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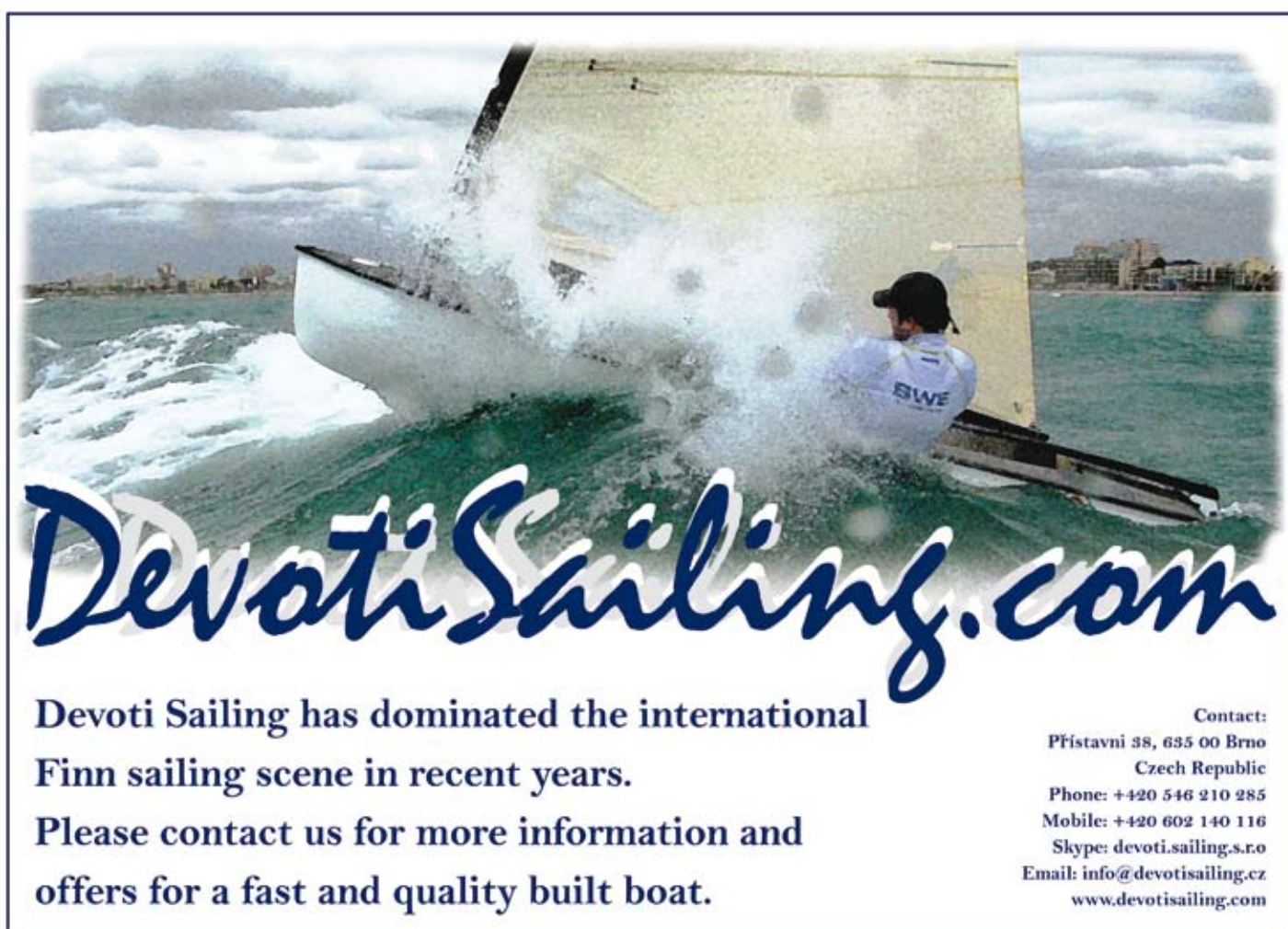
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Opening shot: Riccardo Cordovani at the Malcesine Finn Cup



President's Letter

Dear Finn Sailors,
Dear Friends,

At the end of yet another successful year for the Finn class, we can all be proud of the achievements of 2011.

It has been an outstanding year on the water with the British sailors dominating most major events. Ben Ainslie's return to the Finn was always going to be interesting and once again he has set the standard for others to follow.

Our Masters fleets are getting bigger than ever – both at the World Masters Championship as well as in National fleets – with nearly 300 racing in Italy this year. The experienced Olympian Michael Maier dominated to take his third title. At the other end of the age spectrum, an encouraging turnout of young sailors – with many new faces – competed for the Silver Cup in Moscow. Congratulations again to Arkady Kistanov, who, along with many others there will hopefully be challenging for Olympic berths in Rio in 2016. The main European season ended with the test event in Weymouth and yet another win for Ben Ainslie.

Attention now of course switches to Australia and the ISAF Sailing World Championship in Perth in December. I wish the best of luck to all competitors. It will surely be a great display of Finn sailing.

This issue of FINNFARE falls between our major championships and events, so the focus is on the development of National

Associations and their valuable contributions to the Finn class. It is heartening to see the growth and the success of our national fleets, with numbers generally increasing around the world. It is especially pleasing to see Norway back on the scene as well as significant growth in Brazil, following investment in a hull mould from the IFA development fund several years ago. Brazil has always been a stronghold of Finn sailing strength and tradition, and their drive to have a reliable builder and develop new masts is a model for other nations. We wish them every success.

In addition this year the Finn's place as equipment for the 2016 Olympics in Rio was assured and we look forward with interest to the development of the class and the sport over the next five years.

There may be many changes ahead in competition schedules and event formats, especially with the announcement from ISAF of the new Sailing World Cup circuit leading up to 2016, but I believe the Finn class will continue to provide the very best platform for young, strong, fit and technically accomplished sailors. There is nothing, but nothing, quite as challenging as sailing a Finn at the highest level.

Dr. Balazs Hajdu
HUN-1
IFA President



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Finn news

DVD of the Masters 2011 at Puntala

A DVD of photographs made by Dianthe Chirino during the 2011 Masters is now available.

It contains approximately 600 high resolution photos. Copies can be ordered through Dianthe for a cost of EUR25 plus postage. More information at www.finnworldmaster.com



New Russian Finn book

The Russian Finn Association has published a great new book on Finn sailing in Russia, though it is all written in Russian. You can see the digital version of the book here: http://issuu.com/moscowfinn/docs/finn_calendar2011-2012, and printed copies can be ordered through Vasily Kravchenko by emailing finn@moscow-finnclass.ru.

The books are full colour throughout and contain a great many photos and interviews. The cost is EUR 25 each, and there are discounts in bulk for National Finn Associations. Language aside, it is actually a really nice presentation on the Finn class and the Russians are to be congratulated for bringing out such an attractive book.

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Insets: Europa Cup, Europeans in Helsinki, Vernon Stratton in 1951, Italian Masters (Photo: Marina Prinzivalli)

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Olympic honour for Ralph Roberts

During the 100th anniversary of Olympic Movement in New Zealand, Ralph Roberts was presented with the New Zealand Olympic Order. The award was presented by Jacques Rogge, President of the IOC for Ralph's outstanding service to the Olympic Movement in New Zealand.



Ralph said, "I was just sitting at the dinner, enjoying the celebrations which were to celebrate 100 years of the Olympic Movement in New Zealand. Jacques Rogge gave a passionate speech to congratulate the New Zealand Olympic Committee for 100 years of Olympic journey. He ended his speech by announcing that he had a very pleasant duty to give a New Zealand Olympic Order to a friend of nearly 50 years. A stunned Ralph who knew nothing of this, had to think quickly as he walked to the stage, and was humbled by the award."

Ralph represented New Zealand in 1960 in the Finn, and in 1968 in the Flying Dutchman and was Flying Dutchman and Finn reserve in 1964. He also managed the 1984 Olympic Yachting Team and was Chef d' Mission for the New Zealand team in 1992. Ralph served on the International Jury for several Olympic Regattas, and is currently a member of the Board of Yachting NZ and New Zealand's Councillor to the International Sailing Federation.



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Pos	Helm	Nation	Prev	Best	Points
1	Edward Wright	GBR	1	1	4239
2	Giles Scott	GBR	2	2	4066
3	Thomas Le Breton	FRA	3	3	4021
4	Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic	CRO	4	1	3988
5	Zach Railey	USA	5	1	3931
6	Vasilij Zbogor	SLO	7	6	3896
7	Pieter-jan Postma	NED	6	2	3873
8	Jonathan Lobert	FRA	8	6	3797
9	Gasper Vincec	SLO	10	1	3741
10	Marin Misura	CRO	11	3	3739
11	Andrew Mills	GBR	9	7	3728
12	Rafa Trujillo Villar	ESP	12	1	3710
13	Brendan Casey	AUS	13	9	3649
14	Dan Slater	NZL	14	2	3597
15	Deniss Karpak	EST	16	10	3581
16	Daniel Birgmark	SWE	15	4	3481
17	Rafal Szukiel	POL	28	4	3455
18	Björn Allansson	SWE	17	17	3451
19	Jan Kurfeld	GER	19	19	3406
20	Piotr Kula	POL	18	13	3401

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Vernon Stratton Remembered

Vernon had been for some time one of my oldest surviving friends. Ever since I heard that he had been taken from us old memories have been flooding back to me.

On meeting Vernon I soon discovered that behind the tall gentleman's smart appearance, lay efficiency, understanding, fairness, helpfulness and the tireless pursuit of achievement. I remember joining the International Finn Association (IFA) Technical Committee in 1968. The Whitstable Gold Cup had turned into a disaster and a larger disaster for the Finn class was looming as our Chairman, Richard Creagh Osborne, told us. The class was having problems with boats being built lighter in the ends to minimise the 'Moment of Inertia' and Richard had taken me to the IYRU annual meeting to explain the problem, but I convinced nobody. Even Rickard Sarby thought that his marvellous design had come to the end of the road. Richard had decided to resign and at 1969 Bermuda Gold Cup, Vernon asked me to take over.

In 1969, we again went to the IYRU annual meeting. Vernon had the genius idea to come with his boat 'Mickey Finn'. The members were amazed to see us bring the boat into the hall of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, together with trestles and measuring equipment. After I had again explained the theory of oscillating bodies, we invited the Small Boat Committee's members to take part in a practical exercise. We oscillated 'Mickey', got her Radius of Gyration and Centre of Gravity (COG) position. And then we added some weights, first near COG, then at the dinghy ends. The variations of the Radius of Gyration matched our calculations. The committee was convinced – Vernon's practical understanding together with his imagination and efficiency had saved the day – and his beloved Finn class.

However the Finn Classes troubles did not end there; it soon came out that hulls were not being measured at big international events (except in the US) and I was horrified when I discovered that the master set of templates had been widened by centimetres – a massive amount. Again Vernon came to the rescue and took me to see Charles Currey who had engraved full size Finn Lines

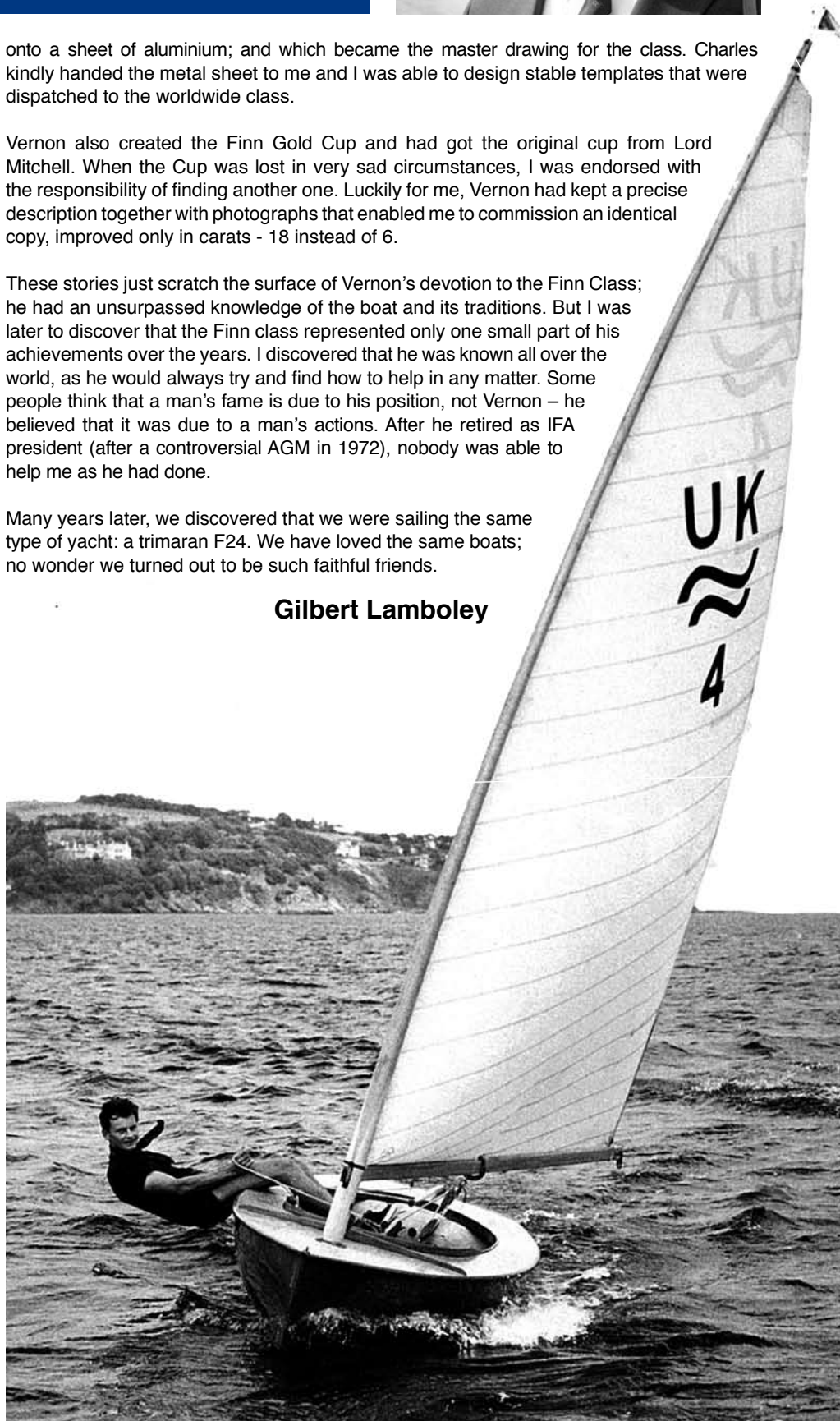
onto a sheet of aluminium; and which became the master drawing for the class. Charles kindly handed the metal sheet to me and I was able to design stable templates that were dispatched to the worldwide class.

Vernon also created the Finn Gold Cup and had got the original cup from Lord Mitchell. When the Cup was lost in very sad circumstances, I was endorsed with the responsibility of finding another one. Luckily for me, Vernon had kept a precise description together with photographs that enabled me to commission an identical copy, improved only in carats - 18 instead of 6.

These stories just scratch the surface of Vernon's devotion to the Finn Class; he had an unsurpassed knowledge of the boat and its traditions. But I was later to discover that the Finn class represented only one small part of his achievements over the years. I discovered that he was known all over the world, as he would always try and find how to help in any matter. Some people think that a man's fame is due to his position, not Vernon – he believed that it was due to a man's actions. After he retired as IFA president (after a controversial AGM in 1972), nobody was able to help me as he had done.

Many years later, we discovered that we were sailing the same type of yacht: a trimaran F24. We have loved the same boats; no wonder we turned out to be such faithful friends.

Gilbert Lamboley



Along with many, many other sailors of all ages, I was so sad to find out this week about the premature passing of Finn Gold Cup winner Vernon Stratton at the young age of 83. I anticipate widespread comment will follow from his beloved Finn - and more recently Illusion - fleets, but it is essential to also set down on paper just how much of Great Britain's current success in Olympic sailing is a direct consequence of seeds sown by Vernon's strong leadership back in the 1960s, 70s and early 80s.

