

The FINNSHOP on the Finn Class website is now offering high quality wooden half models of the Finn.

The models are solid wood, with a CNC cut, white painted hull on obeche veneered and varnished backing board. There is also a space for a plaque on the front. The size of the base is 440 mm wide by 240 mm high. The half model is 300 mm long.

The models have been developed and built by Synergy Marine in Suffolk, UK. Price is GBP 120 plus delivery, which is charged at cost.



## Vernon Stratton 1927-2011



As this issue of FINNFARE was about to go to print, we learned the sad news of the death of one of the founding fathers of the Finn class. Vernon Stratton died on Saturday 20 August, 2011. He was 83.

Though his first boat was a Firefly dinghy, it was in the Olympic

Finn class that Vernon Stratton made his name, and he made the class his life. Even at 80 he was still keenly interested in the Finns and he remained a stalwart supporter of the class he had helped to put onto the world stage.

During his life he took part in three Olympic trials, in 1952, 1956 and 1960. In 1960 he won the Finn Gold Cup and represented Great Britain at the 1960 Olympics in the Finn class. He often commented that he would have preferred to have gone in 1956, to the windy venue of Melbourne, rather than the light wind venue of Naples. He was one of the fastest strong wind sailors of his day.

Later he became secretary of the International Finn Association, from 1961 to 1964, and then its President from 1964 to 1971. He was also heavily involved in the British Finn Association over many years. Later he led three British Olympic teams and was instrumental in laying the foundations that led to the success of British sailors that continues to the present day.

In 1956 he established the Finn class on a secure international footing after persuading Tiny Mitchell of the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club in Burnham on Crouch in the UK to present the class with the Finn Gold Cup. This became the class world championship and is today it one of the hardest and most sought after dinghy trophies in the world. His vision for the Finn Gold Cup led directly to the formation of the International Finn Association later the same year, and the future of the Finn was secured.

Perhaps his greatest legacy to the class though is his leadership through its early measurement issues and the appointment of Gilbert Lamboley as the Chairman of the Technical Committee. As well as completely rewriting the class rules, Gilbert developed the innovation that is the revolutionary 'Lamboley test', which is used to control the weight distribution within hulls. Every sailor today still benefits from these standards, knowing that all boats are as alike as possible.

Vernon was a keen and accomplished photographer. He was the third editor of FINNFARE, from 1967 to 1971 and many of his Finn photos littered its pages, as they still do in recent Finn class publications. He captured the uniqueness and beauty of the Finn in a way that many of today's photographers cannot repeat.

Over the years, Vernon Stratton was involved in every aspect of the Finn class and on all levels from grass roots encouragement to Olympic competition. He will always be associated with the Finns and will always be remembered within its ranks.

A full tribute will appear in the next issue of FINNFARE.



## Weymouth and Portland International Regatta 2011 Olympic Test Event

The Weymouth and Portland International Regatta 2011 was the test event for the sailing events of the London 2012 Olympic Games, as part of the London Prepares series. Held over two weeks in August, the Finns sailed 10 races from Saturday 6 to Friday 12 August. Tuesday was a reserve day and Friday was supposed to be a reserve day, but had to be used after Thursday's racing was cancelled due to too strong winds.

There are five course areas used at the Olympic venue (three offshore, one in Portland Harbour and one under the Nothe headland) and the fleet raced on all the courses over the week. The inshore Nothe course is the preferred choice for the medal races, with the grassy slopes beside the old fort being used next year for ticketed seating areas – the first time that sailing events have generated seating revenues.







The Olympic Test Event for Finns started with a two-hour postponement as for the only time that week there wasn't enough wind to race. Generally the conditions were windy to very windy and it proved a far more physically challenging week than any of the 27-strong fleet expected. But if the sailors learned one thing that week, it was that the British weather can never be relied on, and whatever the forecast was, the weather could, and often did, do anything.

Deniss Karpak took the opening race, giving the other sailors some brief hope. Ben Ainslie placed second, but only after starting last after doing penalty turns on the start line following an incident with Piotr Kula. Ainslie then went on to dominate and win the second race of the day to lead overnight.

The second day opened with much stronger, and colder winds, with racing out in the big waves on the western bay course. This suited Pieter Jan Postma fine as he excelled, winning both races in great form, totally dominating the downwind legs. Meanwhile Ainslie was having a few issues tactically and though he was mid fleet for a few mark roundings, produced something special at the end of each race to finish top six and maintain his overall lead.

Jonathan Lobert won the first race on Monday with Postma in second. Ainslie crossed in third and ever so briefly lost the overall lead. However from here on in Ainslie rarely made a mistake and won four of the next five races, and got a second place in the other.

While Lobert slipped up a bit, blaming the tension of the moment, Postma kept the pressure on Ainslie with a string of good results. Despite Ainslie's unbeatable second half scoreline, he was only just creeping out a narrow points margin on Postma.



The final fleet race was the decider. Ainslie wanted more than the eight point gap he had already created, so that he would be more comfortable going into the medal race – on the more unpredictable and shift Nothe course. So with Postma having a larger discard, Ainslie match raced him out of the start. Ainslie started 30 seconds after the gun, with Postma at least another 30 seconds after that.

It looked like both would be heading for their discards, and for Postma this turned out to be the case. For Ainslie though it was another matter. With a show of utter brilliance he pulled through the fleet from 16th at the top mark, to seventh at the first gate and was finally up to second at the final top mark. Then he just sailed past race leader Rafa Trujillo on the run to win his second race of the day and effectively secure the event with a day to spare with an unassailable 19 point lead.

The medal race was a formality. All he had to do was finish cleanly. But that was never going to be good enough for Ainslie, and he succeeded in winning that as well. Lobert kept out of trouble and sailed his own race

to finish third and take the silver medal, while Postma made some mistakes and dropped one place to take home the bronze medal.

With a 31 point winning margin, Ainslie was head and shoulders better than the rest of the fleet. Lobert and Postma had exceptional weeks and while they pushed the Olympic champion at times, the final result was never really in any doubt. A year out from the 2012 Olympic Games Ben Ainslie has already staked his claim. Who would bet any money on him not repeating this same feat next year? Not many, that's for sure.



#### Weymouth and Portland International Regatta 2011 (Olympic Test Event)

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	M	Tot	Net
1	GBR Ben Ainslie	2	1	(6)	5	3	1	1	2	1	1	2	25	19
2	FRA Jonathan Lobert	3	2	3	6	1	(13)	4	7	12	6	6	63	50
3	NED Pieter Jan Postma	12	3	1	1	2	9	5	1	2	(15)	16	67	52
4	ESP Rafael Trujillo	14	5	2	(15)	8	3	3	3	10	2	12	77	62
5	CRO Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic	4	8	4	3	(dsq)	12	2	6	8	4	14	93	65
6	EST Deniss Karpak	1	7	10	12	4	2	9	8	(13)	7	8	81	68
7	NZL Dan Slater	11	18	5	2	(bfd)	4	7	9	6	12	4	106	78
8	DEN Jonas Høgh-Christensen	(dsq)	6	7	7	7	7	8	4	7	5	20	106	78
9	USA Zach Riley	5	9	(26)	8	5	8	16	11	5	9	18	120	94
10	SWE Daniel Birgmark	(dsq)	10	12	10	6	5	20	14	3	8	10	126	98
11	FIN Tapio Nirkko	10	11	8	9	(bfd)	16	12	12	11	11	-	128	100
12	SLO Gasper Vincec	8	4	13	18	(bfd)	6	11	10	19	21	-	138	110
13	CAN Greg Douglas	16	17	9	(25)	12	11	10	5	18	14	-	137	112
14	ITA Filippo Baldassari	13	15	11	13	11	(21)	6	19	9	19	-	137	116
15	AUS Brendan Casey	15	16	15	4	(bfd)	22	14	17	4	10	-	145	117
16	CZE Michael Maier	6	21	14	11	13	19	(24)	13	15	16	-	152	128
17	POL Piotr Kula	20	12	(22)	14	9	15	21	18	22	3	-	156	134
18	GRE Ioannis Mitakis	18	19	19	(20)	16	10	17	16	14	13	-	162	142
19	BRA Jorge Zarif	7	22	18	17	21	14	(25)	15	17	17	-	173	148
20	TUR Alican Kaynar	(24)	13	20	16	10	20	22	21	20	18	-	184	160
21	GER Matthias Miller	17	20	17	23	19	17	13	24	(25)	22	-	197	172
22	AUT Florian Raudaschl	9	23	16	21	20	(26)	19	22	24	24	-	204	178
23	RUS Eduard Skorniyakov	22	24	21	19	14	24	15	20	(dnc)	dnc	-	215	187
24	HUN Gaszton Pal	23	26	(27)	24	18	25	18	23	16	20	-	220	193
25	IND Johal Nachhatar Singh	21	25	25	22	15	18	26	(dnf)	21	23	-	224	196
26	CHN Lei Gong	19	14	24	27	22	23	23	25	23	(ocs)	-	228	200
27	IRL Ross Hamilton	25	(27)	23	26	17	27	27	26	26	25	-	249	222





# ISAF Sailing World Cup 2010-11



The third edition of the ISAF Sailing World Cup followed the same pattern as in previous years with events in Melbourne, Miami, Palma, Hyeres, Medemblik, Kiel and Weymouth. The British sailors won every event and ended up taking the top three places overall. Ben Ainslie won Melbourne, Palma, Hyeres and Weymouth, Giles Scott won Miami and Ed Wright won Medemblik and Kiel. Ainslie took the series from Wright and Scott.

## 4. Semaine Olympique Français, Hyeres

**B**en Ainslie completely dominated Hyeres this year with six race wins out of nine to go into the medal race with an unassailable 29 point lead in the 81 boat fleet. Giles Scott was an early threat with three race wins but then picked up two DNFs to fall out of the running.

Pieter Jan Postma returned to form and had an excellent week. Likewise, Zach Railey had a string of top results. Going into the medal race the fight for silver was between Postma, Railey and Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic, while Daniel Birgmark and Thomas Le Breton could mathematically get bronze. Ainslie led at the top and increased his lead on each leg to win his seventh race and the regatta by 40 points. Railey was fifth, and with Ed Wright in sixth, just ahead of Postma, the silver went to Railey and relegated Postma to bronze, after sitting in second place for much of the week.



Photos: Guillaume Durand, Jean-Marie Liot and US Sailing

### Semaine Olympique Français 2011 - Final Results

1	GBR 3	Ben Ainslie	1	1	7	2	1	1	1	4	3	2	17
2	USA 4	Zach Railey	6	26	9	3	6	2	2	4	3	12	57
3	NED 842	Pieter-Jan Postma	2	2	1	6	4	8	5	12	19	4	58
4	SWE 11	Daniel Birgmark	4	11	5	11	5	3	9	7	9	33	68
5	CRO 524	Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic	5	5	17	10	2	5	6	2	12	6	69
6	FRA 29	Thomas Le Breton	ocs4	15	3	25	4	4	3	5	2	6	71
7	GBR 41	Giles Scott	1	1	7	1	9	16	3	dnf	dnf	10	98
8	GBR 11	Edward Wright	2	3	raf	4	3	6	29	16	20	11	106
9	NZL 1	Dan Slater	10	6	1	1	22	ocs	11	14	27	8	118
10	ITA 123	Filippo Baldassari	11	14	4	8	2	dnf	18	17	8	23	125
11	EST 2	Deniss Karpak	107										
12	ITA 146	Michele Paoletti	107										
13	SLO 5	Gaspar Vincenc	107										
14	ESP 100	Rafael Trujillo	108										
15	GER 771	Jan Kurfeld	109										
16	ITA 117	Giorgio Poggi	121										
17	CZE 1	Mike Maier	124										
18	POL 7	Rafal Szukiel	130										
19	SLO 573	Vasilij Zbogor	131										
20	CRO 25	Marin Misura	132										
21	FIN 218	Tapio Nirkko	133										
22	FRA 112	Jonathan Lobert	133										
23	GBR 88	Mark Andrews	134										
24	DEN 2	Jonas Hoegh Christensen	135										
25	POL 17	Piotr Kula	139										
26	AUS 1	Brendan Casey	143										
27	GRE 77	Ioannis Mitakis	153										
28	CHN 1226	Lei Gong	155										
29	AUT 3	Florian Raudaschl	155										
30	BRA 109	Jorge Zarif	166										
31	NZL 10	Matt Coutts	170										
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63	HUN 8	Marton Beliczay	211
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76	IRL 4	Ross Hamilton	272
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78	USA 74	Henry Sprague	308
79	TUR 35	Efe Kuyumcu	316
80	USA 60	Iain Woolward	364



## 5. Delta Lloyd Regatta, Medemblik

With the competition heating up for Sail for Gold the following week, the Delta Lloyd Regatta ended up with a titan battle between the European Champion Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic and World Champion Ed Wright. No one else really got much of a look in.

The strong winds allowed these gladiators of the sailing world to really show their stuff, with three out of the four days actually sailed in winds of over 20 knots. The two champions were tied with a first and second each after day one. Wright then moved ahead with a 3, 1 on the lighter second day

before day three was lost with winds of over 35 knots sweeping the harbour.

Kljakovic Gaspic evened things up on day four with a 1, 3 while Wright could only manage a 4, 4 after capsizing at the top mark in winds of 25 knots. Day five was also lost because of too strong winds.

So it came down to the medal race sailed in 15-18 knots. Wright immediately pulled out in front and was never threatened for the race win. Kljakovic Gaspic took a bad shift and ended up fighting to get back into

the race. But he did just that, taking four boats on the first downwind, and one on the second beat to move into third, with just the local hero Pieter Jan Postma between him and the gold medal.

However Postma's game was raised and unaware he was the key element in who won the gold, fought like a Trojan to the enthralling finish, just boatlengths ahead of the battling Croatian to hand the gold to Wright on a plate.

Kljakovic Gaspic had to settle for silver while Australian Brendan Casey took the bronze, despite capsizing on the downwind and finishing the medal race in ninth.

### Delta Lloyd Regatta 2011 - Final Results

1	GBR 11	Edward Wright	2	1	4	1	4	1	14	41	IRL 4	Ross Hamilton	175
2	CRO 524	Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic	1	2	2	9	1	3	15	42	CAN 26	Paul Brikis	185
3	AUS 1	Brendan Casey	6	4	34	3	3	2	36	43	NED 29	Bas De Waal	185
4	SLO 5	Gaspar Vincec	3	13	6	4	14	8	42	44	NED 909	Simeon Tienpont	193
5	NED 842	Pieter-Jan Postma	10	5	17	11	2	13	45	45	NED 7	Cees Scheurwater	207
6	SLO 573	Vasilij Zbogor	5	12	1	6	bfd	12	50	46	GBR 18	James Hadden	214
7	POL 17	Piotr Kula	7	14	35	2	7	6	52	47	HUN 10	Richard Hirschler	220
8	CAN 5	Greg Douglas	4	6	12	8	40	18	58	48	GRE 41	Panagiotis Kotsovos	222
9	CRO 25	Marin Misura	8	10	18	5	8	15	58	49	NED 54	Joos Bos	223
10	POL 7	Rafal Szukiel	12	19	7	7	18	11	ocs	50	DEN 262	Bo Teglers	226
										51	BUL 855	Dimitar Vangelov	232
										52	GER 501	Fabian Lemmel	234
11	USA 619	Caleb Paine	69	26	CHN 42	Ai Ming Cheng	118			53	GRE 71	Panagiotis Davourlis	237
12	CZE 1	Michael Maier	76	27	CHN 6	Gong Lei	119			54	GER 129	Walter Siemers	241
13	AUS 2	Rob McMillan	78	28	EST 11	Lauri Vainsalu	123			55	NED 724	Stefan Marechal	252
14	BRA 109	Jorge Zarif	82	29	AUS 261	Oliver Tweddell	124			56	NED 50	Jan Zetzema	278
15	NZL 1	Dan Slater	83	30	TUR 21	Alican Kaynar	124			57	NED 835	Jaap Goede	282
16	CHN 8	Cheng Cheng Kong	85	31	CAN 110	Martin Robitaille	128			58	NED 22	Peter Hubregtsen	289
17	UKR 1	Oleksiy Borysov	90	32	TUR 7	Akif Muslubas	138			59	NED 8	Rodrick Casander	293
18	UKR 5	Gusenko Andrii	90	33	CHN 43	Li Zhen	139			60	USA 81	Joshua Revkin	300
19	NED 83	Timo Hagoort	91	34	HUN 6	Gaszton Pal	143			61	NED 100	Arend van der Sluis	301
20	AUS 235	Timothy Castles	91	35	GER 64	Lennart Luttkus	146			62	SVK 15	Slavomir Sopuch	314
21	CHN 1	Zhang Peng	92	36	DEN 46	Kaspar Andresen	147			63	NED 110	Diederik Sarels v. Rijn	316
22	CZE 52	Tomas Vika	95	37	NED 787	Nanno Schuttrups	160			64	NED 941	Pim Mommersteeg	317
23	TUR 211	Ali Kemal Tufekci	98	38	USA 21	Gordon Lamphere	166			65	USA 56	Charles Heimler	322
24	POL 1	Jakub Dumara	100	39	HUN 8	Marton Beliczay	168			66	USA 74	Henry Sprague	328
25	NED 841	Hein van Egmond	110	40	AUS 11	Shaun Wells	174						



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## 6. Skandia Sail for Gold, Weymouth

Ben Ainslie's march back to the top continued with his third successive ISAF Sailing World Cup victory. Defeat was never going to be an option for him during the generally windy week.

