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## Opening shot – Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic took his third European title in Split



### President's Letter

**Dear Finn Sailors,  
Dear Friends of the International  
Finn Community**

With the Finn Europeans in Split, Croatia, the Finn World Masters in Kavala, Greece and the Silver Cup (Junior Worlds) in Valencia, Spain behind us the second half of the 2015 Finn sailing season is about to begin with focus on the pre-Olympics in Rio, the final stages of the ISAF Sailing World Cup and our Finn Gold Cup and Olympic qualification event in November hosted by Takapuna, New Zealand.

With the IOC and ISAF concentrating more on the sustainability of the Olympics and Olympic sailing the International Finn Association will continue with the Finn International Development Support (Fides) programme with supported sailors in new Finn sailing countries in Africa and Asia. The ISAF Continental Olympic Qualification Regattas will show the result of the multi-year project of our class with the Dinghy Academy in Valencia bringing young talent also from developing sailing countries to a new level.

Finn Class development also has its technical aspects and IFA will continue its pivotal role in guiding and controlling technical gear evolution with the aim of providing both international and club level Finn sailors around the world with good quality, long lasting and price-conscious Finn hulls, masts and sails.

For our international sailors I may wish fair winds and successful preparation for the upcoming major Finn regattas. As regards our national and regional Finn fleets the regatta calendar is going to be packed with Finn events and various national championships over the coming months, so there is plenty of opportunity to enjoy sailing this wonderful boat.

Dr. Balazs Hajdu  
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IFA President



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## Editorial

If you look at the issue number opposite, you'll see that we have reached another milestone in the history of FINNFARE. This is the 150th edition of your favourite magazine and the 54th that I have produced. From the comments and feedback made recently, it seems you are happy with the way it has evolved over the past 18 years.

Over those 18 years FINNFARE has grown from a 20 or 24 page black and white production with a colour cover to a 32 page full colour edition and we are printing almost 1,000 more copies than 18 years ago.

This growth reflects the increasing interest in Finn sailing worldwide, especially in the Masters group, but also in the senior and junior age groups. Turn the clock back 18 years and there was no Junior World Championship and the Masters was attracting just over 100 boats. Now we have a fully fledged Junior World title and a Masters scene that just will not stop growing.

Though the development of FINNFARE has followed those trends, it has also been possible due to the commitment of our advertisers and supporters, many of which have been constant through those 18 years. Technology has also made production easier in many regards, and printing technology has moved on so far that these current 32 page full colour editions cost less to produce than a 24 page black and white issue 20 years ago.

The Finn class probably achieves the highest media coverage of any Olympic class, indeed any class of sailing boat through a directed and concerted effort to promote the sailors and the class at every opportunity. Following changes in the class administration at the meeting in Split, this coverage will increase with more services to sailors and federations coming on-stream over the coming years. If you have ideas on what you'd like the Finn class to provide in terms of media coverage or promotion services, please get in touch with me to discuss.

As ever, this European summer edition is packed with event news and results from regattas and that news takes up the larger part of this issue. It always surprises me the huge scope of Finn sailing worldwide and the number of regattas, and there is no way the class can cover all of it. However we will continue to try and bring you the best of what happens, both online, and in print through this great tool we call FINNFARE.

*Robert Deaves, Editor*



# Finn news

## IFA Annual General Meeting 2015

Because of legal requirements about when our accounts and budget need to be presented and approved by members, the financial report was presented at a meeting in Split during the Europeans. The rest of the class business will take place at the AGM on Sunday, 22 November at Takapuna Boating Club, during the Finn Gold Cup.

There we will be voting on Executive members, any rule changes, and the venue for our major championships in 2017.

## Major Championships 2017

All bids for major championships in 2017 will soon be posted on our website [www.finnclass.org](http://www.finnclass.org). So far we have the following bids:

**Finn Gold Cup:** Dziwnów, Poland; Nova Scotia, Canada; Marseilles, France; Spartacus SC, Balaton, Hungary

**Europeans:** Marseilles, France; Spartacus SC, Balaton, Hungary

**Silver Cup:** Aarhus, Denmark, Port Bourgas, Bulgaria, Torbole, Italy (not yet received)

## Rule 42 Clinic in Valencia

A three day Rule 42 clinic was run by the Finn Class just before the Silver Cup in Valencia. Around 20 sailors competed at some point including the Juniors preparing for the week ahead as well as some seniors who were in Valencia for training. Four on-the-water sessions were carried out along with de-briefings with videos from each day with detailed explanations from the judges. The clinic ended with two umpired medal races to give the sailors some experience of direct judging and the processes involved.

The major focus of the clinic was common start line infringements (sculling, rocking, crabbing), downwind (unconnected rocking and pumping) and upwind body movements (torquing, tacking and bouncing). All those who took part, both sailors and jury, agreed that they learned a lot through the constant repetition and practice of common infringement situations. Around four hours of video was taken and over the coming months this will be edited and post-produced to add to the existing Finn Class Rule 42 Library. See a video of some clips here: <http://youtu.be/NynKiO8w0Rs>

The Finn Class would like to thank John Doerr (GBR), Peter Scheuerl (GER) and Michal Jodlowski (POL) for sharing their knowledge and experience in this very important area.

## ISAF Rankings - Fleet racing - Men - Finn - Monday 27 July 2015

		Nation	Events	Prev	Best	Points
1	Ivan Kljakovic	CRO	6	1	1	920
2	Edward Wright	GBR	6	2	1	917
3	Giles Scott	GBR	5	3	1	900
4	Jake Lilley	AUS	6	4	3	883
5	Josh Junior	NZL	6	5	5	824
6	Caleb Paine	USA	6	6	1	797
7	Oliver Tweddell	AUS	6	8	1	754
8	Vasilij Zbogor	SLO	6	9	8	753
9	Björn Allansson	SWE	6	7	1	748
10	Ioannis Mitakis	GRE	6	10	6	710
11	Jonathan Lobert	FRA	6	13	5	696
12	Andrew Murdoch	NZL	5	11	11	694
13	Michele Paoletti	ITA	6	12	1	676
14	Deniss Karpak	EST	6	14	3	651
15	Pieter-Jan Postma	NED	6	15	3	647
16	Anders Pedersen	NOR	6	16	14	636
17	Ben Cornish	GBR	6	17	17	623
18	Zsombor Berecz	HUN	6	18	14	613
19	Milan Vujasinovic	CRO	6	19	13	609
20	Piotr Kula	POL	6	21	8	577

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# ISAF Sailing World Cup 2014-15



After Melbourne and Miami, the 2015 ISAF Sailing World Cup continued in Hyères and Weymouth. The final regional event is in Qingdao before the grand final in Abu Dhabi in October. Palma and Medemblik were used as selection events for the last places at Hyères and Weymouth where entries were capped at 40.

## 4. ISAF Sailing World Cup Hyères

### SWC Hyeres 2015 - Final Results

1	GBR 41	Giles Scott	(24)	1	5	1	8	4	8	9	2	38
2	SLO 573	Vasilij Zbogar	14	19	4	3	14	(28)	1	1	6	62
3	GBR 11	Edward Wright	3	(30)	2	5	10	13	11	15	16	75
4	HUN 40	Zsombor Berecz	12	(17)	16	9	6	10	3	12	10	78
5	CRO 524	Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic	18	(33)	3	13	15	2	17	13	4	85
6	CRO 69	Milan Vujasinovic	29	7	19	(39)	3	12	5	2	12	89
7	USA 6	Caleb Paine	21	11	11	11	1	21	7	(25)	8	91
8	NZL 24	Josh Junior	(32)	27	7	10	11	15	2	10	14	96
9	FRA 112	Jonathan Lobert	1	(35)	6	20	22	3	9	22	ufd	105
10	GRE 77	Ioannis Mitakis	4	(36)	14	18	29	1	10	11	ufd	109

Giles Scott secured his second Sailing World Cup event of the year after winning the medal race to take the top spot by 24 points. Vasilij Zbogar made sure of the silver with a third place, while Ed Wright just managed to retain the bronze with an eighth place finish.

Scott had almost done enough to take the win already, but just needed to make sure he wasn't last. He took the lead on the first downwind and never looked back, taking the race win in the perfect conditions. After a perfect performance on Saturday, winning both races, Zbogar still had a fight on his

hands to keep the silver. However his main opposition Ed Wright, who had occupied second overall for most of the week, didn't have the best day and Zbogar sailed well to place third and take the silver.

Apart from the high scoring first day, Scott was incredibly consistent in the tricky conditions, and only once outside the top ten all week.

Hyeres was the first event with the new format of 40 boats, with 30 taken from the world rankings and 10 from the next best in Palma.

11	NED 842	Pieter-Jan Postma	89
12	NZL 16	Andrew Murdoch	91
13	SWE 6	Björn Allansson	102
14	ESP 7	Alex Muscat	109
15	EST 2	Deniss Karpak	114
16	FRA 29	Thomas Le Breton	116
17	ITA 146	Michele Paoletti	118
18	ITA 123	Filippo Baldassari	122
19	AUS 261	Oliver Tweddell	123
20	DEN 4	Mads Bendix	124
21	CZE 5	Ondrej Tepy	126
22	SWE 33	Max Salminen	127
23	BRA 109	Jorge Zarif	127
24	GBR 91	Ben Cornish	131
25	POR 5	Frederico Melo	145
26	AUS 41	Jake Lilley	152
27	FIN 218	Tapio Nirikko	153
28	EST 11	Lauri Väinsalu	157
29	ITA 117	Giorgio Poggi	164
30	TUR 21	Alican Kaynar	164
31	URU 301	Alejandro Jose Foglia	164
32	ITA 66	Enrico Voltolini	172
33	DEN 31	Stig Steinfurth	175
34	GER 259	Phillip Kasueske	175
35	ESP 8	Pablo Guitian Sarria	184
36	RUS 57	Egor Terpigorev	189
37	FRA 17	Fabian Pic	198
38	RUS 7	Anatoliy Korshikov	202
39	NOR 1	Anders Pedersen	231
40	GER 252	Eike Tjark Martens	245



Photos: Sailing Energy, British Sailing Team



## 5. ISAF Sailing World Cup Weymouth & Portland

A smaller than expected fleet did nothing to make life easier for the 24 top sailors who turned up. It was a week of tough sailing in unusual conditions for Weymouth with north-easterlies throwing something new into the mix. The week really belonged to the Kiwis and Giles Scott, who won all the opening races except one. Jonathan Lobert took the other race, and the medal race but was too far adrift to challenge for a medal.

Andrew Murdoch led after the opening day, but then Scott took the lead and never let it go to extend his winning streak again. The defining day was Saturday with three tough races in 14-18 knots and big seas. Scott and Junior slugged it out neck and neck for two races, and then Scott won the final race to eke out a six point margin.

ISAF SWC Weymouth & Portland - Final results											
1	GBR 41	Giles Scott	1	(12)	2	1	2	1	1	20	28
2	NZL 24	Josh Junior	(15)	1	4	2	1	2	4	18	32
3	NZL 16	Andrew Murdoch	3	2	6	(8)	4	5	3	12	35
4	SWE 33	Max Salminen	5	13	(17)	9	3	3	2	6	41
5	FRA 112	Jonathan Lobert	2	7	1	3	(dsq)	21	8	2	44
6	AUS 41	Jake Lilley	11	8	11	5	(17)	11	9	4	59
7	CRO 524	Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic	14	10	7	(ocs)	5	9	10	8	63
8	GBR 91	Ben Cornish	7	(16)	3	4	8	12	14	16	64
9	FIN 218	Tapio Nirkko	6	14	5	11	(18)	15	6	10	67
10	GBR 11	Edward Wright	(19)	3	10	6	9	14	11	14	67
11	ESP 7	Alex Muscat	62	18	POL 17	Piotr Kula	91				
12	ITA 117	Giorgio Poggi	62	19	GRE 77	Ioannis Mitakis	97				
13	USA 6	Caleb Paine	65	20	NOR 1	Anders Pedersen	98				
14	ITA 66	Enrico Voltolini	66	21	ITA 123	Filippo Baldassari	100				
15	BRA 109	Jorge Zarif	68	22	AUS 261	Oliver Tweddell	101				
16	SWE 6	Björn Allansson	81	23	GBR 18	James Hadden	132				
17	TUR 21	Alican Kaynar	90	24	TUN 1	Karim Esseghir	138				



Even though he finished in last place in the light wind medal race Scott had brought Junior back down the fleet with him. Murdoch was left to sail his own race but could only manage a sixth in shifty harbour conditions and had to settle for the bronze.

The race win went to Lobert, just as it did three years ago in the Olympics, but this time there was no bronze medal waiting at the finish line. Jake Lilley led round the top mark and ended another good week with a second place to move up to sixth. Max Salminen showed some great form on the Saturday for three top three places that left him with a shot at a medal.

The medal race began with Scott taking the offensive to Junior and both boats ended up away from the line and slightly back. Junior had the best of the start but Scott tacked off to the right, found some pressure and was right back in it until he got a penalty for bouncing. Junior kept his slight advantage

on the first lap but at the end of the second beat, Scott laid a mark trap, and controlled Junior down the final run. However Junior then pulled a trap on Scott at the final gate and slid through to take ninth. Murdoch crossed in sixth, and just couldn't pass enough boats to snatch the silver away from his teammate.

Junior was ecstatic and relieved with his silver medal. *"Giles was keen to take me out. Nothing really learned. He just made life really difficult for me, so I will have to think about a solution to deal with that in the future."*

Scott was equally relieved. *"I certainly didn't make it easy for myself. I was bit back off the start but managed to get some pressure on the right which brought me right back and I managed to get on top of Josh reasonable well. Then as we split I got yellow flagged which put me on the back foot again. It was very stressful but then to get ahead by the top of the next beat and then put the mark trap in it kind of sealed it for me."*

Scott continues his winning streak but this regatta was about as close as any in the last two years. Does he feel the others are catching up, *"The Kiwis were going particularly well this week. With the loss of Friday it's only been a four day regatta. So a lot of the regatta was put on yesterday with three races and they were going particularly well in that breeze. The other thing is that the fleet is quite small so the points are inevitably going to be a bit tighter. But for sure there is still a lot of work to be done and everyone is getting better all the time, as ever."*







In May the Finn fleet returned to Split for the fourth time in recent history for a major championship. Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic took his third European title on home waters after a close battle with Josh Junior. Vasilij Zbogar turned around a slow start when he was ill, to finish strongly and take the bronze.