Vernon Stratton was in charge of British Olympic sailing for the successful 1968 and 1972 Olympic Regattas and was on course to do a similarly good job as team manager in 1980 - before UK authorities bowed to peer-pressure and withdrew a strong British Olympic Sailing Team from the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow, along with our Equestrian, Rowing and Shooting teams.

A fine sailor himself, and married to another fine sailor - Pepe Stratton was a rather magnificent Firefly and Finn sailor in the days when such things were not usual - Vernon knew only one approach to managing sportsmen: pick only winners and then back them as hard as you can.

Vernon Stratton was not a man for management by committee; when Great Britain's 'on-paper' extremely strong 1976 Olympic sailing team raced in Montreal, it would not be presumptuous to suggest that they missed Vernon's strong hand and failed to deliver all of the medals of which they were beyond doubt capable.

Fast forward to 2011, and it was the success delivered by Vernon's sometimes-maverick Olympic stars, of which Rodney Pattison was of course the most dazzling example, along with the magnificent and much-missed Reg White and a few others, that then inspired so many younger, talented British sailors to also 'reach for the stars'; whether in the Olympics, in offshore racing or even, dare I say in later life in the industry itself.

The success of Vernon's tight Olympic sailing family inspired, and subsequently the management skill of former RYA CEO, Rod Carr, a squad sailor under Vernon, later brilliantly melded that inspiration to deliver the funding and organisational structure that is today's remarkable British Olympic sailing legacy.

Along with countless sailors and friends of Vernon around the world, I miss my friend and sometime-mentor already, and would like to use this humble note to express my sincerest sympathies to Pepe, Richard and the rest of his close family, as well as to the many fellow photographers and advertising industry colleagues that Vernon was close to in his other, more artistic but equally successful endeavours

Andrew Hurst



Vernon was a great generous, passionate contributor to the Finn in the early days, and I remember him very vividly.

He finished 39th, just ahead of Willy Kuhweide at the Finn Gold Cup in Bermuda, 1969, where Thomas Lundquist won in heaviest winds after Hurricane Inga and Henry Sprague made such an outstanding performance.

Vernon was a tall, strong, athletic figure. He was a true British gentleman with a perfect Eton accent, expressing peaceful energy, who created respect and admiration. He was able to motivate and impassion us, the young sailors at that time, similar to Paul Elvstrøm, who also competed in Bermuda in D 106, his last Finn race. He led the British team, with McDonald-Smith, Currey, Storer, Gulliver, Saffrey Cooper and Knights.

Vernon, as a persuasive Brit, helped to get Andy Zawieja convincingly and promptly out of Bermuda police detention the day the resourceful Andy - coming, on a low budget from then communist Poland on a cargo ship that had dropped him and the Finn two miles off the Bermuda coast - sailed peacefully but quite unconventionally in his PZ 521 Finn into Bermuda Harbour (which to most was all the way across the Atlantic). Another Vernon story.

We will keep Vernon in a very high place in our memory, part of probably the best time in our lives.

Gerardo Seeliger

Vernon Stratton, who died on 20th August 2011, was arguably one of the most important and influential people in the history of the Finn class. He was there almost at the very beginning, campaigning one of the first British Finns, K4, for the 1952 Olympic trials. He was an accomplished sailor, winning countless events including the Finn Gold Cup in 1960. This qualified him for the 1960 Olympic Games in Naples. He was also a driving force behind the technical and administrative success of the class, overseeing and driving through many of the technical innovations that has maintained the quality of boats to this day.

In 1956 he established the Finn class world championship to bring sailors from across the world for a week of competition by persuading FG Mitchell of the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, Burnham-on-Crouch, UK to donate the Finn Gold Cup to the class. As well as roles within the British Finn Association, he was secretary of the International Finn Association from 1961 to 1964 and was then its fifth President from 1964 to 1971. He was also the Editor of FINNFARE from 1967 to 1971.

Everyone who sails this great boat today still benefits from the insight, resourcefulness and dedication of Vernon Stratton. Thank you Vernon.

On these pages we publish a few memories of Vernon, from his friends.





History of Finn World Master Championship (ex. Finn Veteran Gold Cup)

In this issue of Finnfare I will try to tell something about the Finn World Masters the way I experienced it. When I started sailing my first Finn in 1974, at the age of 27, I was already told that, whenever I would be 40 years old, I could compete in the Veteran Gold Cup, as it was called in the beginning. At that moment the age of 40 seemed far away and I was not really eager to get that old.

The Veteran Gold Cup started in 1970 with 18 competitors. I was told that they realised that they were not able anymore to select themselves for the real Gold Cup, but nevertheless wanted to sail a World Championship. For many years it was a small group of Veterans and it lasted till 1982 before the entries went up to 50. You can read this development on www.finnworldmaster.com, under the tab "Results". After 1982 entry numbers started to increase. I do not know exactly when, but the 'Veterans' became 'Masters'. I think the reason was that also in other classes the name Master was used.

When, after 13 years of Finn sailing, I finally reached the age of 40 (it did not really feel as old as I was afraid of) I entered the Masters fleet for the first time in 1987, in Ile des Embiez. This is a little island close to Toulon, in the south of France. I remember the small ferry to the island and now I realise that today it would be a real problem to transport a fleet of almost 300 Finns to a venue by a ferry with a capacity of only six cars with trailers. But: my first Masters was a great experience and it tasted like more. And so I became a frequent competitor in many Finn Master Championships.

When I started in the Masters, the President was George (Joe) Oser (SUI 1) from Switzerland. He was leading the Masters until 1993. After the prize giving ceremony, that year, in Bracciano Joe retired and was followed up by Rolf Lehnert (GER 1815). Initially the rule was that the winner was invited to decide where he wanted the Championship organised two years later. This was a nice rule, but the problem was that, if a venue was chosen by a winner, it was not sure if this venue was really willing to organise a Championship. But it worked until 2000.

When, in 1999, Larry Lemieux won the Masters for the third time (1995, 1998 and 1999) he decided to organise the Masters in his home country Canada. This was quite a move from venues in Europe to Kingston, Ontario, Canada. In 2000, in Weymouth (UK) it was decided that, in future, there would be a vote between candidates for the Masters two years later and this is the system we still use today. Interested venues could apply until the moment of the voting, but the Annual Masters Meeting in 2010 decided to change this.

There are two differences now:

- The Masters President will visit an unknown venue before it will be accepted as a candidate. This can also be the case with a venue that has not been hosting the Masters for many years.
- A candidate shall apply before February 1st of the year two years before the year it has chosen to organise a Masters Championship.



Photos: Marina Prinzivalli

The amount of entries has increased to almost 300 in Punta Ala, Italy, this year, but I realise that many Masters like Italy and other venues will show other figures. Is that a problem? I do not think so. When this increase of entries will continue it will become very difficult to find good venues. Still an idea is to shift between five or six good venues, but this is not easy to realise. Besides that, there are interesting venues where we have not sailed yet, but who are very eager to host our Masters Championship. The system we use now gives the opportunity to look at what they can offer us and the sailors can vote.

Nevertheless it is good to know that good venues from the past are still interested in our event, like Bracciano (maybe for 2015), Maubuisson (for 2019 or maybe earlier). For 2014 there are two new candidate venues: Tihany (Lake Balaton, Hungary) and Sopot (Bay of Gdansk, Poland).

In 2008 I was asked to follow up Rolf Lehnert as the Masters President after his 15 years leadership and I am still doing the job with pleasure. I know that many Finn Masters have a lot of fun competing in the Finn World Master Championship and I hope this will be the case for many more years. I will do my very best to offer this to all of you.

Happy Sailing,
Fons van Gent,
President Finn Masters Fleet

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Masters Info

Candidates for Finn Masters 2014: For 2014 (June 6-13) we have two candidates: Tihany, Lake Balaton, Hungary and Sopot, Poland. Information can be read in my visit reports, published on www.finnworldmaster.com under the tab "Candidates". These venues are invited to send a pre-presentation of their venue, which can be published on the Masters website and to show us a presentation in the Annual Masters Meeting in Pwllheli, Northern Wales, UK, on May 30th, 2012. After these presentations the Masters will vote for the venue in 2014.

Finn World Masters 2012, Pwllheli, Northern Wales, UK: The website for the Finn World Masters 2012 (May 25-June 1) in Pwllheli is online and mid November the Notice of Race will be published and on-line entering possible. Book accommodations through the links on the website. Please visit www.pwllhelisailingclub.co.uk/finn2012/home. I hope I will meet many of you in Pwllheli in May next year.



Photo feature: G1122 sails again

G1122 is a Hein hull built in Hamburg around 1973. It was acquired by Michael Kurtz in Monaco and is still sailing in its 100 per cent original form. These great photos by Martin Raget.





Masters Europa Cup, Tihany, Lake Balaton

The inaugural Europa Cup for Finn Masters was inspired by the Hungarian fleet as a way to bring Masters together for a second week of racing each year. The first event held on Lake Balaton was won by former Olympian Ian Ainslie and here he tells the story.

Despite being over qualified (in terms of age), the Europa Cup at Tihany, was my first Finn masters regatta. I didn't understand what made these regattas so popular – the discouraging thought of all those “when we...” stories, the ill-advised wearing of lycra tops over expanding girths, the sore-back-self-pity and other horrors of growing old.

I doubt anyone rushed ashore to update their Facebook or Twitter page (or is it profile??). No, Russell Coutts’ “Facebook generation” we are not. Apart from a few wives sniggering while we launched, I can't say we drew crowds to watch us.

So why are these regattas relevant? For a start, the regatta was competitive; there was a big fleet and it was a great deal of fun. Let me try to explain why it was fun: The pace of Finn masters regattas is different. No wind? Enjoy the free time and start the gulyas and palinka party a bit earlier.

There are other advantages of being at a “grown up” regatta: no boring talk of how much you can bench



2011 Masters Europa Cup – Final Results										
1	RSA 1	Ian Ainslie	2	2	(6)	1	2	2	3	12
2	LTU 7	Tauras Rymonis	1	1	1	3	(14)	5	4	15
3	BUL 24	Mihail Kopanov	(6)	3	2	6	1	3	5	20
4	GRE 71	Panagiotis Davourlis	3	7	3	4	3	9	(12)	29
5	HUN 7	Antal Székely	11	4	(15)	7	5	7	1	35
6	HUN 55	Dávid Schömer	4	14	(18)	11	6	1	2	38
7	HUN 270	Géza Huszár	13	(dnf)	4	2	13	4	9	45
8	HUN 2	Péter Sipos	5	10	5	9	12	(15)	10	51
9	HUN 51	István Rutai	8	11	(22)	12	4	16	6	57
1	HUN 4	László Taubert	(ocs)	6	11	5	15	13	7	57
11	CZE 7	Vaclav Cintl	12	8	12	(14)	10	14	8	64
12	LTU 27	Rytis Bagdziunas	(22)	13	9	8	22	11	14	77
13	HUN 18	Zsolt Csaba Nagy	10	9	13	16	(18)	12	18	78
14	HUN 111	István Ruják	7	17	(21)	13	9	19	15	80
15	HUN 44	Gyula Scharbert	(dnf)	15	8	15	8	10	25	81
16	HUN 99	Zsombor Majthényi	9	5	17	24	(34)	20	28	103
17	HUN 3	Antal Kálóczy	16	19	7	25	17	24	(33)	108
18	HUN 69	Csaba Stadler	15	24	(26)	20	21	6	24	110
19	HUN 95	József Farkas	(ocs)	26	23	18	11	18	21	117
20	HUN 681	Mihály Demeczký	18	12	14	(ocs)	25	22	26	117
21	HUN 972	Gyula Mónus	(23)	18	16	19	19	23	22	117
22	USA 666	Bojan Kostov	29	16	10	(ocs)	28	21	19	123
23	HUN 81	Imre Solymosi	19	25	19	(26)	26	26	13	128
24	HUN 72	Géza Kerti	17	20	20	10	24	(dnc)	dnc	131
25	CZE 4	Bozena Smidova	20	27	(34)	17	16	31	20	131
26	HUN 300	András Gerő	(dnf)	32	27	31	7	25	11	133
27	GRE 5	Giaramanis Ioannis	14	21	29	29	20	32	(34)	145
28	HUN 9	Tamás Beliczay	27	22	24	21	27	28	(32)	149
29	HUN 12	Róbert Breitner	21	(29)	25	23	29	29	23	150
30	AUT 338	Csaba Gal	(dnf)	dns	dnc	22	31	17	16	166
31	HUN 26	Szilárd Zsitvay	25	28	28	30	(32)	27	31	169
32	HUN 64	Balázs Szűcs	28	33	33	27	23	(35)	27	171
33	HUN 70	Ádám Vass	24	30	32	33	(35)	30	30	179
34	HUN 41	Zoltán Bartos	(dnc)	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	8	17	185
35	HUN 6	Attila Bujáky	30	31	31	28	30	(dnc)	dnc	190
36	CZE 76	Jiri Dourak	26	34	30	32	(36)	36	36	194
37	HUN 61	Attila Varga	(dnc)	dnc	dnc	34	33	34	35	216
38	HUN 4	Zsidó László	(dnc)	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	33	29	222
39	HUN 8	András Haán	(dnf)	23	dsq	dns	dnc	dnc	dnc	223



press, no enraged yelling at the marks, not one sponsor's logo on a boat or sail. We only race when the wind is good and not on gimmicky "stadium sailing" courses. Maybe it is also because this is about the average guy, juggling his holiday time, negotiating a new sail into the family budget, that he is more appreciative of an opportunity to spend time on the water.

We can be present and enjoy our games and not take ourselves too seriously. And, obviously, there is the athletic challenge that sailing a Finn presents. It is a great feeling when your muscles still remember what to do (more or less). I watched top legend category sailor and only female competitor, Bozena Smidova (CZE), launch her boat, jump lightly onto the bow, swing around the mast and sail off. That is not an easy thing to do. So we come ashore with smiles and our chests puffed out a bit more, despite the stiffness.



The regatta was run out of THE, a non-profit organisation to help junior sailing in Hungary. It is run by Andrea and Istvan (Steffi) Rutai, who also hosted the regatta. They run a tight ship. No fuss, but good racing and good socialising in a great setting. Pata, the Hungarian Finn builder, sponsored very generous daily prizes.

We had seven good races. Taurus from Lithuania cleaned up on the first day, in a very shifty and variable strength northerly. He was fast and smart. For the rest of the regatta, he and I went at each other, tooth and nail. The last time we raced each other was in Barcelona in 1992. (Ahh, yes "when we....").

Mikhail from Bulgaria, Panagiotis from Greece, Antal and David from Hungary will also be able to upgrade their equipment, thanks to good results and the Pata vouchers.

Next year, the regatta promises to be even bigger. Maybe Finn master's god, Maier, from CZE, will be there. Keep doing the morning sit-ups and see you there.



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Interview with Tomáš Vika

For many years (decades even) there has been only one name at the top of the Czech Finn fleet. Michael Maier has been sailing Finns since before most of the current fleet were even born. But the younger generation are now keen to realise their Olympic dreams. One such sailor is 23 year old Tomáš Vika, who is mounting a strong challenge for a place in Weymouth in 2012.

How did you start in the Finn class and what is your sailing background?

My parents brought me to sailing when I was eight years old and I started in the Optimist. When I was 12 I changed to the Europe class, but after another four years of sailing my weight was 75 kg which was a bit too much. I knew that I'd grow more so there were two options: to go sailing in the Laser for two years and then change to the Finn or to go straight. I decided to go straight.

What is your home club and how much do you sail there (and in what)?

My home club was YC Cheb, which is located at the Jesenice Lake (in the west of the Czech Republic), but it's 200 km from my hometown so it was pretty difficult to train there. This year I changed membership to YC Cere which is a Prague sailing club on the Vltava river. I have my boat there and if there is a north or south wind (from bridge to bridge) I'm sailing. It's not a perfect field for training the free pumping in wave conditions but it's better than nothing and I think I improved a lot in light and tricky conditions.