Five race wins put Ainslie clear ahead of the fleet and but for a different decision he could easily have gone into the medal race in an

unassailable position. As is was he had to leave the match racing against Giles Scott until the final day and did enough damage to ensure that Scott finished at the back of the fleet.

Scott sailed an incredible regatta under immense pressure and should now be considered one of the very best Finn sailors in the world. Third placed Ivan Kljakovic

Gaspic sails well under pressure and this week was a no pressure event for him and he still managed third.

Ainslie went into the medal race with a 16 point lead over Scott and match raced him out of the start and then sailed him down the fleet to assure himself of the gold. Meanwhile Ed Wright took the lead from Andrew Mills and led to the finish. A fifth for Kljakovic Gaspic was enough to take the bronze.

Ainslie said, "It's been a really tough week physically with strong winds so I'm really pleased to have come out on top. It's been hard work, I won't hide from that fact. It was one of the toughest events I think I've ever done physically."

Scott commented, "It was all stacked against me. I'd be lying if I said I was pleased with silver. I came here to win. Ben sailed a fantastic week."

### Sail for Gold 2011 - Final Results

1	GBR 3	Ben Ainslie	2	(7)	1	1	1	1	6	4	1	5	20	42
2	GBR 41	Giles Scott	6	3	(9)	3	2	2	4	9	8	1	18	56
3	CRO 524	Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic	3	2	5	6	4	8	(22)	2	13	6	8	57
4	GBR 11	Ed Wright	9	18	4	9	6	(23)	3	1	3	8	2	63
5	DEN 2	Jonas Hoegh-Christensen	4	4	12	2	(23)	4	12	6	6	12	14	76
6	NZL 1	Slater Dan	1	1	10	10	5	9	10	17	2	(23)	12	77
7	FRA 112	Jonathan Lobert	8	12	18	5	8	3	2	(27)	10	2	10	78
8	GBR 85	Andrew Mills	15	5	6	8	16	12	5	7	(31)	13	6	93
9	SWE 11	Daniel Birgmark	rdg	19	(20)	13	11	11	7	3	5	7	16	102.4
10	USA 4	Zach Railey	5	17	13	4	3	21	(28)	20	7	9	4	103



11	ESP 100	Rafael Trujillo	107	32	AUT 3	Florian Raudaschl	260	53	USA 74	Henry Sprague	461
12	GBR 88	Mark Andrews	107	33	RUS 1	Alexey Selivanov	285	54	CAN 9	Rob Hemming	469
13	NED 842	Pieter-Jan Postma	113	34	POL 17	Piotr Kula	291	55	FRA 21	Mathieu C d Verdier	479
14	FRA 29	Thomas Le Breton	121	35	CZE 52	Tomas Vika	295	56	AUS 11	Shaun Wells	497
15	SLO 5	Gasper Vincenc	124	36	AUS 2	Rob McMillan	318	57	LTU 7	Tauras Rymonis	513
16	SLO 573	Vasilij Zbogor	124	37	CAN 110	Martin Robitaille	322	58	GBR 23	Harry Briddon	521
17	FIN 218	Tapio Nirkko	163	38	SUI 5	Christoph Christen	325	59	USA 81	Joshua Revkin	540
18	USA 1140	Caleb Paine	170	39	CAN 902	Brendan Wilton	326				
19	SWE 736	Johan Tillander	174	40	USA 40	Luke Lawrence	331				
20	GER 771	Jan Kurfeld	180	41	EST 11	Lauri Väinsalu	345				
21	SWE 6	Bjorn Allansson	182	42	AUS 235	Timothy Castles	353				
22	EST 2	Deniss Karpak	184	43	GER 127	Julian Massler	359				
23	AUS 261	Oliver Tweddell	186	44	SUI 84	Silvan Hofer	377				
24	AUS 1	Brendan Casey	189	45	TUR 35	Efe Kuyumcu	379				
25	NED 83	Timo Hagoort	215	46	CAN 26	Paul Brikis	394				
26	NZL 8	Matt Coutts	217	47	GER 712	Christoph Froh	420				
27	ITA 123	Filippo Baldassari	228	48	USA 21	Gordon Lamphere	422				
28	POL 7	Rafal Szukiel	228	48	GBR 18	James Hadden	422				
29	GER 151	Matthias Miller	232	50	IRL 4	Ross Hamilton	426				
30	BRA 109	Jorge Zarif	240	51	SUI 63	Thomas Gautschi	439				
31	CAN 5	Greg Douglas	247	52	NZL 7	Bradley Douglas	447				





## 7. Kieler Woche

The seventh and last event in the ISAF Sailing World Cup, started in full gear with three difficult races sailed in shifty and wet conditions. Jonathan Lobert scored a near perfect day with a fifth in the first race followed by two bullets in heavy showers. Lobert maintained his lead, albeit by a narrow margin after three more races on the second day. Zach Railey was sailing well and up to third, while Ed Wright was keeping it consistent in third.

Railey then dominated day three with two bullets to take the overall lead after eight races. Lobert dropped to second while Wright remained in third but extended on the

fleet. Then day four was cancelled because of not enough wind, so it came down to the medal race and it couldn't have been tighter.

After trailing the front runners all week, Wright turned it around with a third place in the medal race to win. The top three were only split on count back with each tied on 30 points. Lobert ended up second while Railey, had to settle for third. The race win went to Deniss Karpak, who placed fourth overall.

The medal race was a shifty affair with big place changes throughout though the job was done for Wright on the second upwind. Karpak went on to win the race from Thomas

Le Breton with Wright in third. Wright was just one place ahead of Lobert, and that was enough to equal his score, while Railey lost crucial distance on the second upwind to finish in sixth and lose the overall lead.

Wright described his day, "I may have trailed all week but it was all still very close on points. I knew the medal race was in close to the shore and very shifty and gusty, so anything could happen. So I was confident it would be an open race. In the end the points worked out perfectly for my win. The racing all week was efficient and after all the waiting in the last couple of events it was a very enjoyable change. We had a range of conditions so the racing was fun."

Railey said, "My plan was to just race my race as points were so close. But it was a race with lots of changes and there were some very big shifts. I was on the wrong side of a big one on the second upwind and that pretty much put me in third overall. It was a huge fight all week so for all of us, so to end on the same points shows how close the racing really was all week. I am happy to have a podium finish and we feel like we are making improvements which is the most important for the future. Getting on the podium was the goal this week but it still hurts to not win."

### Kieler Woche 2011 – Final Results

1	GBR 11	Edward Wright	2	6	6	2	(8)	2	4	2	6	30
2	FRA 112	Jonathan Lobert	5	1	1	(7)	6	1	3	3	10	30
3	USA 4	Zach Railey	1	(9)	2	5	4	4	1	1	12	30
4	EST 2	Deniss Karpak	(8)	3	7	6	1	3	5	5	2	32
5	FRA 29	Thomas le Breton	6	4	3	(12)	10	5	2	6	4	40
6	GER 151	Matthias Miller	3	(12)	5	11	7	7	6	7	18	64
7	SWE 6	Björn Allansson	(16)	2	4	15	9	9	8	4	14	65
8	GER 771	Jan Kurfeld	11	10	11	9	5	6	11	(12)	8	71
9	USA 1140	Caleb Paine	4	14	9	3	(22)	13	9	10	16	78
10	AUT 3	Florian Raudaschl	9	7	13	4	11	8	(17)	9	20	81



Photos: Kieler Woche

11	AUS 261	Oliver Tweddell	65	24	GER 193	Thomas Schmid	157	37	POL 10	Malag Maciej	246
12	GRE 77	Ioannis Mitakis	72	25	HUN 8	Marton Beliczay	163	38	HUN 728	Haidekker Elemer	251
13	RUS 9	Eduard Skorniyakov	102	26	POL 12	Milosz Wojewski	171	39	GBR 7	George Cooper	252
14	AUS 235	Tim Castles	106	27	LIT 7	Rymonis Tauras	183	40	GER 127	Julian Massler	253
15	RUS 73	Vitaly Rozhkov	108	28	GER 203	Hartmut Duisberg	183	41	SWE 801	David Berg	276
16	EST 11	Lauri Väinsalu	112	29	USA 21	Gordon Lamphere	186	42	ITA 978	Michele Sandrucci	286
17	NED 841	Hein van Egmond	119	30	RUS 91	Vyacheslav Sivenkov	198	43	NZL 8	Matt Coutts	307
18	HUN 6	Gasztón Pal	119	31	POL 11	Artur Ponieczynski	219	44	GER 65	Stefan Kreiss	311
19	POL 1	Jakub Dumara	122	32	GER 165	Dirk Meid	224	45	GER 136	Christian Teichmann	327
20	RUS 57	Egor Terpigorev	126	33	HUN 10	Richard Hirschler	228	46	GER 1000	Ulrich Heinemann	333
21	GER 772	Ulli Kurfeld	148	34	GBR 18	James Hadden	231	47	GER 207	Patrick Backes	336
22	POL 9	Tomek Kosmicki	152	35	GER 81	Jan-Dietmar Dellas	235				
23	NZL 7	Bradley Douglas	154	36	GER 27	Matthias Wolff	243				





# European Championships, Helsinki

Following close after the end of the Sailing World Cup events, there were several big names missing at the Europeans, but such is the depth of the class that 71 sailors made the trip to Helsinki for a week of very tight, competitive racing, that wasn't decided until the final moments of the medal race. Giles Scott took his first ever major Finn championship, with defending champion Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic a very close second, while Andrew Mills sailed probably his best regatta ever to pick up the bronze, his first major medal in the class. The event was sailed as part of the Open Europeans Helsinki 2011, with most of the other Olympic classes holding their championships at the same time.

When the fleet arrived there was barely four knots, but it soon picked up to 12-16 knots, with great waves and close racing. Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic rounded the top mark just behind Pieter Jan Postma and built a nice lead, but almost lost it downwind with Deniss Karpak going wide to the right and closing right up to finish a close second.

In the second race, Ed Wright rounded first, with Rafa Trujillo in second. However it was Mills, who rounded in fifth, who took the lead at the bottom of the downwind and then led to the finish, to win by less than a boatlength from Scott and Postma. The final race of the day was much the same with a few larger waves starting to build making for some

going quite quickly, but once you're on them you could keep surfing and you were gone."

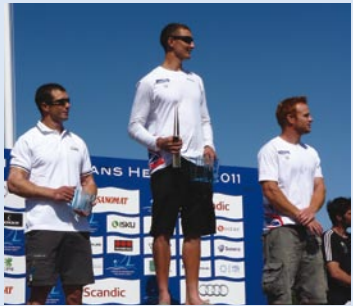
### Day 3

Race 4 finally started with a black flag up. Kljakovic Gaspic capitalised on a big left hand shift after starting at the pin and led round the top mark. Marin Misura came through to second. The final downwind was decisive. The majority of the fleet favoured the right side, but with current setting left to right, sailed a big arc which allowed Thomas Le Breton and Florian Raudaschl to climb around 15 places to cross third and fourth.

Le Breton said, "I had a good run on the left, with more pressure and some small

### European Championships 2011 - Final Results

1	GBR 41	Giles Scott	(9)	2	3	8	7	1	1	3	4	3	2	34
2	CRO 524	Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic	1	4	(17)	1	2	3	5	4	1	5	8	34
3	GBR 85	Andrew Mills	5	1	1	11	4	5	10	2	12	(33)	16	67
4	FRA 29	Thomas Le Breton	6	9	7	3	(17)	12	4	5	8	8	18	80
5	NED 842	Pieter Jan Postma	3	3	2	5	20	18	14	1	(54)	7	14	87
6	SLO 573	Vasilij Zbogor	7	12	15	14	8	6	12	7	(21)	2	12	95
7	SWE 11	Daniel Birgmark	8	13	16	10	1	(20)	9	11	11	14	4	97
8	ESP 100	Rafael Trujillo	16	5	5	(34)	14	2	3	6	20	20	6	97
9	GBR 11	Ed Wright	11	10	4	12	9	8	7	9	(23)	17	10	97
10	CRO 25	Marin Misura	17	6	21	2	5	21	21	17	(35)	1	ocs	133



### Day 1

The opening day did not quite live up to expectations. High pressure and no wind meant a long, hot day ashore waiting for the wind to arrive. Finn PRO, Peter 'Luigi' Reggio, eventually cancelled racing for the day, so by the second day the fleet was already in catch up mode.

fantastic sailing. Mills was having a great day, leading at the top mark and extending on every leg to take his second race win of the day and led overnight.

In the Juniors, Egor Terpigorev had a 10 point lead over Josip Olujic, with Julian Massler further back in third.

current at the end and I just crossed in front of everyone, so that was nice." Raudaschl, who recovered from 40th at the first mark, said. "I was hitting the corners every time, just sailing free of the fleet, and also had a bit of luck."

### Day 2

The fleet was rewarded with three spectacular races in almost perfect sailing conditions.

Mills said, "Both sides were coming in at times, so just going fast and getting some clear air was the key today. The waves were

After a long wait, race 6 started in 5-6 knots. Daniel Birgmark led at the top mark from Mills and Kljakovic Gaspic. Positions didn't change much until the final run, when Rafal Szukiel attacked and passed Mills while Kljakovic Gaspic had made a serious dent in Birgmark's comfortable lead, but not enough stop the Swede from winning.

Birgmark, said, "On the last downwind, Ivan had really good speed and was super fast and it was hard to stay ahead." After five races, Kljakovic Gaspic took the lead from Mills and Postma drops to third. In the Junior European Championship, Olujic narrowed the gap to 10 points behind Terpigorev.

Kljakovic Gaspic said, "You know how it goes in light winds, so it was tricky, and always difficult. It was risky at times, to make calls and decide where to go and what to do so I am pretty happy with what I did today."





## Day 4

Three races on Tuesday in moderately strong winds brought the fleet back on schedule. The day started wet and windless and ended sunny and spectacular with 14-16 knots winds and fantastic surfing waves.

Race 6 started under black flag in 10-12 knots with Oscar flag for free pumping going up at the first mark and staying up for the rest of the day. Scott rounded the top mark first and extended on each and every leg to take a great win.

Timo Haggort was the early leader in Race 7 from Trujillo and Birgmark. Trujillo rounded the gate ahead and looked to be heading for an

easy win. However the wrong gybe at the last top mark allowed Scott and Giorgio Poggi to sail past in more pressure for first and second.

Race 8, was characterised by a large left shift on the first beat, with Postma opening up a nice lead and extending throughout. Trujillo again rounded in second, but faded away to sixth, letting Mills and Scott through to second and third.

Rafa, "I had a few issues downwind, today, but my starting was better. I also had a clear strategy and after I had two good races, I had no energy left in the third. Giles is clearly the fastest guy here downwind."