The Junior European Championship went to Arkadiy Kistanov after leading the defending champion Lilley for the whole series. Lilley had to settle for silver while local sailor Nenad Bugarin won the bronze.

### Day 1

Race 1 almost belonged to Arkadiy Kistanov. He led at every mark, and only lost the race shortly before the finish. It took three attempts to get the fleet away in the shifty wind, and when they finally got off the line cleanly, the left was clearly the favourite. Kistanov rounded the top mark with a sizable lead from Egor Terpigorev and Josh Junior. Kistanov was setting the pace and he looked to be in control as he held his lead at the second windward mark. However, Junior had other ideas and took the lead towards the end of the final downwind to be the distinctly non-European winner of the first race of the European Championship.

Race 2 took even longer to get away with the pin end being very popular as the breeze continually shifted left. The start was postponed in the final moments several times as the pin was

dropped back slightly to meet the new wind, and after another two attempts the race was underway with six boats pulled out under the U flag. Terpigorev continued his good form to lead round the top from Junior, but Junior was soon in the lead and extended all the way round the course for a huge race win. Terpigorev maintained second place through the gate and just held off a strong challenge from local favourite Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic on the final downwind, with a photo finish to decide between them.

*Kljakovic Gaspic: "I just kept calm and got on with the work. I had a decent start, and I had to fight until the end, for a very tight finish."*

*Junior: "I haven't sailed like this in a long time. To win two races in a row is fantastic. You don't have days like today every day."*

### Day 2

Kistanov took the lead on the second day after only one late race was sailed in light winds. After the left hand corner was favoured yesterday, some tried that gambit again, and lost. Some also tried the right, and lost. The leaders emerged from the middle playing the pressure bands. Andrew Murdoch rounded second and sailed into the lead on the run, while behind him places changed downwind and up the second beat. Murdoch still led but Kljakovic Gaspic and Ioannis Mitakis came down the run in second and third for a close finish behind Murdoch. Arkadiy Kistanov crossed in fifth to take the overall lead.



### 2015 European Championship - Final Results

1	CRO 524	Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic	(26)	3	2	15	2	2	4	11	7	8	54	
2	NZL 24	Josh Junior		1	1	(27)	7	10	1	2	21	5	16	64
3	SLO 573	Vasilij Zbogar		15	12	(36)	17	3	4	5	7	2	4	69
4	GBR 11	Edward Wright		10	5	10	18	1	(20)	19	5	3	10	81
5	RUS 6	Arkadiy Kistanov (J)		2	10	5	8	14	27	(30)	4	8	6	84
6	RUS 57	Egor Terpigorev		3	2	(dsq)	38	5	6	14	9	10	14	101
7	SWE 6	Bjorn Allansson		9	21	(50)	33	6	16	8	2	9	2	106
8	AUS 41	Jake Lilley (J)		11	7	(21)	21	9	21	6	8	1	ufd	106
9	CRO 69	Milan Vujasinovic	(29)	11	8	4	7	11	27	16	13	12	109	
10	GRE 77	Ioannis Mitakis		5	15	3	14	22	7	13	26	(30)	ufd	127

## Third European title for Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic







11	NZL 16	Andrew Murdoch	(24)	4	1	12	15	17	24	10	23	106
12	GBR 91	Ben Cornish	12	8	28	16	(ufd)	10	7	14	19	114
13	URU 301	Alejandro Foglia	22	20	9	(32)	25	3	15	17	4	115
14	EST 2	Deniss Karpak	13	13	(ret)	1	21	22	1	34	11	116
15	HUN 40	Zsombor Berecz	8	6	26	2	12	19	18	25	(28)	116
16	NOR 1	Anders Pedersen	25	16	20	6	20	8	21	(41)	6	122
17	ITA 146	Michele Paoletti	17	14	4	5	11	24	23	(29)	25	123
18	CRO 52	Nenad Bugarin (J)	4	23	7	27	(32)	15	26	12	16	130
19	ITA 117	Giorgio Poggi	28	22	37	(42)	23	18	3	1	15	147
20	CRO 1	Josip Olujic	18	9	(58)	24	16	5	12	37	41	162
21	TUR 21	Alican Kaynar	(45)	36	17	40	8	14	20	15	24	174
22	CZE 5	Ondrej Tepy (J)	27	34	16	3	30	33	(36)	19	14	176
23	ITA 66	Enrico Voltolini	19	26	24	34	13	(38)	11	28	22	177
24	ITA 123	Filippo Baldassari	(54)	27	18	19	31	31	37	6	21	190
25	NED 842	Pieter Jan Postma	14	18	56	36	(ufd)	25	16	22	12	199
26	GER 259	Phillip Kasueske (J)	33	33	13	11	29	12	41	35	(43)	207
27	GBR 18	James Hadden	(47)	40	6	22	35	9	47	39	17	215
28	ESP 8	Pablo Guitian Sarria	6	25	(48)	43	28	47	35	23	18	225
29	ITA 147	Simone Ferrarese	16	30	12	(63)	34	28	48	31	33	232
30	POL 17	Piotr Kula	21	(ufd)	51	53	17	30	9	18	38	237
31	AUS 261	Oliver Tweddell	20	(ufd)	22	28	26	13	39	(ufd)	20	240
32	GBR 96	Hector Simpson (J)	23	38	19	20	(43)	40	31	38	35	244
33	POL 16	Mikolaj Lahn (J)	7	32	(53)	31	27	37	10	51	51	246
34	POR 5	Frederico Melo	34	17	30	(60)	33	36	25	44	27	246
35	RUS 7	Anatoly Korshikov (J)	37	19	(49)	29	37	29	22	33	40	246
36	UKR 5	Andrii Gusenko	41	31	33	10	44	26	33	(47)	47	265
37	CZE 1	Michael Maier	(50)	41	25	30	41	34	28	36	32	267
38	EST 11	Lauri Vainsalu	44	(ufd)	14	61	39	35	17	53	31	294
39	NOR 9	Lars Johan Brodtkorb (J)	38	35	44	9	54	41	46	32	(58)	299
40	GER 25	Max Kohlhoff (J)	30	50	(54)	23	42	32	51	20	53	301
41	FRA 17	Pic Fabian (J)	(46)	29	46	35	40	42	32	45	34	303
42	GER 595	Simon Gorgels (J)	36	39	31	41	36	48	38	40	(50)	309
43	ESP 717	Victor Gorostegui Arce	48	46	(62)	26	45	39	40	13	56	313
44	CAN 110	Martin Robitaille	(ufd)	ufd	61	68	4	23	34	30	26	318
45	FRA 99	Marc Allain d Beauvais	43	48	(55)	39	53	53	52	3	37	328
46	CRO 7	Tudor Bilic	49	37	43	49	24	(50)	44	46	42	334
47	POL 1	Milosz Wojewski	40	42	47	25	49	43	(54)	43	46	335
48	GER 713	Haverland Lars	42	28	35	50	38	52	43	(55)	49	337
49	ITA 83	Matteo Savio (J)	52	43	11	52	48	44	49	(64)	44	343
50	ARG 48	Facundo Olezza (J)	51	45	15	45	(dnc)	rdg	rdg	56	52	355.2
51	FIN 225	Mikael Hyrylainen	(59)	44	38	44	58	49	45	52	29	359
52	ITA 175	Alessandro Vongher	35	47	(64)	46	52	45	50	48	36	359
53	ARG 1	Santiago Falasca (J)	(55)	54	23	54	50	46	55	50	39	371
54	ESP 7	Alex Muscat	(ufd)	24	32	13	19	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	376
55	USA 11	Philip Toth	60	(ufd)	34	37	47	55	58	42	48	381
56	GRE 4	Panagiotis Kotsovos	39	53	42	51	51	51	42	(60)	54	383
57	GER 252	Eike Martens	31	(ufd)	60	48	18	dsq	29	dnc	55	385
58	FRA 89	Benjamin Montagut	32	49	59	56	46	54	53	(61)	45	394
59	RUS 41	Felix Denikarv	53	56	41	57	57	65	(dnc)	27	57	413
60	POL 22	Jeremi Zimny (J)	62	58	29	47	55	57	60	(66)	62	430
61	GRE 71	Panagiotis Davourlis	68	55	52	59	60	61	(dnc)	24	59	438
62	TUR 24	Sarunas Felenderis	58	57	40	(65)	56	59	56	59	64	449
63	POL 14	Piotr Mazur	57	51	(63)	55	63	58	61	49	60	454
64	ITA 191	Alessandro Cattaneo	56	52	(68)	62	59	56	59	54	61	459
65	GER 236	Andreas Lohmann	63	(dnf)	45	67	62	62	57	58	65	479
66	POL 171	Piotr Gierczak (J)	64	59	39	58	(dnc)	66	62	65	68	481
67	SUI 63	Gautschi Thomas	65	62	57	64	61	60	63	63	(67)	495
68	POL 11	Kacper Jarocki (J)	67	60	67	(70)	64	63	64	67	69	521
69	POL 2	Andrej Skarka	66	61	65	66	(dnc)	dnc	dnc	57	63	522
70	TUN 1	Karim Esseghir	61	63	66	69	(dnc)	64	dnc	62	66	523





*Murdoch: "Looking at the race course before the start it wasn't super clear what to do and after the left was so favoured yesterday it was tricky knowing how far to go."*

*Kistanov: "I started in the middle of the line and just went with the shifts and then I could cover the fleet."*

Kistanov was now leading both the seniors and the juniors while a seventh from Nenad Bugarin moves him up to second junior and seventh overall. A 22nd from defending junior champion Jake Lilley left him in ninth overall.

### Day 3

Again only one race was sailed. Deniss Karpak led at every mark to win the race, while Kistanov extended his lead at the top to 11 points.

After a short postponement race 4 got away under black flag following one general recall. The corners didn't pay with Karpak leading round the top mark, after playing the middle, with a narrow lead over Michele Paoletti and Mitakis. Karpak extended on the first downwind to hold a lead of more than a minute at the gate as the wind became lighter. Ondra Tepy rounded second from Oliver Tweddell. Not much changed on the second upwind, but then on the final downwind, pressure from behind and the right allowed a few boats to make up places. Karpak almost lost his lead on the wrong side of the course. However, he just held on to win from a fast approaching Zsombor Berecz after some last minute tactics to cross in front of the fleet. Tepy finished in third. After the finish the wind all but died and just over an hour later the fleet was sent home for the day.

*Kistanov: "I had a nice start. I went the wrong way on the first upwind, going too much to the left, but after that I made a good comeback to finish eighth."*

*Junior: "I had a bit of a lucky race today. There was an opportunity right before the finish when the front guys just dropped into no pressure so I made a bold move to try and sail round the outside. I went hard right and managed to get round six or seven of them to cross in seventh. I came away with a good race."*

*Karpak: "Today, I had good speed and the first upwind was great. The middle was the way to go. There were too many shifts to go to one side. I almost lost it. There was no wind at the finish, and everyone came back at me with more pressure. At one point I gybed and crossed at almost 90 degrees to the course. If I had continued to go straight to the finish I would have lost the race."*

### Day 4

It was always going to be the 'big' day in Split, but it wasn't as large as some expected. With some forecasts showing 35 knots and more, racing was held on the inshore course. As it turned out the big winds only arrived after the fleet came ashore, and for the large part the racing was held in an average of 20 knots. Even so the fleet had to contend with big waves and tough racing conditions.



Race 5 seemed to belong to Pieter-Jan Postma from start to finish. Favouring the left hand side close to the shore he emerged from the chop with a nice lead at the top mark and blasted away downwind never to be caught. The British pair of Ed Wright and Ben Cornish were leading the chasing pack some way back. However both Postma and Cornish were judged over the line early and scored UFD, so the race win went to Wright from Kljakovic Gaspic and Vasilij Zbogar.

For the next race the wind dropped slightly but followed a similar pattern. Alejandro Foglia led round the top mark from Junior, who was soon in the lead and went on to win his third race. Kljakovic Gaspic also passed Foglia to place second in the race.

Junior looked to be heading for yet another race victory in race 7, leading round the top mark from Karpak, Giorgio Poggi and Kljakovic Gaspic. In contrast to the first two races, the middle and right were now paying with those who stuck to the left trailing at the top mark. Junior led until the final upwind mark when Karpak spotted some incoming pressure and dived low to the left and sailed underneath Junior to take a narrow victory on the line. Poggi crossed in third, with Kljakovic Gaspic ending a great day with a fourth.

*Junior: "There was close to a knot of current running between the island and the land. As the day went on it paid to go left early and then cross to the right."*

*Wright: "I managed to win the first which I was extremely happy with and then made some average decisions in the other two."*

*Foglia: "I am happy with how I am going, but I didn't have a good start to the week and lost a lot of points on the first days."*

Though Kistanov lost his overall lead to Junior, he still led the Junior championship, from defending junior champion Jake Lilley and Nenad Bugarin.

### Day 5

Kljakovic Gaspic took the lead for the first time after two races were sailed on the penultimate day. With a range of forecasts for the day, the fleet set out prepared for anything. In the end the early





moderate wind softened for the first race before strengthening for the second and then disappearing for the third. It was a day of everything.

Generally the left proved to be favoured, with a strong adverse current making the upwinds very long. Five years ago when the Finn Europeans was last held in Split, Marc Allain des Beauvais led round a top mark after hitting the left hand corner. He did the same again in race 8. The President of the French Finn class and Grand Master left 70 other Finn sailors in his wake as he confidently sailed to the left while those around him consolidated and tacked away. It paid off as he rounded the top mark with a nice lead and sped off downwind with the current. He was followed by Poggi and Björn Allansson. Allain des Beauvais maintained his lead downwind and also up the second beat, but the final downwind was decisive with Poggi and Allansson both finding some pressure to sail round the Frenchman for first and second. Kistanov kept his Junior title hopes alive after snatching a fourth place finish from Wright.



Despite an eighth place in race 8, Jake Lilley knew he still needed to do something special to stay in touch with Kistanov, and also to make the medal race. He did exactly that in race 9, to lead from start to finish, extending downwind to record a great win. Wright was second at the top mark ahead of Vasilij Zbogor, but Zbogor got the better of him on the second upwind to follow Lilley down the run. He took second place from Wright in third.