What is your home town?

My hometown is Prague, the Capital of Czech Republic.

How old are you and what is your weight and height?

I'm 23 years old, 189 cm high, with an actual weight of 102kg, but I'm going to loose a bit.

What is Finn sailing in the Czech Republic like in general?

We have about 40 sailors and two juniors sailing Czech regattas like the Czech Championship, Czech Cup, etc. Also the Masters category is very strong and constantly participating at Masters World Cup.

What makes the Finn special to sail?

For me the Finn dinghy is a very powerful and competitive class. This boat perfectly integrates tactical and technical experiences and skills with the physical condition of each sailor, especially in free pumping conditions.

What has been your most important regatta for you so far and why?

I really enjoyed Europeans Championship this year in Helsinki. There was no pressure from the Czech Federation, the qualification for Pre-Olympics was over, my sailing stuff was finally ok without any damages or problems and conditions (wind, waves) were amazing. It was also my first regatta this year when I felt I had downwind speed to stay in contact and compete with top guys. What a perfect feeling.

What about qualification for the 2012 Olympics?

The most important thing is to qualify the Czech Republic as a country in Perth. If so, than if I'm better than Mike or he is better than me for more than 30% of all the competitors,

it's decided. If not and I think we can expect that not, because 30% is quite a lot boats, than the trials continue in 2012 in all major regattas (Worlds, Europeans, World cups)

How important is it to you qualify?

It's my dream, my goal, there is nothing else, nothing more. I want to know that I did my best to qualify Czech Republic and myself for the Games. And for sure it would bring some profits for the future like better support from Dukla (the army sports club), from the Federation and sponsors.

What are your views on the current Sailing World Cup events and what do you think of the changes that are coming?

I think it's important to have some global series of sailing in Olympic classes to bring more sponsors, spectators and the best sailors all over the world. There's another question – how many of the best sailors can participate everywhere (time and money question), how are they planning to motivate themselves and if this has a chance to be successful. From my point of view Perth this year is my first regatta out of Europe and it spends a huge amount of my Olympic campaign budget so I cannot expect that I could compete every year at regattas like this all over the world.

What is the most important thing you have learned while sailing the Finn?

Every success is only an evolution of previous preparation and appointment.

Do you regard yourself as a professional sailor?

No, I'm far from this definition. The difference between an amateur and professional sportsman is that the first one of them is earning money to be able to do sport and the other one is earning money by doing sport. But even as an amateur I'm trying to think and prepare myself like a professional. There is no other way how to be successful.

If you were not sailing what work would you be doing?

If I were not sailing I would study harder, spend more time for my own business, but I like it the way it is now when I'm sailing.

How have you funding your sailing so far?

One part of my sailing budget comes from my own business activities, other parts are coming from sponsors (GANT – clothing company, Elso Group s.r.o. – IT company, E-Gruppe GmbH – developing company), from Dukla Praha which is the army sports



club at the Ministry of Defence and from the Czech Sailing Federation

As secretary of the Czech class, how do you balance your own programme with developing the national fleet?

At this time in Czech Finn association we have to deal with lower participation at national regattas and with lower number of active juniors. It is important to make this class more attractive for the sailors of other classes especially of Laser Standard. Next month we will have an association meeting so we will discuss what we could do and change.

How long have you been class secretary and why did you take it on?

I've been Czech Finn class secretary for three years already, it was an unexpected offer from the Finn Association because Michal Hruby stopped sailing and couldn't continue as a secretary. One of the reasons was that I was participating in international regattas and I could be in contact between international and national associations and also there was a bonus for me being a secretary – I get the possibility to sail at World and European Championships.

What are your strengths and weaknesses and where do you feel you most need to improve?

If I begin with strengths one of them is for sure my physical preparation for regattas and for free pumping conditions. Principally, it's the only thing I can train at successfully in the Czech Republic. My biggest weakness

is the lack of time spent sailing. River training cannot be counted and I cannot spend as much time in sailing venues as the other guys. It's a vicious circle – when I have enough money for sailing I don't have enough time, when I have enough time, I don't have enough money.

Who is your coach and who do you mainly train with?

Unfortunately I don't have a coach, but my biggest mentor is Roman Teply from Devoti Sailing. He always finds some time to help me, to give me some tips and to tell me what was wrong, what could be better. I'm happy that I can join him and Gasper Vincec for some training, but mainly I'm training alone on the river.

What do you think is the Finns class' greatest asset?

There is no other class like the Finn class. There are many good Finn sailors all around the world, we have a strong base. The history of the class and its readiness for improving the technical equipment and the way of sailing are its greatest assets.

Is there anything you'd like to see done to improve regattas, either Finn class championships or the Sailing World Cup circuit?

As most of the interviewed guys confirmed, the promotion is very important. It brings people, and people bring money. We need to have more attractive video shots, filled by tracking system and commented by

someone who knows what is going on. Also the trophies could be more attractive, there would surely be more people interested to sail then.

How do you think the class can better market itself?

When I meet a Laser sailor, I see a normal sportive guy who could possibly be a cyclist or somebody else. When I meet a Finn sailor, I see a warrior, strong, experienced, fully motivated, tough-minded guy prepared to sail in all conditions and all situations. If we make our class more attractive this way it could bring also more fans from non-sailing populations.



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AUSTRIA



Sailing in the big city

The most exciting Formula One races are without question Monaco, Valencia and Singapore where the racing happens in the heart of the city, really close to the people.

Admittedly for most people a Finn Dinghy is a lot less exciting than a Formula One race car. Obviously that is not true for us and hence the Austrian Finn sailors decided to bring sailing into the big city.

Pretty much in the middle of Vienna is the 'Alte Donau' which translates into 'Old Danube'. The 'Alte Donau' is an old branch of the river Danube that was cut off the river and dammed in the 19th century. It is a crescent shaped body of water approximately 4.5 km long (unfortunately interrupted in the middle by a road and rail bridge to low to pass for a sailboat) and 200m wide. There are several Yacht Clubs at the Alte Donau and a surprising number of Finn Dinghies sit on the jetties waiting to be used by the local Finnsters.

The Alte Donau is obviously in a river valley and also surrounded by high rise buildings therefore it is infamous for shifty and gusty winds and local knowledge is an invaluable asset if you want to race here. In strong wind conditions you are likely to experience changes in wind speed between 3 and 30 knots and +/- 45 degree shifts while sailing 50 meters. So literally you may almost capsize to leeward while hiking as much as you can only to find yourself completely underwater on the windward side a few seconds later. And the shifts are so extreme and so difficult to spot that sometimes your boat may decide to tack on its own without you actually being involved in that decision. In more calm conditions you will experience similar differences in wind speed and direction.

You may end up in literally zero knots while your competitor 20 meters to your left or right is almost hiking. Combine all of that with a race area that is only 200m wide and you have the perfect ingredients for a lot of fun. At least for the people watching from the shore who are obviously never far away. Actually you can take your bike and follow the fleet up and down the Alte Donau on the bike path that runs along the shore.

In 2011 the Austrian Finn Fleet organised two races in the Monte Carlo of Finn racing which attracted a sizable number of participants. The first one in early spring and the second in late fall. Simply for the reason that at those times the public swimming baths are not open and hence we have an additional 50 meters of width in the race area. Also you are less likely to run over a swimmer crossing the river while you battle your Finn in 20+ knots of wind.

And despite all of the difficulties that mother nature, influenced by the big city throws at you, both were terrific events. In spring the fleet could not race on Saturday due to wind speeds exceeding 30 knots but Sunday was still pretty windy and a true challenge for every Finn Sailor competing.

The second event in fall was quite the opposite and again there was no racing on Saturday, this time due to zero wind and on Sunday the wind picked a bit up during the day. This time finding the wind and even more important avoiding the holes was a humbling and nerve-wracking exercise that separated the boys from the men.

Both events were organised by the Wiener Yacht Club and the hospitality there was second to none. Also family members of the participants had perfect opportunities to go sightseeing or shopping. There is actually a tube stop 'Alte Donau' that will take you into the heart of Vienna in 5 minutes.

We are currently still in the planning stage but it is quite likely that the 2012 race calendar will include at least one regatta on the Alte Donau. Therefore we would encourage all Finnsters from the surrounding countries to check the calendar on our website (www.finnclass.at) and make an effort to include this most unusual event in your personal race diary. You will have new experiences.

Wiener Finnmasters

April (22 entries)

1	AUT 7	Michael Gubi	3
2	AUT 350	Peter Grögl	9
3	AUT 293	Gerhard Schwendt	12
4	AUT 9	Gerhard Vellusig	13
5	AUT 251	Nikolaus Lehner	17
6	AUT 307	Georg Pommer	21
7	AUT 8	Hartwig Gfreiner	22
8	AUT 255	Jörg Deimling	40
9	AUT 302	Alfred Braumüller	46
10	AUT 36	Helmuth Gubi	50



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October (15 entries)

1	AUT 9	Gerhard Vellusig	3
2	AUT 18	Gerhard Weinreich	9
3	AUT 303	Gerd Wayrethmayr	9
4	AUT 36	Helmuth Gubi	11
5	AUT 302	Alfred Braumüller	13
6	AUT 298	Wolfgang Zeiner	19
7	AUT 37	Manfred Gonter	26
8	AUT 307	Georg Pommer	28
9	AUT 30	Bernd Rohlf	29
10	AUT 13	Andreas Poell	30



BELGIUM

Open Belgian Championship 17-18 September, 2011

The previous three years, the Belgian title has been (rightfully) taken by our Dutch friends, but this year was different.

This year the Open Belgian Championship was, for the first time, organised on the Plate Taille (Lacs de l'Eau d'Heure), an idyllic holiday destination. Fourteen boats were registered including a strong representation from France and the Netherlands.

The weather was as predicted both days, with a south-westerly 3-4. The lake has a strong reputation for strong, unpredictable wind shifts, especially in light airs, and also it was difficult for the non-locals to read the wind. It was often advantageous to go to starboard on the upwind leg. On the downwind leg it was critical to get into the wind bands and to intercept the gusts. Some gusts increased the entertainment value for spectators with some actions that would score high in a ballroom dancing competition, performed by Michel Baudin, Gildas Le Joliff and Jan-Tjeerd Van der Meulen.

Filip Verhaeghe started well with a first place, followed by a surprisingly strong Philippe Devillers and Joel Gladly. Jan-Tjeerd, the 2010 champion, missed some racing practice and was fourth. At the end of the first day Filip was in the first place and Joel in second, two points behind Filip.

On the second day, in the first race, Filip and Joel were a little too eager to start and they had to restart, but still, Joel managed to come back to win the race. Jan-Tjeerd was getting better and better and he picked up two firsts in the last races and threatened second place from Joel. But the first place for Filip was not threatened and he was rightly the champion for 2011.

Alain Denis sailed well and took an excellent fourth place, while Dick Hooijer sails better every year and was creditable fifth.

And our young Finn sailors, Mathias and Christophe: they have promised that next year they will be there as well.

About the organisation: nothing but praise. Isabelle and Thierry had already spent months in the organisation and promotion of the championship and everything went very smoothly. The reception was great and everything went smoothly on the water.

Results:

1	BEL 8	Filip Verhaeghe	9
2	BEL 77	Joel Gladly	11
3	NED 895	Jan-Tjeerd v.d. Meulen	13
4	NED 5	Alain Denniss	23
5	NED 749	Dick Hooijer	30
6	BEL 76	Paul Goossens	31
7	FRA 50	Michel Baudin	35
8	FRA 875	Gildas Le Joliff	54
9	BEL 771	Ronald De Haan	55
10	FRA 785	Jean-Joseph Liguët	57
11	BEL 16	Mathias Vanwonderghem	58
12	BEL 169	Philippe Devillers	60
13	BEL 695	Christophe De Blicq	73
14	BEL 61	Luc Vermeesch	80



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Jorge Rodrigues writes: The Finn class is very active and growing in our country, with a very busy schedule of races for the coming months. We have just run the Paulista Championship in São Paulo, with 18 boats competing, with the participation of sailors from Rio de Janeiro.

Already 12-15 November, will be held the Rio de Janeiro State Championship, in the bucolic Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon, in order to encourage the formation of new fleets at other clubs. Sailors from São Paulo are also confirmed to participate in this Championship.

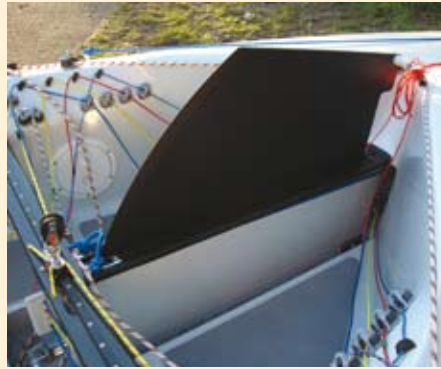
We currently have Finns in our state in three clubs, the Yacht Club Rio de Janeiro, the Guanabara and the Charitas Navy Club, which is also offering its facilities to host new class championships.

The idea is to encourage the entry of new sailors to the Finn class and creating new fleets at other clubs in other states also.

Early next year, 21-25 January, we will be conducting the Class Championship in Rio de Janeiro, where we expect a significant presence of sailors to compete in Guanabara Bay, in the same waters where the 2004 Gold Cup was held.

Part of this class growth is a result of the availability of boats built in Brazil through a partnership between the Finn sailor Jorge Rodrigues and Holos boatyard, which resulted in the construction of 10 new boats. This has attracted many new sailors to the class.

The last limitation to the faster growth of the class was just the lack of a Brazilian manufacturer of carbon masts for the Finn.



Through funding obtained from the Research Foundation of the State of Rio de Janeiro, a new facility was built especially for the manufacture of carbon fibre parts at Holos, with international quality standards for manufacturing process.

The first mast has been already laminated and is being prepared to race by the same partnership. These masts will be made of imported pre-impregnated carbon, to ensure a high standard of construction and quality.

The schedule to debut this new mast is for the Carioca Championship that will be held at Lagoa Rodrigo de Freitas.

With the announcement of the Olympics in 2016 in Rio de Janeiro, the interest of the Olympic sailing classes has grown, especially the Finn, and will certainly contribute to the growth of the class in our country and also in South America



We will be reporting more in the next editions, the results of these championships and any other news.

Good winds to our great class.

Campeonato Paulista de Finn – 2011

1	BRA 109	Jorginho Zarif	7
2	BRA 11	Robert Rittscher	24
3	BRA 69	Fabio Bruggioni	26
4	BRA 17	Rolf Bremer	29
5	BRA 42	Paulo Picchetti	37
6	BRA 100	Mauricio Bueno	42
7	BRA 5	Tiago Moraes	50
8	BRA 1	Caio Teisen	55
9	BRA 117	Luis Mosquera	66
10	BRA 111	Arther Lopez	77
11	BRA 108		82
12	BRA 126	Fabio Bodra	92
13	BRA 21	Jorge Vassilas	94
14	BRA 7	Bruno Caruso	97
15	BRA 55		112
16	BRA 177	Ricardo Carvvalho	115
17	BRA 22	Nelson Rittscher	128
18	BRA 45	Ricardo Valerio	133



FRANCE

Marc Allain des Beauvais, French Finn Association President writes: After our annual general meeting held on 30 October at the CVB Maubuisson during Le Grand Prix de l' Armistice 2011, the French IFA has finished another successful year and looks forward to the future with confidence and optimism.

We now have 180 members, of which 160 own a Finn. We hope to go over 200 members next year and have planned for an increase of +12.5% of new owners. For the French IFA the goal is to be state-approved. As a result we must improve again our Junior Policy.