11	EST 2	Deniss Karpak	2	7	9	16	16	17	18	(20)	17	9	111
12	SWE 736	Johan Tillander	12	16	11	18	24	4	(29)	10	2	16	113
13	FRA 112	Jonathan Lobert	4	11	6	36	10	15	8	8	(dnf)	15	113
14	ITA 117	Giorgio Poggi	15	25	14	9	6	(35)	2	12	13	24	120
15	GRE 77	Ioannis Mitakis	4	18	10	15	28	11	20	(38)	3	6	135
16	POL 7	Rafal Szukiel	25	26	(29)	13	3	16	23	14	5	18	143
17	POL 17	Piotr Kula	13	17	18	(50)	11	10	15	23	38	4	149
18	FIN 218	Tapio Nirkko	10	28	13	22	29	7	11	24	(32)	11	155
19	NED 83	Timo Hagoort	18	14	22	24	(40)	28	6	18	22	10	162
20	UKR 1	Oleksiy Borysov	21	8	12	23	(37)	13	24	27	24	27	179
21	AUT 3	Raudaschl Florian	20	35	(38)		22	22	31	15	14	19	182
22	SWE 6	Björn Allansson	26	22	8	17	31	9	19	37	(45)	22	191
23	CZE 52	Tomas Vika	28	15	28	33	23	23	28	13	10	(ocs)	201
24	CZE 1	Michael Maier	32	20	20	30	30	24	13	21	(40)	13	203
25	GER 771	Jan Kurfeld	(31)	23	24	28	15	27	16	29	30	12	204
26	EST 11	Lauri Väinsalu	36	32	19	(44)	32	14	26	19	19	29	226
27	RUS 9	Eduard Skorniyakov	22	24	35	6	(dsq)	25	43	35	7	32	229
28	GER 151	Miller Matthias	14	27	(ocs)	32	13	19	17	28	46	34	230
29	POL 1	Jakub Dumara	40	36	37	7	12	(50)	27	22	25	42	248
30	UKR 5	Gusenko Andrii	27	19	26	27	38	31	33	32	(59)	21	254
31	CRO 11	Josip Olujic (J)	34	30	25	(51)	25	30	25	44	36	30	279
32	HUN 6	Gaszton Pal	35	29	40	21	(64)	42	34	34	6	40	281
33	TUR 21	Alican Kaynar	23	21	31	62	(65)	33	22	26	41	23	282
34	NED 841	Hein Van Egmond	42	31	32	(57)	50	26	32	16	37	25	291
35	RUS 57	Egor Terpigorev (J)	19	37	23	26	46	32	30	45	(56)	39	297
36	RUS 73	Rozhkov Vitaly	30	33	30	(55)	35	38	35	43	27	26	297
37	RUS 1	Aleksey Selivanov	(dsq)	38	27	42	18	47	53	40	16	37	318
38	RUS 777	Ivan Izmestyev	(41)	40	33	31	34	39	39	36	31	38	321
39	HUN 8	Marton Beliczay	33	34	42	35	39	36	(45)	30	39	35	323
40	GER 127	Julian Massler (J)	39	39	34	(bfd)	48	37	36	33	33	28	327
41	TUR 7	Akif Muslubas	37	43	41	37	26	46	49	(62)	9	41	329
42	RUS 14	Dmitriy Tereshkin	29	45	36	47	19	29	42	39	52	(dsq)	338
43	NED 787	Nanno Schuttrups	38	(46)	44	45	42	34	38	41	28	44	354
44	POL 12	Milosz Wojewski (J)	53	42	50	19	21	55	54	(60)	29	43	366
45	USA 21	Gordon Lamphere	45	47	39	(64)	45	45	48	25	51	36	381
46	BUL 855	Dimitar Vangelov (J)	55	50	48	29	47	44	(57)	42	44	50	409
47	RUS 711	Dmitry Petrov	46	44	47	25	33	58	56	(63)	43	62	414
48	BUL 24	Mihail Kopanov	47	56	52	40	27	40	50	57	(58)	56	425
49	LTU 7	Tauras Rymonis	48	58	(62)	49	56	57	40	31	55	31	425
50	IRL 4	Ross Hamilton	43	41	43	(66)	55	52	37	59	61	45	436
51	RUS 91	Vyacheslav Sivenkov (J)	51	55	51	46	(59)	43	58	51	34	54	443
52	CZE 81	Tomas Hrnal (J)	(57)	52	46	54	53	51	41	55	49	46	447
53	GBR 18	James Hadden (J)	50	59	60	(63)	49	54	55	48	26	53	454
54	RUS 111	Andrey Yanitskiy (J)	52	63	58	20	36	56	62	46	63	(64)	456
55	GRE 41	Panagiotis Kotsovos	44	51	53	(65)	52	49	47	50	62	49	457
56	POL 11	Artur Ponieczynski (J)	59	57	49	38	41	48	59	(61)	48	59	458
57	EST 12	Martti Kinkar	56	61	55	53	44	(62)	61	53	18	60	461
58	HUN 10	Richard Hirschler (J)	49	49	59	52	62	41	44	58	(69)	52	466
59	GRE 71	Panagiotis Davourlis	62	54	54	39	63	60	52	47	(64)	48	479
60	SWE 75	Johan Wijk	54	62	56	(bfd)	60	63	46	54	57	47	499
61	CZE 11	Patrik Deutscher (J)	(dnf)	60	63	41	43	65	68	56	42	63	501
62	SUI 63	Thomas Gautschi	(dnf)	48	45	60	51	64	63	65	50	55	501
63	GRE 21	Antonis Tsotras (J)	58	53	57	43	58	53	51	dnf	(65)	58	503
64	POL 10	Maciej Malag (J)	60	(65)	64	48	57	61	60	49	47	65	511
65	SWE 60	Adam Svärd	66	71	69	(bfd)	54	68	67	64	15	68	542
66	RUS 17	Vasiliy Kravchenko	61	(69)	61	56	61	66	65	52	67	61	550
67	LTU 27	Rytis Bagdziunas	64	67	68	59	66	59	(70)	68	60	51	562
68	HUN 728	Elemer Haidekker (J)	63	64	67	61	(68)	67	64	66	53	66	571
69	RUS 7	Alexander Novikov	65	68	65	68	(69)	69	66	67	68	57	593
70	SWE 740	Henrik Rydell	67	66	66	58	67	(dnc)	dns	dns	70	67	605
71	SWE 800	Erik Åberg	68	70	(dnf)	67	70	dnf	69	dns	66	69	623





In the Juniors, things were getting tight. Terpigorev had a one point lead over Olujic, while Julian Massler had moved to third.

Scott said, *"I had a better day. It was kind of needed actually. The race was quite nice and comfortable for me, and stress free. I was also very much aware we had three races and I did just enough to keep the lead over Rafa. It's put a bit of pressure on Ivan."*

#### Day 5

Wednesday in Helsinki brought light and shifty wins and cascades of large threatening clouds, causing problems for the race officer as well as the sailors. When Race 9 finally got underway, most of the fleet went right, but it soon became clear that the left was going to pay. Ioannis Mitakis led round the top mark just ahead of Kljakovic Gaspic. Lots of the favourites were deep.

Scott, rounded in eighth and the chase was on. Kljakovic Gaspic took the lead at the gate and looked to have it in the bag. However Johan Tillander, who passed the gate in 35th, went hard right and rounded the second top mark in second. He almost passed the Croatian downwind, but Kljakovic Gaspic narrowly won his third race. Mitakis held on for third, while Scott climbed to fourth.

Tillander said, *"I had to do something. I was so far back, and I saw the black cloud to the right and took a chance."*

After a wait for the breeze to stabilise Race 10 got underway with Postma leading at the top. Misura pulled through downwind to sail



away to a great race win. Both Kljakovic Gaspic and Scott were in the chasing pack and pulled through three or four boats each on the final downwind. Scott finished third to Kljakovic Gaspic's fifth.

The net result of the day was that Kljakovic Gaspic had extended his lead by just one point. It was all down to the medal race. Scott, *"It was quite a tricky day. The first race was very shifty, all over the place and insanely difficult to manage. I am really looking forward to the medal race. We are both 20 points clear so it's going to be good fun."*

In the Juniors, Olujic had built an 18 point lead over Terpigorev, who was 29 points ahead of third placed Massler.

#### Day 6

The championship ended as it began, with the sailors held on ashore in high temperatures and little wind, as postponement followed postponement. Eventually the final fleet race was called off, but the medal race got underway about an hour later.

Scott put Kljakovic Gaspic under pressure from the start, and the Croatian started behind. Misura was the early leader but was OCS. Scott overtook him on the second upwind and extended to the finish as the wind topped 10 knots and Oscar was raised for free pumping. Kljakovic Gaspic crossed in fourth, on equal points with Scott, so Scott won the title on the medal race result.

The second battle going on was between third placed Mills and fourth placed Le Breton for the bronze. Mills took the challenge to Le Breton in the pre-start and having got ahead, covered him throughout the race, both finishing at the back.

The three medalists mounted the very same podium that the Finn heroes, Paul Elvstrøm. Charles Currey and Rickard Sarby did 59 years previously at the 1952 Olympics, where the Finn was first used.

Scott was ecstatic in his victory, his first major senior championship win and coming weeks after his disappointment at losing the

British trials for the Olympic test event. His first reaction, *"Total relief!"* He continued, *"It was always going to be tricky in that wind, especially with an individual recall. I am over the moon. I needed to beat him and get boats between us so I could only do so much in the pre-start, I just wanted to ruffle his feathers. I got a reasonably cautious start and headed out to the right and managed to find the lead."*

Kljakovic Gaspic said, *"Giles had a really good week, congratulations to him because he was the perfect sailor, sailing hard and today, I was a just little below his level, but overall it was really good sailing from both of us this week."*

Mills said, on winning his first major championship medal, *"It feels really good. I was just really happy that the race went well and the plan worked. We were even off the line, but I managed to get the better of him and sat on him all the way round."*

The Junior title goes to Josip Olujic. Going into the regatta as one of the favourites for the Junior title, he trailed Egor Terpigorev from the opening day and only passed him on the tricky races on Wednesday. In third place is the fast improving Julian Massler.

Olujic said, *"I am very happy with this, as after four years of sailing the Finn I finally won it. I was always close but now I have it. This is my last year as a junior so this was very important for me. Long term it means that it's a big step to working a lot and more training and trying to do better in the seniors."*

At the prize giving the Vice President of the International Finn Association Tapio Nirkko thanked the host cub Brando Seglare and presented the club's President, Christian Borenus, with a beautiful half model of a Finn. Then the prizes were presented by Esko Rechardt, the 1980 Olympic Finn Gold Medalist and currently Chief of Training and Coaching at the Finnish Sailing and Boating Association.

Top: Medal race start • Left: Piotr Kula • Below: Esko Rechardt presents the junior prizes





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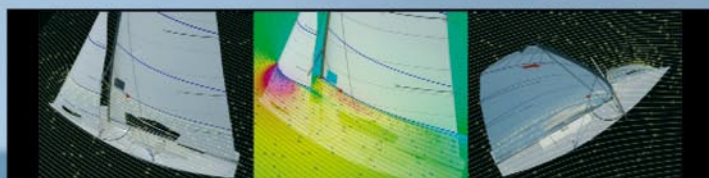
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**S**ince winning the Finn Silver Cup (the Junior World Championship) in 2008, Giles Scott has been pushing the front of international fleets. After finishing third at the 2010 Finn Gold Cup, everyone was expecting bigger and better things in 2011. His main goal for the year was winning the GBR slot at the Olympic Test Event in Weymouth. However after being beaten there by Ben Ainslie, he travelled to the Europeans in Helsinki with only one thought in his mind. FINNFARE spoke with Giles to reflect on the season past and to look ahead to what's next for the new European Champion.

## Giles Scott Interview

### Reflecting on the Europeans, what do you put your win down to this year?

I believe I've made big improvements in my sailing generally this year. I feel my strengths at the Europeans were managing the fleet especially on windward legs and sailing conservatively at the appropriate time. This was key at this event because at times conditions were very unpredictable making it extremely difficult to be sure of either side.

### You looked relaxed going into the event – were you?

I'm not sure I was that relaxed. In fact, it was almost quite the opposite, what with Sail for Gold going the way it did. I really felt it was important to me to prove myself as being a competitor capable of winning major regattas. I don't like to go into regatta too relaxed, I feel it risks making you complacent.

### Has it improved your confidence going forward?

Definitely. Every win gives a competitor a huge confidence boost and I'm no different. I hope to take it with me to the Worlds in Perth and keep focused.

### What is the plan for the rest of the year and the lead up to Perth?

I've just had 4 weeks off, which has been much needed and great fun. I did the D-one Worlds in Garda, and Cowes Week on a SB3, both good party-like sailing events but with a competitive edge. It was good to do some sailing in a much more relaxed environment but still be learning new skills from different kinds of sailing. So now I'll slowly begin to get back in the boat and in shape for Perth. I'll be training in Weymouth until November then we'll be out there for

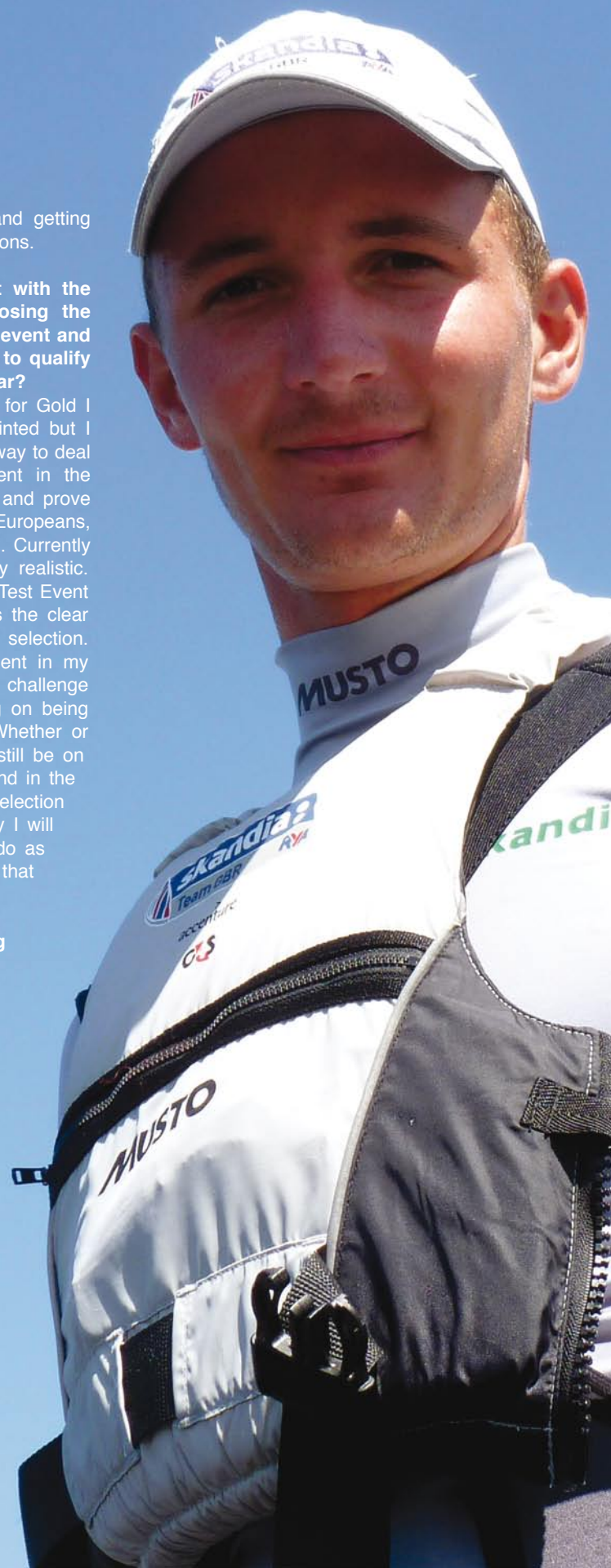
a month of training and getting familiar with the conditions.

### How have you dealt with the disappointment of losing the UK trials for the test event and refocusing on trying to qualify the Olympics next year?

After not winning Sail for Gold I was naturally disappointed but I decided that the best way to deal with the disappointment in the short term was to go and prove that I could win the Europeans, which was great to do. Currently I'm trying to stay very realistic. Ben has just won the Test Event by some margin so is the clear favourite for team selection. However, I am confident in my abilities and love a challenge so I am concentrating on being successful in Perth. Whether or not the UK trials will still be on is out of my control and in the hands of the British Selection Committee. Either way I will be going to Perth to do as well as I can, and after that we'll see.

### Was there anything you look back on at Sail for Gold that you might have done differently?

Yes, there's always things that I would have done





differently when I look back at events whether I won or not. In my opinion I was beaten because I didn't round windward marks in good enough positions, meaning I was constantly on the catch up. So perhaps my starting and first beats weren't quite where they needed to be. This is something I'll be working on.

#### **Sum up your thoughts on the year ahead and whether you are yet thinking as far ahead as 2016 or 2020?**

My thoughts about next year are very much dependent on the decisions made by the selection committee over the next few months. Looking further ahead I definitely still hope to be sailing the Finn in 2016. I would however like to be able to try to combine my Olympic sailing with some big boat sailing especially early on in the next 4-year cycle.