The start of race 10 was beset with problems, with a shifting, and dying wind and then a general recall. After a problematic week, Oliver Tweddell finally showed some of what he is capable of and came off the pin end with speed to launch into the left hand side and lead into the top mark with a nice lead. But it was short lived as the wind died on the run. The race was abandoned and then racing was abandoned for the day shortly after.

*Zbogor: "These last two days were extremely difficult for all of us. The conditions were really tough, a lot of upwind and a lot of pain in the legs, so I think everything is very tired."*

*Poggi: "I was lucky today, but it was nice to win. I had really good speed. Just before the finish I kept to the right a little bit and got past, but there was really only a boat length in it. It was really close."*

*Lilley: "The race win was very pleasing. I had good speed and came off the boat end and drag raced the top guys, sailed the two lifts into the mark and extended on the first downwind and then did a good job covering on the second upwind. I did enough to hold Vasilij off on the last downwind, so it's really pleasing to get a win and do what I had to do to move into the medal race."*

## Day 6

The day began with a long, hot, wait ashore in no wind and rising temperatures, and just when everyone thought the day would come



to nothing, the flag was raised to send the fleet out for the medal race. The final race for the rest was abandoned as there wasn't enough time. The medal race was started just in time in a stable breeze building to around 10 knots on the first upwind. Allansson started alone by the pin and sailed his own race to round first and lead at every mark to win the race. However the real interest was what was going on behind him.

The Senior title was between Kljakovic Gaspic and Junior. Initially Junior had the upper hand, but then he let the Croatian escape and when they came back together at the top, Kljakovic Gaspic had a very small lead that he capitalised on to cross in fourth to take the title. Junior finally crossed in eighth to take the silver, while Zbogor had another great race to finish second and take the bronze, his fourth European medal in row.

In the Juniors the battle was between Kistanov and Lilley, with Lilley looking to have the early advantage out of the start. However he touched the gate mark and after taking a penalty trailed behind the Russian. But it was all academic as Lilley, along with Mitakis were both judged over the line at the start and picked up a UFD score. So the defending champion Lilley had to settle for the silver, while Bugarin, who didn't make the medal race, took the bronze.

*Allansson: "I made a pretty bold statement yesterday evening that I would try hard to win the medal race, so it feels it feels pretty good to be able to deliver on that."*

*Kistanov: "It was a nice race. I read this morning, that Jake was just going to sail a normal race, but I didn't think that would be the case. I always do match racing with Egor in Russia so I was prepared for something like that. I didn't get a very good start, but with the U flag up I wanted to play it safe and then try and catch him on the downwind, or when he made a mistake. And that happened at the bottom mark when I got past, and I then just had to control to the finish." Kistanov was unaware of the UFD so had to fight to the end.*

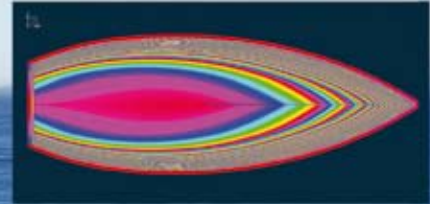
*Kljakovic Gaspic: "Before the start I was just playing for the right hand side of the course. I had a decent start, but in the end the right side didn't pay, so I had to improvise to get myself out of there. I stayed close to Josh to stay in contact, and as soon as I had a little bit of advantage I capitalised on it and did my best to stay in front."*

*"I think it was a good event, We had a mix of conditions, so it wasn't favoured for anyone. We had some light days and some windy days. I think everyone had fun out there and I hope everyone found something that suited their style. I am really happy to have won, but it was not easy. Everyone was fighting hard. It was a very hard week for me but in the end a really good one."*





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## 2015 Princesa Sofia Regatta Palma - Final Results

1	GBR 41	Giles Scott	1	8	20	rdg	10	4	1	4	20	9	2	65.8
2	CRO 524	Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic	10	10	25	6	15	1	2	12	4	15	16	91
3	FIN 218	Tapio Nirrko	7	7	10	14	8	26	8	3	11	7	20	95
4	FRA 112	Jonathan Lobert	6	1	45	8	16	7	10	2	14	29	10	103
5	USA 6	Caleb Paine	5	32	23	2	7	12	18	5	1	20	12	105
6	CRO 69	Milan Vujasinovic	14	11	21	21	36	10	25	11	8	6	6	133
7	NZL 24	Josh Junior	9	56	5	1	11	5	4	1	45	50	4	135
8	FRA 29	Thomas Le Breton	13	5	53	13	ret	8	15	19	5	2	8	141
9	NED 842	Pieter-Jan Postma	22	47	3	9	bfd	2	9	6	10	21	14	143
10	SWE 6	Björn Allansson	2	20	66	11	3	28	11	9	32	17	18	151
11	HUN 40	Zsombor Berecz	137			43	RUS 6	Arkadiy Kistanov	344					
12	CRO 52	Nenad Bugarin	138			44	EST 11	Lauri Väinsalu	355					
13	AUS 41	Jake Lilley	138			45	ESP 500	Alejandro Aranzueque	359					
14	DEN 2	Jonas Høgh Christensen	141			46	TUR 1	Cem Gözen	364					
15	AUS 261	Oliver Tweddell	145			47	GER 25	Max Kolhoff	364					
16	URU 301	Alejandro Foglia	145			48	GBR 18	James Hadden	365					
17	ITA 146	Michele Paoletti	163			49	CRO 1	Josip Olujic	373					
18	TUR 21	Alican Kaynar	165			50	CZE 1	Michael Maier	383					
19	GRE 77	Ioannis Mitakis	170			51	ITA 747	Simone Ferrarese	386					
20	NOR 1	Anders Pedersen	183			52	USA 11	Philip Toth	389					
21	SWE 33	Max Salminen	185			53	GER 595	Simon Gorgels	394					
22	GBR 91	Ben Cornish	188			54	ITA 083	Matteo Savio	415					
23	CZE 5	Ondrej Tepy	189			55	ARG 1	Santiago Falasca	434					
24	BRA 109	Jorge Zarif	191			56	FRA 89	Benjamin Montagut	436					
25	POL 17	Piotr Kula	191			57	ITA 975	Alessandro Vongher	441					
26	ESP 8	Pablo Guitián Sarria	199			58	DEN 23	Martin Boidin	456					
27	EST 2	Deniss Karpak	214			59	ARG 48	Facundo Olezza	460					
28	ESP 7	Alejandro Muscat	214			60	FIN 225	Mikael Hyryläinen	474					
29	RUS 57	Egor Terpigorev	240			61	ESP 717	Victor Gorostegui	483					
30	GER 259	Phillip Kasueske	256			62	DEN 24	André Højen Christiansen	496					
31	ITA 123	Filippo Baldassari	263			63	FRA 99	Marc Allain D. Beauvais	511					
32	DEN 31	Stig Steinfurth	278			64	UKR 8	Taras Gavrish	547					
33	UKR 5	Andrii Gusenko	281			65	GRE 90	Alexandros Athanasiou	555					
34	ITA 66	Enrico Voltolini	290			66	FIN 226	Jukka Partinen	560					
35	DEN 4	Mads Bendix	290			67	SUI 63	Thomas Gautschi	588					
36	POL 16	Mikolaj Lahn	307			68	RUS 69	Denis Kharitonov	591					
37	POL 1	Milosz Wojewski	312			69	HUN 4	Andras Levente Gal	594					
38	CAN 110	Martin Robitaille	314			70	GBR 29	Peter Mccoy	598					
39	FRA 177	Fabian Pic	318			71	TUN 1	Karim Esseghir	601					
40	GER 252	Eike Martens	320			72	RUS 142	Yury Polovinkin	605					
41	RUS 7	Anatoly Korshikov	330			73	AUS 269	John Craggs Alexander	630					
42	GBR 96	Hector Simpson	335											

Giles Scott secured yet another victory after winning the medal race at the Trofeo S.A.R. Princesa Sofia Iberostar in Palma to take the regatta by 25 points. The other medals went to Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic and Tapio Nirrko, Gaspic's better medal race result giving him the silver.

Without a doubt the week in Palma threw the most changeable, shifty and often bizarre conditions at the sailors, that produced a very high scoring event all round. That Giles Scott managed to win despite these conditions and despite having to change boat mid-week after a collision rendered his own boat too damaged to continue, says a lot for the current world champion.

Josh Junior showed some of the promise that was yet to come, holding a podium position right up until the penultimate day, when it slipped away. Kljakovic Gaspic recovered from an indifferent start to the week to claw his way back up and took the silver in spite of only finishing four times in the top 10. Consistency proved beneficial for Nirrko

Scott said of the week, "It's been pretty trying to say the least, but I think actually it's been pretty trying for a lot of us. Early on the conditions were particularly difficult and I think the scoreboard shows that with a lot of people being very up and down with the results. A lot of guys have had a bit of bad luck and I suppose I'm included in that."

"It was good to see how I could go in a different boat. Finns are very personal, so to be able to use someone else's and still come away with the regatta win, you have to take some positives from that and it's all good practice. I feel that things haven't really gone my way this week so to come away with the victory is pretty good."







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## Delta Lloyd Regatta / Kieler Woche 2015

### 2015 Delta Lloyd Regatta - Final Results

1	NED 842	Pieter-Jan Postma	3	1	2	1	1	(6)	1	4	4	17
2	AUS 41	Jake Lilley	2	5	(9)	6	2	1	2	1	14	33
3	NZL 24	Josh Junior	4	2	1	(8)	8	5	3	3	8	34
4	ITA 146	Michele Paoletti	5	10	3	2	dsq	2	4	7	2	35
5	AUS 261	Oliver Tweddell	9	(13)	4	3	3	8	10	8	6	51
6	RUS 57	Terpigorev Egor	7	6	5	(15)	4	3	5	12	12	54
7	POL 17	Kula Piotr	6	7	7	(12)	12	4	7	11	10	64
8	RUS 6	Arkadiy Kistanov	1	4	12	13	7	(17)	11	2	18	68
9	DEN 31	Stig Steinfurth	10	9	6	5	6	9	8	(13)	16	69
10	ITA 66	Enrico Voltolini	bfd	3	13	10	9	7	6	9	20	77



11	GER 259	Phillip Kasüske	74
12	RUS 7	Anatoly Korshikov	76
13	GBR 18	James Hadden	85
14	GER 25	Max Kohlhoff	92
15	DEN 24	André Højen Christiansen	100
16	DEN 5	Jacob Stachelhaus	100
17	GER 165	Dirk Meid	123
18	SUI 63	Thomas Gautschi	133
19	GER 231	Denny Jeschull	134
20	NED 100	Arend Van Der Sluis	139



**P**ieter-Jan Postma wrapped up Finn gold in the Medal Race after leading from start to finish for his first ever Delta Lloyd Regatta win. After three times being the runner-up, not least last year when the gold slipped away during the Medal Race, Postma has finally won on home waters.

In the medal race, Postma finished second behind Michele Paoletti, who must have wondered if winning would be good enough to secure a medal, possibly silver. No one could ask anything more from the Italian, but Jake Lilley and Josh Junior recovered sufficiently from poor starts to climb through the ranks just in time to secure silver and bronze.

While Postma finished with a lead of 16 points, the difference between the next three was just two points. It was a very close fought regatta.



### 2015 Kieler Woche - Final Results

1	EST 2	Deniss Karpak	1	2	1	2	6	5	4	21
2	DEN 31	Stig Steinfurth	3	1	1	8	9	3	8	33
3	DEN 4	Mads Bendix	dpi	dpi	3	6	3	7	10	38
4	POL 17	Piotr Kula	9	8	7	7	1	2	6	40
5	NOR 1	Anders Pedersen	6	4	13	4	4	8	2	41
6	GER 259	Phillip Kasüske	2	6	4	9	5	4	12	42
7	NOR 9	Lars Johan Brodtkorb	dpi	3	8	3	2	1	dnf	53
8	GER 25	Max Kohlhoff	13	11	2	2	13	1	16	58
9	DEN 24	André Højen Christiansen	11	10	5	5	7	10	14	62
10	GER 252	Eike Martens	8	7	8	11	5	6	18	63

**D**eniss Karpak successfully defended his Kieler Woche title after leading the regatta from start to finish. A second place behind Anders Pedersen in the windy medal race was enough to secure the win.

In total five sailors won races during the week, which generally produced moderate to strong winds. Ahead of the Silver Cup in Valencia, the Juniors sailed well with Stig Steinfurth winning two races on his way to the silver medal. Lars Johan Brodtkorb sailed an exceptional week, including a race win, but gear failure in the final double points non-discardable medal race cost him a top spot.

While Philip Kasüske was the leading German, Max Kohlhoff also served noticed that he is improving with three top two placings, but had to many results outside the top 10 to put a dent in Kasüske's lead.



11	DEN 2	Jonas Høgh-Christensen	56
12	GER 595	Gorgels Simon	59
13	EST 11	Lauri Väinsalu	72
14	FIN 225	Mikael Hyrylainen	85
15	FIN 99	Jesse Kylänpää	88
16	DEN 5	Jacob Stachelhaus	88
17	GER 713	Lars Haverland	93
18	GER 183	Kai Falkenthal	102
19	GER 193	Thomas Schmid	102
20	CZE 1	Michael Maier	113
21	LTU 24	Sarunas Felenderis	119
22	GER 165	Dirk Meid	119
23	GER 501	Fabian Lemmel	124
24	GER 81	Jan-Dietmar Dellas	131
25	GER 188	Michael Kluegel	138
26	GER 17	Kai Schrader	139
27	GER 27	Matthias Wolff	139
28	GER 231	Denny Jeschull	147
29	GER 103	Ralf-Udo Lemke	153







## Vladimir Krutskikh is first Russian to win Finn World Masters

It was a year of firsts for the Finn World Masters. It was the first time the event had been held in Greece and the first time that the overall title had been lifted by a Russian sailor. Last year they had promised to be back stronger and it was no idle boast, with Dimitri Petrov finishing as runner up in his first World Masters. Giacomo Giovanelli from Italy took the bronze.

There was also a face change to the event with a large number of sailors competing at their first Finn World Masters. The top five sailors were all sailing in their first Masters, highlighting a step change in the dynamics of the event. It is starting to appeal to many more past Olympic campaigners, and there are many more waiting in the wings to rekindle their Finn campaigns. Many of the top performers of the past few years didn't figure in the overall results and the feeling is that the new blood has opened a new era for the Finn Masters, one of new faces and more competitive, athletic racing, with rock star names dominating the top ten.