- Encouraging the under 21 years old by offering them a full set mast + sail
- Encouraging under 25 years olds by financing them every 2 years 50% of a new sail
- Helping the CVB Maubuisson to organise the Silver Cup
- Building at all costs a French Team for this event



The French IFAction would be unsuccessful without the support of its two official partners Aquarelle.com and Canal+ without which nothing would be possible. In addition, all the sponsors of the French IFA have to be thanked for their significant helping hands.

A structured calendar around national events (Cannes in February, French Nationals in July, GPA early November) and regional regattas, regular training sessions, exchanges with neighbour Finn associations, publishing a high class magazine twice a year, and maintaining a daily updated website has worked towards boosting Finn sailing and race activities.

As a result we weren't so surprised to see 60 competitors at the Nationals in Quiberon won by Mikael Minos from Marc Allain des Beauvais and the always welcome Adrian Brunton from Great Britain. Then we had 73 Finns for the Grand Prix de L' Armistice including five foreigners.

You will find here the results of this where not only Jonathan Lobert and Thomas Le Breton scored first and second but also Jean Jacques Granchamp, one of our most famous oldies but goldies, finished a close third. A podium was set up for the foreigners with Miguel Fernandes Vasco (ESP) first, Jorge Pinheiro de Melo (POR) second and Charles Heimler (USA) third. Congratulations



Photos: Caroline Lobert

French Nationals 2011 - Quiberon

1	FRA 61	Mickael Minos	6	4	3	15	1	4	2	5	2	3	2	26
2	FRA 99	Marc Allain Des Beauvais	1	1	1	10	3	2	6	9	5	4	5	28
3	GBR 707	Adrian Brunton	7	3	8	3	6	3	bfd	6	ocs	1	1	38
4	FRA 75	Laurent Hay	3	bfd	2	1	2	10	1	1	dnf	15	4	39
5	FRA 57	Damien Boulan	8	2	5	7	7	5	5	4	12	7	3	45
6	FRA 89	Benjamin Montagut	2	9	14	6	8	7	12	3	1	6	dnf	54
7	GBR 665	Julian Smith	4	21	4	2	16	13	9	11	8	2	6	59
8	FRA 150	Pascal Tetard	10	6	17	21	5	6	15	2	6	5	8	63
9	GBR 679	Neil Robinson	5	18	6	5	14	1	4	7	7	dnf	dnf	67
10	FRA 86	Christophe Jean	12	7	11	9	13	dnf	10	30	4	8	7	81
11	FRA 66	Philippe Lobert	91											
12	FRA 4	Mars De Saint	110											
13	FRA 2	Pierre Mondeteguy	123											
14	FRA 43	Nicholas Winters	127											
15	GBR 100	Matthew Walker	135											
16	FRA 880	Cedric Hollier	141											
17	FRA 117	Francois Richard	158											
18	FRA 69	Regis Baumgarten	165											
19	FRA 44	Christophe Deseilligny	180											
20	RSA 540	Alan Tucker	182											
21	FRA 72	Philippe Le Frapper	183											
22	GBR 631	Richard Hart	186											
23	GBR 63	Graeme MacDonald	189											
24	FRA 39	Antoine Jeu	189											
25	FRA 777	Alain Keraudy	199											
26	FRA 13	Henry De Maublanc	209											
27	FRA 661	Daniel Chedeville	239											
28	FRA 776	Jean Bernard Heraudet	254											
29	FRA 100	Laurent Camusson	255											
30	FRA 800	Yves Zoccola	256											
31	FRA 74	Jacques Fauroux	256											
32	FRA 64	Orotz Iturralde	261											
33	FRA 59	Herve Salomon	270											
34	FRA 19	Jean Marc Albert	276											
35	FRA 11	Eric Bognar	289											
36	FRA 56	Jean Paul Groussard	294											
37	GBR 53	Rodney Cobb	299											
38	FRA 752	Yann Le Paul	307											
39	FRA 79	Michel Bohe	317											
40	FRA 76	Marc Bourgneuf	323											
41	FRA 105	Charles Caudard	324											
42	FRA 73	Jean-Michel Castillon	325											
43	FRA 829	Claude Vauthier	332											
44	GBR 1679	Yan Frayne	344											
45	FRA 113	Sylvain Dadure	354											
46	FRA 6	Rene Siot	364											
47	FRA 839	Patrick Huynh	365											
48	FRA 37	Alain-Pierre Guillou	372											
49	FRA 785	Jean Liguette	394											
50	FRA 32	Bernard Helot	404											
51	GBR 48	Anthony Walker	431											
52	BEL 169	Philippe Devillers	435											
53	FRA 46	Henri Roumaillac	455											
54	FRA 33	Michel Carsoule	463											
55	FRA 82	Yves Beaulande	465											
56	FRA 36	Olivier De Brye	470											
57	FRA 834	Patrick Hutter	479											
58	FRA 781	Frederic Behar	520											
59	FRA 5	Jacques Lalanne	527											

to all the competitors who had to face very complicated winds, erratic and poor, but always funny and lucky for the audacious.

We also send our best regards to Thomas and Jonathan at the ISAF Worlds in Perth in December wishing them the best and regretting only one is selected for Weymouth.

We would like to invite more than 75 Finns for the 2012 French Nationals at Quiberon in July at Ecole Nationale de Voile. It is the perfect place with high class, but always cheap, rooms and catering; for this event which has become the yearly party, we are preparing some surprises. But one can already be unveiled: we will race over five days with the last one devoted to medal races for everybody (legends, GGM, GM, Masters, Seniors, Juniors, Foreigners and of course General Scratch).

It's time to finish this presentation and to send our best regards to all IFA Classes and in particular our friends from South Africa

(hello chaps, sorry for your Rugby Team in New Zealand, we find it disgraceful what happened to them) and to wish to meet you all at the next Masters in Pwelli in May 2012. Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2012.

Results GPA (73 entries)

1	FRA 112	Jonathan Lobert	7
2	FRA 29	Thomas le Breton	8
3	FRA 91	Jean Jacques Grandchamp	27
4	FRA 61	Mickael Minos	30
5	FRA 8	Jean Paul Gaston	34
6	FRA 869	Regis Baumgarten	46
7	FRA 89	Benjamin Montagut	47
8	ESP	Miguel Fernandes Vasco	50
9	FRA 99	Marc Allain des Beauvais	52
10	FRA 66	Philippe Lobert	54
11	FRA	Vincent Le Sage	59
12	FRA	Thomas Morel	60
13	FRA 880	Cedric Hollier	62
14	FRA 64	Orotz Iturralde	66
15	FRA 73	Jean Michel Castillon	71
16	FRA 77	Jean Duru	76
17	FRA 72	Philippe Le Frapper	86
18	FRA 57	Damien Boulan	91
19	FRA 28	Sebastien Grall	94
20	FRA 86	Christophe Jean	99

DENMARK



Richard Berg-Larsen writes: The Danish Finn scene has diminished somewhat during 2011, and several competitive boats have been sold out of the country, mainly to Sweden, while other boats have been for sale for quite some time.

This is still not highly visible, on numbers attending our races, but that's because sailors from Sweden and Norway are attending our races in increasing numbers, and the German and Dutch luckily keep on supporting us. The nationals were sailed in Vallengsbæk, and we saw, among others, two Norwegian Finns for the first time in years, and notably a young ex-international Laser sailor, who was in the absolute top, sailing his first Finn regatta. The Dutch fleet made up the rest of the top, in which only few Danes made it.



Our national races in 2011 did attract sufficient sailors, both in numbers and quality to make the races good and interesting, for both international, national and club sailors, but we must swing the trend of DK participants if we wish to continue to have good races with foreign participation.

We do have a strong veteran fleet, with several top positions in the last 3-4 years, not least the age groups above 50 and 60 years, but that is of course a result of the strong DK fleet in the eighties, and we cannot continue to live on that group.

We are also working on some articles about old Finn myths, which are not valid anymore. The old saying about brute strength and



Danish Nationals 2001 - Vallengsbæk Sejlklub

1	NED 841	Hein Van Egmond	1	1	3	3	(8)	1	1	1	11
2	NOR 1	Anders Pedersen	4	4	1	2	1	(6)	5	2	19
3	NED 41	Van Hellemond Karel	(5)	3	4	1	2	3	3	3	19
4	NED 80	Sander Willems	3	2	2	5	(11)	11	2	5	30
5	DEN 9	Thomas Mørup Petersen	(8)	8	5	4	6	2	8	4	37
6	DEN 231	Kenneth Bøggild	6	7	8	6	(12)	10	7	6	50
7	DEN 3	Jørgen Svendsen	11	9	(ocs)	7	4	8	12	8	59
8	DEN 46	Kaspar Andreassen	2	5	6	8	(ocs)	19	11	9	60
9	NED 780	Jan Willem Kok	9	6	10	9	(19)	4	4	19	61
10	SWE 2	Olof Lundqvist	17	11	12	14	3	7	9	(22)	73
11	DEN 80	Michael Staal	76								
12	DEN 262	Bo Teglers	82								
13	DEN 1	Frank Hansen	85								
14	DEN 6	Lars Hall	87								
15	NED 724	Stefan Marechal	98								
16	DEN 19	Johnny Aagesen	100								
17	NED 27	Paul Kamphorst	104								
18	DEN 201	Nikolaj Ratzlaff	105								
19	DEN 249	Svend V. Andersen	110								
20	NED 58	Thomas Mohren	129								
21	SWE 111	Torsten Jaenstam	146								
22	DEN 700	Jon Voetmann	166								
23	DEN 77	Flemming Jensen	171								
24	DEN 192	Ole Blichfeldt Madsen	173								
25	DEN 14	Jan Verner Nielsen	177								
26	DEN 234	Matti Lintunen	180								
27	SWE 66	Ulf Bjureus	187								
28	GER 26	Willi Meister	188								
29	NOR 34	Stein Førland	188								
30	DEN 35	Christian Stormark	197								
31	DEN 18	Richard Berg-Larsen	202								
32	DEN 140	Michael Bæk	212								
33	SWE 725	Jan-Erik Floren	215								
34	DEN 205	Mogens Peterson	227								
35	DEN 246	Ane Zielinski	242								
36	DEN 8	Peter Malm	261								

excessive weight in the "good old alu days" has changed with the new masts, and the price for competitive (used) boats has fallen considerably over the last couple of years. Our problem has been to get that message out to the club sailors, not least in clubs with no local (modern) Finns.

The Danish Finn Association has also planned winter training with Finn clinics, from three marinas this winter, namely from Rungsted north of Copenhagen, Dragør, south of the city and Vallengsbæk south-west of Copenhagen. We do hope that will show our activity level and attract new members.

We also have social events, of which one of the yearly traditions is the sometimes quite wild 'Christmas Lunch' on a Saturday early December from 1400, often until midnight.

It is the intention to participate in some regattas for other singlehanded classes, such as Laser and Europe, not least to show our lovely classic, but also the advantages of the boats for the youngsters, ashore and on the water, so they are in no doubt where to go, when they grow out of the smaller boats. They will also notice that the Finn sailor never grows old, and who knows if we can get hold of some of the dads?

ESTONIA



2011 Estonian National Championship

Deniss Karpak won the Estonian Championship with a string of race wins. He wrote: The weather was tough. On the first day of sailing there was a no wind until 17:00, then we raced two races till 20:00. Then extreme Saturday...with gusts up to 33 knots and high, short and dangerous waves...no races. And then two races in extra light winds...so I won all the four races. I'm happy to win my third title in a row

1	EST 2	Deniss Karpak	1	1	1	1	4
2	EST 11	Lauri Väinsalu	4	2	3	2	11
3	EST 7	Harles Liiv	2	4	2	3	11
4	EST 3	Heiko Eesalu	5	5	5	5	20
5	EST 12	Marti Kinkar	3	3	dnc	dnc	22
6	EST 1	Juhan Idnurm	6	6	6	4	22
7	EST 8	Aare Taveter	dnc	dnc	4	6	26



GERMANY

Andreas Bollongino writes: In the first half of summer everyone was complaining about the bad weather in Germany as we had a lot of rain and cold storms: bad for the tourists but good for the sailors.

From July on this switched to the opposite; we got splendid weather conditions for tourists and very few windy events for the sailors. The usual 'big wind' events like the sailing weeks in Kiel, Warnemünde and Travemünde were held in light wind conditions. But as we all know the best sailors win in every condition.

Lennart Luttkus from the Finn Team Germany won in a strong fleet at Warnemünde Woche having a comfortable lead ahead of Jan Kurfeld and Andre Budzien.

After the light winds in high summer we were all looking forward to a 'real man' regatta as the German championship early October at Travemünde were supposed to be. The date already late in the season is usually associated with stormy and cold weather at the Baltic sea.

But not in this perfect tourist summer: Almost no wind, sunshine and temperatures well in the 20s (even rare in summer in the region) were found by the 50 competitors who expected to find early winter conditions. The event was as set up as the 'Olympic championships' together with all Olympic classes.

In the last years a new initiative the "Sailing Team Germany" is marketing Olympic sailing, looking for sponsors and pushing sailing into the media to finance the Olympic campaigns.

As at this German championships Audi, SAP and others were bringing their money to get buzz on their names. Live tracking as used in the Eurolymp regattas was installed and there was live coverage with helicopter views of the regattas. There was everything a media and marketing guy could expect to make sailing interesting for the public, only one little thing was missing: wind.

The competitors did feel a strong pressure on the race committee to set up a medal race (because there was also a 'championship of the champions' where the champions of the classes sailed against each other on Laser SB3s. With a big media effort.) This pressure resulted in races which would have been cancelled at most of the club regattas known. Rolf Elsaesser, an often underestimated master, was leading the fleet for 2 days before the known guys took over.

Congratulation to Jan Kurfeld who won the title for the third time in a row and won ahead of Andre Budzien and his brother Ulli Kurfeld. Lennart Luttkus, the youngster, who sailed this season in an extraordinary form was fourth.

Warnemünde Woche

8-10 July, 2011

1	GER 64	Lennart Luttkus	3	1	1	4	2	1	3	[8]	15
2	GER 772	Ulli Kurfeld	[6]	2	6	2	3	4	2	4	23
3	GER 711	André Budzien	[26]	6	7	1	1	6	1	2	24
4	GER 707	Uli Breuer	4	5	5	5	4	8	[9]	1	32
5	GER 183	Kai Falkenthal	[25]	4	4	8	5	9	7	7	44
6	CZE 70	Vaclav Cintl	5	3	[11]	9	11	3	8	6	45
7	GER 500	Fischer	[28]	dne	2	3	7	2	5	3	54
8	GER 203	Hartmut Duisberg	[17]	7	10	10	10	5	10	5	57
9	GER 129	Walter Siemers	7	[23]	3	12	18	12	15	13	80
10	CZE 21	Jan Cajcik	[18]	18	9	11	8	15	12	9	82

11	GER 501	Fabian Lemmel	83
12	GER 188	Michael Klügel	88
13	GER 81	Jan-Dietmar Dellas	94
14	CZE 22	Roman Babicky	95
15	GER 142	Jonny Paech	96
16	GER 394	Stefan Waack	114
17	GER 122	Holger Krasmann	116
18	GER 189	Stefan Schwelm	122
19	GER 248	Eckehard Zülöw	123
20	GER 217	Carsten Niehusen	125
21	GER 26	Willi Meister	132
22	GER 143	Bernd Neumann	142
23	GER 91	Nadine Zülöw	143
24	GER 214	Bernd Schulz-Stücher	144
25	GER 88	Carsten Sibbert	144
26	GER 175	Michael Möckel	146
27	GER 178	Norbert Winkler	150
28	RSA 570	Gerd Bohnsack	161
29	GER 141	Lars Stöckmann	180



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German Championship 2011 - Travemünde

1	GER 771	Jan Kurfeld	5	13	1	1	1	22
2	GER 711	André Budzien	8	1	6	2	4	25
3	GER 772	Ulli Kurfeld	15	6	4	3	5	38
4	GER 64	Lennart Luttkus	2	2	7	22	6	45
5	NZL 5	Greg Wilcox	6	3	8	25	3	48
6	GER 707	Ulrich Breuer	28	8	3	12	2	55
7	SUI 13	Peter Kilchenmann	3	15	13	15	7	60
8	GER 146	Friedrich Müller	11	12	12	9	9	62
9	GER 183	Kai Falkenthal	10	9	22	10	8	67
10	GER 202	Rolf Elsaesser	1	7	16	24	10	68

11	GER 111	Rainer Haacks	56
12	GER 198	Erik Schmidt	58
13	GER 206	Klaus Reffellmann	58
14	GER 62	Uwe Barthel	63
15	GER 501	Fabian Lemmel	66
16	GER 189	Stefan Schwelm	71
17	GER 217	Carsten Niehusen	77
18	SUI 7	Jiri Huracek	78
19	GER 116	Jan-Christoph Maiwaldt	82
20	GER 165	Dirk Meid	84
21	GER 208	Uwe Kinast	86
22	GER 88	Carsten Sibbert	87
23	GER 175	Michael Möckel	89
24	GER 27	Matthias Wolff	90
25	GER 122	Holger Krasmann	100
26	SUI 63	Thomas Gautschi	100



27	GER 35	Hans-Günter Ehlers	102
28	SUI 28	Boris Kulpe	106
29	NED 100	Arend Van der Sluis	107
30	GER 127	Julian Massler	109
31	GER 112	Dr. Egbert Vincke	113
32	GER 26	Willi Meister	116
33	SUI 3	Carlo Lazzari	117
34	DEN 262	Bo Teglers	136
35	GER 103	Ralf Lemke	143
36	GER 1000	Ulrich Heinemann	143
37	DEN 249	Svend Vogt Andersen	154
38	SUI 5	Christoph Christen	171
39	GER 811	Michael Knoll	196
40	DEN 231	Christian Stormark	198
41	GER 161	Ralf Kratz	198
42	GER 432	Michael Kästner	200





JM Finn, Finn UK National Championship Christchurch SC, May 2011

Allen Burrell was the very popular winner of the JM Finn, British National Championships, after finishing in third place overall – this title is something Burrell has had his eyes on for a very long time.