#### **Is there anything you'd like to see happen on the circuit in terms of format, events, prizes etc that can be reasonably achieved?**

I think the World Cup Series is a great idea but there is still some way to go in making it an interesting spectacle. For instance the final prize giving ceremony for the World Cup Series winners over the last two years has in my opinion been a bit of an anti-climax. It has been a tiny addition at the end of the final World Cup event's prize giving, with pretty small token prizes. If it's to become an important part of the year's sailing calendar then I think issues as simple to solve as these need to be sorted. Also I think the World Cup Series isn't always representative of who has sailed the best over the year. I believe this to be because all events get equal points regardless of the quality of the field competing. It's almost at the point where he who travels most wins. Obviously this is good to encourage more entries at regattas around the World, but isn't necessarily the best way of awarding the overall best sailor of the season. There are lessons here to be learnt from other sports.

#### **What do you think the class can do to better market itself?**

There's so much potential with the internet these days and lower costs of video production that well put together highlight shows of major regattas should be produced with a split focus on qualifying and medal racing. With this it's important to be sure viewers get a clear understanding of what is happening, regardless of their individual knowledge of sailing. This I believe can be achieved with clever editing and an informed quality commentary over the top.

#### **You have generated a reputation as fast downwind in free pumping. Can you explain a little about the techniques and how to get the boat moving as fast as possible?**

Obviously the fleet has been through a bit of a change with the pumping rule being brought down to 10 knots. The biggest difference this has had is that the most physically demanding conditions are now in the range of 10-14 knots. So being fit is now more important than ever, but fitness alone is not enough to get you moving fast. The crucial things are the timings of the pumps, rocks, the decision to steer high or low for any given wave. It is also important to have the ability to do this whilst still focusing on your overall downwind tactics and strategy.



#### **When starting, do you prefer to be conservative or will you always challenge for the favoured end?**

I'll switch between the two depending on the conditions and how important I think it will be to get out to a side. If getting to a side is important I'll risk a start at an end. If not I'll try to have a nice lane.

#### **How do you see yourself as an upwind sailor - conservative or risk taker - and how do you decide which of these strategies to take in each race?**

As a whole I'm a conservative sailor, but knowing when to take risks is definitely a good skill to have and one I am developing. I like to sail in a controlling position of the fleet and never let it get too far away. I like to be able to justify any risks I take. I'll never just take a stab in the dark. I'll try to make sure that when I do take a risk there is reason behind the apparent madness.

#### **How and when did you start sailing and how did it develop?**

My parents introduced me to sailing at about age seven on Grahame Water near to Cambridge briefly in an Optimist. I slowly got into the junior Topper racing around the UK. I was national champion in Toppers before moving into the Laser Radial, where I was third at the Worlds and at the Europeans. At the age of 15 I moved into the Laser and became Laser Youth World Champion in 2005. My Laser career ended in 2006 where I was seventh at the Laser Worlds. Then I moved into the Finn for the ISAF Worlds in Cascais.

#### **When and why did you move into the Finn?**

In 2006 because I outgrew the Laser when I was unable to keep my weight below 84 kilos.

#### **What is the attraction of Finn sailing for you?**

I see it as a proper sailors' boat, where everything works as it should do. It's a very physical boat but a real pleasure to sail.

#### **Why do you think that spending so much energy, money and time, year after year, is worth trying to win an Olympic medal?**

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# Silver Cup, Moscow

The 2011 Finn Silver Cup for the Jorg Bruder Trophy was officially opened on Monday in Moscow with the raising of the flags from Russia, the Moscow School Khlebnikovo, and the Finn class.

The Junior World championship returned to Moscow after four years, welcoming 37 sailors from 14 countries and three continents.

The strong Russian team of 19 sailors included some of the youngest Finn sailors. The Kotlyarov brothers from St Petersburg are 16 and 15 years old and have been sailing the Finn since the age of 13. The Finn tradition is very much alive in Russia at all age levels.

A new addition to the Finn family, was Kyrgyzstan with Vladimir Solenyi who switched his Laser for the Finn and represented the Asian continent.

While some sailors took their own boats, many others enjoyed the opportunity to use boats and masts provided graciously by the Moscow Sailing School. Sixty complete boats from 2005 were made available to the sailors and are frequently used by Russian and neighbour countries sailors during national regattas.

The championship was preceded by a clinic given by 1996 Finn Olympian Paul McKenzie, focusing on upwind and downwind heel, free pumping technique, and sail trim for the beginners on shore following by sessions on the water with a lot of video taken of the sailors. He said, "The standard is very good for such a big group, and they all seem to help each other to learn quickly."



Photos: Anna Geroeva

## Day 1

The wind was very light and patchy over the course and the guys who took the right along the shore came out in front of the group in the centre or left.

The young 17 year old Russian sailor Arkadiy Kistanov made the most of his knowledge of the lake by rounding the top mark ahead of the fleet and winning the race. He said, "Today it was a real advantage to know the lake and the wind here. This is my fourth year in the Finn and training for all this time at the MSS helped me a lot today." With unpredictable and unsettled conditions, the sailors were sent back to the shore in hope for a better breeze in the remaining days."

## Day 3

After Day 2 was lost with no wind the race committee was determined to get at least



one more race on the score card. In fact the fleet did not come ashore until 21.00 after a long day.

After a long wait afloat and ashore, there was finally enough wind at around 8-9 knots, which again started to fade away to 3-4 knots in the latter stages. Artur Kotlyarov finally took the win followed by Oli Tweddell and Sivenkov Viacheslav.

## Silver Cup 2011 - Final Results

1	RUS 6	Arkadiy Kistanov	1	5	2	1	7	(12)	8	11	35
2	POL 1	Milosz Wojewski	(dnf)	6	12	4	8	8	2	3	43
3	POL 11	Artur Ponieczynski	9	10	5	(23)	1	9	3	9	46
4	RUS 111	Andrey Yanitsky	14	14	3	8	4	4	14	(17)	61
5	GER 127	Julian Massler	17	4	1	6	(26)	13	18	6	65
6	HUN 8	Robert Bakoczy	(dnf)	7	4	12	2	6	29	7	67
7	BUL 855	Dimitar Vangelov	10	21	11	5	15	5	5	(24)	72
8	RUS 9	Viktor Filippov	2	22	26	3	5	7	(bfd)	8	73
9	RUS 707	Victor Pilgunov	5	28	(33)	9	6	24	1	2	75
10	RUS 57	Egor Terpigorev	18	(bfd)	34	2	10	1	17	4	86
11	GER 64	Lennart Luttkus	(dnf)	17	9	7	22	2	19	10	86
12	RUS 27	Denis Kotlyarov	7	18	8	15	(dsq)	25	9	5	87
13	RUS 91	Viacheslav Sivenkov	8	3	13	(33)	13	18	21	12	88
14	RUS 151	Vadim Tsvetkov	4	12	(23)	11	11	21	16	13	88
15	RUS 1	Anton Khristoforov	3	27	6	22	(35)	14	7	15	94
16	CZE 81	Tomas Hrnal	21	11	15	26	12	10	(bfd)	1	96
17	AUS 261	Oliver Tweddell	(dnf)	2	22	29	34	3	10	16	116
18	KGZ 69	Vladimir Solenyi	13	(33)	28	18	3	31	4	20	117
19	RUS 28	Artur Kotlyarov	12	1	25	17	(33)	23	13	29	120
20	TUR 27	Gozen Cem	6	9	(36)	24	31	27	12	14	123
21	RUS 711	Aleksandr Nikolaev	15	16	17	13	21	26	22	(35)	130
22	CRO 11	Josip Olujic	11	20	30	14	19	17	(32)	21	132
23	RUS 61	Vadim Volovik	16	15	18	16	16	20	(dsq)	31	132
24	RUS 8	Sergey Akulinichev	19	(36)	14	19	14	22	20	27	135
25	POL 10	Maciej Malag	(dnf)	26	7	10	9	bfd	25	23	138
26	RUS 18	Kirill Melnikov	26	8	24	20	20	(30)	26	19	143
27	AUT 251	Nikolaus Lehner	20	23	21	28	18	15	24	(32)	149
28	UKR 21	Nikolai Petrashov	(dnf)	13	16	36	27	11	28	25	156
29	UKR 5	Evgen Rozdin	(dnf)	29	27	21	23	bfd	6	18	162
30	RUS 771	Victor Potapov	(dnf)	24	32	30	17	28	11	28	170
31	HUN 24	Adam Hejj	24	25	20	25	29	(32)	23	26	172
32	RUS 71	Aleksandr Shutov	23	32	29	(35)	32	33	15	22	186
33	GRE 21	Antonis Tsotras	(dnf)	30	19	27	25	16	bfd	dnf	193
34	RUS 411	Georgiy Grammatchikov	22	19	35	34	28	(dnf)	27	33	198
35	ITA 106	Federico Gattuso	(dnf)	34	10	31	24	29	bfd	34	200
36	RUS 5	Ivan Zabotin	25	31	31	32	30	34	31	(36)	214
37	HUN 77	Szabolcs Levente Pajor	(dnf)	35	dnc	dnc	dnc	19	30	30	228





#### Day 4

The fourth day finally produced some great racing. The race committee used every chance, every opportunity to get a race in. There was a steady 4-6 knot breeze throughout the day, which enabled three good races to be sailed.

The first race was won by Julian Massler after a good start, reading the shifts well and controlling his competitors. He won from Kistanov and Andrey Yanitsky. In



the next race, Kistanov came to the front, and managed to read and to forecast wind changes and shifts well after a good start, to win from Egor Terpigorev. The final race of the day went to Artur Ponieczynski from Robert Bakoczy and Vladimir Soleniy.

Kistanov said, "I am happy how things have developed so far, because I thought I would be top five, not first. I think I have good speed in this weather, and this is my native sailing area."

#### Day 5

The weather brought more tricky wind on the final day in Moscow with gusts up to 10 knots and lulls down at 3 knots.

In the first race of the day Terpigorev, Tweddell, and Lennart Luttkus had a good first upwind and then built a good lead on the downwind. Terpigorev crossed first while Kistanov took a penalty at the upwind mark and lost several places to finish 12th, but he held onto the overall lead.

The left side was clearly advantaged in the second race with Victor Pilgunov and Milosz Wojewski taking a clear lead followed by Kistanov. After the downwind the course was changed and not all sailors read this properly. Kistanov was among them, so he again lost places.

The wind decreased for the third race to about 3 knots. Pilgunov was smart on the

upwind and managed to take lead at the first mark. Tomas Hrnkal was the strongest downwind, while Pilgunov managed to compete with him until the end of the race and to keep Wojewski behind.

So after leading from Day 1, Kistanov kept his head on the final day to win the Junior World Championship. Milosz Wojewski had a great last day to climb to second overall, while team mate Artur Ponieczynski dropped one place to take third overall.

After several minor medals over the years in the Finn Silver Cup, finally the gold goes to Russia. There were four other Russian sailors in the top 10, an indication of the hard work and determination that has gone into the strong Russian youth team.

Finally, a big thank you to the Moscow Sailing School, the Russian Finn Association and all the many supporters and helpers of this unique event.



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# World Masters, Punta Ala

The smiles said it all. Just look at the photos and you cannot fail to notice the ear to ear grins on everyone's faces. Whatever the ingredients that are needed to make a great regatta, the 2011 Finn World Masters in Punta Ala, Italy, from 13 to 17 June, had it all. For most of those present this seemed as close as they could possibly get to sailing paradise and it is easy to run out of superlatives to describe how good it was.

Of the five racing days, four were sailed in moderate winds, with just one light wind day on the Thursday. The temperatures were in the high 20s, the waves were fantastic to surf down, there was wall to wall sunshine everyday. On the water there was only ever really going to be one winner. Four time Olympian Michael Maier won all eight of his heats, often by a considerable margin to win the title for a third time.

Behind him, 282 other sailors had a fabulous week's sailing on the fantastic blue waters of the Gulf of Follonica. There was a tense fight for the other medals, with former double bronze medalist Allen Burrell finally clinching silver from newcomer Uli Breuer. The racing was so tight that these two, and fourth placed Thomas Moerup Petersen all ended up on 13 points and the medals were decided on the tie break using a count back.

The class was fortunate this year in having the PuntaAla Camping Resort as both host and major sponsor of the event. This 18 hectare pine forest estate in Tuscany, has been converted into an idyllic camping and cabin holiday resort and was the perfect location for an event on this scale.

The boats were kept on the beach close to the Circolo Velico Cala Civette, the resort's very own sailing club. With such a large



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## Finn World Masters 2011 - Final Results

1	CZE 1	Maier Michael	-1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	
2	GBR 2	Burrell Allen	1	1	1	1	2	-6	5	2	13
3	GER 707	Breuer Uli	1	2	2	1	1	1	(ocs)	5	13
4	DEN 9	Mørup Petersen Thomas	2	3	1	1	1	3	2	-6	13
5	NED 780	Kok Jan Willem	3	1	4	2	3	-7	1	3	17
6	FRA 75	Hay Laurent	2	2	2	3	3	2	-8	7	21
7	BUL 24	Kopanov Mihail	3	7	5	2	3	-9	4	1	25
8	FRA 99	Allain d Beauvais Marc	(ocs)	3	8	3	2	4	3	3	26
9	DEN 6	Lars Hall	7	8	6	4	1	-14	1	2	29
10	GBR 707	Brunton Adrian	5	5	6	2	(dnf)	9	2	3	32
11	NED 25	Karssemijer Arwin	2	8	5	2	7	-16	7	4	35
12	NED 7	Cees Scheurwater	7	4	3	8	4	(bfd)	3	8	37
13	ITA 6	Passoni Enrico	12	-17	2	7	12	2	1	5	41
14	DEN 80	Staal Michael	4	11	5	6	8	5	-14	2	41
15	NED 29	De Waal Bas	3	4	7	3	8	7	-10	9	41
16	NED 60	Kuijper Luuk	3	5	4	5	5	11	(dnf)	8	41
17	GBR 65	Potter David	7	3	8	6	-10	7	9	4	44
18	ITA 2	Marco Buglielli	11	5	-16	9	9	1	9	1	45
19	GRE 111	Bountouris Tassos	9	-10	9	5	5	7	7	4	46
20	GBR 40	Daniels Nick	5	4	3	10	5	-22	13	8	48
21	FIN 22	Valtonen Ville	9	10	4	4	4	-18	11	6	48
22	ITA 4	Francesco Faggiani	8	7	-19	8	15	1	8	2	49
23	GER 8	Eiermann Juergen	8	7	6	7	6	-13	3	12	49
24	GBR 567	Hughes Martin	2	-25	4	6	4	19	8	10	53
25	GBR 17	Blowers Paul	15	10	14	5	2	-29	7	1	54
26	HUN 7	Szekely Antal	10	4	3	8	7	-18	12	10	54
27	AUS 3	Gunther Jake	-30	13	5	11	11	4	5	5	54
28	GER 19	Bollongino Andreas	6	2	11	6	5	18	-23	7	55
29	GRE 71	Davoulis Panagiotis	10	-13	9	11	9	3	6	11	59
30	GBR 665	Smith Julian	5	6	7	(ocs)	6	8	10	19	61
31	GER 28	Kuehlwein Christian	6	2	12	20	12	3	9	-24	64
32	DEN 249	Andersen Svend Vogt	15	-17	7	8	7	16	2	9	64
33	AUT 11	Moser Bernd	11	12	14	11	11	-15	7	3	69
34	NED 27	Kamphorst Paul	14	6	12	(bfd)	9	5	13	10	69
35	ITA 5	Cinque Francesco	6	6	14	7	14	-21	6	16	69
36	SUI 63	Thomas Gautschi	4	6	3	10	13	-27	26	13	75
37	NED 54	Bos Joos	16	7	11	7	3	-24	21	13	78
38	ITA 52	Franco Martinelli	4	18	11	13	8	11	-22	17	82
39	RSA 1	Davis Greg	15	13	7	9	21	-29	4	15	84
40	FRA 66	Robert Philippe	8	11	-27	20	16	8	15	6	84
41	GBR 1	Kooij Sander	-23	21	10	14	10	14	6	13	88
42	GBR 10	Deaves Robert	12	10	15	14	12	17	(dns)	8	88
43	ITA 89	Demetz Florian	21	-22	17	19	6	2	16	9	90
44	HUN 270	Huszar Geza	1	31	15	10	16	(bfd)	4	16	93
45	SWE 721	Brandt Mikael	-24	19	10	12	9	12	15	16	93
46	DEN 231	Boeggild Kenneth	(ocs)	9	2	5	2	bfd	2	4	96
47	GER 206	Reffellmann Klaus	16	15	-20	13	10	13	11	18	96
48	ITA 41	Mariani Giancarlo	18	17	9	10	8	-28	23	12	97
49	NED 860	Kruijer Louis	8	21	19	17	7	6	20	-30	98
50	RUS 21	Butenko Vladimir	15	33	13	4	4	-42	17	14	100





entry, the fleet was divided randomly into four colour groups each day, each group racing separately.