With many uncertainties about Greece, in the end 204 Finn Masters were clever enough to realise that this was an event not to be missed. And it was in so many ways. The organisation, the hospitality, the weather (apart from one day) was exceptional. The Greeks and the Kavalaians embraced the fleet with open arms for two weeks in May and created an event to remember.



The 204 boat fleet was split into Yellow and Blue groups, with the group selection carried out using a random number process developed by Richard Hart. This worked very well and had the benefit that all starts for every day were known in advance. There was no waiting around each day to check the groups after racing.

### Monday

Yellow group started with a general recall, but by the time of the restart only half the fleet had returned. That race was later abandoned after a major windshift on the first beat. It finally got away under black flag only to be subject to a series of major windshifts on the second upwind and downwind. Laurent Hay lost a good lead when the sea breeze filled in from the right, but others lost a good deal more places and ended mid-fleet. Karel van Hellemond was the beneficiary to win from Wouter Molenaar and Hay. The second race was sailed in a more stable and solid breeze, allowing Oscar for free pumping to go up at the first top mark. This time Krutskikh led all the way to win from Dimitri Petrov and defending Masters category winner Aleksandr Kuliukin to make it a Russian top three.

Blue group was also beset with problems. After two general recalls, the first race was abandoned at the top mark when the sea breeze filled in with a huge shift to the right. But whatever the wind threw at the fleet Tokovoi showed amazing skill to win both. In the first race he won from another newcomer, Martijn van Muyden, and Piet Eckert. Allen Burrell led at the first mark in the second race, but was soon in Tokovoi's wake downwind. Burrell held on for third though after Felix Denikaev crossed in second.

### Tuesday

Twelve years on from his last major Finn regatta van Muyden took a narrow lead from Tokovoi and Krutskikh. However, the story of the day was 70 year old Henry Sprague winning the first race to give him a clear lead in the Legend fleet at the half way stage of the regatta.





### 2015 Finn World Masters - Final Results

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	M	Tot	
1	Vladimir Krutskikh	M	RUS 7	4	1	5	6	3	(10)	1	6	26
2	Dmitry Petrov	M	RUS 711	12	2	2	1	12	1	(15)	4	34
3	Giacomo Giovanelli	M	ITA 202	6	4	8	8	3	4	(21)	8	41
4	Martijn Van Muyden	M	NED 12	2	6	3	4	7	4	(dnf)	16	42
5	Yuri Tokovoi	GM	UKR 21	1	1	10	3	9	(23)	2	18	44
6	Thierry Van Vierssen	M	NED 881	(24)	9	1	9	13	5	10	2	49
7	Laurent Hay	GM	FRA 75	3	6	28	1	(ret)	1	2	12	53
8	Walter Riosa	M	ITA 55	9	10	(22)	3	11	8	7	10	58
9	Allen Burrell	GM	GBR 2	6	2	(58)	4	6	18	4	20	60
10	Aleksander Kulyukin	M	RUS 161	10	3	6	(29)	20	12	3	14	68
11	Henry Sprague III	L	SWE 6	10	5	1	(36)	4	24	11		55
12	Andre Budzien	GM	GER 711	(59)	33	2	7	13	3	1		59
13	Marco Buglielli	GM	ITA 2	20	11	4	(31)	17	2	8		62
14	Paul Mckenzie	M	AUS 11	4	11	(32)	2	26	14	7		64
15	Karel Van Hellemond	M	NED 41	1	12	9	11	(ocs)	20	13		66
16	Vladimir Butenko	M	RUS 21	5	3	(67)	27	1	9	22		67
17	Pete Eckert	M	SUI 86	3	7	19	11	14	(21)	16		70
18	Marc Allain d Beauvais	GM	FRA 99	(54)	7	53	2	1	2	12		77
19	Eric Bakker	GM	NED 703	7	18	24	6	25	6	(dnf)		86
20	Tauras Rymonis	M	LTU 7	12	17	14	24	2	(ocs)	19		88
21	Juergen Eiermann	M	GER 8	23	8	15	13	8	26	(bfd)		93
22	Jan Eckert	GM	SUI 85	14	19	25	25	(31)	7	11		101
23	Panagiotis Davourlis	GM	GRE 71	40	8	21	17	2	(52)	14		102
24	Mihail Kopanov	GM	BUL 24	30	5	3	7	45	(59)	13		103
25	Vladimir Stasyuk	M	UKR 14	21	9	6	14	26	27	(32)		103
26	Akos Lukats	M	HUN 50	11	(32)	23	12	24	15	18		103
27	Martin Hughes	GM	GBR 567	15	17	19	13	24	(25)	20		108
28	Alexei Marchevsky	M	RUS 20	31	31	24	10	12	(48)	3		111
29	Marek Jarocki	M	POL 100	(58)	15	18	19	28	24	8		112
30	Jake Gunther	GM	AUS 3	(36)	25	12	12	rdg	30	15		115
31	Michael Staal	GM	DEN 80	17	30	21	14	30	(53)	5		117
32	Audoin Michel	GM	FRA 38	9	10	35	21	38	5	(bfd)		118
33	Jean-Pierre Lostis	GM	FRA 84	18	16	23	30	5	(31)	26		118
34	Oleg Khudyakov	M	RUS 16	(43)	28	12	17	8	22	33		120
35	Majth Zsombor	M	HUN 88	16	15	(57)	19	38	14	22		124
36	Francesco Cinque	GGM	ITA 5	8	26	5	25	20	42	(56)		126
37	Josef Jochovic	GM	CZE 67	25	38	(81)	30	10	27	6		136
38	Jan Willem Kok	M	NED 780	(60)	23	13	22	19	56	10		143
39	Florian Demetz	M	ITA 89	16	22	26	(37)	19	30	30		143
40	Will Patten	GM	GBR 52	17	19	17	63	11	(71)	20		147
41	Till Klammer	M	SUI 25	25	20	31	(41)	21	13	37		147
42	John Heyes	GM	GBR 61	31	32	(76)	8	16	16	45		148
43	Jean-Louis Simons	GM	GBR 617	38	37	4	38	14	18	(dnf)		149
44	Stepanov Sergey	M	RUS 205	18	25	22	(61)	32	36	17		150
45	Gino Bucciarelli	M	ITA 67	22	21	31	20	15	42	(dnf)		151
46	Andrew Bill	GM	RUS 27	5	35	29	42	(46)	8	35		154
47	Andreas Bollongino	GM	GER 19	(75)	18	39	21	18	34	24		154
48	Philippe Lobert	GM	FRA 66	19	14	45	24	41	(79)	14		157
49	Martin Plecity	GM	CZE 318	20	26	18	39	(dsq)	49	6		158
50	Greg Wilcox	GM	NZL 15	29	41	20	15	10	44	(49)		159



**Legends:**  
**1 Henry Sprague USA**  
**2 Roderick Casander NED 8**  
**3 Friedrich Muller GER 146**



**Grand Grand Masters:**  
**1 Francesco Cinque ITA 5**  
**2 Antal Gabor HUN 4**  
**3 Uwe Bartel GER 62**



**Grand Masters:**  
**1 Yuri Tokovoi UKR 21**  
**2 Laurent Hay FRA 75**  
**3 Allen Burrell GBR 2**



**Masters:**  
**1 Vladimir Krutskikh RUS 7**  
**2 Dmitry Petrov RUS 711**  
**3 Giacomo Giovanelli ITA 202**



**18 Legends took part**

After a two hour delay to wait for the sea breeze to fill in, two more races were sailed in a building breeze that topped out at about 10-12 knots in the second race, while in the first it remained light and patchy. The second race produced simply superb sailing conditions with great waves for the downwind legs so everyone had a great time, wherever they were in the fleet. It doesn't get much better for Finn sailors than surfing downwind in a solid breeze in 28 degrees and brilliant sunshine.

In Yellow group, the first race produced some high scores for some of the front runners, but there were some new faces at the front. Jake Gunther led at the top from the Legend that is Henry Sprague. Sprague took the lead on the second upwind to win from Petrov and Mikhail Kopanov. Petrov went one better in the second

race to pass the initial race leader Marc Allain des Beauvais. Walter Riosa crossed in third.

In the Blue group there were also two winners. Thierry Van Vierssen led all the way in the first race of the day to win from Andre Budzien and van Muyden. In the second race Hay rounded the top mark in fourth, before moving into the lead downwind for the race win from Paul McKenzie and Tokovoi.

### Wednesday

Yellow group got away in a reasonably stable wind that remarkably lasted for the whole race with just a slight right shift at the end of the first upwind. Davourlis Panagiotis held a comfortable lead at the top mark after hitting the right hand corner to left a useful lift off the land. Marc Allain des





In Yellow fleet Petrov led all the way to record his second race win of the week from Marco Buglielli and Taras Gavrysh. The second race turned into a battle between the top two overall, who put some distance between themselves at the fleet. Eventually Krutskikh took the win from Yuri Tokovoi by less than a metre. Alexei Marchevsky crossed in third.

In Blue Group, Hay also scored his second race win of the week, leading from start to finish. He won from Allain des Beauvais and Budzien. In the second race there was a group fighting for the lead, with the win eventually going to Budzien from Hay and Kuliukin.

Krutskikh extended his overall lead to six points from Tokovoi and Van Muyden, on equal points in second and third, but anyone in the top seven could still win a medal, and anyone in the top five could take the title. There was still a lot to play for.



#### Friday

It had been a difficult week weather wise in Kavala, and the final day was no different. The final race never happened. The fleet sailed out to the race course in a solid offshore force 4 but Yellow Group only got as far as the windward mark before the race was abandoned as the wind disappeared. However the sun had returned by then and the temperature started to rise. Almost an hour later the race officer abandoned for the day with the time limit approaching and the medal race still to run.

The medal race was held close to the shore to give the spectators a chance to see the top sailors in action. A light wind gradually filled in from the sea, but the first attempt was abandoned shortly after the start as the wind again switched off for a short time. A light breeze 10 minutes later allowed the race to be restarted but it was barely more than 5 knots at any time. The left side provided the best wind with Van Vierssen emerging with nice lead to head the fleet at the first mark from Petrov and Krutskikh. Nothing much changed at the front as the race developed except Van Vierssen extended for a comfortable win.

Giovanelli had closed on the leaders and almost took second, but trailed Petrov and Krutskikh across the line, all three boats locked together for the final gybe. A third place was enough for Krutskikh to take the overall victory. Tokovoi and van Muyden placed ninth and eighth to drop out of the medals while a second for Petrov gave him silver and fourth for Giovanelli gave him the bronze.

At his first Finn World Masters, Giovanelli took the bronze medal. He said, *"The week was perfect for me. Everything went well and also in the medal race I had a couple of gusts to pass my competitors. The week was very difficult for the conditions and the competitors."*

*On his expectations. "I was expecting a good level, but my goal was to be top 10. Some of the others are much stronger than me, for example the Russians, and they are very good sailors so I am pleased to be among them."*

Beauvais rounded in third and moved up to second downwind. He trailed Panagiotis all the way until the final downwind mark before the final short beat to the finish. Unfortunately, the Greek dropped his mainsheet and the Frenchman attacked and passed to take the race win. Krutskikh crossed in third to take the overall lead.

In the Blue group Vladimir Butenko led at the first mark from the right, continuing the Russian good form, with Tauras Rymonis and Antal Gabor in pursuit. He eventually took the win from Rymonis and Giacomo Giovanelli. The leaders in the group also had to contend with the tail end of the Yellow group as the fleet converged at the last upwind mark.

So Krutskikh took a one point lead from Tokovoi and van Muyden.

More chaos and carnage ensued at the Annual Finn Masters Dinner at the Batis Multiplex. Finn sailors love a social occasion, but even the polite hostesses were heard to mutter "No one is doing what they are supposed to be doing here." A quiet explanation was needed that this was a gathering of Finn sailors and that this was par for the course. Finn style.

#### Thursday

Thursday was the day everything changed. The Greece that everyone had come to love for the past 10 days was gone. Gone was the sunshine and high temperatures and in was the rain. It was a cold, damp day on the water in Kavala, too cold for some, with incessant rain, low temperatures and a wind that could best be described as indecisive. The wind had already clocked 180 degrees between 0 and 10 knots before the first attempt at a start was made. That was abandoned near the windward mark before further attempts were made after the wind settled down to something resembling unstable. At the end of the first race, the breeze kicked in to 15-16 knots and everyone hoped for a great second race, if slightly inclement. However the wind again had the last laugh, dropping to 1-2 knots at times and then flicking through 120 degrees as the fleet sailed the final downwind. Coming ashore the cold and tired sailors had been on the water for seven hours for two extremely challenging races. While those at the top had consolidated their points lead, the course was a minefield of holes and shifts and at the end of the day there were a lot of 'if onlys' being discussed over hot drinks and cold beers around Kavala.