The championships was sailed at Christchurch Sailing Club over the long weekend of 6-8 May. Thirty-two Finns made the journey to join the ten strong local fleet for seven races in a wide range of conditions on Christchurch Bay. As it turned out, the championship turned into a three horse race between Rob McMillan, Laurent Hay and Burrell, though many others also put in a strong showing over the course of the weekend.

The British Finn Nationals is now in its 55th year, having been started back in 1956 after Vernon Stratton persuaded the Sunday Times to donate an unused pigeon-racing trophy to the Finn class for its National championship. The Sunday Times Gold Cup, as well as the numerous other trophies on offer at the championship, contain the names of many sailing heroes down the generations.

The UK class is fortunate in having a great sponsor in JM Finn & Co – one of the UK's leading privately owned investment managers. Could there be a more apt sponsor for the Finn class?

Day one

Despite forecasts of the great British weather making an appearance, the first day started with blue skies, high temperatures and a light patchy wind. In race one local sailor Rory Barnes was the early leader but on the second beat David Potter made his move and led to the finish in a dying wind.

The wind clocked left throughout race two, and first to the left was Richard Hart. He made such a gain that he led all the way round the course. Rob McMillan climbed to second, while Laurent Hay also gained and crossed third.

Day two

In race three, Burrell rounded the first mark ahead of Marc Alain des Beauvais and McMillan, and maintained his lead throughout the whole race after some great free pumping planing reaches as the wind peaked for the day at about 15-16 knots.

In race four most of the favourites went left, but the wind died and left them wallowing while the right came in with pressure. Graeme McDonald led round the top mark. Hay led at the wing mark, but Burrell picked him off on the next beat to take a second win of the day.

Hay found the front for the final race of the day and never let it go. The wind increased



British National Championship 2011 - Final Results

1	AUS 2	Rob McMillan	7	2	2	(dnf)	5	1	1	18
2	FRA 75	Laurent Hay	3	3	(8)	2	1	4	5	18
3	GBR 2	Allen Burrell	(15)	4	1	1	4	3	6	19
4	FRA 99	Marc Allain des Beauvais	11	(15)	6	7	6	2	3	35
5	GBR 65	David Potter	1	10	7	6	8	10	(12)	42
6	GBR 679	Neil Robinson	13	17	4	5	2	(ocs)	2	43
7	GBR 635	Simon Percival	9	5	11	9	13	5	(17)	52
8	GBR 567	Martin Hughes	2	(22)	9	10	16	12	7	56
9	GBR 7	George Cooper	12	8	(16)	4	7	13	13	57
10	GBR 631	Richard Hart	(30)	1	12	11	20	15	8	67

a bit for the final beat with Neil Robinson moving up to second from junior, Harry Briddon, who placed third. Burrell maintained his challenge with another solid fourth place to move within one point of Hay.

Day three

The championship ended with two fantastic races in near perfect conditions. Race six was led from start to finish by McMillan, with Allain des Beauvais and Burrell close behind. A third for Burrell was enough to take the overall lead, if ever so briefly. The wind died slightly for the start of the deciding race seven and there was a tricky decision to stay inshore or go offshore.

Burrell opted inshore while McMillan went offshore, but it was Neil Robinson who rounded first with McMillan in close pursuit. Burrell rounded about 10th. While McMillan moved into first, Burrell could only climb to sixth, just two points short of taking the open title as well the national title. A fifth for Hay was enough to tie for first overall with McMillan, but lose out on the tiebreak, as McMillan had won more races.

Rob McMillan had previously won the British Finn National Championship in 1989, 1990 and 1992 before moving to Australia. So to come back and take the Open Title as an Australian was an emotional moment. He said, "It means an awful lot to me to win the British open as an Australian. To come back here to race against people that you know and like in a great environment, it's actually quite emotional, and I am really pleased for Allen. I have known him since 1991 and to see him become National Champion is just fantastic."

The new JM Finn, UK National Champion Burrell said, "It feels great to have finally won the British Finn Championship. It's taken long enough, but it's fantastic."

11	GBR 23	Harry Briddon	71
12	GBR 5	John Greenwood	71
13	GBR 18	James Haddon	76
14	GBR 68	John Mackie	85
15	GBR 647	Mike de Courcy	89
16	GBR 77	Howard Sellars	103
17	GBR 80	Ray New	105
18	GBR 10	Robert Deaves	106
19	GBR 61	John Heyes	107
20	GBR 24	Rory Barnes	113
21	FRA 150	Pascal Tetard	115
22	GBR 665	Julian C. Smith	116
23	GBR 12	Dan Belon	116
24	GBR 100	Mathew Walker	119
25	GBR 20	Andy Denison	122
26	GBR 681	Simon Pettit	134
27	GBR 602	Merrick Gill	139
28	GBR 16	Mike Woodhead	147
29	GBR 148	Julian Smith	161
30	GBR 617	Mark Harper	170
31	GBR 611	Tony Lock	174
32	GBR 595	Edward Thorburn	174
33	GBR 39	Luke Rideout	176
34	GBR 562	Jerry Andrews	176
35	GBR 63	Graeme McDonald	181
36	GBR 99	John Torrance	182
37	GBR 417	James Cole	191
38	GBR 668	Nick Turley	192
39	GBR 4	David Higham	193
40	GBR 620	Laurence Peters	198
41	GBR 599/54	Jesper Toft	229
42	GBR 48	Anthony Walker	233



HUNGARY



Hungarian Finn Championship

22-26 September, 2011
Balatonkenese

Marton Beliczay writes: As usual, the Hungarian nationals were held at a different venue than the previous year, between 22-25 September. This year it was the 55th edition of the Hungarian Finn Championship, and it was held at Balatonkenese, the most eastern part of Lake Balaton. The number of participants almost reached 50, so this year we had two jury boats looking for rule 42, which made the racing really fair.

The first race was on Thursday, but the day began with a postponement because of lack of wind. Around 2 o'clock came some wind, so the fleet went out. The first race had to be abandoned due to a big wind shift to the north from the westerly breeze, but in the new wind, which was between 5-8 knots two races could be finished.

Both races were won by Attila Szilvássy, while in the first Antal Székely and Tibor Pallay were following him, and in the second it was Peter Haidekker and Gaszton Pál. In the evening, there was a social event in a famous bakery in the town, where the fleet was offered with some palinka (Hungarian spirit) and some scone.

On Friday, the wind was blowing from the same direction and the same strength. The first start was at 9 o'clock. On the first beat, there was a 15 degree shift to the left, which paid the most for Marton Beliczay, who kept the lead and won the race, with Geza Huszar second and the junior Szabolcs Pajor third.

For the next race, the wind got a bit stronger and the waves got bigger, so in the second downwind, the Oscar flag was raised, which made the non-master guys recover from a bad position. Gaszton Pal won the race with the most breeze of the regatta, while Attila Szilvassy just maintained his lead against Marton Beliczay. In the third race of the day, there was a big shift first to the right and then to the left and in the first lap Pallay, Szilvassy and Ainslie were the top three, this did not change significantly, until Pallay capsized on the last downwind. Gaszton won the race before Szilvassy and Ian Ainslie. There were no more races that day.

After 5 races, Attila Szilvassy was in the lead with Gaszton Pal second and Marton



Hungarian Nationals 2011

1	HUN 211	Attila Szilvássy	1	1	4	2	2	22	2	12
2	HUN 8	Marton Beliczay	9	6	1	3	8	2	1	21
3	HUN 5	Tibor Pallay	3	5	7	7	dnf	1	6	29
4	HUN 6	Gaszton Pál	8	3	14	1	1	8	dns	35
5	HUN 7	Antal Székely	2	7	16	9	4	11	3	36
6	RSA 1	Ian Ainslie	10	10	5	10	3	3	14	41
7	HUN 270	Géza Huszár	11	11	2	8	14	18	4	50
8	CZE 21	Jan Čajčík	6	12	11	4	5	ocs	17	55
9	HUN 55	David Schömer	7	17	6	6	22	15	8	59
10	HUN 41	Zoltán Bartos	4	9	9	23	9	12	23	66



11	HUN 50	Akos Lukats	74
12	HUN 75	Ors Németh	77
13	HUN 2	Péter Sipos	81
14	HUN 16	József Jung	84
15	HUN 127	Péter Haidekker	92
16	HUN 77	Pajor Szabolcs	93
17	HUN 728	Elemer Haidekker	98
18	HUN 44	Tamás Varga	104
19	HUN 69	Csaba Stadler	105
20	HUN 95	József Farkas	107
21	HUN 14	Zoltán Kovács	107
22	HUN 72	Géza Kerti	116
23	HUN 3	Gábor Büki	135
24	HUN 24	Adam Hejj	141
25	HUN 972	Monus Gyula	141
26	HUN 20	Bence Sipos	146
27	HUN 99	Majthenyi Zsombor	158
28	HUN 17	Douglas Graham	160
29	HUN 112	Mátyás Fehér	164
30	HUN 111	Kristóf Ferenczy	169
31	HUN 9	Tamás Beliczay	175
32	HUN 99	Barnabás Doromby	179
33	HUN 81	Imre Solymosi	181
34	HUN 91	Béla Szigethi	182
35	HUN 51	Istvan Rutai	186
36	HUN 28	György Jeney	187
37	HUN 661	Gábor Ikrényi	194
38	HUN 64	Balázs Szűcs	196
39	HUN 171	Dániel Marcell	197
40	HUN 21	László Zsidó	213
41	HUN 2068	István Kellényi	219
42	HUN 400	Zoltán Dobszai	220
43	HUN 140	Miklós Soós	223
44	HUN 25	Vilmos Náray	232
45	HUN 26	Szilárd Zsitvay	232
46	HUN 34	Tibor Kozma	233
47	ITA 61	Attila Varga	234
48	HUN 41	Tamás Tirvol	251
49	HUN 117	Tamás Sváby	254

Beliczay third. In the evening, as usual, the masters' fleet prepared some lamb stew, which was a great success, just like last year, with free beer and wine.

The start on Saturday would have been at 10, but there was no wind, so the day began with a postponement. In the afternoon, some breeze came from the west, not more than 5 knots, so the organiser could set the racing area close to the marina. The wind was bit shifty, but steady enough for a race. On the first beat, the right side paid, which allowed Örs Németh and Tibor Pallay into the lead. On the downwind Pallay got to first and kept it until the finish in a big fight with Marton, who had a big recovery on the second upwind. Ian Ainslie finished in the third place. Unfortunately, by the end of the race, the wind disappeared, so there was no more chance to make more racing that day. In the evening, the host club offered dinner for the participants, with free beer again, after which the AGM was held and the venue of the next year's championship was decided.

On the last day, the start was set at 9, but due to lack of wind, there was half hour of postponement on the water. South-easterly wind, small waves, almost hiking conditions. Unfortunately a small part of the fleet couldn't make it to the start, because the wind disappeared close to the shore. The race was won by Marton Beliczay with quite a big lead with Attila Szilvassy second and Antal Szekely third. After the finish, the wind started to die and the fleet went ashore.

Unfortunately there was no more racing, because the lack of wind, so in the end, the final results had seven races. Attila Szilvassy became the national champion at the age of 46. Marton Beliczay was second and Tibor Pallay third. Next year the nationals will be at Agárd, Lake Velencei, which is a smaller lake, closer to Budapest. Hope to see you there.

Marco Buglielli writes: The Finn class is very active in Italy over the last few years, with the number of sailors growing and now at record levels for the country. The regatta calendar is very rich all year round, with events at National and local level alike. There are also three Winter Championships taking place in Anzio, in Tuscany (Torre del Lago) and in Desenzano on Lake Garda.

Several main championships are also organised in Italy (European Championship in 2008 and 2012, Finn World Master 2005 and 2011, Silver Cup 2013) with the 2011 Finn World Master which was the single Finn event with most participants in Finn class history (283 boats from 28 nations).

At top level there are three young sailors who recently fought for the Olympic selection, with Filippo Baldassari, the younger of the trio, managing to win the place with a narrow margin from Michele Paoletti and Giorgio Poggi. They all took advantage of the internal battle for training hard and gaining places in main events results.

The Italian Master fleet is very active and since 2006 an Italian Master Championship is contested with the participation of more than 30 sailors.

Malcesine Finn Cup

The 2011 edition of the International Finn Cup in Malcesine attracted 54 helmsmen from 16 nations, with the presence of many national teams training on Lake Garda.