### The competition

The first two days set the scene for the rest of the week with 12-15 knot onshore winds and a very nice wave pattern that made the downwind legs pure surfing pleasure. Michael Maier and Allen Burrell got off to a perfect start with four heat wins each, which made them the ones to catch.

The early surprise was Uli Breuer who managed to beat three times champion Andre Budzien in his first race, and then went on to win three more races later in the week. Thomas Moerup Petersen recorded three race wins to keep in touch with the leaders, while Laurent Hay put together a great series with six top three places, but was perhaps unfortunate in having to race Maier in most of them.



Only one race was sailed on Wednesday, with Maier taking a small advantage over Burrell, after they ended up in the same fleet. They still had the same points, but Maier had a better discard. Two races were scheduled for Thursday, but with light, fickle winds, the race officer called it a day after one race.

Burrell placed sixth to drop to third overall. Breuer won his heat to make it three wins in a row to climb to second. Moerup Petersen was still in touch and beneath them there were five or six more boats ready to pounce.

### Showdown

With two races still to sail, the final day was to be the day of reckoning, though no one had reckoned on what the random computer programme would throw up: the top five overall all ended up in the same heat. In some ways this was what everyone wanted, as it providing a thrilling showdown for the medals, but after four days of real random heats, it proved to be tough on some.

Maier made it a clean sweep with two more wins. Burrell picked up a fifth and a second, while Breuer got an OCS in the first race and then a fifth. With Moerup Petersen scoring a second and a sixth, these three sailors had all evened the score to 13 points each. So it was decided on the tie breaks.

After a spectacular week and some very good racing Michael Maier added the 2011



Finn World Masters championship to the title he won in 2006 and 2010. Allen Burrell adds a silver medal to the bronze medals he won in 2005 and 2007. Uli Breuer takes the bronze at his first Finn Masters, after less than a year in the boat. There is surely much more to come from him.

This year there were 20 Legends competing with Howard Sellars easily beating last year's winner Richard Hart. Walter Mai took the bronze.

The Grand Grand Masters, for those aged 60 to 69, was won by the ebullient Mikael Brandt. He turned up with a homemade sail that was surprisingly quick. Brandt finished 45th overall. The Grand Masters, for those aged 50-59, was won by Marc Allain des Beauvais, who apart from an OCS in the opening race only once finished outside the top four and ended up eighth overall.

51	ITA 23	Grumelli Umberto	101	92	NED 22	Hubregtsen Peter	163	133	GBR 24	Barnes Rory	223
52	GBR 77	Sellars Howard	103	93	GER 78	EDER THOMAS	164	134	GER 711	Budzien Andre	224
53	POR 5	Piinhoiro De Melo Jorge	106	94	ITA 84	Pinzan Peirluigi	165	135	NED 10	Boot Nanne	224
54	GBR 80	New Ray	106	95	GER 111	Haacks Rainer	167	136	NED 895	v d Meulen Jan Tjeerd	231
55	NED 2	Molenaar Wouter	108	96	GER 188	Kluegel Michael	168	137	NED 748	Fons Van Gent	231
56	DEN 19	Aagesen Johnny	112	97	AUS 242	Buchanan Bob	169	138	GER 48	Poeschl Manfred	232
57	ITA 60	De Sangro Riccardo	112	98	RUS 51	Petriga Mikhail	170	139	ITA 59	Marc Arata	236
58	ITA 111	Catalan Bruno	113	99	GER 3	Walter Mai	175	140	USA 56	Heimler Charles	238
59	FRA 150	Tetard Pascal	114	100	CZE 67	Jochovic Josef	175	141	GER 175	Michael Mekel	239
60	CRO 110	Cicarelli Luksa	115	101	GER 555	Ulmer Jan	176	142	SUI 11	Fatzer Hans	242
61	SUI 12	Buergi Franz	116	102	RUS 142	Polovinkin Yuri	176	143	NZL 3	Winters Ben	245
62	ITA 67	Bucciarelli Gino	120	103	FRA 869	Baumgarten Regis	178	144	GER 122	Krasmann Holger	249
63	NED 55	Huisman Eddy	122	104	GER 282	Woiwode Michael	180	145	HUN 51	Rutai Istvan	250
64	NED 11	De Jager Henk	122	105	ITA 96	Turchetto Alesandro	182	146	NED 72	Groenhout Lacus Jan	250
65	GBR 647	De Courcy Michael	122	106	AUS 8	Seret Dirk	185	147	ITA 150	Pisaneschi Andrea	251
66	HUN 41	Bartos Zoltan	124	107	NED 95	De Schiffart Wobbe	188	148	FRA 126	Capeilleres Fabien	254
67	RUS 69	Kharitonov Denis	129	108	SUI 100	Huber Urs	189	149	NED 81	Visser Gerko	255
68	RSA 571	Bohnsack Andreas	130	109	FIN 112	Ajanko Seppo	190	150	ITA 103	Merlini Mauro	258
69	GBR 61	Heyes John	130	110	RUS 25	Voshchennikov Anatoly	191	151	NED 100	Van Der Sluis Arend	260
70	GBR 20	Denison Andy	132	111	GER 701	Goetz Klaus Dieter	195	152	NED 823	Van Wirdum Nico	262
71	ITA 80	Martin Atzwanger	134	112	NED 813	Kaptein Lenard	197	153	ITA 93	Mair Nikolaus	263
72	RUS 71	Klyayman Leonid	134	113	SUI 17	Huck Frederik	197	154	SUI 94	Friderich Andras	266
73	NED 922	Van Olst Roelof Frederik	135	114	HUN 40	Gabor Antal	198	155	ITA 1	Unterhauser Heini	266
74	NED 47	Woerdeman Auke	140	115	GER 92	Guminski Detlev	202	156	HUN 69	Stadler Csaba	266
75	ITA 20	Emiliani Girolamo	140	116	NED 888	De Regt Bas	202	157	NED 9	Isselmann Jobs	268
76	CZE 7	Cintl Vaclav	140	117	NED 4	Baerends Ruurd	204	158	CZE 222	Vinkl Petr	274
77	RUS 16	Khudianov Oleg	142	118	SUI 13	Kilchenmann Peter	205	159	ITA 18	Grossi Massimo	275
78	GBR 53	Cobb Rodney	142	119	NED 35	Proper Bas	207	160	POL 21	Binkowski Jacek	278
79	ITA 988	Cisbani Paolo	143	120	GBR 99	John Torrance	207	161	NED 848	V D Griend Pax	279
80	FRA 28	Grall Sebastien	144	121	GER 84	Huellenkremer Michael	208	162	NED 14	Willekes Hans	280
81	RSA 51	Baum Philip	147	122	RUS 41	Denikaev Felix	209	163	ITA 43	Piram Pietro	280
82	HUN 2	Sipos Peter	150	123	GER 202	Elsaesser Rolf	209	164	ITA 85	Heufler Klaus	282
83	GER 142	Peach Jonny	151	124	ITA 73	Taruschio Luca	210	165	GER 5	Straub Herbert	283
84	NZL 43	Nick Winters	153	125	RSA 539	Weixelbaumer Klaus	214	166	GER 59	Stock Detlef	283
85	GER 62	Barthel Uwe	154	126	ITA 937	Petella Filippo	214	167	CZE 2	Gebhart Zdenek	285
86	RSA 540	Tucker Alan	154	127	RUS 34	Kasatov Alexander	215	168	DEN 205	Mogens Petersson	285
87	POL 26	Nowakoski Boguslaw	155	128	GER 155	Gast Edwin	217	169	SUI 57	Rudolf Baumann	288
88	RUS 7	Novikov Alexander	159	129	ITA 50	Felici Norberto	217	170	FRA 800	Zoccola Yves	288
89	NED 50	Zetzema Jan	160	130	NED 1	Jan Van Der Horst	221	171	RSA 769	Falcon Stefan	289
90	GBR 631	Hart Richard	160	131	DEN 700	Jon Voetmann	223	172	NOR 34	Foerland Stein	291
91	NED 88	Barends Chiel	162	132	GER 47	Raderschadt Peter	223	173	CZE 308	Vit Radek	292



174	GBR 58	Brown Paul	293	211	ITA 65	Gualandri Carlo Corrado	345	248	ITA 54	Cassoli Claudio	390
175	GBR 64	Kirkpatrick-Whitby Craig	295	212	NED 93	Peeters Gelmus	345	249	NOR 3	Johannessen Ola Mathias	392
176	SUI 60	Ulbrich John	296	213	ITA 833	Andrenacci Stefano	347	250	NED 708	Veerkamp Bert	393
177	ITA 7	Pitini Antonio	297	214	SUI 25	Kalmmer Till	348	251	ITA 141	Mela Giovanni	394
178	GER 63	Pandler Michael	298	215	SUI 44	Roost Thomas	349	252	ITA 81	Pittoni Paolo	394
179	GER 101	Poloni Marco	298	216	GER 119	Bronke Peter	349	253	HUN 81	Solymosi Imre	397
180	NED 835	Goede Jaap	299	217	SUI 9	Roost Andrea	351	254	SUI 23	Megert Rolf	398
181	FRA 17	Derouen Frank	302	218	NED 786	De Schiffart Johan	352	255	GRE 5	Giaramanis Ioannis	400
182	FRA 50	Baudin Michel	302	219	GER 706	Breuer Bine	353	256	CZE 4	Smidova Bozena	401
183	DEN 14	Nielsen Jan Verner	303	220	NED 38	Van Hausden Olaf	353	257	GER 9	Koch Friedrich	406
184	ESP 260	Serrano Conesa Victor	304	221	GER 141	Stoekmann Lars	355	258	GER 130	Blum Alfred	415
185	ITA 100	Peruchetti Fabio	304	222	FRA 829	Vauthier Claude	355	259	ITA 881	Panaro Fabio	415
186	HUN 17	Graham Douglas	305	223	ITA 883	Piorgiorgio Bonazelli	356	260	ITA 22	Geminiani Giovanni	418
187	DEN 192	Madsen Ole Blichfeldt	305	224	NED 119	Voorn Steven	357	261	NED 896	Hermus Ad	421
188	SUI 7	Huracek Jiri	306	225	RUS 28	Kozlov Victor	357	262	CZE 76	Dvorak Jiri	422
189	GER 109	Thomaszewski Manfred	310	226	NED 897	Koppelmans Freek	358	263	SWE 7	Wiberg Hans	423
190	NZL 213	Duncan Maurice	311	227	GER 38	Fabry Reinhard	359	264	ITA 91	Sparer Hubert	429
191	FRA 110	Thureau Michel	313	228	ITA 44	Pasqualini Paolo	360	265	ESP 179	Plagaro Emilio	430
192	GER 35	Ehlers Hans-Guenter	318	229	FRA 122	Bonardo Jean Francois	362	266	GBR 27	Galyer John	438
193	GBR 658	Wyburd James	319	230	GER 26	Meister Willi	365	267	NOR 2	Vange Harald	441
194	GER 89	Kellermann Guenter	319	231	NED 6	De Cocq Rob	366	268	ITA 88	Giugni Umberto	451
195	GER 42	Kraft Juergen	323	232	ITA 976	Giometti Roberto	366	269	SUI 71	Aebischer Beat	452
196	NED 52	Meijer Henk	323	233	SUI 14	Kurz Peter	366	270	GBR 14	Sampson Steve	459
197	GER 114	Kalinski Jacek	323	234	SUI 3	Carlo Lazzari	367	271	NED 836	Kraan Bart	461
198	NED 32	Verhoef Peter	325	235	GER 131	Schlick Horst	367	272	ITA 8	Petroni Marco	470
199	NED 749	Hooijer Dirk	325	236	ESP 128	Candela Antonio	368	273	GER 257	Grabau Olaf	470
200	GBR 611	Lock Tony	326	237	ITA 846	Tarabella Andrea	371	274	NED 51	Oberman Maarten	471
201	HUN 9	Beliczay Tamas	326	238	ITA 51	Trambaiolo Paolo	371	275	GER 34	Borges Dieter	475
202	SUI 96	Lehmann Hans	331	239	LUX 35	Goedert Jean-Paul	371	276	HUN 347	Zsindely Laszlo	476
203	GBR 55	Till Mike	334	240	RUS 14	Gorbachev Vladimir	372	277	BEL 169	Devillers Philippe	478
204	GER 161	Kratz Ralf	334	241	GER 7	Heinings Reiner	374	278	GRE 180	Tsampioniaris Basilis	478
205	FRA 79	Bohe Michel	335	242	CAN 3	Bostock Ian	375	279	ITA 97	Mosconi Corrado	491
206	GER 82	Huber Alfons	338	243	SUI 29	Althaus Hans	378	280	GER 147	Magin Eberhard	496
207	HUN 95	Farkas Jozsef	338	244	ITA 28	Di Stefano Giuseppe	379	281	POL 13	Okulicz Kozaryn Jan	499
208	GER 93	Kaesar Otto	340	245	SUI 2	Kalmmer Helmut	384	282	SUI 454	Baumann Arnold	504
209	RUS 11	Danilov Valentin	341	246	RSA 570	Bohnsack Gerd	388	282	GER 137	Schmid Karl	504
210	SUI 8	Marti Bruno	344	247	GER 186	Blaschkowski Detlef	389				



The Ladies prize this year went to Bine Breuer from Germany. Probably the lightest person in the fleet, she started with the ambition of finishing every race and despite some testing conditions did just that. Her 13th place in the only light weather race is perhaps a warning for future years should there be a light weather regatta.



### Full circle

In many ways the Finn World Masters completes the circle for sailors within class. The growing number of junior programmes and the expansion of sailors and nations competing at senior level perfectly complement the powerful mass that is the Masters fleet. Each part makes the whole stronger.

Ultimately, the Masters provides a unique avenue for top-class competition post-Olympic campaign and also draws its own new recruits from right across the spectrum of sailing for those sailors looking to challenge themselves in a new arena. For the die-hard sailors, the Finn class is a lifestyle choice as much as it is a choice for life. In the world of sailing that is a unique and powerful combination that underlies the continuing strength of the class worldwide.

Next year the Finn World Masters returns to the UK for the first time in 12 years. It is being held in Wales at Pwllheli Sailing Club and promises to again be a popular event.



**Masters:** 1. Michael Maier 2. Allen Burrell  
3. Uli Breuer

**Grand Masters:** 1. Marc Allain des Beauvais  
2. Lars Hall 3. Enrico Passoni

**Grand Grand Masters:** 1. Mikael Brandt  
2. Louis Kuuijer 3. Ray New

**Legends:** 1. Howard Sellars 2. Richard Hart  
3. Walter Mai

**Ladies:** 1. Bine Breuer 2. Bozena Smidova





## Masters News

I hope many Masters have read my review about the Finn World Masters 2011 in Punta Ala on [www.finnworldmaster.com](http://www.finnworldmaster.com) and the Annual Masters Report that has been published by IFA together with the agenda of the AGM.

Writing that we had a good Masters Championship in Punta Ala does not mean there are no discussions. Here I will mention some of them:

- I wrote about the Ladies fee (€90) and the polo sizes. This was unfortunate but it is now behind us. It was not possible for me to make changes, but in future events I will monitor these aspects more carefully.

- I also mentioned that the pre-payment system worked and we will continue this next year.

- I received some complaints about the extensive measurement in Punta Ala. But, from earlier years, I remember the days when we waited a long time for measurement with the complete boat and gear. This year we only checked and stamped two sails, the measurer checked the IFA and ISAF sticker and he checked if the correction weights were present. Is that extensive measurement? I don't think so and in my opinion it can hardly be minimised any more. Please do not complain about waiting some time in a queue, but have a nice chat with your fellow Masters. Most of them you have not seen for a year or more. What we can do is to think about sending some data electronically prior to the registration. I will discuss this possibility with Richard Hart and hear what his thoughts about this are. The consequence of not measuring more items prior to the Championship is that spot checks will be made after the finish of each race.

- The random grouping system did not work well in Punta Ala. We experienced that most of the days the four groups were not equal in numbers and average strength and even in many races all the favourites were in the same group. I spoke with the creator of 'ZW-scoring' (that was used in Punta Ala) and he also does not understand what happened. Normally with the random system in his programme the groups will automatically be divided in equal in numbers and not with different numbers like in Punta Ala. Maybe we must decide to do the group allocation by daily result for each day, next year. We could only allocate randomly for the practice race and for the Monday. I will discuss this in the Masters Committee.