51 Axel Schroeder	M	GER	194	159	103 Rochet Joseph	GGM	FRA	40	287	155 Jan Van Der Horst	GGM	NED	1	392
52 David Potter	GM	GBR	65	163	104 Peter Hubregtsen	GM	NED	22	289	156 Dangis Babikas	M	LTU	8	396
53 Antal Gabor	GGM	HUN	4	164	105 Stuart Skeggs	M	AUS	33	289	157 Tamas Varga	M	HUN	44	396
54 Denikaev Felix	GM	RUS	41	164	106 Thomas Schmid	GM	GER	193	291	158 Adomas Janulionis	M	LTU	29	402
55 Bernd Moser	GM	AUT	11	169	107 Henk De Jager	GGM	NED	11	291	159 Pax Van De Griend	GGM	NED	971	409
56 Stoil Stoilov	M	BUL	1	176	108 Jiri Huracek	GGM	SUI	4	295	160 Antonio Pitini	GGM	ITA	7	413
57 Michael De Courcy	GM	GBR	708	177	109 Anatoly Voshchennikov	GM	RUS	25	295	161 Theodore Georgiadis	GGM	GRE	90	415
58 Geza Huszar	M	HUN	5	179	110 Wobbe De Schiffart	GGM	NED	95	296	162 Henk Meijer	GGM	NED	52	416
59 Uwe Barthel	GGM	GER	62	188	111 Radek Vit	M	CZE	308	297	163 Russell Ward	GM	GBR	4	417
60 George Sklavounos	M	GRE	7	193	112 Detlev Guminski	GGM	GER	92	298	164 Tony Lock	L	GBR	611	427
61 Peter Kilchenmann	GM	SUI	13	195	113 Klaus Heufler	GM	ITA	85	302	165 Hans Zomer	GGM	NED	39	428
62 John Mackie	M	GBR	68	195	114 Bob Buchanan	GGM	AUS	6	305	166 Julius Reichelt	GM	POL	38	429
63 Wouter Molenaar	GGM	NED	2	199	115 Tsvetan Penchev	GGM	BUL	2	305	167 Gerald Raschke	GM	AUT	19	431
64 Rodrick Casander	L	NED	8	199	116 James Hunter	GGM	USA	23	310	168 Jozsef Farkas	GGM	HUN	95	435
65 Aleksandr Kasatov	GM	RUS	34	199	117 Luca Taruschio	M	ITA	73	310	169 Ronald De Haan	GGM	NED	42	441
66 Peter Sipos	GM	HUN	2	206	118 Erich Scherzer	GM	AUT	21	311	170 Piotr Rosinski	GM	POL	27	445
67 Jiri Outrata	GGM	CZE	8	209	119 Andreas Bohnsack	GM	RSA	571	312	171 Jobs Isselmann	L	NED	9	451
68 Boguslaw Nowakowski	GM	POL	26	211	120 Beat Steffen	M	SUI	83	314	172 Helmut Klammer	L	SUI	2	458
69 Yury Polovinkin	GGM	RUS	142	212	121 Peter Connally	GGM	USA	1214315		173 Imre Solymosi	GM	HUN	89	462
70 Carlo Lazzari	GM	SUI	3	220	122 Andy Denison	GM	GBR	20	316	174 Martin Nydegger	M	SUI	441	472
71 Vladimir Skalicky	GM	CZE	75	220	123 Howard Sellars	L	GBR	77	320	175 Ralf Kratz	GM	GER	161	478
72 Chiel Barends	GM	NED	88	222	124 Georg Siebeck	GGM	GER	293	320	176 Ray New	GGM	GBR	80	479
73 Phil Chadwick	M	AUS	75	224	125 Herbert Straub	GM	GER	5	320	177 Balazs Szuzs	GM	HUN	64	483
74 Sander Kooij	GM	GBR	1	228	126 Filippo Petella	GM	ITA	1022	329	178 David Brockbank	GGM	USA	1201487	
75 Philip Baum	GGM	RSA	51	231	127 Alfred Braumueller	GGM	AUT	302	330	179 Evgeny Dzhura	M	RUS	18	488
76 Darren Gilbert	M	AUS	267	233	128 Michael Maier	GM	CZE	1	332	180 Peter Verhoef	GGM	NED	32	490
77 Martin Atzwanger	GM	ITA	80	234	129 Nico Van Wirdum	GM	NED	823	334	181 Dirk Hooijer	GM	NED	900	496
78 Friedrich Muller	L	GER	146	238	130 Nick Winters	M	NZL	43	340	182 Veine Jutmar	GGM	SWE	9	504
79 Holger Krasmann	GM	GER	122	241	131 Fatzner Hans	GGM	SUI	1	341	183 Gerd Bohnsack	L	RSA	570	505
80 Andre Skarka	GM	POL	2	246	132 Evgeni Kalmykov	GM	RUS	729	344	184 Hans Peter Zischg	L	ITA	29	508
81 Volodymyr Bogomolkin	M	UKR	1	247	133 Petr Vinkl	GM	CZE	222	347	185 Hans Althaus	L	SUI	29	510
82 Franz Buergi	GM	SUI	12	248	134 Guenter Kellermann	L	GER	89	348	186 Tamas Beliczay	GGM	HUN	9	514
83 Pieter Risseeuw	M	NED	902	250	135 Ricardo Reyes Anderson	GGM	ARG	1	348	187 Jan Okulicz- Kozaryn	L	POL	3	516
84 Robert Deaves	M	GBR	10	250	136 Nikolaus Mair	GGM	ITA	93	348	188 Gelmus Peeters	L	NED	93	521
85 Lev Shnyr	M	RUS	13	252	137 Csaba Stadler	M	HUN	69	352	189 Bert Veerkamp	GGM	NED	885	521
86 Enrico Passoni	GM	ITA	6	258	138 Ulf-Peter Pestel	GM	GER	222	353	190 John Torrance	GGM	GBR	99	5235
87 Gregor Stimpfl	GM	ITA	131	259	139 Yves Zoccola	GGM	FRA	800	356	191 Fabio Panaro	GM	ITA	881	526
88 Triantafillos Mavroudis	GM	GRE	215	263	140 Greg Clark	GGM	AUS	7	358	192 Bart Kraan	L	NED	836	527
89 Ruurd Baerends	GGM	NED	4	265	141 Valentin Nikolov	M	BUL	855	360	193 Maciej Rozkrut	GM	POL	31	529
90 Jan Zetzema	GGM	NED	50	265	142 Peter Blick	GGM	GBR	34	363	194 Ioannis Giaramanis	M	GRE	5	531
91 Taras Gavrysh	M	UKR	8	266	143 Charles Heimler	GGM	USA	2	372	195 Szil Zsitvay	GM	HUN	26	543
92 Hans Zuurendonk	GM	NED	31	266	144 Bangerter Thomas	GM	SUI	65	373	196 Nikolay Kostov	GM	BUL	22	544
93 Roel Van Olst	GM	NED	922	266	145 Monus Gyula	M	HUN	972	376	197 Colin Reed	L	BRA	35	545
94 Rolf Elsaesser	GGM	GER	202	267	146 Michael Kurtz	GGM	MON	234	376	198 Jan Kominek	GGM	POL	127	556
95 Greg Davis	GM	RSA	1	269	147 Paul Brown	GGM	GBR	58	378	199 Jiri Dvorak	GGM	CZE	76	562
96 Leonid Kleimann	GM	RUS	71	270	148 Maurice Duncan	L	NZL	213	384	200 Heinz Stammnitz	GGM	GER	40	563
97 Aleksandar Aleksandrov	L	BUL	87	276	149 Jay Harrison	GGM	AUS	68	385	201 John Terzenidis	M	GRE	17	564
98 Baumann Rudolf	GM	SUI	57	279	150 Marti Bruno	M	SUI	8	386	202 Hubert Sparer	GGM	ITA	91	569
99 Peter Frissell	GM	USA	101	279	151 Ben Winters	L	NZL	3	386	203 Jordan Kaloyanov	GM	BUL	85	583
100 Boot Nanne	GGM	NED	10	281	152 Szabolcs Andrik	M	HUN	27	386	204 Lanfranco Cirillo	GM	ITA	212	622
101 Ricardo Carvalho	GM	BRA	021	284	153 Peter Van Veen	GGM	NED	26	387					
102 Joos Bos	GGM	NED	54	286	154 Martin Tas	M	NED	814	391					

Runner up, Petrov, said, *"Thanks very much to the organisation, because the event is perfect at my first Finn World Masters. I very much like the fleet and the friendliness of everyone and how it has been planned and that we kept to the schedule. Vladimir is a stronger sailor so it's OK that he has won. Everything is OK and I am really satisfied with my result. I will come again next year."*

New Masters World Champion Krutskikh said of the win, *"It's a surprise but today the wind was very tricky and after the first start I had a bad position and was a little nervous and I was happy when they put the November flag up. So on the next start I was concentrating harder."*

*"I am very happy with the result. I thought maybe myself and Yuri would be fighting for the title. He is a very clever sailor but the other guys are also very good and they made it very difficult for me. I hope to be back next year and thanks to Lanfranco Cirillo for me and Yuri. It was his idea to come. He gave us fantastic boats and sailors and pushed us to go sailing."*





Ondra Tepy dominated the 30 boat fleet at the Finn Silver Cup in Valencia to take his first Finn Junior World title. Nenad Bugarin sailed consistently well to place second, following his third place last year, while Lars Johan Brodtkorb did enough on the final day to squeeze into third.

Valencia was a logical choice for the championship, with a number of the sailors already using the Dinghy Academy as their training base, which lies within the grounds of the host club, the Real Club Nautico Valencia, and many other boats being available for charter.

High pressure across Europe and very warm temperatures during the week also meant that the sea breezes generally remained light with most races sailed without Oscar. Picking the right side and predicting the changes proved crucial, and Tepy got it right most of the time while also showing great speed.

### Day 1

He started the week with two race wins. The breeze built during the first race and early in the second from 9 knots to around 12-13 knots, before dropping slightly on the final downwind. Lars Johan Brodtkorb also made his intentions clear by leading the first race until the final downwind, with Stig Steinfurth also up the front. Steinfurth then led the second race, but Tepy used his superior downwind speed to move ahead and lead into the finish.

*Tepy: "I was going quite fast during training here but for sure it's a surprise to win both today."*

*Steinfurth: "I was not so aggressive on the downwinds, but as soon as we had the free pumping in the second race, it was full on. It's what makes Finn sailing so much fun."*



### Day 2

The second day was an historic day for Finn sailing in Argentina as Facundo Olezza moved to the top of the leader board after four races. Brodtkorb also moved up to second with Andre Hojen Christiansen in third, after the front runners all picked up letter scores. The wind was lighter than the first day and it was also a day of mistakes for some.

Bugarin won the opening race from Tepy while Max Koklhoff pulled out a huge lead on the fleet to win race 4. Race 4 produced some big changes at the top. Tepy threw away a clear overall lead after failing to fully complete a 720 degree penalty following a Rule 42 flagging for pumping, while Steinfurth picked up a DSQ after a start line infringement.

Olezza picked up a seventh and a sixth, which was enough to move into the overall lead.

*Olezza: "I felt pretty good with my speed upwind and downwind, and I was more conservative than usual because the wind was not clear at all."*

### Day 3

With the discard coming into effect Tepy retook the lead after two more races in light winds. Bugarin also moved back up to second with Steinfurth in third.

Arkadiy Kistanov managed to get it all right in race 5 with a race win from Fabian Pic and Philip Kasueske. The second race of the day went to Kistanov's Fantastica teammate Anatoly Korshikov who revelled in the stronger breeze. Pic ended the day strongly – and had the best results of any sailor of the day – with another second while Bugarin kept his title hopes alive with a third place.



## Ondrej Tepy wins 2015 Silver Cup in Valencia





## 2015 Finn Silver Cup - Final Results

1	CZE 5	Ondrej Tepy	1	1	2	dsq	4	5	8	6	2	10	1	40
2	CRO 52	Nenad Bugarin	2	ocs	1	8	5	3	4	7	1	15	6	52
3	NOR 9	Lars Johan Brodtkorb	3	10	11	3	13	14	2	1	6	4	2	55
4	RUS 6	Arkadiy Kistanov	6	6	12	10	1	11	1	4	9	2	9	59
5	DEN 31	Stig Steinfurth	4	2	5	dsq	7	6	3	8	20	6	4	65
6	GER 25	Max Koklhoff	5	ocs	3	1	11	15	10	5	4	9	15	78
7	DEN 24	Andre Hojen Christiansen	9	3	15	4	12	12	7	22	10	1	7	80
8	ARG 48	Facundo Olezza	8	5	7	6	8	dnf	16	3	7	16	8	84
9	GER 259	Kasueske Phillip	10	ocs	10	12	3	4	5	2	13	17	11	87
10	USA 91	Luke Muller	19	4	6	7	15	10	6	ret	17	5	5	94
11	GBR 96	Hector Simpson	12	9	4	15	18	8	9	12	3	19	22	109
12	FRA 17	Pic Fabian	13	ocs	8	2	2	2	19	11	ret	22	3	113
13	GER 595	Simon Gorgels	7	7	19	11	9	9	13	17	12	18	10	113
14	RUS 7	Anatoly Korshikov	16	8	9	17	16	1	18	16	14	8	12	117
15	POL 1	Mikolaj Lahn	17	11	23	5	6	7	22	18	5	12	17	120
16	CA 2	Kyle Martin	11	ocs	13	9	19	20	14	9	16	11	14	136
17	RUS 11	Kirill Luzan	ocs	12	14	21	14	18	12	15	15	13	13	147
18	ARG 1	Santiago Falasca	21	ocs	20	16	10	13	11	19	8	14	24	156
19	DEN 5	Jacob Stachelhaus	20	13	16	18	20	16	17	14	22	20	16	170
20	FRA 106	Damis Duterte Vielle	14	18	22	22	24	19	21	13	23	3	26	179
21	CAN 99	Riley Finch	22	21	17	13	22	24	15	10	18	24	23	185
22	IRL 9	Oisin McClelland	15	15	18	24	21	17	24	20	27	23	18	195
23	FRA 93	Antoine Devineau	18	14	25	20	17	21	20	25	19	21	21	196
24	GBR 98	Cameron Tweedle	24	22	21	19	26	25	23	26	11	7	19	197
25	ESP 575	Jorge Navarro Rios	25	17	dnf	23	23	23	25	21	21	26	20	224
26	GBR 28	Jack Arnell	23	16	26	14	25	22	dsq	23	24	dnf	28	232
27	POL 6	Jakub Reszka	28	19	28	25	27	26	27	27	28	27	25	259
28	ESP 117	Carlos Ordoñez Sanchez	26	20	27	26	28	28	dnc	dnc	26	25	27	264
29	ESP 500	Andrés Ivan Lloret Pérez	29	23	24	27	29	27	26	24	25	28	dnf	264
30	ESP 586	David Ordoñez Sanchez	27	24	29	28	30	29	28	28	29	29	29	280

*Kistanov: "For me the first race was just about getting a good start and leading from the first mark to the finish. The downwinds were really cool with nice swells."*

*Kasüske: "Today was a tough day, like all the other days before, with lots of windshifts and pressure changes. My key was to stay mostly on the left side and just go with the shifts. But I also had a really good downwind speed in free pumping conditions."*

*Pic: "The conditions were good for me. I was quite fast again with an average start in each race. I think my tactics were not so bad downwind. In the first race I was fighting against Ondra. In the second I did a great come back at the last downwind from sixth to second."*

### Day 4

While the points compressed at the top, there was no position changes at the top on day 4. Kistanov recorded his second race win in two days. After a black flag start, following two general recalls, he was followed home by Brodtkorb and Steinfurth. Brodtkorb only managed to pass Steinfurth just before the final gate to take second.

For the second race the wind was back up to 7-9 knots with the left side favoured on the first upwind with a shift and more pressure. The last downwind had some gusts, but it was still quite light, though surfing was possible as the waves were quite steep. Brodtkorb is always strong in light winds and he ended a great day with a win in race 8 from Kasüske and Olezza.