The weather was warm and sunny, almost like in summer even at the beginning of October, but the usual Southerly Ora was less strong and reliable than usual. The first day two races were completed in light winds, and then the Race Committee decided to hoist the warning signal for the remaining two days of racing at 07.55, allowing for four races in a solid northerly Peler which blew at 20-25 knots. The top guys enjoyed the conditions and gave a display of strength and technique in the



Malcesine Finn Cup

1	SLO 5	Gašper Vinčec	12	1	1	5	2	4	13
2	NED 842	Pieter-Jan Postma	4	14	3	2	4	2	15
3	CZE 1	Michael Maier	1	2	5	3	10	6	17
4	DEN 2	Jonas Høgh-Christensen	3	8	2	12	1	8	22
5	ITA 123	Filippo Baldassari	5	3	9	8	3	9	28
6	FRA 112	Jonathan Lobert	17	4	7	4	9	15	39
7	SWE 736	Johan Tillander	7	5	17	11	11	5	39
8	CYP 19	Haris Papadopoulos	9	10	10	7	5	dns	41
9	FIN 218	Tapio Nirkko	21	16	4	1	dnf	1	43
10	CZE 52	Tomáš Vika	ocs	7	8	6	17	10	48
11	GBR 53	Lauri Vainsalu	54						
12	SWE 6	Björn Allansson	56						
13	ITA 101	Riccardo Cordovani	66						
14	FRA 29	Thomas Le Breton	67						
15	HUN 8	Marton Beliczay	67						
16	MON 234	Matthias Miller	68						
17	HUN 6	Pal Gaszton	70						
18	SWE 33	Max Salminen	81						
19	CZE 3	Rudolf Lidařík	82						
20	ITA 985	Federico Laici	92						
21	IND 11	Johal Nachhatar	94						
22	GER 22	Martin Mitterer	105						
23	SUI 100	Silvan Hofer	113						
24	ITA 872	Nicola Menoni	115						
25	ITA 2	Marco Buglielli	119						
26	GER 19	Andreas Bollongino	121						
27	ITA 4	Francesco Faggiani	130						
28	ITA 19	Simone Mancini	130						
29	ITA 988	Paolo Cisbani	132						
30	ITA 6	Enrico Passoni	142						
31	CZE 70	Václav Cintl	150						
32	ITA 5	Francesco Cinque	151						
33	TUR 7	Akif Muslubas	152						
34	CZE 318	Martin Plecity	155						
35	CZE 11	Patrik Deutscher	164						
36	ITA 67	Gino Bucciarelli	168						
37	ITA 23	Umberto Grumelli	169						
38	ITA 20	Girolamo Emiliani	169						
39	ITA 106	Federico Gattuso	171						
40	ITA 60	Riccardo De Sangro	174						
41	GER 82	Alfons Huber	180						
42	AUT 400	Bernhard Klingler	197						
43	ITA 37	Paolo Visona	199						
44	FIN 112	Seppo Ajanko	201						
45	CZE 222	Petr Vinkl	203						
46	ITA 96	Alessandro Turchetto	209						
47	ITA 33	Giorgio Alborghetti	22						
48	ITA 1000	Francesco Grigolon	227						
49	ITA 139	Sandro Cicerano	244						
50	AUT 18	Christian Scheinecker	246						
51	ITA 44	Paolo Pasqualini	246						
52	ITA 9	Franco Dazzi	247						
53	ITA 51	Paolo Trambaiolo	258						
54	ITA 40	Ettore Thermes	261						



tough conditions, while the others struggled a bit but still had a lot of fun.

After the first day the big Czech Michael Maier was leading with a first and second, and he managed to maintain the lead also after the second day with a fifth and a third, but only with a small margin on Gasper Vincec (who scored two bullets) and Pieter Jan Postma.

On the final day Jonas Høgh Christensen won the first race and Tapio Nirkko the second, but it was Gasper Vincec who managed to win the regatta with more consistent results. Second overall was Postma and third Maier, who showed that a Master can still race against the young guns even in tough conditions.

The Andrea Menoni challenge Trophy was awarded to Filippo Baldassari, the first Italian in the leaderboard, who was fifth overall.

Italian Championship

The week before the International Finn Cup, Malcesine hosted the Italian Open Championship, with all the Olympic classes racing together in five areas in Northern Garda lake.

36 sailors, including several from other nations, were present. Conditions were again difficult in the afternoon with the Ora very light and fickle. On the first day, after an attempted start, the Race Committee cancelled racing and sent the fleet home. They wisely decided to start races at 08.00 in the morning in order to make the most of the forecasts, which promised a good northerly Peler.

And this was the case, with 7 of the 8 races held in the morning with a nice northerly and a geographical shift to the left in the second half of the course which gave a great advantage to pin starters who could sail fast to the left corner. Only one race was sailed in the afternoon, with a nice Ora, but again the left side of the course was favoured.

The overall winner was Giorgio Poggi, who won his fourth Italian title. Second was Jonas Høgh Christensen from Denmark and third the winner of the Italian Olympic selection Filippo Baldassari.

1	ITA 117	Giorgio Poggi	24
2	DEN 2	Jonas Høgh Christensen	25
3	ITA 123	Filippo Baldassari	30
4	SWE 6	Bjorn Allansson	39
5	SLO 5	Gasper Vincec	51
6	ITA 101	Riccardo Cordovani	57
7	MON 234	Matthias Miller	61
8	ITA 40	Marko Kolic	62
9	GBR 53	Lauri Vainsalu	64
10	SWE 736	Johan Tillander	67
11	IND 11	Johal Nachatar	73
12	NOR 1	Anders Pedersen	74
13	ITA 985	Federico Laici	81
14	ITA 6	Enrico Passoni	82
15	ITA 2	Marco Buglielli	102

16	ITA 872	Nicola Menoni	102
17	ITA 23	Umberto Grumelli	113
18	RSA 581	David Leigh	129
19	ITA 52	Franco Martinelli	131
20	ITA 67	Gino Bucciarelli	132

Coppa Italia 2011

The Finn Cup in Malcesine was the final event of the Coppa Italia Finn 2011.

The Coppa Italia is a series of 7 events that takes place from March to October in Italy.

In 2011 the regattas were held in Scarlino, Anzio, Caldaro, Grado, Viareggio, Bracciano and Malcesine. A record number of 35 races were sailed over seven weekends and 16 racing days, allowing for a full range of different conditions, with winds ranging from 4 to 25 knots.

The 2011 edition was also a record for the number of participants, with 151 sailors starting in at least one race.

The overall winner was Simone Mancini, who took the lead after Anzio and then extended in Caldaro, never looking back afterwards. Second was Marco Buglielli who won the events in Grado and Viareggio. Third was Francesco Faggiani and fourth Enrico Passoni. The first Junior was Federico Gattuso in fifth.

Coppa Italia Finn is supported by several sponsors which offer nice prizes: Distilleria G.Bertagnolli, HitechSailing.com, Devoti Sailing, Rockport, Magic Marine-Tomasoni Fittings, Bertacca Sail Equipment, Essemarine, North Sails Italia, Lizard Footwear, Residence Ca' del Lago, Azienda agricola Valpanera.

Prizegiving, as always, takes place during the Trofeo Bertacca Sail Equipment in Torre del Lago Puccini at the end of October.

1	ITA 19	Simone Mancini	934
2	ITA 2	Marco Buglielli	900
3	ITA 4	Francesco Faggiani	815
4	ITA 6	Enrico Passoni	785
5	ITA 106	Federico Gattuso	708
6	ITA 60	Riccardo de Sangro	698
7	ITA 67	Gino Bucciarelli	690
8	ITA 96	Alessandro Turchetto	606
9	ITA 41	Giancarlo Mariani	598
10	ITA 988	Paolo Cisbani	575
11	ITA 43	Pietro Piram	525
12	ITA 23	Umberto Grumelli	473
13	ITA 20	Girolamo Emiliani	472
14	FIN 112	Seppo Ajanko	461
15	GER 22	Martin Mitterer	447
16	ITA 5	Francesco Cinque	447
17	AUT 18	Christian Scheinecker	444
18	ITA 985	Federico Laici	418
19	ITA 73	Luca Taruschio	409
20	ITA 70	Francesco Lubrano	384

Italian Master Championship

The Italian Master Championship took place in Porto San Giorgio on the Adriatic Sea in the first weekend of September.



The championship was well attended with 39 sailors, including Seppo Ajanko from Finland who has participated in almost all the events in Italy this year, including of course the Finn World Master, and who has been happily adopted by the Italian fleet.

The six scheduled races were completed in nice conditions, with a regular south-westerly from 6 to 12 knots.

The convincing winner was Enrico Passoni from Rome, who completed an almost perfect series with four bullets, a second and a sixth place. Enrico was a very strong Finn sailor in the late '80s and '90s together with his brother Marco, and he narrowly missed the qualification for the Barcelona Olympics in 1992. He jumped back in the Finn one year ago and he is showing again his class.

Second overall was Francesco Cinque from Anzio, with a very good series, always in the top three. Third was the defending Master champion Marco Buglielli, who preceded Umberto Grumelli and the first Master Francesco Faggiani (top four were in fact all in the Grand Master category). The winner in the Grand Grand Masters was Franco Dazzi from Forte dei Marmi, for the third year in a row. The Legend champion was Marco Petroni.

Next year the Italian Master will be held in Anzio at the beginning of September.

1	ITA 6	Enrico Passoni (below)	6
2	ITA 5	Francesco Cinque	9
3	ITA 2	Marco Buglielli	20
4	ITA 23	Umberto Grumelli	31
5	ITA 4	Francesco Faggiani	33
6	ITA 67	Gino Bucciarelli	40
7	ITA 9	Franco Dazzi	46
8	ITA 123	Andrea Giammarini	46
9	ITA 111	Bruno Catalan	52
10	ITA 20	Girolamo Emiliani	53



NETHERLANDS

Henk de Jager writes: We had some fantastic after-summer races in the Netherlands, including the Dutch Open Masters in Harderwijk, the Open Dutch Championship at Medemblik, the Finn Club Holland 50 years celebration races at Loosdrecht, with short course races for old and young Finn sailors.

It was best Finn party, with excellent food, drinks, music, races and weather – it looks like the lucky weather boys like us. At the last one in October, the Boerenkool cup at Loosdrecht lakes, we had perfect Saturday race and wind conditions with tropical sunshiny weather. We had large fleets at all events with Swiss, German, UK, Belgium and Irish visitors at all events. The Dutch fleet, as you see on the scoring lists, has been injected with new sailors so called the Nijkerk gang.

Pieter Jan Postma has qualified himself into the Dutch Olympic selection again, with Stefan de Vries as his personal assistant and coach. We hope that the efforts in 2012 will be a maximum performance and at the right time for them.

Further on the total Dutch Finn fleet has again been growing this year to 213 Finn Club Holland members. We have been very happy with our neighbour countries entries and we will negotiate with the German Finn class to get some of our 70+ boat races on the German point system races list.

The goal is to get fleets of more than 100 entry races in 2012 on the Netherlands waters.

Finn Club Holland 50th Anniversary, HWH

Short Course Racing

3 September

- 1 Thierry van Vierssen
- 2 Wiebe Schippers
- 3 Ewout Meijer
- 4 Martijn van Muyden
- 5 Henk de Jager
- 6 Robert de Jong
- 7 Chiel Barends
- 8 Erik Verboom
- 9 Lenard Kaptein
- 10 Hans van Elst

Jubileumwedstrijden

4 September

(42 entries)

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|----|---------|----------------------|----|
| 1 | NED 64 | Wietze Zetzema | 4 |
| 2 | NED 35 | Bas Proper | 11 |
| 3 | NED 780 | Jan Willem Kok | 13 |
| 4 | NED 809 | Karel van Hellemond | 13 |
| 5 | NED 66 | Ewout Meijer | 15 |
| 6 | NED 38 | Timo Hagoort | 15 |
| 7 | NED 77 | Jan Jaap Lamme | 16 |
| 8 | NED 80 | Sander Willems | 17 |
| 9 | NED 88 | Chiel Barends | 17 |
| 10 | NED 747 | Thierry van Vierssen | 19 |



Above: Dutch Finn sailors at the Boerenkoolcup

Right: Pieter Jan Postma



Open Dutch Championship 2011 - Medemblik 16 - 18 September

1	NED 842	Pieter-Jan Postma	1	1	(2)	1	1	2	1	2	9
2	NED 83	Timo Hagoort	2	2	1	4	(5)	4	2	3	18
3	GER 771	Jan Kurfeld	(ocs)3	3	2	4	5	4	1		22
4	GER 151	Matthias Miller	4	4	9	10	2	3	3	(dnc)	35
5	NED 841	Hein Van Egmond	5	5	4	5	6	6	(10)	7	38
6	NED 41	Karel Van Hellemond	7	8	7	(16)	9	12	5	12	60
7	SUI 5	Christoph Christen	12	(17)	6	9	7	14	7	6	61
8	GER 711	André Budzien	(16)	9	11	6	14	7	9	8	64
9	NED 927	Gert Van Der Heijden	8	6	13	7	12	10	(ocs)	11	67
10	IRL 4	Ross Hamilton	6	13	8	12	11	13	(26)	10	73

11	NED 80	Sander Willems	73
12	AUT 3	Florian Raudaschl	74
13	NED 64	Wietze Zetzema	77
14	NED 787	Nanno Schuttrups	82
15	GER 707	Uli Breuer	94
16	GER 165	Dirk Meid	99
17	NED 780	Jan Willem Kok	99
18	NED 881	Thierry van Vierssen	115
19	NED 724	Stefan Marechal	134
20	NED 29	Bas de Waal	135
21	NED 7	Cees Scheurwater	151
22	NED 69	Jelte Baerends	155
23	NED 81	Gerko Visser	168
24	NED 912	Peter Verseveldt	169
25	NED 27	Paul Kamphorst	173
26	NED 58	Thomas Mohren	176
27	NED 22	Peter Hubregtsen	179
28	NED 43	Chris Frijdal	180
29	NED 66	Ewout Meijer	184
30	NED 67	Ronald Ruiter	188
31	NZL 1	Tim Van Rootselaar	201
32	NED 60	Luuk Kuijper	202
33	NED 88	Chiel Barends	206
34	NED 11	Henk De Jager	209
35	GER 208	Uwe Kinast	244
36	NED 100	Arend Vandersluis	249
37	NED 888	Bas De Regt	250
38	NED 35	Bas Proper	250
39	NED 902	Pieter Risseeuw	254
40	NED 54	Joos Bos	264
41	NED 745	Bas Weijman	277
42	NED 34	Stefan Bloemendaal Van	292
43	NED 804	Sebastiaan Zuiddam	294
44	NED 941	Pim Mommersteeg	302
45	NED 937	Dick Loos	321
46	NED 833	Michel Miltenburg	323
47	NED 110	Diederik Sarels Van Rijn	348
48	NED 6	Rob De Cocq	349
49	NED 740	Ingmar Waijnenberg	353
50	NED 789	Ingmar Loos	359
51	NED 722	Ekels Siebe	364

Open Dutch Masters 2011

Randmeer
(44 entries)

1	NED 29	Bas de Waal	20
2	NED 747	Thierry van Vierssen	23
3	NED 27	Paul Kamphorst	32
4	RSA 581	Davis Leigh	32
5	GBR 707	Adrian Brunton	34
6	NED 55	Eddy Huisman	37
7	NED 54	Joos Bos	38
8	NED 2	Wouter Molenaar	42
9	NED 912	Peter Verseveldt	57
10	NED 67	Ronald Ruiter	62

Boerenkoolcup 2011

(77 entries)

1	NED 41	Karel van Hellemond	20
2	NED 881	Thierry van Vierssen	28
3	NED 64	Wietze Zetzema	28
4	NED 69	Jelte Baerends	28
5	NED 80	Sander Willems	29
6	NED 81	Gerko Visser	30
7	NED 841	Hein van Egmond	32
8	NED 787	Nanno Schuttrups	45
9	NED 77	Jan Jaap Lamme	52
10	IRL 4	Ross Hamilton	54
11	NED 2	Wouter Molenaar	54
12	NZL 1	Tim van Rootselaar	54
13	NED 76	Klaas Bood	55
14	NED 777	Albert Kroon	58
15	NED 922	Roel van Olst	58
16	NED 67	Ronald Ruiter	59
17	NED 66	Ewout Meijer	62
18	NED 780	Jan Willem Kok	66
19	NED 888	Bas de Regt	66
20	NED 43	Chris Frijdal	69

NEW ZEALAND



Ray Hall writes: The 2011/12 season has started well with good sailing held at the Spring Regatta and North Island champs. Mainly a Vanguard fleet the local sailors have invested heavily in sails and masts over winter driving up the local standard. The fleet continues to grow with the last National Champs drawing record numbers. Recent additions to the fleet include the former OK Dinghy World Champion, Karl Purdie, taking delivery of a new Devoti and C-tech Mast. There is word that other top OK sailors are taking the step up to the Finn in the near future.

Vanaheim Finn North Island Champs

Labour weekend threw up light and testing conditions at the Vanaheim Technologies Finn North Island Champs held at Thames Sailing Club. A solid turnout of 11 Finns had good racing including a welcome return to the NZ Finn scene by Rob Coutts.

On Day 1 there were three races in lumpy seas with a north-westerly varying between 3-10 knots. Race 1 showed quickly that the left side of course was favoured with Ray Hall choosing left and gaining a winning lead from Dave Hoogenboom and Rob Coutts. Good battles were seen between Dirch Andersen, Alan Dawson and Royce Hawkins and further back between Peter Hull, Stu Munro and Peter Atkinson.