- I received comments about the group size. This year, with 283 competitors there should have been around 70 in each group. Some Masters think that this is not enough and wish to sail with two groups against each other, so with 140 boats on a starting line. I know that many Masters think this too many. As far as I remember we hardly sailed, throughout the years, in groups larger than 110 competitors and that was a lot. Nowadays the aim is max around 90 and the groups will be allocated around this amount. Of course, doing this, the numbers of each group must be equal and not like it was in Punta Ala.

We must be aware that the amounts of entries were never as high as we had in the last few years and we have to react on this with the format.

- The annual moment to have discussions about the Racing format is the Annual Masters Meeting. This means that well before the meeting you put forward your suggestions in a coherent way so that we can then have a proper discussion with the membership at the meeting. It really doesn't help me, when outside of the AMM, discussions continue without these being correctly based on serious proposals, especially by sailors who did not send a proposal or even did not attend the meeting. This makes my job very difficult, especially when the discussions only exist on the beach. I hope you understand this and will send me proposals. This year only one proposal was received and it was agreed by the AMM with a slight change.

But a major problem is (and I keep saying this) when we agree with one idea, the result is that other ideas from other sailors come up and there we go again. I hope we will be able to find a format we can keep for at least three years.

It is never possible to please all Masters with their specific ideas. As an example: Medal Race or Gold/Silver/Bronze on the last day. Half the fleet wants a Medal Race and the other half wants G/S/B. So what to do? In Medemblik we had, for the first time, a Gold and Silver fleet. Many complaints were the result.

- I think we took a good decision for next year: Group sailing until the Thursday evening, a last group race on the Friday (without the top ten) and after this group race a Medal race for the top ten plus the competitors with equal points with the number 10.

- I have to mention that many (older) Masters asked me to return to the original Masters format with 5 or 6 races and a lay day on the Wednesday. This is much less demanding and gives the opportunity to combine the stay with your family. It will, for sure, cause fewer entries from younger Masters, but when we continue sailing in the present format, with 8 races and especially in stronger winds, the older Masters will maybe stop competing. So this will cause fewer entries from older Masters. What is best? Please tell me what you think about these issues.



- Finally rest assured that it is not our intention to try and break entry records every year. Our aim must be to maintain the fantastic spirit that exists at the Masters and to provide high quality racing with fun for every age category.

In 2012 we will sail the Finn World Masters in Pwllheli, Northern Wales, UK. The 2012 website is online already ([www.finnworldmasters2012.info](http://www.finnworldmasters2012.info)) and it will give all of us a lot of information about the Masters 2012.

For 2013 we voted for La Rochelle, where we have sailed the Masters before, in 1996, together with the Gold Cup.

For 2014 we now have Tihany at Lake Balaton in Hungary and a venue in Poland. I will probably visit the potential venues in Poland next September. At the moment of writing this I am waiting for a written official candidacy from the Polish side before I make an appointment for a visit.

For 2015 Bracciano is interested to organise the Masters. In Punta Ala I had a meeting with the President of Amici Velici Vigne di Valle di Bracciano.

Maubuisson informed me that they will not be a candidate for 2014, like they informed me before, but in 2019. This will give them a 10 year cycle: 1999 – 2009 – 2019.

I wish all Finn sailors around the globe a very good remainder of the 2011 season in good health and good winds.

**Fons van Gent**  
(Vice) President Masters



# Finn sailing from across the world



## AUSTRIA



### Austrian Nationals at Cape Horn

Bernd Rohlf's writes: From June 29 to July 3 the 2011 Austrian Nationals took place at Lake Mondsee close to Salzburg. Like all the other lovely mountain lakes in this area the Mondsee is usually a quite tranquil body of water. However it has also the questionable reputation to be the 'Cape Horn of Austria'. And during this event the Mondsee truly lived up to this reputation.

49 participants from AUT, GER, RSA, SUI and USA came to the Union Yacht Club Mondsee to compete in a total of eight heats. The odds-on favourites were the defending Austrian Champion Florian Raudaschl, the 2010 Grand Master World champion and local hero Michael Gubi and Christoph Christen. Never to be underestimated were the German and Austrian Masters Karl-Heinz Erich, Bernd Moser and Peter Grögl.



The entire event was perfectly organised by the Union Yacht Club Mondsee and the professional race committee led by Helmut Casny.

Day 1: Thursday started with a lively force 4 – 5 wind with quite interesting shifts and 3 heats being completed with the usual suspects in front.

Day 2: Friday was less windy and in fact the fleet was only able to finish one heat in light wind while the second heat was abandoned due the shifty and light winds.

Day 3: Saturday's forecast was again light to medium winds and in fact when the fleet left the yacht club it was not more than 1–2 Bft. Heat 1 was started and abandoned after the first downwind leg due to a significant shift to the left



preceding a very dark front approaching the lake. Fortunately the race committee was then prudent enough to wait for the further development of the wind. And 15 minutes later the fleet had to deal with true Cape Horn conditions while a squall with heavy rain and 7 Bft strafed the lake for about 30 minutes. After that the wind completely disappeared and the fleet had to be towed back to the shore.



Day 4: So with one day to go the race committee had four heats completed and four more to go. Sunday morning started again with light to moderate winds and a bit dodgy weather. And Cape Horn showed his ugly face again and already during heat one the wind picked up and peaked out at a hefty 33 knots during heat



three resulting in many Finnsters going for involuntarily swims.

However, it did not really change who was leading the pack. Florian Raudaschl was able to defend his title with a near perfect scorecard. Second was Christoph Christen with Michael Gubi completing the top three.

1	AUT 3	Florian Raudaschl	6
2	SUI 5	Christoph Christen	11
3	AUT 7	Michael Gubi	18
4	AUT 11	Bernd Moser	30
5	AUT 350	Peter Grögl	43
6	GER 39	Karl-Heinz Erich	47
7	AUT 288	Hannes Blaschke	57
8	GER 146	Friedrich Müller	64
9	GER 65	Stefan Kreiß	73
10	AUT 303	Gerd Wayretmayr	74

Overall it was a really challenging event with some true Finn sailing. Many thanks from the participants to the Union Yacht Club and Helmut Casny in the race committee. Next year's Austrian Nationals will be held at the Lake Neusiedl near Vienna and the Austrian Finn fleet is looking forward to hosting many of the Finnsters from the surrounding countries.





## FINLAND



### Open Nordic Championship and Finnish Championship 2011 Espoo, Finland

1	SWE 736	Johan Tillander	8
2	SWE 6	Björn Allansson	11
3	FIN 218	Tapio Nirkko	13
4	FIN 19	Thomas Hacklin	16
5	SWE 60	Martin Pluto	26
6	GBR 18	James Hadden	26
7	FIN 22	Ville Valtonen	30
8	SWE 111	Torsten Jarnstam	42
9	FIN 202	Harri Kokko	49
10	FIN 220	Risto Ajanko	52
11	SWE 800	Erik Aberg	52
12	FIN 112	Seppo Ajanko	55
13	SWE 801	David Berg	57
14	FIN 18	Jukka Alanne	61
15	FIN 0	Joel Tykkyläinen	65
16	SWE 66	Ulf Bjureus	68
17	FIN 71	Leo Tykkyläinen	78
18	FIN 11	Jan Fredriksson	85
19	CAN 6	James Ricky	93

## ITALY



### Coppa Italia 2011

Between April and July four events of Coppa Italia 2011 took place in Caldaro, Grado, Viareggio and Bracciano. 18 races were sailed in different conditions, with winds ranging from 4 to 22 knots.

The Caldaro event was won by the German Martin Mitterer with Simone Mancini in second. Marco Buglielli was first both in Grado and Viareggio, while Simone Mancini won the Bracciano event.

The first two Coppa Italia events were sailed in March in Scarlino and Anzio, making a total of 29 races sailed. 118 sailors have participated in the series until now, with the



final event scheduled in Malcesine at the end of September for the International Finn Cup and Andrea Menoni Trophy.

The Provisional leader of Coppa Italia is Simone Mancini, who has a comfortable lead on Marco Buglielli. Third is Francesco Faggiani and fourth Enrico Passoni. The first Junior is Federico Gattuso in fifth.



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## GERMANY



Andreas Bollongino writes: While the 'Pros' are fighting for a start-place in London 2011, and were participating in very exiting races in Weymouth and Kiel for this, the Masters and club sailors were fighting for the best places in the German ranking.

In German Ranking list 152 sailors are fighting for points. If you want to be listed you have to be a member of the German Finn Class Association and you have to sail at least three ranking regattas. So the 152 listed sailors are all active regatta sailors having to sail their boat not only in front of their clubhouse.

Every year the number of the active Finn sailors is increasing. 10 years ago the German ranking contained around 120 sailors fighting for points. Considering that a number of sailors have given up active Finn sailing we have a impressive number of newcomers each year.

Most of them are coming from other traditional classes where regatta sailing has become less interesting due to decreasing number of normal sailors taking part at regattas.

In other Olympic or international Classes the gap between the almost professional sailors aiming for Olympic Gold or World Championship honours and the normal hobby sailor is so big, that the usual regattas are not raced anymore.

So formerly Star-Boat and 470 sailors which were sailing on a national level are now enjoying the possibility to race against

equally interested Finn sailors in sufficient big fleets over the weekend.

New Sailors are also taking the advantage of a very active used-boat and equipment market here in Germany where it is possible to get an competitive regatta Finn for less than 5000 Euros, upgrading this every year with better (used) equipment.

Some clubs in the centre of Germany have switched their complete fleet to Finns, attracting young sailors to club boats or boats borrowed by other Finn sailors.

During one year a regatta-sailor can decide between 56 regattas to be counted for the German ranking. Very seldom we have a regatta with less than 25 competitors, usually a normal ranking attracts more than 30 sailors. As far as I know there is no other sailing class in Germany that has such an active regatta-scene.

We have divided Germany into five districts, with sub-secretaries doing a great job taking care of the active and interested Finn sailors, and having a chance to listen and talk to the Finnster almost each weekend.

As some of you might know, Germany has very different wind conditions in the north and the south. This reflects in the demography of the fleets, being a little bit younger fleet in the north than in the south, and active youngsters in the south heading to the north to be able to sail in more 'more athletic' conditions.

But on some events the complete German Finn Fleet meets, as there are Steinhude, Berlin or especially the Germany Championships, this year in October in Travemünde, where the Finn Class has its championship together with all other Olympic Classes. From this I will send you a report for your winter reading.





## NETHERLANDS



Henk de Jager writes: After long spring training sessions for the Dutch sailors we started off with the Tulip race the week before Easter, but a high pressure system visited us and not one race was sailed at the White House. The week after we had the luck to sail at the same Loosdrecht lakes.

### Easter Egg Regatta

Joos Bos (Ned 54) wrote: The famous Easter egg regatta at the KWVL. We sailed in shorts and T shirts in this April event, with seven races. The races were dominated by Karel van Hellemond who won overall but he had to fight with Sander Willems, Hein van Egmond and Jelte Barends. The Harderwijk member was the surprise of the regatta and hopefully we will hear more about him in next future. Nanno Schuttrups won the first and last race to get third overall. The pumping rules at this regatta are always lower than 12 knots and as Joos Bos said, this will be the place where soon it will be 0. Next year KWVL expects lots of sailors at Easter as they will celebrate 100 years.

1	NED 41	Karel van Hellemond	16
2	NED 80	Sander Willems	16
3	NED 787	Nanno Schuttrups	26
4	NED 841	Hein van Egmond	28
5	NED 747	Thierry van Vierssen	32
6	NED 29	Bas de Waal	41
7	NED 60	Luuk Kuijper	55
8	NED 7	Cees Scheurwater	62
9	NED 2	Wouter Molenaar	64
10	NED 54	Joos Bos	65

### Finn Finales at Monnickendam

Chiel Barends (Ned 88) wrote: 37 Finn sailors sailed and also welcomed Henry Sprague from the USA. The story was all about new cars and Amsterdam. Henry had trained in the UK and was well prepared. Nanne Boot took the lead after two races. In the third race the pumping flag was flown at start, but at first mark flag R was shown but no signals were given. Half the fleet pumped to the finish while others did not. Sander took the advantage of the situation and went far away from the fleet. The wind backed off and sailors went to Jan's Happy hour. On Sunday the wind picked up to 30 knots and the right side was favoured as the wind shifted from south to west. Many sailors saw their boat bottoms up and that made the committee abandon the last race, so there was no discard for many.

1	NED 841	Hein van Egmond	23
2	NED 27	Paul Kamphorst	32
3	NED 780	Jan Willem Kok	36
4	NED 50	Jan Zetzema	42
5	NED 67	Ronald Ruiter	42
6	NED 2	Wouter Molenaar	46
7	NED 10	Nanne Boot	48
8	NED 80	Sander Willems	51
9	NED 81	Gerko Visser	52
10	NED 88	Chiel Barends	52

## Hemelvaart regatta – Loosdrecht

Ewout Meijer (Ned 66) wrote: The battle was between Nanno and Karel, which Nanno won on same points with his rival. Seven races in four days on this long weekend with lots of wind of Force 4-5 made this event a battlefield. We have nice long courses, but it a bit tiring for most sailors as the spring did not give us much wind. Karel and Nanno showed how to sail the Finn on the difficult Loosdrecht lakes. Erik Bakker showed his good form and was third overall. Good old Chris Frijdal picked up again and is back from his Star campaign. Others coming up were Peter Verseveld and Wijnand De Leur (with a new boat). Most masters went on a slow down as they saved muscle power and went to pack for the Punta Ala world masters and wanted to peak at the right moment. Overall it was a nice regatta with heavy conditions.

1	NED 787	Nanno Schuttrups	10
2	NED 41	Karel v Hellemond	10
3	NED 703	Eric Bakker	22
4	NED 43	Chris Frijdal	34
5	NED 747	Thierry van Vierssen	43
6	NED 860	Loek Kruijjer	44
7	NED 77	Jan Jaap Lamme	48
8	NED 2	Wouter Molenaar	50
9	NED 912	Peter Verseveldt	56
10	NED 66	Ewout Meijer	58

### Vrijbouter Weekend regatta

Henk de Jager (Ned 11) wrote: The Finns are every year present at this regatta which is more or less becoming the second largest Dutch racing event after the Sneekweek. More than 350 boats were listed in many other classes. The Finns had 32 boats with a light to medium wind. The first, second and third races went to Karel van Hellemond, and he was second in the last race. The weather showed Ewout as one of the favoured light weather specialists but Karel had a good lead created at the start and first beats. Thierry van Vierssen, always best for the perfect pump went 3x3 and won the last race so was second overall. The Saturday evening we had a barbecue and beer but that did not influence the top five as the pros went bravely to bed early. This event is a typical Dutch event with the lake full of white Dacron from where we can see that there is not much of new revolutions coming up in other classes if they are not Olympic any more.

1	NED 41	Karel van Hellemond	5
2	NED 747	Thierry van Vierssen	10
3	NED 66	Ewout Meijer	13
4	NED 8	Albert Kroon	18
5	NED 922	Roel van Olst	25
6	NED 912	Peter Verseveldt	34
7	NED 43	Chris Frijdal	35
8	NED 860	Loek Kruijjer	40
9	NED 12	Wijnand de Leur	42
10	NED 11	Henk de Jager	43

### 50 Years anniversary Finn Club Holland

On 3 and 4 September we celebrate 50 years of the Finn Club Holland, with racing for young and old life, band and free beer at the Loosdrecht lakes at WSV Het Witte Huis.

## SWEDEN



After a truly gruesome winter, the worst in many years, the Swedish Finn community got going in April and as always, the season started with the Olympic Regatta in Gothenburg on the second weekend of May. The regatta assembled a fairly large fleet this year with 18 Finn sailors on the starting line who enjoyed a great weekend on the water with moderate winds and a lot of sun. It was the top three Swedes, Bjorn Allansson, Daniel Birgmark and Johan Tillander who battled about the same places with the rest of the fleet trying to keep up. After two days of sailing, and six races, Daniel Birgmark had pulled the longest straw and won in front of Allansson and Tillander. On the second day, the fleet also had a comeback from Ingvar Bengtson who came third in the 1985 Finn Gold Cup in Marstrand. Hopefully we will also see Ingvar on the waters at the Swedish Open Championship in Kullavik – Gothenburg, in August.