*Brodtkorb: "The second race was a pretty optimal race for me, as I did not quite have the speed on the first upwind. I don't remember anything I could have done much better in regards to where I went on the race course today, as I seemed to find the good spots all day."*

*Bugarin: "Today was a hard day for me. We had around 9 knots with big waves and my speed was fine upwind and great downwind. I had to fight during both races to be in a better position."*

### Day 5

Only one race was sailed on day 5 as light winds prevailed and then disappeared. Bugarin won the only race sailed as he narrowed the gap to Tepy to just two points. A ninth for Kistanov was enough to move up to third. As well as the lightest day of the week so far it was also the hottest with temperatures up to 36 degrees. The sailors were held onshore and afloat but the race finally got away in around 6-7 knots, which weakened to 2-3 knots by the finish.

*Bugarin: "I had a fine start and soon after I was in a good situation to control the left side and my opponents. On the first mark I had a nice advantage and kept the situation under control until the finish."*

*Tepy: "Generally I am happy how the regatta has gone. I am leading, and it's going to be a very close finish."*

*Steinfurth: "For me it was a really bad race, which gave me 20 points extra, which was not what I needed. There were not many chances of a comeback."*







### Day 6

While the wind this week was never as strong as expected, perhaps because of the high temperatures, the full series was completed after two races in solid breeze were sailed on the final day.

The main attention was on the two front-runners Tepy and Bugarin, only two points apart and both carrying a letter score. Neither figured highly in the first race of the day while third placed Kistanov narrowed their lead with a second place. The win finally went to Christiansen. Brodtkorb kept his challenge alive with a fourth.

It was still wide open going into the final race with Tepy seven points ahead of Bugarin. Neither could make a mistake. In the end Tepy wrapped up the championship the way he began it, with a race win. Brodtkorb crossed in second and Fabian Pic in third. A ninth for Kistanov meant he dropped down to fourth overall, giving Brodtkorb the bronze medal.

So Ondrej Tepy won the 2015 Junior Finn World Championship after a tense and exciting final day in Valencia. Nenad Bugarin placed one higher than last year to take the silver while Lars Johan Brodtkorb had a great final day to move up one place and take the bronze.

*Tepy: "It was tough day for me today with two races, but I managed to have a bit of an advantage after the first race today so in the second I felt quite relaxed and I won."*

*Bugarin: "I did not present my best sailing today so at the end was very difficult to protect the silver medal. But I did it and I am happy because of that. My junior time is done so I hope I will be able to sail at a high level in senior competition."*

*Brodtkorb: "My week in Valencia was good, I definitely would have liked a bit more wind, as that would help me improve where I need it the most. But if we had heavy wind all the time I would definitely not have been able to come 3rd, but that is not really important to me. I really enjoyed the team racing, and match racing. When the final standings are approaching and there is a fight for the podium, nothing in competition can beat that for an experience. Thanks to Arkadiy for participating, although he didn't really have many chances to tack on me on the upwinds. That would have changed if the conditions were different."*



## Trans-Manche Jean-Jacques Godet Trophy 2015

An innovative idea in 2015 was to combine the British and French Nationals into the inaugural Transmanche Jean-Jacques Godet Trophy 2015.

The first leg at the UK Nationals (sponsored by GAC Pindar, Zhik, North Sails and Suntouched Sailboats) on Hayling Island was won by Ben Cornish after three days of very different conditions. There were 59 entries from five nations at the biggest UK Finn event in many years, highlighting the growth in the UK class in recent years. After the first day the sailors gathered for a sponsor evening with a Jean-Jacques Godet Cognac tasting session, which was much enjoyed by the competitors.

Cornish won both opening races in a light to moderate wind without much trouble. A stronger wind on the second day brought others round the top mark in the lead with Hector Simpson, Andrew Mills and Marc Allain des Beauvais, all leading at some point, however it was always Cornish that led across the finish line. The event rapidly turned into a three horse race with Cornish, Mills and Simpson, filling the top three places in all races.

The final day was character building stuff, with winds of 25 knots sweeping through a knarly Hayling Bay, encouraging half the fleet to stay on shore and watch the fun unfold. While the racing area itself was relatively benign, getting there and back provided the greatest excitement of the day with huge breaking waves across Chichester bay keeping everyone on their toes. Cornish wrapped up the series with a third in race 6, after Simpson managed to hang on to his lead to be the only person to take a win from Cornish. Cornish then took the final race before the demanding and memorable sail back to the beach around Chichester Bar.

### To France

Straight after the prizegiving 19 sailors headed for the ferry to begin the journey to St-Pierre Quiberon in France for the Championnat de France Finn. Again



there was a strong fleet with 61 Finns from five nations contesting the title. Monday's first race was delayed until 3 pm to allow everyone to arrive. Three quick races were completed in a building 10-15 knot sea breeze. Hector Simpson claimed the first two wins, closely followed by Fabian Pic in race 1 and Marc Allain des Beauvais in race 2. Race 3 was led by Mike de Courcy until the last run, when youth and technique told as Fabian Pic pumped past under the Oscar flag to claim the win.

Tuesday brought similar conditions – flat water and a regular left shift, forcing boats high onto the port layline. Allen Burrell and John Heyes lifted clear on the left to round well clear in race 4. Heyes closed Burrell on the first downwind before taking the lead on the second beat. Julian Smith came in from the right at the top mark to challenge on the final run but both lost out to Regis Baumgarten who managed to force his bow over the finish first. Normal order was restored in Races 5 and 6 as Oscar was hoisted and youngsters Simpson and Pic led the fleet.





Wednesday's race 7 brought a change with the breeze flicking right for the first time. The sun came out for Race 8, providing perfect champagne sailing in the late afternoon. This time the breeze switched left, but there was no fooling the youngsters who again battled their way to the front, with honours going to the Pic, ahead of Simpson and Smith. Pic now led Simpson by 2 points.



Thursday dawned sunny and hot with a light breeze but the experienced ENVSN race team postponed. The fleet finally headed out in a rapidly building breeze that became a fierce 25 knots with gusts to 28. Fitness and downwind technique paid as Pic took the win from Simpson and Benjamin Montagut. The fleet returned in time for the championship dinner and Cognac tasting of the Transmanche trophy sponsor.

The medal race (without double scoring) was set to be a classic, with just two points separating the two main protagonists. Pic engaged Simpson pre-start, leaving the pair late at the start. Pic successfully covered Simpson for most of the race until Simpson picked up gust at the bottom of the last run and gained an overlap to come up and carry Pic beyond the mark. Simpson delayed Pic long enough to allow David Huet through, but still finish ahead of both, so gaining the vital boat between him and Pic, who seemingly had the regatta won until the last mark.



### Jean Jacques Godet Trophy

Following on his third place at the British Championships, Hector Simpson also claimed the Jean Jacques Godet Trophy for the combined UK and French Championships, ahead of Marc Allain des Beauvais and Julian Smith.



### 2015 British National Championship

1	GBR 91	Ben Cornish	1	1	1	1	1	(3)	1	6
2	GBR 85	Andrew Mills	(3)	2	2	3	2	2	2	13
3	GBR 96	Hector Simpson	2	(3)	3	2	3	1	3	14
4	FRA 99	Marc Allain des Beauvais	(ocs)	8	5	4	5	8	8	38
5	GBR 28	Jack Arnell	4	7	10	11	6	5	(dnf)	43
6	GBR 720	Julian Smith	7	6	11	9	(dnc)	4	7	44
7	GBR 2	Allen Burrell	6	11	(15)	12	7	11	6	53
8	GBR 679	Neil Robinson	8	9	6	5	(23)	16	10	54
9	GBR 9	Tim Tavinor	10	17	(31)	14	4	12	4	61
10	GBR 683	Adrian Brunton	12	16	(24)	8	9	6	15	66
11	GBR 567	Martin Hughes	67	36	NED 924	Fred Van Arkel	217			
12	GBR 708	Michael de Courcy	81	37	GBR 656	Graeme Macdonald	219			
13	SWE 14	Stefan Nordstrom	87	38	GBR 0	David Walker	220			
14	NED 962	Jan Bart	95	39	GBR 619	Charles Tavner	222			
15	GBR 1	Sander Kooij	107	40	GBR 548	Jonathan Tweedle	234			
16	GBR 635	Simon Percival	115	41	GBR 521	Simon Moss	235			
17	GBR 68	John Mackie	116	42	GBR 4	Russell Ward	238			
18	GBR 61	John Heyes	126	43	GBR 631	Richard Hart	238			
19	GBR 64	Fergus Allan	130	44	GBR 62	Jerry Andrews	248			
20	NED 704	Erik Verboom	147	45	GBR 559	Tim Newton	250			
21	FRA 112	Philippe Lobert	148	46	GBR 100	Matthew Walker	274			
22	NED 88	Chiel Barends	149	47	GBR 93	Tim Simpson	278			
23	GBR 10	Robert Deaves	153	48	GBR 34	Peter Blick	281			
24	GBR 81	Simon Childs	158	49	GBR 13	Roman Khodykin	290			
25	GBR 49	Jim Downer	159	50	GBR 486	Cy Grisley	297			
26	GBR 80	Ray New	161	51	GBR 19	Simon Hoult	302			
27	GBR 90	Richard Sharp	169	52	FRA 55	Annaud Baudin	302			
28	GBR 98	Cameron Tweedle	177	53	GBR22	Andrew Wylam	304			
29	NED 942	Maarten Bart	177	54	GBR 658	James Wyburd	313			
30	GBR 581	Vince Hayter	178	55	GBR 672	Stewart Mitchell	319			
31	GBR 77	Howard Sellars	181	56	FRA 50	Nidul Baudin	325			
32	GBR 564	Peter Vinton	207	57	IRL 8	Richard Tate	326			
33	GBR 707	Callum Dixon	214	58	FRA 48	Patrick Huynh	335			
34	GBR 75	James Cole	215	59	GBR 30	Ian Frayne	354			
35	GBR 595	Edward Thorburn	216							

### 2015 French National Championship

1	GBR 96	Hector Simpson	1	1	3	11	1	3	13	2	2	5	34
2	FRA 17	Fabian Pic	2	4	1	27	2	1	9	1	1	7	35
3	FRA 99	Marc Allain Des Beauvais	6	2	5	26	3	2	7	4	4	4	41
4	FRA 89	Benjamin Montagut	5	3	8	23	5	4	21	7	3	1	58
5	FRA 93	Antoine Devineau	3	5	7	12	7	dnc	8	5	5	3	58
6	FRA 61	David Huet	4	7	14	25	11	7	2	6	6	6	69
7	GBR 720	Jullian Smith	8	12	dnc	3	10	10	4	3	10	8	76
8	GBR 2	Allen Burrell	11	6	6	8	9	6	36	20	7	2	77
9	FRA 66	Philippe Lobert	9	11	16	41	8	9	10	11	20	9	112
10	GBR 708	Michael De Courcy	10	8	2	6	13	25	20	35	12	10	116
11	FRA 106	Damis Duterte-Vielle	125	37	GBR 679	Neil Robinson	358						
12	FRA 2	Damien Boulan	140	38	FRA 55	Arnaud Baudin	358						
13	GBR 98	Cameron Tweedle	145	39	FRA 999	Jerome Ledoyen	364						
14	FRA 18	Frederic Tarnowski	178	40	FRA 37	Alain Guillou	375						
15	GBR 567	Martin Hughes	179	41	FRA 9	Herve Salomon	376						
16	GBR 1	Sander Kooij	202	42	FRA 11	Jean-Bernard Combillet	386						
17	BEL 1	Wim Henderieckx	216	43	FRA 102	Jacques Fauroux	387						
18	FRA 44	Christophe Deseilligny	218	44	GBR 34	Peter Blick	391						
19	NZL 43	Nicholas Winters	219	45	GBR 63	Graeme Macdonald	396						
20	POR 55	Jorge Pirheiro	226	46	FRA 777	Thierry Rattier	404						
21	GBR 548	Johnathan Tweedle	245	47	FRA 19	Jean-Marc Albert	404						
22	NZL 64	Brendan Maccarty	255	48	GBR 93	Tim Simpson	416						
23	FRA 869	Regis Baumgarten	258	49	FRA 74	Jean-Louis Duret	426						
24	GBR 61	John Heyes	266	50	FRA 47	Patrick Chomet	440						
25	GBR 100	Mathew Walker	268	51	FRA 800	Yves Zoccola	440						
26	FRA 28	Sebastien Grall	270	52	FRA 834	Marc Vibert	448						
27	FRA 39	Antoine Jeu	272	53	FRA 48	Patrick Huynh	454						
28	FRA 72	Philippe Le Frapper	276	54	GBR 30	Ian Frayne	459						
29	FRA 897	Bruno Regout	277	55	FRA 776	Jean-Bernard Heraudet	470						
30	BEL 15	Alain Denis	291	56	FRA 68	Marc Pioget	487						
31	FRA 888	Mathieu Debonnet	296	57	FRA 786	Philippe Lamballe	491						
32	FRA 60	Jean-Francois Cutugno	299	58	FRA 249	Edouard Cabasse	508						
33	FRA 14	Daniel Chedeville	309	59	GBR 48	Anthony Walker	528						
34	FRA 113	Sylvain Dadure	333	60	FRA 33	Michel Carsoule	561						
35	FRA 73	Jean-Michel Castillon	334	61	FRA 3	Philippe Szellos	594						
36	FRA 50	Michel Baudin	347										





## Technical matters

The Year has been a busy one for our measurers, because our builders have produced several new hull moulds that needed initial checking. Some of the claims made in the builders' advertisements caused us problems when read by ISAF Committee members, but the prototype inspection visits made by Jüri, Dimitris Dimou and Miklós Németh showed that the new moulds were in fact producing Finns.

AGM last year instructed me to submit various minor rule changes to clarify points where people had asked for opinions or interpretations. In due course some of these produced rule amendments: it was made explicit that you can't keep your tow rope in a buoyancy unit, and that you can fill in the centreboard slot where it isn't occupied by the centreboard. Unfortunately two of our submissions, both seeking to simplify and clarify the measurement and equipment inspection processes, were thrown out by the ISAF Technical Secretariat. I made modifications and/or more detailed comments to address their concerns on two occasions, but they have not replied to my last communication in March, so the work is wasted.