In Race 2 the wind died to 3-4 knots, and Dave started well and dominated the left, building a winning lead. Ray managed to get through to take second and Alan sailed the final beat well to take third. Gerrit Bearda sailed a strong race to push the place getters hard.

The strongest wind of the regatta in race 3 reached 10 knots. Ray got a clean break and protected the left to take the gun. Dave pushed him hard showing very good speed up and downwind with Rob third. The boys were pretty cold by now and were quickly ashore for a debrief and some great Thames hospitality.

On day 2, Race 4 started in 5 knots north-easterly apparently (felt like 2 knots). This died by the top mark after Dirch, Alan and Royce had picked their way through the minefield of holes and current to lead at the top mark only to be hauled in by Dave, Ray and Rob. A feisty mark rounding ensued as seven boats tried to round in 2 knots of wind and 3 knots of current. The wind crept in from the west and it remained close until the last beat to the finish which Alan sailed well taking the gun from Dirch and Rob.

Race 5 was confidently started by the RO only for the wind to die 1 min after the start. Gerrit sailed extremely well getting his MK2 Martin into the light air groove with Ray only getting past him on the second beat and finishing a well deserved third behind Rob. Meanwhile there were places to be sorted

out with Alan, Royce, Dirch and Dave finishing within seconds of each other with more exchanges of views over rules being heard in the car park and bar later. Race 6 was abandoned so it was back to shore for a quick prizegiving so the fleet could make its escape for the Rugby World Cup Final. A big word of thanks to the regatta sponsor Vanaheim Technologies

1	NZL 2	Ray Hall	9
2	NZL 10	David Hoogenboom	16
3	NZL 23	Alan Dawson	16
4	NZL 9	Rob Coutts	16
5	NZL 22	Dirch Andersen	24
6	NZL 233	Royce Hawkins	29
7	NZL 193	Gerrit Bearda	30
8	NZL 197	Peter Hull	43
9	NZL 209	Stu Munro	43
10	NZL 32	Peter Atkinson	52
11	NZL 1193	Sarah Deadman	55

New Zealand events

Non-Devoti charters are available for most regattas at little or no cost so come enjoy some great sailing. Contact Ray Hall at secretary@finnclub.org.nz for more details.



NORWAY



Stein Førlund writes: October 15 and 16, 2011 were special dates in Norwegian Finn history. For the first time in around 30 years we actually had the Finn class represented in a regatta in Norway. It was not a massive return of the class, but we managed to get seven Finns to take part in the Bærum Høstcup. This regatta was many years ago an important scene for Finns in Norway and Scandinavia, usually marking the end of our sailing season. The initiative for the Finns to return this year was by a former Norwegian Olympic Finn sailor Tom Skjønberg, and Terje Dyvi.

Six Norwegian Finns were joined by Torsten Järnstam (SWE), head of the Swedish Finn association and representing Karlstad. Both days we had absolutely beautiful weather. On Saturday there was not a lot of wind and only one race, but Sunday was fantastic with 3-6 m/s and three races. The man winning the cup was Anders Pedersen. He has inherited NOR 1 from Peer Moberg and is a former elite Laser sailor. He started with Finn this year and has already delivered some very good results in Open Championships in Sweden and Denmark. He will also go to the Gold Cup this year. Second was our Swedish friend Torsten in SWE 111 and I ended third with NOR 34.

This is of course not a very significant event in the overall Finn world, but here in Norway it gave us lot of attention. We were the only class to finish each race just outside the clubhouse and were very visible indeed. A lot of interest for the Finn was noticed, both from young sailors, and people sailing Finn and OK Dinghies many years ago. It was a small regatta, but we are back in business again up here close to the North Pole. I hope this will continue in an Open Norwegian Championship next year and of course more young and old sailors taking part.

Høstcup 15-16 October 2011

Bærum SF

1	NOR 1	Anders Pedersen	3
2	SWE 111	Torsten Järnstam	6
3	NOR 34	Stein Førlund	10
4	GBR 64	Tom Guthormsen	13
5	SWE 759	Tom Skjønberg	14
6	SWE 66	Terje Dyvi	15
7	NOR 6	Zelimir Saljic	22

Below and bottom left: interest in the Finns in Norway



Polish Championship

Gdańsk – Górkki Zachodnie
22–25 September 2011

Rafał Szukiel writes: In the absence of the winner from 2010, who didn't enter this year's event, 17 competitors tried their hand at sailing their way to the top. Having won all the races, Piotr Kula left no doubts as to who should be the new holder of the title.

Although Gdańsk bade a temporary farewell to its world famous Neptune statue two days before the Polish Championship, the god of the sea proved generous to the sailors. Three days of wind over 15 knots required a significant effort from the whole fleet. The last day in turn required a lot of patience as the final fleet race was sailed in poor wind conditions.

Eleven races meant a string of first places for Piotr Kula. Neither Jakub Dumara, for whom this is the second season in Finn after the Laser, nor more experienced Andrii Gusenko, trying as they might, could keep their lead till the end of any race. Still, Piotr Kula needed to work for his set of victories as in the race he describes on his website:

"In some races I had a large lead over a nearest boat but there were also races where the fight lasted till the every end. During one of the races, when fighting with Jakub Dumara, I hit his hull and I had to do penalty turns. All my rivals sailed away and I was the last to cross the starting line. A race takes an hour so I used any wind shift to get back to the lead. I was second at the top mark and started to chase Jakub who took the lead in the race after a great start. We both did our best as it was obvious that the one who would be first to go around the gate would decide the rest of the race and control the other one. I won this battle and I did not give away the lead even though later parts of the race were equally intensive."

It was not the first time that the Polish Championship was won by Piotr Kula. The 24-year old stood on the top box in the 2008 Championship. In 2009 the title went to Rafał Szukiel who managed to defend it in 2010. As the gap between Piotr Kula and Rafał Szukiel last year was only two points, the victory of the former in 2011 was not a surprise.

Surprises, twists and turns were, however, a part of the fight for the second place. Jakub Dumara and Andrii Gusenko got involved in a fierce competition, which was continued even in the final race. The fight for the second place was tactically won by Jakub Dumara who opted for focusing on a mathematical formula for silver after he chose a wrong circle while leading the race. Ending the race in 11th, just after Gusenko, and having had the last race discarded, he maintained two-point lead which gave him second place.



Polish Championships 2011

1	POL 17	Piotr Kula (above)	(1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
2	POL 1	Jakub Dumara	3	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	(11)	26
3	UKR 5	Andrii Gusenko	2	2	2	2	5	3	3	3	4	(10)	28
4	POL 12	Miłosz Wojewski (J)	5	3	4	4	4	4	(6)	3	5	3	39
5	POL 9	Tomasz Kośmicki	4	(7)	6	7	3	5	5	4	5	6	47
6	POL 8	Łukasz Lesinski	6	6	(8)	5	6	6	7	5	7	4	57
7	CRO 524	Michał Jodłowski (J)	7	5	(dnf)	6	7	7	6	7	6	8	dnc 79
8	POL 11	Artur Ponieczynski (J)	8	9	7	8	9	8	10	10	10	10	(dnc) 89
9	POL 10	Maciej Małag	(dnf)	dnf	5	9	8	dnf	8	8	8	7	9 102
10	POL 4	Paweł Karłowski (J)	9	12	10	10	10	9	13	14	12	(dnc) 6	105
11	POL 26	Bogusław Nowakowski	107	15 POL 13				Michał Pasik				130	
12	POL 19	Tomasz Mikulski	112	16 POL 411				Jeremi Zimny				131	
13	POL 666	Tomasz Wieteska	121	17 POL 41				Jakub Reszka				158	
14	POL 21	Jacek Bińkowski	129										

The bronze medal went to Miłosz Wojewski, the silver medalist in the Junior World Championship held in Moscow in July. Still being under 21, Miłosz Wojewski won the Junior title ahead of Michał Jodłowski and Artur Ponieczynski.

The following reports from Bob Nowakowski.

Polish Yachting Association Cup,

Puck 20-22 May

This is the Olympic classes regatta traditionally opening the season and also the qualifications for the main international events, so there is a lot of emotions and expectations. Puck is the nice venue in the very north-west end of Gdansk Basin. This year the wind conditions were rather calm. After seven races, the final five had a short, 15 minutes race for the money prize provided by Kredyt Bank, which was taken by Miłosz Wojewski.

- 1 Rafał Szukiel
- 2 Piotr Kula
- 3 Jakub Dumara
- 4 Tomasz Kosmicki
- 5 Miłosz Wojewski
- 6 Artur Ponieczynski
- 7 Maciej Małąg
- 8 Michał Jodłowski
- 9 Bogusław Nowakowski
- 10 Jeremi Zimny
- 11 Rytis Bagdziunas (LTU)

Sopot Finn Cup

26-28 August

Nice venue, good weather, companionship and very good organisation = unforgettable event.

- 1 Jakub Dumara
- 2 Miłosz Wojewski
- 3 Łukasz Lesiński



Polish Finn Masters

Zegrze 9-11 September



Zegrze is Warsaw's sailing resort, which local sailors know best. This year the weather offered sun and different wind conditions with force 1-5. Piotr Pajor did a good job, winning four out of eight races, becoming Polish Finn Master Champion for the second year. The 'oldtimer' Jan Kominek had shown his self-reconstructed boat sailing well in strong winds. The important issue of the event was the official set up of the Polish Finn Masters Group with Jan Okulicz-Kozaryn as President.

- 1 Piotr Pajor
- 2 Bogusław Nowakowski
- 3 Maciej Rokosz
- 4 Tomasz Mikulski
- 5 Marek Michalski
- 6 Jan Kominek (Finn Classic)
- 7 Jan Okulicz-Kozaryn
- 8 Jacek Binkowski
- 9 Maciej Rozkrut

The Finn Class in Russia: Open Russian and Andrey Balashov Cup has shown growing and stable interest in the Finn.
Vasiliy Kravchenko writes:

At the end of September the Russian Finn Association carried its traditional big international regatta – Open Russian Finn Association Championship, which also includes the Russian Finn Masters Championship. The regatta attracted 51 sailors aged 15 up to 77 years old. The Moscow Finn Association together with Moscow Sailing School and the general sponsor of regatta – Devoti Sailing Russia provided preferential conditions for juniors – zero entry fee and free of charge charter boats, while other sailors had very good charter terms – just 150 Euro to charter boat for the regatta as well as very reasonable accommodation.

The Open Russian has attracted sailors from almost all regions of Russia starting from the Far East (Sakhalin), going through Siberia, Ural area, Central, South, North areas of Russia and ending in the North-West – Snt-Petersburg. In total 13 areas of Russia sent representatives. In addition Finnsters from Estonia, Ukraine and Lithuania also joined the regatta and showed a good level of sailing.

The intrigue of the regatta was quite interesting since many strong sailors were entered including the winner of the 2010 Open Russian and of 2011 Silver Cup Arkadiy Kistanov, winner of 2011 Winter Cup of Russian Finn Association, Dmitriy Petrov, Winner of Russian Finn Masters championships in 2009 and 2010 Igor Khoroshilov, as well other strong sailors – former members of Russian and USSR national teams. Some of them just came back to Finn class and were in good condition, so it was not so easy to define the favourites for the event.



Open Russian 2011 - Final Results

1	RUS 711	Dmitriy Petrov	4	(17)	1	4	1	3	1	1	2	(5)	5	1	2	27
2	RUS 6	Arkadiy Kistanov (J)	3	1	7	3	(29)	1	(17)	11	1	2	4	4	4	45
3	RUS 77	Igor' Horoshilov	11	2	(13)	2	3	5	11	9	(13)	1	2	5	1	53
4	RUS 131	Aleksandr Lauhtin	(12)	8	(15)	6	9	9	8	6	11	3	3	2	3	71
5	RUS 41	Felix Denikaev	(28)	5	2	5	7	6	(34)	3	8	9	7	10	5	72
6	RUS 31	Igor' Frolov	9	12	11	8	4	4	6	2	(15)	10	1	(13)	9	85
7	RUS 21	Vladimir Butenko	5	(18)	3	15	5	12	(33)	8	6	8	6	3	7	85
8	RUS 17	Vasilij Kravchenko	1	3	(29)	9	6	(27)	5	13	3	17	9	8	8	90
9	RUS 34	Aleksandr Kasatov	2	4	10	(37)	8	11	18	5	4	6	15	(19)	10	103
10	RUS 111	Andrej Yanickij (J)	6	13	18	14	13	15	(20)	10	5	4	(bfd)	12	6	122



11	RUS 27	Denis Kotlyarov (J)	130
12	LTU 151	Donatas Karaljus	135
13	RUS 69	Denis Haritonov	141
14	RUS 3	Aleksej Borovyak	148
15	RUS 51	Mihail Petriga	152
16	RUS 5	Sergej Zabotin	161
17	RUS 163	Andrej Voloshin	165
18	RUS 4	Aleksandr Ban'ko	165
19	RUS 169	Nikolaj Haritonov (J)	185
20	EST 1	Nikolaj Koryachkin	196
21	RUS 61	Anatolij Kudrickij	198
22	RUS 707	Andrej Shherbakov	200
23	RUS 58	Aleksandr Shutovskij	202
24	RUS 99	Igor' Rozhkov	202
25	RUS 411	Kirill Mel'nikov (J)	202
26	RUS 171	Aleksandr Kravchenko	229
27	RUS 7	Aleksandr Novikov	244
28	RUS 25	Jurij Polovinkin	250
29	RUS 71	Leonid Klyajman	256
30	RUS 771	Viktor Potapov	266
31	RUS 1	Mihail Bykov	266
32	RUS 74	Yan Mahanek	309
33	RUS 281	Artur Kotlyarov (J)	313
34	RUS 23	Aleksandr Makogonov	319
35	RUS 581	Dmitriy Bykov	322
36	RUS 45	Artem Kalganov (J)	324
37	RUS 177	Artem Belov (J)	329
38	RUS 42	Georgij Skozobcev (J)	337
39	RUS 8	Pavel Selivanov (J)	340
40	RUS 16	Oleg Hudyakov	343
41	RUS 28	Viktor Kozlov	354
42	RUS 63	Anton Hristoforov (J)	360
43	RUS 15	Andrej Bill'	363
44	RUS 91	Vyacheslav Sivenkov (J)	389
45	RUS 11	Valentin Danilov	393
46	RUS 18	Evgenij Dzhura	409
47	UKR 4	Valerij Krupenin	426
48	RUS 231	Volodin Vladimir	428
49	RUS 14	Vladimir Gorbachev	453
50	RUS 278	Denis Kljuchnikov	453
51	RUS 551	Sergej Popov	483

Well known famous veterans also took part in the regatta – Victor Potapov (Bronze at Olympic Games 1972), Victor Kozlov (double Silver at Finn Master World Championship as Legend), Valentin Danilov, who has not missed any season in Finn class since 1956, Nickolay Koryachkin from Tallinn – the winner of USSR Finn national championship in 1977.

The Russian Finn Association invited well-trained members of the Racing Committee and Jury who were experienced in Finn events. All the members have come through tight selection across whole season – and they did a perfect job.

The weather was very good to all the sailors – all racing days it was windy (up to 20 knots) with a direction almost along the lake while many gusts and shifts with complicated wind pattern made all races quite interesting and smart.

There were 12 fleet races over four days and one medal race and 'Race of legends' – on the last (fifth) day.

The struggle for the leadership from the first races started between Vasiliy Kravchenko, Arkadiy Kistanov and Alexander Kasatov, but other players also presented a challenge since nobody had managed to maintain control of the lead. Also close to the top were Igor Khoroshilov, Alexander Laukhtin, Felix Denikaev, Igor Frolov and Vladimir Butenko, but Dmitriy Petrov appeared to be the most successful and consistent sailor, taking the lead in the middle of regatta and managing to keep it until the very end.