1	SWE 11	Daniel Birgmark	3
2	SWE 6	Björn Allansson	6
3	SWE 736	Johan Tillander	8
4	SWE 71	Björn Smith	13
5	SWE 721	Mikael Brandt	15
6	SWE 17	Kristian Åderman	16
7	AUS 235	Tim Castles	20
8	SWE 75	Johan Wijk	20
9	SWE 111	Torsten Jarnstam	24
10	IRL 4	Ross Hamilton	32

The second Swedish Cup was held at the location where it all started, Uppsala, home of the Finn Class. As always, sailing on Ekoln in Uppsala is a tricky thing. Putting the boat on the right side of the course as well as taking the shifts is more important than keeping your eyes fixed on the tell tales, tactics comes before speed focus.

The first day in Uppsala offered great conditions with winds around 14 knots and three very good races were accomplished. In the evening, almost all of the participators enjoyed a great evening together with dinner 'on the town' in Uppsala making the reputation of the great Finn Class fellowship coming true.







On the second day, only two races were scheduled which was compensated for by very long courses. The second day also offered more light and tricky winds and the boat feeling was severely tested among the starting vessels. The conditions also made the shifts in the results more apparent and in the first race on the second day, Per Friberg, an old Finn veteran from Karlstad at the age of 52, won his first race ever, congrats Per!

Surprisingly or not, the regatta was won by Stefan Nordstrom, 63, a former Finn and pro sailor in the Soling class (Gold in the 1994 World Cup and in Match Race, Denmark), now living in the Finn mecca of Karlstad. Stefan Nordstrom: "I had a very good feeling in the boat during the whole regatta and I tried to sail as simple and consistent as possible, sticking to the middle of the race course. This year is a bit of a 'trial and error' year for me where I want to test things and evaluate my equipment. My short term goal is to achieve good results at the Masters in Wales next year."

1	SWE 14	Stefan Nordström	8
2	SWE 75	Johan Wijk	9
3	SWE 111	Torsten Jarnstam	16
4	SWE 8	Christofer Finnsgård	16
5	SWE 750	P-A Fritjofsson	21
6	SWE 9	Pär Friberg	25
7	SWE 44	Bengt Strömberg	25
8	SWE 60	Martin Pluto	26
9	SWE 740	Henrik Rydell	31
10	SWE 3	Christian Finnsgård	32

After the second Swedish Cup, the next regatta where many Swedish sailors participated (seven in total) was the Finnish Open Championship in Esboo, Finland. This was the first Finish Championship in many, many years and the Esboo Yacht Club put up a great regatta during two sunny days with moderate to light winds. In total, 19 Finn sailors participated. The races of the second day were held close to the harbour on a short track making the results very mixed with both amateurs and professionals battling at the top. Notably for the Swedish side was that Martin Pluto, sailing a 33 year old Vanguard (1978) but with new mast and a good sail, made very strong results on the second day and in total a very good regatta, beating many more experienced sailors who also sailed with better equipment. Lastly, Johan Tillander won the regatta after a great last day with three wins. For results - see Finland report.

## SWITZERLAND



### Capman Cup

April 16 - 17, Lake Thun

The 2011 sailing season started with the Capman Cup on Lake Thun. 14 boats made it to the starting line and sailed six good races over the weekend. The clear winner was Franz Buergi followed by Ruedi Baumann and Carlo Lazzari.

1	SUI 12	Franz Buergi	10
2	SUI 57	Ruedi Baumann	16
3	SUI 3	Carlo Lazzari	20
4	SUI 14	Peter Kurz	22
5	SUI 63	Thomas Gautschi	24
6	SUI 58	Bruno Marti	30
7	SUI 7	Jiri Huracek	34
8	SUI 96	Hans Lehmann	36
9	SUI 9	Res Roost	40
10	SUI 27	Michel Erni	45



### Goldacher Jollenregatta

April 30 - May 1, Lake Constance

The next Finn event on the Swiss calendar took place on Lake Constance in Eastern Switzerland. 12 boats started at the traditional Goldacher Jollenregatta. Five races were sailed in sometimes difficult conditions, especially the two races on Sunday, which weren't appreciated by the sailors due to very irregular conditions with huge wind shifts. After some protest hearings the final results looked as follows. The winner was Roland Frigo - his first Finn victory.

1	SUI 64	Roland Frigo	12
2	SUI 11	Hans Fatzer	12
3	FRA 40	Joseph Rochet	14
4	SUI 28	Boris Kulpe	15
5	SUI 100	Urs Huber	16
6	GER 19	Andreas Bollongino	17
7	SUI 17	Frederik Huck	21
8	SUI 22	Geisser Harry	22
9	SUI 97	Cristiano Benucci	35
10	SUI 24	Egon Schönberg	36

### Frühlingsregatta Hallwilersee

Mai 14 - 15, Lake Hallwil

From Lake Constance the Swiss Finn Circus moved on to Lake Hallwil in Central Switzerland. 12 boats gathered in Beinwil am See for this newer regatta which attracts more sailors every year. The conditions were variable with shifty winds from 1-3 bft. Fireball sailor Kurt Liechti made his first moves in a Finn. He immediately felt at home and sailed an excellent regatta causing some astonished looks from the Finn regulars.

1	SUI 57	Ruedi Baumann	11
2	SUI 63	Thomas Gautschi	14



3	SUI 163	Kurt Liechti	21
4	SUI 28	Boris Kulpe	28
5	FRA 40	Joseph Rochet	30
6	SUI 100	Jean-Pierre Weber	36
7	SUI 11	Hans Fatzer	39
8	SUI 64	Roland Frigo	48
9	SUI 7	Jiri Huracek	51
10	SUI 23	Rolf Megert	64



### Jungfrau Trophy

May 21 - 22, Lake Thun

With 23 boats the traditional Jungfrau Trophy on Lake Thun had an excellent line up. The weather conditions however were difficult and race officer Ruedi Baumann (he sacrificed himself to organise the regatta instead of sailing) managed to start three very interesting races with lots of surprises and action. Peter Kilchenmann made his comeback after his knee surgery due to a ski accident. He showed everybody that he still knows how to sail his Finn and won the series in style. In his first Finn regatta Jean-Pierre Weber sailed very well and was the source of the most discussed action when sailing downwind his mast got caught in the rig of a dragon passing on the beat. The result was a shocked dragon crew and a full stop for Jean-Pierre followed by a swim in the lake. Fortunately no damage was reported on either boat.

1	SUI 13	Peter Kilchenmann	8
2	SUI 3	Carlo Lazzari	19
3	SUI 12	Franz Buergi	22
4	SUI 80	Jan Fischer	25
5	SUI 18	Christof Wilke	26
6	SUI 94	Andreas Friderich	26
7	SUI 100	Jean-Pierre Weber	26
8	SUI 2	Helmut Klammer	26
9	SUI 71/121	John Ulbrich	28
10	SUI 7	Jiri Huracek	29

### Swiss Team at Punta Ala for Finn World Masters







# IFA AGM 2011

## INTERNATIONAL FINN ASSOCIATION 2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Helsinki, Finland, 7th of July 2011

### MINUTES

#### 1. National Class Associations and voting powers

Countries represented: BUL, CRO, CZE, EST, FIN, FRA (2), GBR (2), GER (3), HUN, IRL, ITA (2), NED (3), POL, RUS (2), SWE, TUR, UKR, USA (2) = 27 votes plus 4 executives. Total 31 votes.

#### 2. Minutes from the last meeting approved unanimously.

#### 3. Accounts

- a. Accounts approved. Ap 1
- b. Budget for 2011/2012 approved Ap 1

#### 4. Executive Committee Reports

- a. The President. Ap 2
- b. The Vice-President Sailing Ap 3  
Actions to be taken from report:  
Keep liaising with Race Committee re use of RRS 42 limit.  
Small flags on sails with skippers name  
Video promotion at regattas
- c. The Vice-President Development Ap 4  
Actions to be taken from report:  
Second hand sails donation, help with new countries and juniors
- d. The Vice-President Masters: new event in Hungary but no creation of a European

- Master's championship. Ap. 7
- e. The Treasurer Ap 5
- f. The Chairman of the Technical Committee Ap 6  
Actions to be taken from report:  
Implement database  
Minor corrections to rules  
Include in class rules positioning of country flag and name on sails and specifications for sail makers (decision taken during meeting)  
Michael Maier included in IFA Technical Committee.
- g. Planned restructuring of IFA administration in the coming years: Corinne is planning to step down gradually from her position in the class. The first stage will be to appoint a person in charge of events and sponsorship/Marketing and video coverage at major events.

#### 5. All Members of IFA Committees re-elected

#### 6. IFA Championships

- 2013 Finn Gold Cup: Tallinn, Estonia. Dates to be confirmed. Ants Vainsalu made a great presentation. The organisation propose the use of the Tallinn Olympic venue and adjacent hotel (spacious, comfortable and affordable), secured venue opened 2 weeks prior to event, tracking and video available daily, free beer and pasta daily...)
- Jan Kurfeld presented the venue for the 2013 Europeans in Warnemunde, just before or after the Warnemunde week.
- Dan Ibsen from the Danish Sailing Federation presented the project to organise a combined European championship in 2015 in Aarhus.
- 2015 Middle East Finn event (in progress)

- Amendment of the IFA Major Championship Rules

#### 7. Technical Committee

- Refer to 4 f.
- Opportunities for provided equipment at the 2016 Olympic Games (refer to Olympic Commission report and implications)

#### 8. FIDeS

- Refer to 4. c
- With regards to a future change to regional Olympic qualification at continental SWC events, steps to be taken to provide charter boat opportunity to potential participants

#### 9. Marketing

- Marketing plan received from Jonas. To be discussed and worked on during the year.
- Flags and bibs: small flags and name on lower part of sail. (check with advertising code) and bibs for leaders.

#### 10. Any other business

The assembly discussed the options for different format to showcase the Finn. It was decided that it was more important and effective to invest in better promotion of the sport with sailor's identification, filming of the regatta.

To be circulated to:

National Finn Association Secretaries  
IFA Executive Committee  
IFA Website  
Individual sailors on the IFA email list

### APPENDICES

#### Ap. 2 – President's Report

Dear Members of the International Finn Association, Dear Finn Sailors,

On the occasion of the 2011 IFA AGM let me reflect on some recent achievements of and forthcoming challenges for the Finn class.

The recent 2011 May ISAF mid-year meeting in St. Petersburg secured the status of the one person dinghy heavy event and the Finn as equipment on the 2016 Olympic program. As a result the Finn class continues its Olympic presence as the longest standing and technically most developed Olympic sailing class. The Finn has managed to answer the questions asked in the framework of recent ISAF reforms and emerged as one of the strongest and most popular Olympic class. We managed to adapt to the new situations arising and thank to the hard work done we managed to further strengthen our positions.

As I have always said and written, the Finn allows the widest range of weight, age and physical sizes to compete on a truly equal level and is the only single handed dinghy to allow sailors from

85kg to 110 kg to competitively sail at Olympic level. At the same time the Finn class has a real depth in terms of club and national fleets, as well as junior, senior and master age groups, which is partially the result of the fact that the class has been for a long time able to manage the different needs and interests of Finn sailors in every age category, on every level and in every segment of the Finn sailing world.

If you look at the fleet sizes of the Sailing World Cup events the Finn is in the forefront. This year we had again a record turnout at the Finn World Master and there will be over 30 juniors at the 2011 Silver Cup in Moscow. At the same time our national fleets keep growing as well, which gives a healthy balance to the Finn class structure.

One of the reasons for our strength has been equipment control and evolution. As a result the Finn has managed to move smoothly on a battle field many other classes fell casualty of. As a new challenge I am personally looking forward to the discussion at this AGM regarding the gear control program last year's AGM mandated the Executive to work on.

Besides the strength and depth of our class, the media presence of the class has been

again fantastic this year. The regular Finn newsletters, the website, major event blogs, the class YouTube site, Twitter feed and the Facebook page secured a comprehensive and continuous media presence.

To sum up, there are clearly further challenges ahead. We need to continue working on gear evolution and equipment control, racing format, media presence, class sponsorship, attractive major Finn events and build on our traditions, strengths and experience.

**Dr. Balazs Hajdu**

#### Ap. 3 – Vice President Sailing Report

The 2011 season in the Olympic circuit has been intensive all the way from the spring. Season is long but compact with many important and interesting events. Stakes are getting higher when there's only a year left this London Olympiad. Luckily there will be a next Olympiad as well for us when Finn got selected to Rio 2016 Olympics! When Star dropped out, Finn is the only boat that men +85kg can sail in the Olympics. It's encouraging that athletic young guys' dream of Olympic medal can still live.



The London Olympics are held in August 2012 but actually the Games are already on this year. Australia's Perth hosts the ISAF Worlds in the beginning of December. Sailors are fighting for not only the Finn Gold Cup medals but also to qualify their countries for the Olympics. 75% (18/25) of the available spots are handed away. The rest 25% (7/25) are available in the Falmouth Gold Cup in spring 2012. Also many countries have their national trials on, some have even finished them by now.

In August Weymouth hosts the Olympic Test Event exactly one year before the Games. The Test Event finishes the European season and the next time Olympic sailors will meet is in Perth. Rule 42. After 2010 AGM limit for free pumping was lowered from 12 to 10 knots. First experiences of the 10 knots rule in the Melbourne World Cup brought up the danger of the rule. After rounding the top mark the wind strength had been 10 knots and Oscar flag was hoisted but wind dropped down rapidly after that. Naturally free pumping in 6 knots was not the intension of the rule change. In Miami, Palma and Hyeres World Cups IFA representative had discussion with the race committees about the usage of the Oscar flag.

They we're advised to allow free pumping if the pressure was 10 knots or more and had clearly spread to the hole racing area. According to the feedback of the sailors during the season the experiences of the 10 knots rule have been positive. Learning new techniques and physically pushing one step harder seem to be accepted well among sailors.

The Finn class has got four more years as an Olympic class but we need to keep on working for the class continuously to keep it that way. In our actions to promote the class we have to follow the rules and restrictions of the ISAF and even better if ISAF likes what we're doing. The marketing strategy for the class is progressing on paper but when it's time to execute the plan I wish flexibility and cooperative attitude from sailors. After all it's our advantage and responsibility to keep this great class in the Olympics in the future as well.

**Tapio Nirkko**

#### **Ap 4 – Vice President Development Report**

Development this year was focused on a number of topics. First on the measurement side of things, Andre Blase, Dimitris Dimou, Kevin Farrar and Peter Hinrichsen have all been certified or renewed over the past year at events such as the FGC or Europeans.

We have been working on getting new sailors from Argentina, Macedonia, and Lithuania started in the class. A main area in the success of this program is gear collection. I am asking anyone who has extra gear that you are not using to please consider giving it to the class to help these sailors. Our main need is for sails so if you have sails that are not being used please contact me directly as we would like to get this equipment to them at the Silver Cup, Perth or Falmouth.

Also, we need to work on getting boats provided for new sailors at the Olympic Qualifying regattas. Specifically in Falmouth. Anyone with boats in England that could be used at the Worlds next year or anyone who could transport an extra boat to the event please contact me

directly. This is very important for the class. We are looking for 5 boats at this point.

Last, we have been growing with our junior numbers and I want to thank everyone who has encouraged new younger sailors to get into the Finn. Let's keep this going and find more juniors. Take them under your wing for a while and show them what the class has to offer.

**Zach Railey**

#### **Ap. 5 – Treasurer Report**

Firstly, I would like to apologise for not being able to join you in Helsinki. I hope you all have great wind, great sunshine and a great Regatta.

Looking at the accounts, the major discrepancies against the budget are;

##### **Revenue**

Membership – Membership was very encouraging. Revenue was €5051 more than last year and €11870 more than in 2009

Sail Labels – Sail label revenue was €1337 up from 2009 which is encouraging but was €12711 less than we had budgeted for.

Mast Labels – Like Sail Labels, Mast labels revenue was €810 up from 2009 but was €4870 less than we had budgeted for.

Interest – Interest received was negligible this year – reflecting the current economic climate. The Committee have been discussing ways of increasing interest revenue in 2011.

Advertising – Advertising revenue was again very encouraging, €4109 more than in 2009 and €1328 more than we had budgeted for.

Overall, Revenue was €3418 more than in 2009 but €9995 less than we had budgeted for. It will be interesting to see if the reduction in income from Masts and Sails is a temporary blip or will accurately represent the future revenue stream. In balance this is probably good news for the class as it reflects the increasing longevity and durability of the current Sails and Masts being produced which in return reflects well on the manufacturers that support the class.

##### **Expenses**

Payroll – Payroll was €1753 up against the budget. This extra cost is primarily because we have paid Robert more to reflect the higher quality and quantity of work that he produced for the class in 2010.