The Class Executive gathered for a meeting in Split during the European Championship. Among other matters, we considered whether the class rules and their application were "fit for purpose". We noted that during the last few years, much of the trouble at regattas has been nothing to do with whether some boat is a Finn, but with whether the paperwork was right – in particular whether

the certificate form had been signed-off by the appropriate National Finn Authority. The Technical Committee considered whether to drop this requirement some years ago, but decided that to do so might cause too many other complications. More recently, we have introduced and started using the Class Measurement and Certification Database, and the Executive feel that the matter should be revisited. If the requirement (for endorsement by the NFA) were removed, the original measurer at the builder's yard could produce a complete certificate and put it straight onto the database. Perhaps we should note that most recent International Dinghy Classes have no paper certificate at all: they have an ISAF Sticker as we do, and perhaps a button somewhere!

At ISAF, the ERS working group are preparing their 2017-2020 edition, and asked us for suggestions – we made several, some of which are relevant to our current issues.

I am planning to retire soon and hope to propose Rory Barnes to the 2016 AGM as my successor. Rory and I have made combined visits to the ISAF Meeting last November, to one of the builders during a prototype inspection, to the Finn World Masters' at Kavala in Greece and to one of the SWC Events. We hope to continue with this familiarisation process for Rory, leading to a seamless change over in due course.

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# Finn sailing from across the world

## GERMANY



Andreas Bollogino writes: The first half of the year for the Finns in Germany is usually full of those small lake regattas, which are all managed by very enthusiastic clubs guaranteeing that the spoiled Finn sailor will not miss any luxury during the regatta weekend.

Those pond races are very important for our class here in Germany, as we always can introduce the boat to newcomers or attract new sailors (due to our irresistible charm and our cool boat). It is fantastic what those small clubs are doing for the race weekend, usually the competitor does not have to care at all about food and drinks from Friday – to Sunday, and sailing on small lakes is fun anyway.

For the start of the season those races are perfect, if you were thinking of cutting down a little bit from the regatta sailing during the long and dark winter season, taking part in one of those regattas will convince you that you will have to sail more, so you can meet your friends more.

One of those great regattas is for certain Biblis. 44 sailors met on the bigger pond of Biblis. A great wind and a great party resulted in many smiling faces. Jürgen Eiermann was first in the ranking, but everyone felt like a winner.

Definitely not a pond race is the Nesselblatt in Steinhude, which was this year was sailed for the 57th time. 63 sailors from all around Germany where joined by three

Polish Finns and sailed five races in very good conditions. André Budzien won with only 7 points on his account in front of Uli Kurfeld and Thomas Schmid.

- 1 GER 711 André Budzien
- 2 GER 772 Ulli Kurfeld
- 3 GER 193 Thomas Schmid
- 4 GER 700 Martin Hofmann
- 5 GER 182 Sebastian Schmidt-Klügmann



## GREAT BRITAIN



### UK Inland Championship

Alton Water, 18-19 April 2015

1	GBR 642	John Tremlett	16
2	GBR 720	Julian Smith	21.5
3	GBR 2	Allen Burrell	29
4	GBR 567	Martin Hughes	32.5
5	IRL 9	Oisín McClelland	33
6	GBR 10	Robert Deaves	38
7	IRL 4	Colin Leonard	40
8	GBR 98	Cameron Tweedle	46
9	GBR 90	Richard Sharp	49
10	GBR 61	John Heyes	52
11	GBR 52	Will Patten	56
12	GBR 708	Michael De Courcy	75
13	GBR 581	Vince Hayter	82
14	GBR 27	Jordan Swindon	93
15	GBR 679	Neil Robinson	94
16	GBR 77	Howard Sellars	96
17	GBR 521	Simon Moss	96



18	GBR 695	Mark Petty-Mayor	101
19	GBR 548	Jon Tweedle	104
20	GBR 62	Jerry Andrews	109
21	GBR 491	Roddy Steel	112
22	NED 924	Fred van Arkel	112
23	GBR 595	Edward Thorburn	118
24	GBR 58	Paul Brown	137
25	GBR 22	Andrew Wylam	138
26	GBR 8	Simon Hoult	139
27	GBR 1	Sander Kooy	142
28	GBR 486	Cy Grisley	143
29	GBR 99	John Torrance	149
30	GBR X	Peter Blick	159
31	GBR 658	James Wyburd	182

### UK Southern Championship

Christchurch Sailing Club, 21-22 June, 2015

1	GBR 2	Allen Burrell	5
2	GBR 28	Jack Arnell	8
3	GBR 635	Simon Percival	11
4	GBR 1	Sander Kooij	28
5	GBR 98	Cameron Tweedle	30
6	GBR 708	Michael de Courcy	31
7	GBR 61	John Heyes	31
8	GBR 90	Richard Sharp	36
9	GBR 24	Rory Barnes	41
10	GM 20	Andy Denison	42
11	GBR 77	Howard Sellars	43
12	GBR 80	Ray New	43
13	GBR 595	Edward Thorburn	48
14	GBR 548	Jonathan Tweedle	54
15	GBR 631	Richard Hart	54
16	GBR 620	Laurence Peters	55
17	GBR 679	Neil Robinson	60
18	GBR 37	Steve Hayles	62
19	GBR 801	Merrick Gill	62
20	GBR 99	John Torrance	64
21	GBR 62	Jerry Andrews	65
22	GBR 34	Peter Blick	72
23	GBR 599	Andy Gray	73
24	GBR 22	Andrew Wylam	77
25	GBR 39	Tony Lock	97





# ITALY



## Coppa Italia 2015

Marco Buglielli writes: The Italian major trophy has reached its half way stage at the end of June, with four events completed. 18 races were sailed with 79 Italian competitors plus several foreign Finns from Russia, Austria, Switzerland, Germany and Ukraine.

The first event was sailed in Anzio, close to Rome, at the end of March with 36 participants. The races were dominated by the Grand Master Enrico Passoni with four bullets. Second was Giacomo Giovanelli on equal points with Walter Riosa. First Junior was Matteo Savio, winner of the first race.

Castiglione della Pescaia in Tuscany hosted the second event in mid April with 39 Finns. The usual nice conditions allowed five more races sailed in winds from 5 to 15 knots. Enrico Voltolini, a member of the Italian Olympic team, convincingly won with superior speed in the windier races. Second was the Junior Matteo Savio and third Enrico Passoni.



The third event was held at the end of April on Lake Caldaro in northern Italy, which was also part of the Finn Alpen Cup. 52 Finns were present, many of them from Austria and Germany. Four races were sailed and the fight for victory was between the Austrian Olympian Florian Raudaschl and the young Italian Matteo Savio. They shared race wins and the overall victory went to Raudaschl because no discard was allowed. Third and fourth places went to local brothers Peter and Harald Stuffer. The Dr. Schaer team trophy went to the local team formed by the Stuffer brothers and the Junior Leopold Starke.



In Grado at the end of June another nice weekend of races was sailed with 34 Finns from four nations. The technical level was very good thanks to the participation of the Fantastica Team, with the Junior European champion Arkadiy Kistanov, the Master World champion Vladimir Krutskikh and the Grand Master World champion Yuri Tokovoi. But it was the Italian Giacomo Giovanelli, third at the Finn World Masters in Kavala, who made the best of the tricky conditions and won the event, just one point in front of the strong Austrian Michael Gubi, who was penalised by an OCS in the third race. Third was the Russian Vladimir Krutskikh.

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1	ITA 83	Matteo Savio	465
2	ITA 191	Alessandro Cattaneo	443
3	ITA 55	Walter Riosa	436
4	ITA 6	Enrico Passoni	415
5	ITA 202	Giacomo Giovanelli	380
6	ITA 2	Marco Buglielli	374
7	ITA 4	Francesco Faggiani	340
8	ITA 56	Francesco Grigolon	320
9	ITA 5	Francesco Cinque	274
10	ITA 67	Gino Bucciarelli	263

In the provisional Coppa Italia leaderboard the Junior Matteo Savio is in first place with a good margin on Alessandro Cattaneo and Walter Riosa. Four more events are scheduled from July to October in Bracciano, Domaso, Porto San Giorgio and Malcesine.

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## POLAND

Piotr Mazur writes: The Polish Cup is at the halfway point. Beginning in late April, the sailing season was extremely busy as never before. Major international events: European championship, Masters worlds, Junior worlds – all surrounded by the major events in our calendar. Nevertheless quite many Finn sailors appeared in the competition, with altogether over 30 entries in the National Cup so far.

The first regatta in the Polish Cup 2015 was the Memorial of Otton Weiland, the founder of the first Polish sailing club (1922 in Charzykowy). Nine competitors arrived. Two days of extreme wind (very strong on Saturday and very light on Sunday) took place. The competition was won by Jeremi Zimny, in front of Włodzimierz Radwaniecki and Piotr Gierczak. In the meantime a few Polish masters visited German Steinhude.

Later on a big group of Polish Finn sailors moved to Split for the European Championship. Eight of us took part in the regatta, but with no good results. Piotr Kula ended up 30th, Mikołaj Lahn just behind him.

The same big team decided to head to Kavala – eight Polish Masters. Marek Jarocki had the best result for Poland ever in the Masters fleet – 29th. In the meantime the Polish Sailing Association Trophy competition took place 29-31 May in Puck. 18 competitors appeared. Mikołaj Lahn



finished first, ahead of Miłosz Wojewski and Łukasz Lesiński.

One week later on 5-7 June, 12 Finns arrived in Gdynia for the Gdynia Trophy. Jeremi Zimny won, leaving two Masters: Marek Jarocki and Andrzej Romanowski behind.

On 20-21 June the Warsaw Trophy was held. Two days of intense racing were won by Andrzej Romanowski, with Piotr Mazur second and Piotr Pajor third.

NordCup on 27-29 June is a real halfway point and somehow a breaking point of the season. 25 boats arrived, with three visitors from Lithuania. Three days of racing in very light winds turned out to be a great opportunity for lighter sailors to achieve the best results, while those heavier had to struggle with the conditions. Jeremi Zimny took the lead on the first day and did not give it up till the end. Piotr Kula finished second, and Szymon Winiarski third.



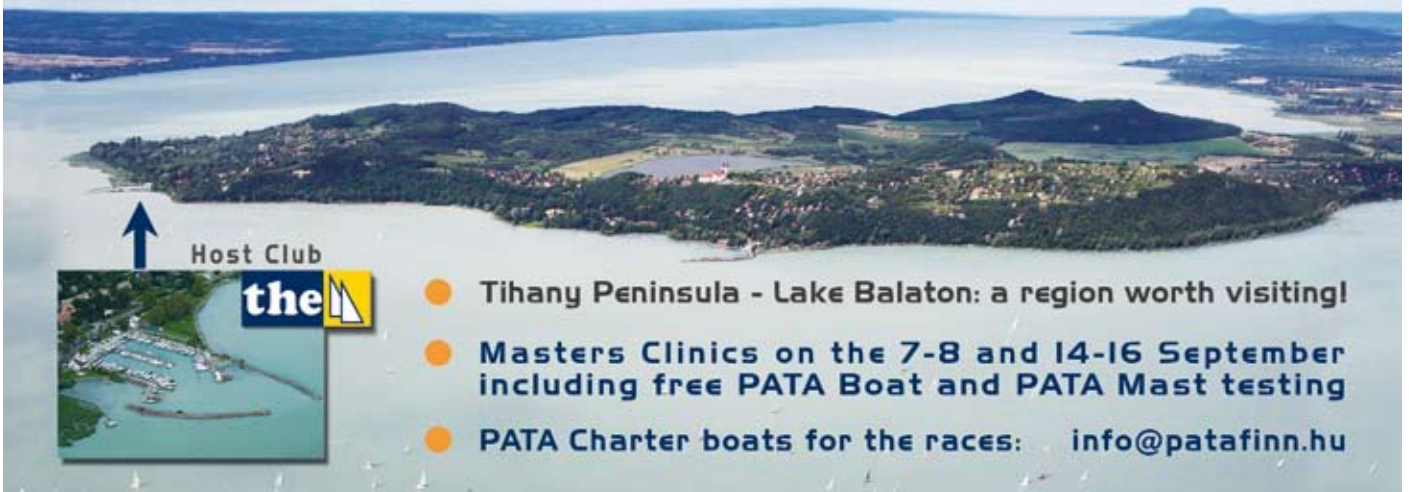
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# RUSSIA



## Russian Cup

Vasiliy Kravchenko writes: The Russian Cup for the Finn class is organised by the Russian Finn Association across the most active sailing centres in Russia: Moscow, Sochi, Toliatti, Gelendzhik, Taganrog and Krasnoyarsk. In total it consists of 11 stages and lasts from January until the end of November. So far seven stages of the Cup have been completed for this year. The winners of the stages were Eduard Skorniyakov (Sochi, stage 1), Arkadiy Kistanov (Junior) (Sochi, stage 2), Artur Kotlyarov (Junior) (Sochi, stage 3), Dmitriy Petrov twice (Gelendzhik, Stage 4 and Toliatti, stage 7) and Alexey Borisov twice (Taganrog, stage 5 and Moscow, stage 6).

In total 47 Finn sailors overall are taking part in the cup, and we are expecting that this number will be increased up to more than 80 by the end. Vitaliy Kuvaev (Junior) is

leading the rating after seven stages. Dmitriy Petrov is in the second place at the moment while Alexander Kulyukin is third. Two more stages will be carried out soon in Moscow and Toliatti, but the biggest influence to the rating will take place at Open Russian regatta since we are expecting more than 70 boats at the start line. Full preliminary results are below.