Stickers – This is a cyclical cost and we knew this would be higher in 2010 because fees were carried over from 2009 where we only spent €468. Sticker fees were €2538 above budget. PhotoFINNish – The good news is that we have broken even on PhotoFINNish. The bad news is that we carried some royalty payments over from 2009 until we could justify paying them on the basis of sales received. As a result we picked up expenses of €9309 in 2010 that had not been budgeted for. We still have 1000 copies of PhotoFINNish in stock and the revenue stream should be entirely positive from this point forward. We are continuing to sell between 100 and 200 copies of PhotoFINNish a year.

Development – We had budgeted for €6500 of Development costs in 2010 but we exceeded

this by €1903. The main cost here was the fantastic video created by Michele of the San Francisco Gold Cup. We also supported development of a new mould for the South African fleet and the development of our family of International Measurers.

Overall, expenses were €15103 more than we had budgeted for but only €2992 more than in 2009. Most of this was incurred supporting PhotoFINNish.

##### **Assets**

The Accounts Payable were adjusted just before the AGM last year and it transpired they didn't reflect the actual bills incurred at 31.12.09, but not paid until Jan 2010. The result of this was an inflated profit and capital in 2009. These were readjusted on 01.01.10 and the figure shown in the accounts represents the true value of our Assets. At €60659 this is still a comfortable base to support both the existing activities of the class and its continued development.

##### **Summary**

The IFA Finances are in good shape. The budgeting process is working well and overall the class returned a small profit of €1602 despite the increase in Expenses. The money spent supporting marketing and lobbying for Rio in 2016 has been well spent and we have secured the future of strong, athletic sailors in the Olympic Games. We should be proud of the achievements of the South African fleet and proud of the contribution that we have been able to make in helping them develop Olympic sailing on that continent. Our marketing and promotional activities are already the envy of most of the other Olympic Classes and can only be enhanced by the formal Marketing Strategy that is in development. Our use of technology and new media streams over the last two years has been ground breaking. 2011 is a pre-Olympic year and historically this is the best year of the Olympic cycle in terms of Revenue. We are on course to make a larger profit in 2011 that will allow us to continue to support the Development of the class through the next Olympic cycle. We have much to be proud of.

**Tim Carver**

#### **Ap. 6 – Technical Committee Chairman Report**

Last August our Council (AGM) debated several recommendations from your Technical Committee, and I was instructed to submit a number of Rule Change proposals to ISAF.

Most of the items that directly affect our boat and our racing have been agreed, and came into effect on 1st March this year:

The basic wind speed at which the Race Officer is recommended to allow pumping is now 10 kts;

There is provision at our new Rule A.7.2 for the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions to recommend 12 kts: this allows National Finn Associations or the Masters to use the old limit if preferred;

If the NOR or SIs prescribe Equipment Limitations, then they are

- One Hull with Centreboard,
- Two Rudders,
- Two Masts,
- Two Booms, and
- Two Sails.



# IFA Accounts & Budget

## Ap. 1 – Accounts Summary - Euros

### 1. Revenue

	2012	2011	2010	2010	2009	2009	2008	2007	2006	Variance	
			Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Prev Year
Memberships	35000	35000	40051	35000	28181	33600	29002	26618	27526	5051	11870
Sail labels	28000	40000	15289	28000	13952	14000	13761	19428	6960	-12711	1337
Mast labels	5000	9000	4130	9000	3320	3500	3005	5912	2350	-4870	810
ISAF Plaques for new boats	7500	7500	7443	7500	4835	7000	5741	7583	6864	-57	2608
Interest	650	650	12	650	403	650	648	631	666	-638	-391
Advertising	6200	6200	7528	6200	3419	3600	2834	4000	543	1328	4109
Finn Shop	2500	2500	0	500	0	1896	0	661	7494	-500	0
ISAF Worlds & Euro entries	0	7500	0	0	0	0	0	5442	0	0	0
PhotoFINNish Advertising	0	0	0	0	2898	0	0	0	0	0	-2898
PhotoFINNish Sales	5000	5000	9879	10000	17868	0	0	0	0	-121	-7989
Regatta Revenue	0	0	0	0	5995	0	0	0	0	0	-5995
Forex Gain	0	0	2523	0	2566	0	0	0	3342	2523	-43
# of members	1400										
Membership Fee	25										
<b>Total</b>	<b>89850</b>	<b>113350</b>	<b>86855</b>	<b>96850</b>	<b>83437</b>	<b>64246</b>	<b>54991</b>	<b>70275</b>	<b>55745</b>	<b>-9995</b>	<b>3418</b>

### 2. Expenses

	2012	2011	2010	2010	2009	2009	2008	2007	2006	Variance	
	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual			Budget	Prev Year
Payroll	30700	30700	33253	31500	30712	26800	27032	23284	20280	-1753	-2541
Office expenses	1200	1200	2575	2500	2720	2000	1854	1077	4326	-75	145
Regatta & IM expenses	1000	8500	3813	3500	7925	2000	5068	3246	2049	-313	4112
Bank charges	200	200	233	200	200	200	385	142	147	-33	-33
Finnfare expenses	8000	8000	7391	8000	8282	11000	8798	15104	11668	609	891
Postage	300	300	829	300	373	300	289	530	279	-529	-456
Stickers (mast, sail, hull)	2600	2600	5138	2600	468	4000	3361	4336	4094	-2538	-4670
IFA Clinic	2000	2000	0	0	1141	2000	986	8365	5333	0	1141
PhoFinn Royalty	1750	1750	8502	3000	0	0	0	0	0	-5502	-8502
ISAF Building Fee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5122	0	0
Development	0	0	8403	6500	0	0	0	0	0	-1903	-8403
Masters Admin	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2003	2726	2003	0	0
Website hosting	400	400	860	800	177	1000	201	942	1179	-60	-683
ISAF meetings	8000	10000	7212	8000	11127	8000	9414	6986	4565	788	3915
Calendar printing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6471	0	0	0
PhoFinn Print & Mailing	0	0	3807	0	14947	0	0	0	0	-3807	11140
Finn Shop	500	500	737	750	1689	0	0	0	0	13	952
Forex Loss	0	0	0	0	0	0	11588	6487	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>59150</b>	<b>68650</b>	<b>85253</b>	<b>70150</b>	<b>82261</b>	<b>59800</b>	<b>70979</b>	<b>79696</b>	<b>61045</b>	<b>-15103</b>	<b>-2992</b>
<b>Annual P/L</b>	<b>30700</b>	<b>44700</b>	<b>1602</b>	<b>26700</b>	<b>1176</b>	<b>4446</b>	<b>-15988</b>	<b>-9421</b>	<b>-5300</b>	<b>-25098</b>	<b>426</b>
<b>FOREX Adjusted P/L</b>	<b>30700</b>	<b>44700</b>	<b>-921</b>	<b>26700</b>	<b>-1390</b>	<b>4446</b>	<b>-4400</b>	<b>-2934</b>	<b>-8642</b>	<b>-27621</b>	<b>469</b>

### 3. Assets & Liabilities

	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
<b>Assets</b>					
Petty cash	410	893	273	0	0
Accounts receivable	5329	0	0	0	0
GBP Working Account	24717	41275	2475	882	19354
GBP Capital Account	27971	26922	35665	45342	48810
FRA Working Account	2231	7896	28741	28100	15815
	<b>60659</b>	<b>76985</b>	<b>67154</b>	<b>74324</b>	<b>83979</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Amount Payable **	0	16929	8795	0	
Salaries owing	2571	3571	3050	30	264
FGC Bond AUS	0	0	0	2998	2998
Capital	58088	54685	55309	71296	80717
	<b>60659</b>	<b>75185</b>	<b>67154</b>	<b>74324</b>	<b>83979</b>

\*\*Container Assistance from FGC Aust to be paid to sailors



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(This is the limitation that we have had for many years in our Major Championship Rules).

There are a couple of minor relaxations in the thwart position and dimension requirements, which were unnecessarily strict for modern Finns;

If you've won the Finn Gold Cup or an Olympic Finn Gold Medal at some time, please use Gold Waves for your Class Sail Insignia.

As instructed by AGM, we made a submission to ISAF regarding Class Rule changes to include reference to a Measurement Database, aiming to provide general access to the measurement records of all hulls. The Class Rules Sub-Committee were supportive, and suggested that initially we could introduce our database without changes to the existing rules. During the year, the database has been under development by expert friends of Jüri Saraskin. After testing, it is ready to go online, subject to AGM approval. At the AGM, it is hoped that Marcin Owczarkiewicz will make a presentation showing what has been achieved (Marcin is the Official Measurer who measures at Devoti Boats). We have had help and encouragement from Devoti Sailing in this project, and hope that in due course our manufacturers will place their measurement records on the database.

Several of our major builders ask Jüri Saraskin to visit their operations from time to time, especially when new mouldings are brought into service. Jüri and the local Official Measurer check the new items together, which provides an opportunity for them to discuss measurement techniques, gauges and tools. We proposed to formalise this good standard practice into our Rules, under the headings of Prototype Inspection and Periodic Inspection. Our submission was rejected by the ISAF Class Rules Sub-Committee. The Technical Department and CRSC Chairman Georg Tallberg have asked me to prepare a paper about these issues for the Equipment Control Sub-Committee Meeting next November.

Following difficulties with obtaining approval or recognition of "Official Measurers" by a member national authority of ISAF, we asked for restoration of our right (pre-SCR) to approve "official measurers", where a MNA could not or would not do so. This was rejected, but the whole matter of Measurer and Equipment Inspector training and approval is being actively



discussed within the Equipment Control Sub-Committee and International Measurers Sub-Committee of ISAF, and I am very hopeful that workable arrangements will be developed soon.

With other Measurers including Dimitris Dimou, Our Chief Measurer Jüri Saraskin has been fine tuning new techniques for hull measurement (using a strongback to determine measurement points, rather than attempting to do this with a jig). I am delighted to report that I have just seen the drafts for revised Guidance to Measurers for Finns, which should be ready for our website very soon.

Finally, ISAF have asked us to revise the wording of Rule C.1.1 (the pumping rule). This is a technical change would have no impact on our racing. Also there are a couple of bad cross-references between diagrams and rules. Please authorise us to make the necessary changes.

**Richard Hart**

#### Ap. 7 – Vice-President Masters Report

After having finished the Finn World Masters in 2010 in Split, Croatia, with 167 competitors, the preparations for 2011 in Punta Ala Italy started. First, in June 2010, I visited the venue and had good discussions with the management of the PuntaAla Camping Resort and the Racing secretary. We discussed the Masters' Guidelines and made some practical appointments.

In September 2010 I visited Cannes, France and Tihany at Lake Balaton, Hungary.

In March 2011 Cannes informed me that they will shift their candidacy to a later year. The reason is they will have important works in their marina in 2013. Also Tihany shifted the candidacy to 2014 for personal reasons of the organisers.

This left two candidates for 2013: La Rochelle and Maubuisson. In April 2011 I visited La

Rochelle, where we had a good Finn World Masters in 1996, together with the Gold Cup. The room around the club has been enlarged since then, so parking Finns, campers and trailers will not be a problem. The club is experienced in organizing big sailing events.

As Maubuisson is rather close to La Rochelle I decided to drive there and discuss their candidacy, too and in a meeting I advised about matters that could be improved compared to 2009. Visit reports can be read on [www.finnworldmaster.com](http://www.finnworldmaster.com).

Both La Rochelle and Maubuisson were invited to present their venues during the Annual Masters Meeting (AMM) in Punta Ala in June 2011. From June 10th till 17th we had a great Finn World Masters Championship in Punta Ala. Good winds, good spot, good food, etc. Some things did not go like we agreed last year, but, in the end, the result was good. When we, maybe, return to Punta Ala in future years, we have to make better appointments about some matters like the financial contribution for wives and other company, where to park the Finns and socials.

The sailing was super and returning on the beach after the races, each day, I saw many smiling faces. During and after the event I received remarks, questions and mails about the format. Not the scoring format but the amount of races. Some Masters indicated that it was very demanding. Not only because of the wind speed during the week, but also the amount of races. Within the Masters Committee I will discuss this and in Pwllheli we can discuss this in the AMM again. The Masters must remain an event that pleases all age categories from 40 till almost (or over) the age of 80. Any change of the format will have effect on the amount of entries, either for the younger competitors or for the older ones. But: my idea is that it is very important to have a serious future plan regarding this, without having as a goal to break entry records.

After the presentations of La Rochelle and Maubuisson the AMM in Punta Ala voted for sailing the FWM in 2013 in La Rochelle, France. Maubuisson will remain a candidate for 2014. Further, the AMM followed the Masters Committee's advice not to integrate the new Finn European Masters Championship into the Masters organization. An advice could be to integrate it into the senior Europeans, in order to boost both of them. This decision is up to IFA.

A report of the Masters 2011 in Punta Ala can be read on [www.finnworldmaster.com](http://www.finnworldmaster.com).

In 2012 we will sail the Finn World Masters Championship in Pwllheli, Northern Wales, UK, from May 25th till June 1st. Pwllheli is a very nice venue with an experienced organization and Race Committee. Maybe we will not reach 300 competitors, but I hope we will be able to convince many Masters to compete there. Launching from the beach is much easier than in Punta Ala and the racing area is very close. Only the weather could frighten some people, but in Schwerin in 2003 and in Medemblik in 2008 we also were very lucky with the weather, so why not in Pwllheli? Look at it from a positive point of view.

[www.finnworldmasters2012.info](http://www.finnworldmasters2012.info) is on-line already, so keep yourself informed. Also accommodation offers are there already or will be soon. For some you have to be quick, because of a deadline for the offer. So once you have decided to compete in Pwllheli: book your accommodation and ferry soon.

In the end I wish to thank everybody, including the masters Committee, for giving me feedback and support during the past year and I wish you all good winds for the rest of 2011.

**Fons van Gent**

## Major Finn regattas 2011-12

13-18/9/2011	Open Russian Championship	Moscow, Russia
16-18/9/2011	Open Dutch Championships	Medemblik, Netherlands
24-25/9/2011	Italian Open Championship	Malcesine, Italy
30/9-2/10/2011	International Finn Cup	Malcesine, Italy
1-4/11/2011	Sail Sydney	Woolahra, Australia
6-12/11/2011	Sail Melbourne (SWC)	Melbourne, Australia
16-19/11/2011	Sail Brisbane	Brisbane, Australia
<b>3-11/12/2011</b>	<b>ISAF Sailing World Championships (FGC)</b>	<b>Perth, Australia</b>
4-8/12/2011	Semana Olimpica Canaria De Vela	Las Palmas, Spain
17-22/12/2011	Palamos Christmas Race	Palamos, Spain

<b>2012</b>		
3-8/1/2012	Australian Championships	Adelaide, Australia
22-28/1/2012	Rolex Miami OCR (SWC)	Miami, USA
4-8/3/2012	Athens Eurolymp Week	Athens, Greece
<b>16-24/3</b>	<b>Europeans</b>	<b>Scarolino, Italy</b>
31/3-6/4/2012	Trofeo SAR Princess Sofia MAPFRE (SWC)	Palma, Spain
20-27/4/2012	Semaine Olympique Francaise (SWC)	Hyeres, France
4-8/5/2012	UK National Championships (venue opens 1 May)	Falmouth, UK
<b>10-18/5/2012</b>	<b>Finn Gold Cup</b>	<b>Falmouth, UK</b>
23-27/5/2012	Delta Lloyd Regatta (SWC)	Medemblik, Netherlands
<b>27/5-1/6</b>	<b>Finn World Masters</b>	<b>Pwllheli, UK</b>
4-9/6/2012	Skandia Sail For Gold Regatta (SWC)	Weymouth & Portland, UK
16-24/6/2012	Kieler Woche (SWC)	Kiel, Germany
<b>29/6-7/7/2012</b>	<b>Silver Cup (Junior Worlds)</b>	<b>Maubuisson, France</b>
28/7-11/8/2012	London Olympic Games	Weymouth and Portland, UK
17-22/12/2012	Palamos Christmas Race	Palamos, Spain

#### Future Championships

<b>2013</b>		
17-25/5	Finn World Masters	La Rochelle, France
tbc	Europeans	Germany
July	Silver Cup	Riva del Garda, Italy
tbc	Finn Gold Cup	Tallinn, Estonia
<b>2014</b>		
tbc	Finn Gold Cup	Santander, Spain

More details and regatta links can be found on [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org) or on [www.finnclass.org](http://www.finnclass.org)  
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