1	RUS 163	Vitaliy Kuvaev	60
2	RUS 711	Dmitriy Petrov	53
3	RUS 161	Alexandr Kulyukin	50
4	RUS 2	Aleksey Borisov	40
5	RUS 311	Evgeniy Deev	40
6	RUS 28	Artur Kotlyarov	37
7	RUS 41	Felix Denikaev	34
8	RUS 231	Kirill Luzan	31
9	RUS 9	Grigoriy Kharlamov	28
10	RUS 131	Alexandr Lauhtin	24
11	RUS 1	Aleksey Selivanov	24
12	RUS 3	Aleksey Borovyak	18
13	RUS 205	Sergey Stepanov	18
14	RUS 333	Andrey Voloshin	18
15	RUS 100	Dmitriy Akhramenko	16
16	RUS 21	Vladimir Butenko	15
17	RUS 73	Il'ya Malysenko	15
18	RUS 34	Alexandr Kasatov	14
19	RUS 54	Vladimir Kovalenko	12
20	RUS 4	Alexandr Ban'ko	11
21	RUS 120	Sergey Kovalenko	10
22	RUS 189	Sergey Lukin	10
23	RUS 729	Evgeniy Kalmykov	9
24	RUS 27	Denis Kotlyarov	9
25	RUS 171	Vasiliy Kravchenko	9
26	RUS 27	Ivan Evseenko	8
27	RUS 9	Eduard Skorniyakov	8
28	RUS 18	Evgeniy Dzhura	7
29	RUS 6	Arkadiy Kistanov	7
30	RUS 7	Alexandr Anan'ev	6
31	RUS 28	Ivan Potapov	6
32	RUS 57	Egor Teprigorev	6
33	RUS 524	Petr Oleynikov	6
34	RUS 8	Nikolay Kovalev	6
35	RUS 74	Yan Mahanek	5
36	RUS 22	Vyacheslav Berko	4
37	RUS 25	Anatoliy Voschennikov	4
38	RUS 87	Pavel Selivanov	4
39	UKR 2	Andrey Berezhnoy	3
40	RUS 11	Roman Kotlyarov	3
41	RUS 2	Sergey Bezruk	2
42	UKR 414	Valeriy Krupenin	2
43	RUS 71	Aleksey Petrov	2
44	RUS 31	Igor' Frolov	2
45	RUS 111	Andrey Yanickiy	2
46	RUS 97	Maxim Gromov	1
47	RUS 13	Aleksey Marchevskiy	1



The next two events in Russia will be the International University Sailing Cup, from August 18 to 24 and the Open Russian regatta (including Open Russian masters championship) in Moscow, from August 25-3 September.

More information at [www.open-russian.ru](http://www.open-russian.ru) and [www.iusc.ru](http://www.iusc.ru).







## GKSS OCR, May 1-3, 2015

Stefan Fagerlund writes: The Swedish Finn season started off in a fantastic way with good winds and a lot of sun at the Olympic Class Regatta in Gothenburg, over the first weekend in May. On Friday and Saturday the qualification round was sailed and it was quite clear that the fleet hadn't been sailing for a while.

The high scores were spread amongst a lot of sailors making the standings quite even between the sailors aiming for the top positions. Standing out in a very positive way was Erik Åberg from Karlstad who took two bullets and a fifth place on day one to put himself at the top of the leader board. In the quite tricky conditions with current and shifting winds he managed to find a nice and fast way around the course.

Erik, who updated his gear at the end of last season from an old Vanguard to a much more competitive Devoti Finn, showed that his sailing skills really came to life and that this change of equipment paid off from day one. Other sailors changing equipment struggled a bit and didn't really get going but will for sure find the speed soon to be able to fight for the glory.

Day two brought a more stable north-westerly wind and it turned out to be even closer in the overall standings. Erik lost the track a bit to end up in fourth place after the qualification round. Another sailor from Karlstad, Martin Pluto, climbed to the top of the leader board with the same points as Johan Wijk from Sandviken. The winner from last year, Stefan Fagerlund from Sodertalje, took two bullets on day two to find himself in third place overall, just two points from the top two.

Going into the finals on day three there were four sailors battling for the trophy where the first three had the outcome theoretically in their own hands.

On a very short course just outside the pier with spectators cheering and shouting the medal race was sailed and

it was Erik Åberg that got away in front and took the medal race win after a very well performance. Behind Erik there was a battle between the three top sailors but after a penalty turn on the first run Martin Pluto lost the pace and didn't recover from it and finished last.

The battle went on but through the gate Stefan Fagerlund made a disastrous move and tacked to port right in front of Johan Wijk who didn't stand a chance of avoiding a collision. Stefan had to make a penalty turn and the day was ruined. Johan Wijk sailed a very good last lap to finish third to bring the victory home.

After this quite eventful medal race the podium was set with Johan Wijk, Erik Åberg and Stefan Fagerlund.

As always a very good event at the Royal Gothenburg Yacht Club and this time in the best of sailing weather, sun, sun, sun and a nice fresh wind.

## USS Regatta, June 13-14, 2015

The second Swedish Cup regatta was arranged by Uppsala Segelsällskap on Lake Mälaren. Usually the winds are very shifty, patchy and totally unpredictable, and with this in mind 17 sailors gathered to battle for glory on Saturday morning that brought sunshine and 2-5 m/s SW wind. Strengthened by the nice performance in the first regatta in Gothenburg, Martin Pluto and Erik Åberg found the best spots of the day and showed that they are to be counted on this season. Placed in first and second, they were trailed by Stefan Fagerlund in third after the first day.

On Sunday morning the rain was pouring slowly and the wind was coming from the north, but was expected to change direction during the day as the weather promised to be slightly better.

Shifty as always with a complete calm all over the course for half an hour brought some major gains and losses in the fleet. Martin Pluto started off with a win in the first race followed by a fifth and a ninth to finish first overall. Erik Åberg had a tough second day and dropped to fifth overall.



Fredrik Tenghed, making his comeback in the class, found good speed and climbed to second place overall just ahead of Stefan Fagerlund who managed to retain his third place from day one. As always a very good arrangement and all the sailors gave the organising committee a big hand for the outstanding performance in managing to conclude seven races in these very tricky conditions.

It was very nice to see that Martin and Erik continued their good performances showing that they weren't just lucky in Gothenburg. This shows that they really have improved their skills going into this season. The Swedish Finn fleet has been the older guys playground for a couple of years but it is clear that the younger generation is underway.

A tight cooperation with the Swedish Sailing Federation has been started, giving potential future Finn sailors the opportunity to try Finn sailing in boats loaned by active Finn sailors. This will for sure make the class grow and hopefully also mean that standards are raised within the Swedish Finn fleet. The next Swedish Finn regatta is the 60th anniversary Swedish Championship Regatta on the lake of Runn, in Falun, from August 13-15.







**Capman Cup Oberhofen, April 11-12**

Franz Büergi writes: We start the season on Lake Thun with 15 Finns on the line for the Capman Cup. It was first Finn regatta for Dominik Haitz who just got his boat from Germany. Andreas Friderich showed a great performance with two bullets and a fourth place giving him the pleasure to take the Capman trophy home for a year. Second place went to Franz Büergi and third place to Peter Kilchenmann.



1	SUI 94	Fiedrich Andreas	6
2	SUI 12	Franz Büergi	7
3	SUI 13	Peter Kilchenmann	11
4	SUI 3	Carlo Lazzari	17
5	SUI 30	Urs Wenger	18
6	SUI 2	Helmut Klammer	20
7	SUI 77	Röbi Rösti	21
8	SUI 4	Jiri Hurachec	23
9	SUI 18	Peter Rösti	30
10	SUI 63	Thomas Gautschi	31
11	SUI 93	Georg Sibeck	31
12	GER 194	Dominik Haitz	32
13	GER 44	Stefan Bohnleitner	40
14	SUI 8	Bruno Marti	44
15	SUI 25	Till Klammer	48

**Jollenregatta Mammern, April 18-19**

Great sailing on Lake Constance but only a small fleet of five boats out on the water. Those who made the way had the pleasure to sail five good races in medium to fresh winds. Hans Fatzer mastered the fleet in style followed by Thomas Gautschi and Urs Huber.

1	SUI 1	Hans Fatzer	6
2	SUI 63	Thomas Gautschi	7
3	SUI 32	Urs Huber	8
4	FRAU 40	Joseph Rochet	13
5	SUI 82	Luka Schenk	20



**Jollenregatta Rietli, April 25-26**

The weather pattern didn't look too good for the 2015 edition of the Rietli regatta. After a few hours waiting on the water a good race could be sailed in a force 2-3 westerly on Saturday. As usual the evening brought ample food and drinks in the club house. On Sunday a second race in very light wind was sailed. Overall winner was Hans Fatzer on equal points with Peter Kilchenmann. Third place went to Urs Huber.

1	SUI 1	Hans Fatzer	4
2	SUI 13	Peter Kilchenmann	4
3	SUI 32	Urs Huber Finn	6
4	SUI 57	Rudolf Baumann	6
5	FRA 40	Joseph Rochat	11
6	SUI 3	Carlo Lazzari	13
7	SUI 27	Dominik Haitz	13
8	SUI 63	Thomas Gautschi	15
9	SUI 288	Erich Fischer	18

**Jollenregatta Hallwil, May 9-10**

A small fleet met on Lake Hallwil early May. Local sailor Jean Pierre Weber dominated the fleet with three bullets.

1	SUI 69	Nathalie Weber	3
2	SUI 27	Haitz Dominik	5
3	SUI 90	Koch Thorsten	8

**Rabbit Cup, June 10/17/24, July 1 2015**

To chase the rabbit becomes more popular every year. 21 participants from beginners to legends sailed 13 short races (rabbit start and medium length beat to a support boat marking the finish) this year having a lot of fun on four Wednesday evenings. The last evening is always special as the after sailing meal is a deliciously cooked rabbit. This year the rabbit trophy went to Carlo Lazzari with Bruno Marti in second and Andreas



The 2015 Rabbit Cup podium, from left: Andreas Friderich, Carlo Lazzari, Bruno Marti

Friderich in third place. Rabbit starts and beats are not so simple as one would think – so the Rabbit Cup is also excellent training for the upcoming regattas.

1	SUI 3	Carlo Lazzari	30
2	SUI 8	Bruno Marti	32
3	SUI 94	Andreas Friderich	43
4	SUI 13	Peter Kilchenmann	44
5	SUI 60	John Ulbrich	45
6	SUI 77	Robert Rösti	73
7	SUI 72	Patrick Ducommun	82
8	SUI 57	Ruedi Baumann	84
9	SUI 58	Gerald Birbaum	90
10	SUI 441	Martin Nydegger	92
11	SUI 23	Rolf Megert	95
12	SUI 92	Thomas Beck	97
13	SUI 29	Hans Althaus	114
14	SUI 10	Roland Schneider	114
15	SUI 2	Helmut Klammer	129
16	SUI 62	Samir	129
17	SUI 9	Andrea Roost	142
18	SUI 12	Franz Büergi	152
19	SUI 99	Katrin Wagner	185
20	SUI 50	Martin Knapp	201
21	SUI 45	Pierre Julita	211





# USA



## 2015 North American Masters

Bucaneer YC, Mobile, AL, April 16-29

1	USA10	Darrell Peck	7
2	USA19	Henry Sprague	15
3	USA 5	Steve Landeau	22
4	USA 117	Michael Mark	26
5	US101	Peter Frissell	29
6	USA1138	Scott Griffiths	33
7	USA 40	Chuck Rudinsky	34
8	USA23	James Hunter	53
9	CAN 3	Ian Bostock	59
10	USA 150	Louie Nady	65
11	USA 303	Joe Chinburg	73
12	USA 32	Charles Heimler	77
13	GBR16	Mike Woodhead	81
14	USA69	Simon van Wonderen	81
15	USA 22	Terry Greenfield	93
16	USA 401	Craig Johnson	96
17	USA 15	Pat Healy	102
18	AUS 1	Joerg Kemnade	111
19	USA 33	John Marshall	113
20	USA 911	Jim Revkin	124
21	USA 50	Norman Wood	125

## Olympic Classes Regatta

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, 30-31 May 2015

1	GBR 11	Caleb Paine	8
2	USA 66	Scott Hoffmann	16
3	USA 10	Darrell Peck	18
4	USA 4	Andy Kern	26
5	USA 81	Michael Brandon	27
6	USA 47	Robert Kinney	30
7	NZL 9	Rob Coutts	30
8	USA 1	Scott Griffiths	48
9	USA 1066	Glenn Selvin	52
10	USA 84	James Lawson	59

# Major Finn regattas 2015-2018

## 2015

12-22/8	Aquece Rio (Rio 2016 Test Event)	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
14-15/8	CORK OCR (North American Championship)	Kingston, Canada
25-31/8	Open Russian	Moscow, Russia
14-20/9	ISAF Sailing World Cup Qingdao	Qingdao, China
16-20/9	Swiss Championship	Ispach, Switzerland
17-20/9	Italian Olympic Classes Championship	Riva del Garda, Italy
18-20/9	US Nationals	San Diego, USA
3-5/10	International Finn Cup	Malcesine, Italy
5-10/10	Semaine Olympique Français	La Rochelle, France
9-12/10	Italian Championship	Loano, Italy
24/10-1/11	Russian National Championship	Sochi, Russia
27/10-1/11	ISAF Sailing World Cup Final	Abu Dhabi, UAE
16-19/11	Auckland Championships - Pre-Worlds	Takapuna, New Zealand
<b>20-30/11</b>	<b>FINN GOLD CUP</b> (2015.finngoldcup.org)	<b>Takapuna, New Zealand</b>
2-7/12	Sail Sydney	Sydney, Australia
7-13 12	ISAF Sailing World Cup Melbourne	Melbourne, Australia
17-22/12	Palamos Christmas Race	Palamos, Spain

## 2016

23-30/1	ISAF Sailing World Cup Miami	Miami, USA
25/4-1/5	ISAF Sailing World Cup Hyeres	Hyères, France
4-8/5	Regatta Port Bourgas	Bourgas, Bulgaria
24-28/5	Delta Lloyd Regatta	Medemblik, Netherlands
6-12/6	ISAF Sailing World Cup Weymouth & Portland	Weymouth & Portland, UK
<b>5-13/3 (tbc)</b>	<b>EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP</b> (finneuropeans.org/2016)	<b>Barcelona, Spain</b>
<b>6-13/5 (tbc)</b>	<b>FINN GOLD CUP</b> (finngoldcup.org/2016)	<b>Gaeta, Italy</b>
<b>13-20/5</b>	<b>FINN WORLD MASTERS</b> (www.finnworldmasters.com)	<b>Torbole, Italy</b>
<b>5-21/8</b>	<b>2016 Olympic Games</b>	<b>Rio de Janeiro, Brazil</b>
5-11/12	ISAF Sailing World Cup Melbourne	Melbourne, Australia

## 2017

<b>June (tbc)</b>	<b>FINN WORLD MASTERS</b> (www.finnworldmasters.com)	<b>Barbados</b>
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## 2018

	<b>2018 ISAF Sailing World Championships</b>	<b>Århus, Denmark</b>
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