The medal race was won by Igor Khoroshilov, but the results did not change the rating much. So Dmitriy Petrov became



absolute champion of Open Russian, Arkady Kistanov took Silver and won the regatta for juniors, Igor Khoroshilov was the third and defended for the second time his Russian Finn Masters championship title.

The Open Russian was also the final regatta of Andrey Balashov Cup – the ranking of Russian Finn sailors through all internal official open regattas. This year it was scored through 20 regattas, which took place in Siberia, at the Black Sea (Sochi, Novorossiysk), in Taganrog, Toliatti, Moscow and others areas. Most of those regattas had the same favourable conditions for juniors: zero participation fee and free of charge charter of the modern boats.

The rating of each regatta was equal and proportional to number of participants. The best 10 results were counted towards the ranking, so both active and successful sailors can be at the top. This year 121 sailors were scored in the Andrey Balashov Cup. The youngest was Oleg Krivov (12 years old),

the oldest was Victor Kozlov (77 years old). At the final scoring after Open Russian, the junior Arkadiy Kistanov managed to become the winner of the Andrey Balashov Cup, Felix Denikaev (Masters) was second, while the bronze was taken by another junior, Andrey Yanitskiy.

There was a special programme of the Russian Finn Association for juniors across whole season with free charter of boats from Moscow Sailing School and dedicated clinics and a competition programme in Sochi during the winter season, where juniors were trained by senior and masters sailors.

The Russian Finn Association is carrying a big work inside of Russian Yachting Federation in order to position the Finn class as most appropriate class to accept sailors that are growing out of the Laser class. That is actually quite a problem today due to overall acceleration of growth process of youth by physical parameters. As result of such work 38 juniors were qualified in the Andrey Balashov Cup this year, and Russia has shown strong presence and results at the Silver Cup (Gold, 4, 8, 9, 10 places in top ten) and European Junior Finn Championship (Silver).

Also a lot of effort went into developing the Finn class with private boats in as many regions of Russia as possible. Due to such work, besides Moscow, we have received growing and stable fleets in Siberia, Taganrog, Rostov and Toliatti, and sailors started to buy modern boats more and more actively.

Some new regions in Ural and Siberia areas were opened for the Finn as well. There is a one more good indicator of results of this work – more than 30 per cent of the boats that took part in Open Russian were private boats, compared to 2006 when that figure was zero. This shows that a stable and growing interest in the Finn class has been built in Russia and the Finn class society has become one of the strongest organisations in Russia.



SWEDEN



David Berg writes: The Swedish Finn Class has around 30 active sailors with three professional sailors, Daniel Birgmark, Johan Tillander and Björn Allansson at the top. In Sweden, you will find Finn sailors mainly in Uppsala, in Karlstad (which has the biggest numbers of sailors, around 30 boats but not as many active in the Swedish Cup) and in Gothenburg, but also in Sandviken, Stockholm and Malmö. The class has some young and promising sailors from Karlstad: Adam Svärd, Martin Pluto and Erik Åberg but none of them are putting in the same kind of effort in to sailing as Björn Allansson. Otherwise, the class has older experienced sailors coming in and out every year, but there is a core of Finn enthusiasts sailing year after year, making the class strong and living. The big challenge is to get younger sailors to switch from E-dinghy and Laser to the Finn in an earlier stage when they are still in high school.



After the open Finnish Championships at the beginning of July, there was a pause of regattas in Sweden until the open Swedish Championships which this year was held at Kullavik, south of Gothenburg. Kullavik is a great venue for sailing and regattas and we truly had three awesome days of sailing on the Swedish west coast. In short, the first two days gave us fairly good winds plus a strong southern current of 2-3 knots, the last day offered light winds with barely any current at all. 32 sailors participated with visiting sailors from Finland, Estonia, Norway and Denmark but it was Johan Tillander (SWE 736) who finally became the Swedish champion of 2011. Good for the Finn class is that Norway is back on track again with a young, talented sailor on the tour in Anders Pedersen (NOR 1) who beat the much more experienced Lauri Vainsalu (EST 11) from Estonia.

The next, and final stop in the Swedish Cup was the classic Sola Cup in Karlstad, in the middle of September, where we always have thrilling regattas when sailors are competing for the places in the Swedish Cup. 24 sailors showed up for the first day, which offered very nice conditions in moderate winds and lots of sun. The second day made us remember last year's competition with strong winds and gusts (16 knots) as well as rain and cold weather. Johan Wijk was superior in the regatta with wins on all races except for one when he finished third.

Mikael Brandt, (who else?) Grand Grand World Master 2011, also won a race, the third one on the first day when the conditions were most tricky, Mickes way of sailing for sure.



Swedish Open Championship

Kullavik, August 12-14, 2011

1	SWE 736	Johan Tillander	1	1	1	1	3	(10)	3	1	3	14
2	NOR 1	Anders Pedersen	2	3	(5)	2	1	4	1	3	1	17
3	EST 11	Lauri Vainsalu	4	2	3	3	(22)	1	2	2	14	31
4	SWE 2	Olof Lundqvist	(7)	7	4	7	5	5	4	6	4	42
5	SWE 75	Johan Wijk	6	8	7	5	(11)	3	5	5	5	44
6	FIN 1	Thomas Hacklin	3	4	2	4	6	(ocs)	33	ocs	4	58
7	SWE 6	Lars Edwall	5	5	8	6	9	(22)	8	9	9	59
8	SWE 721	Mikael Brandt	(14)	10	6	9	4	6	11	8	8	62
9	SWE 1	Adam Svärd	16	6	17	8	2	2	(ocs)	13	7	71
10	FIN 220	Risto Ajanko	8	9	10	13	19	(25)	12	16	6	93

So, after four regattas in the Sweden Cup 2011, Johan Wijk became the overall champion. Stefan Nordström made a impressive first year appearance and finished second. More promising though is that a young sailor finished third in total, Martin Pluto from Karlstad, which shows that there are new sailors coming up in Sweden.

The Swedish Finn Association would already like to invite Finn sailors from all over the world to the open Swedish Championship 2012 on the 28-31 of July in Nynashamn, south of Stockholm. Nynashamn is putting up an anniversary regatta in remembrance of the summer Olympics in 1912, which was held in Stockholm. Old, legendary Swedish Finn Sailors are going to be invited to participate one way or another. This is a great opportunity to make advertising for the Finn as an Olympic class, 16 Olympics, let's make it at least 16 more.

11	SWE 60	Martin Pluto	102
12	SWE 14	Stefan Nordström	106
13	SWE 726	Håkan Olsson	116
14	SWE 3	Christian Finnsgård	123
15	FIN 112	Seppo Ajanko	126
16	SWE 8	Christofer Finnsgård	127
17	SWE 00	Erik Åberg	131
18	SWE 111	Torsten Jarnstam	132
19	SWE 91	Pär Friberg	141
20	SWE 801	David Berg	148
21	GER 35	Christian Stormark	151
22	SWE 702	Gert Pluto	151
23	SWE 88	Hans Gustavsson	159
24	DEN 192	Ole Blichfeldt Madsen	167
25	SWE 44	Bengt Strömberg	174
26	SWE 66	Ulf Bjureus	181
27	SWE 328	Lasse Wastesson	190
28	SWE 7	Hans Wiberg	190
29	SWE 9	Veine Jutmar	197
30	DEN 14	Jan Verner Nielsen	197
31	SWE 10	Patrik Jarnstam	199
32	SWE 725	Jan-Erik Florén	258

Sola Cup

1	SWE 75	Johan Wijk	5
2	SWE 14	Stefan Nordström	16
3	SWE 721	Mikael Brandt	19
4	SWE 740	Henrik Rydell	19
5	SWE 60	Martin Pluto	21
6	SWE 8	Christoffer Finnsgård	28
7	SWE 91	Pär Friberg	36
8	SWE 1	Adam Svärd	40
9	SWE 801	David Berg	43
10	SWE 44	Bengt Strömberg	43

Sweden Cup 2011 (top 10)

1	SWE 75	Johan Wijk	60
2	SWE 14	Stefan Nordström	133
3	SWE 666	Martin Pluto	159
4	SWE 8	Christofer Finnsgård	175
5	SWE 111	Torsten Jarnstam	175
6	SWE 721	Mikael Brandt	208
7	SWE 801	David Berg	217
8	SWE 724	Adam Svärd	225
9	SWE 74	Erik Åberg	244
10	SWE 717	Pär Friberg	322



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Niederhornkanne

Lake Thun, August 20-21 2011

Franz Bürgi writes: The very hot weather didn't favour the thermal winds on Lake Thun. Therefore Saturday was mostly spent swimming. The race officer decided for an early start on Sunday. At 0730 22 Finns left the harbour and were rewarded with two nice races in steady south-easterly winds. The usual suspects dominated the racing – Christoph Christen in first followed by Thomas Gautschi and local Finn sailor Beat Aebischer. After the morning races the wind completely died and didn't come back for the rest of the day.

1	SUI 5	Christoph Christen	2
2	SUI 63	Thomas Gautschi	5
3	SUI 50	Beat Aebischer	6
4	SUI 12	Franz Bürgi	10
5	SUI 94	Andreas Friderich	13
6	FRA 40	Josepf Rochet	16
7	SUI 7	Jiri Huracek	17
8	SUI 57	Ruedi Baumann	18
9	SUI 28	Boris Kulpe	18
10	SUI 3	Carlo Lazzari	21
11	SUI 71	Jan Fischer	23
12	SUI 41	Peter Rösti	24
13	SUI 18	Christof Wilke	24
14	SUI 64	Roland Frigo	25
15	SUI 8	Bruno Marti	30
16	SUI 82	Lukas Schenk	34
17	SUI 9	Andrea Roost	35
18	SUI 29	Hans Althaus	35
19	SUI 31	Maja Siegenthaler	36
20	SUI 11	Hans Fatzer	36
21	SUI 10	Roland Schneider	37
22	SUI 77	Röbi Rösti	41

International Swiss Championship 2011

Steckborn, Lake Constance, September 1-4

An impressive fleet of 54 Finns gathered at Steckborn on the shores of Lake Constance in eastern Switzerland. As usual there was a whole bunch of foreign participants.

Day 1 offered three nice races in a light but steady easterly wind. The race winners were Julian Massler, Peter Theurer and Matthias Miller. The leader after three races was Matthias Miller followed by Mike Maier on equal points. It was already clear that these two were the big favourites for the overall win. The jury gave a clear warning on the



Swiss Championship 2011

1	CZE 1	Michael Maier	2	3	2	[9]	1	8
2	GER 151	Matthias Miller	4	2	1	[6]	3	10
3	SUI 67	Peter Theurer	[15]	1	5	4	6	16
4	GER 127	Julian Massler	1	8	6	[15]	4	19
5	SUI 5	Christoph Christen	5	9	3	[ocs]	5	22
6	SUI 84	Silvan Hofer	[25]	5	4	7	7	23
7	GER 82	Alfons Huber	6	18	[21]	1	2	27
8	SUI 28	Boris Kulpe	12	7	10	11	[28]	40
9	GBR 707	Adrian Brunton	7	14	13	[26]	10	44
10	GER 39	Karl-Heinz Erich	8	11	17	[ocs]	13	49



water with two penalties on the first day. After a welcome reception in the evening the sailors enjoyed a good pasta dinner.

Day 2 couldn't keep up with day 1 as there was no wind most of the day. In the late afternoon a shortened light wind race could be sailed. It was the moment for the light wind specialists. Alfons Huber was the winner followed by Frederik Huck and Rainer Haacks. With four races sailed the championship was now valid and a discard came into effect. The leading trio was Matthias Miller, Mike Maier and Peter Theurer.

Day 3 looked good in the beginning and another light wind race could be sailed with Mike Maier first, which gave him the overall lead. Alfons Huber, in second, again sailed an excellent race and also Matthias Miller in third place kept in touch with the new leader. Unfortunately the wind decreased and another race had to be abandoned.

On day 4 the expected weather change from the west moved slower than expected and the



Peter Theurer (3rd), Matthias Miller (2nd), Mike Maier (1st & Swiss Champion 2011)

race officer had to finish the championship in the early afternoon with only five races sailed. Even without the full sailing programme and the lack of stronger winds everybody was happy. Mike Maier added another Swiss title to his collection, Matthias Miller showed another great performance and Peter Theurer made it clear that Finn sailors never rust.

11	GER 187	Sebastian Wiedemann	51
12	GER 111	Rainer Haacks	53
13	GER 86	Anian Schreiber	54
14	GER 11	Carsten Sibbert	54
15	HUN 127	Peter Haidekker	56
16	CZE 11	Patrik Deutscher	61
17	GER 84	Michael Hüllenkremer	63
18	HUN 728	Elemer Haidekker	67
19	SUI 11	Hans Fatzer	71
20	SUI 18	Christof Wilke	71
21	SUI 17	Frederik Huck	72
22	AUT 302	Alfred Braumüller	77
23	SUI 12	Dănouki Franz Bürgi	80
24	GER 15	Peter Ganzert	81
25	RSA 581	David Leigh	84
26	GER 19	Andreas Bollongino	88
27	SUI 64	Roland Frigo	92
28	SUI 63	Thomas Gautschi	95
29	FRA 40	Joseph Rochet	96
30	SUI 21	Bernhard Krienbühl	101
31	GER 175	Michael Möckel	103
32	SUI 7	Jiri Huracek	106
33	SUI 13	Peter Kilchenmann	116
34	SUI 31	Horst Wühn	125
35	GER 81	Jan-Dietmar Deltas	126
36	SUI 111	Dominik Schenk	130
37	GER 55	Herbert Sondermann	131
38	SUI 80	Jan Fischer	132
39	SUI 100	Stefan Strasser	135
40	GER 237	Robin Dreher	141
41	GER 132	David Breitweiser	141
42	SUI 82	Lukas Schenk	141
43	SUI 57	Rudolf Baumann	144
44	FRA 800	Yves Zoccola	144
45	FRA 55	Arnaud Baudin	150
46	FRA 50	Michel Baudin	155
47	SUI 8	Bruno Marti	158
48	NED 48	Boudewijn Kortbeek	169
49	GER 214	Bernd Schulz	181
50	AUT 382	Emanuel Braumüller	183
51	SUI 70	Andreas Fürer	190
52	LUX 35	Jean-Paul Goedert	194
53	FRA 578	Jade Jean Louis Duret	197
54	SUI 16	Naranja Bruno	198
55	GER 137	Karl Schmid	224





US Nationals

Zach Railey and Caleb Paine returned from a season in Europe competing for the US slot in the 2012 Olympic Games to thoroughly dominate the US Nationals.

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club hosted the regatta from September 9-11 on the venue of the 1984 LA Games, with Railey posting a picket fence of nine wins and Paine finishing with a sizable gap over third place Henry Sprague. Laser veteran Kevin Taugher finished fourth and Erik Lidecis finished fifth in the 28 boat fleet. Conditions were light 4-6 knot winds with confused seas the first two days before settling into a southwest 8-12 knot sea breeze the final day.

Master North Americans

Encinal Yacht Club hosted the eight race three day regatta in south San Francisco Bay July 8-10. Day one brought 3-5 knot winds with sailors struggling to make headway upwind against the current. On days two and three there were more normal 12-18 knot southwest winds. New master Erik Lidecis topped the fleet, with Scott Mason the runner-up and Rob Coutts finishing third in the 18 boat fleet.

1	505	Erik Lidecis	8
2	8	Scott Mason	17
3	19	Rob Coutts	23
4	47	Robert Kinney	26
5	40	Chuck Rudinsky	30
6	811	Michael Andrews	40
7	691	Andre Skarka	49
8	35	Steven Hutchinson	51
9	777	Peter Aschwanden	54
10	81	Garth Page	69
11	701	Ric Holl	78
12	32	Charles Heimler	81
13	275	Bryan Nickes	93
14	20	Steve Turner	104
15	11	Robert Carlen	108
16	44	Richard Stouffer	111
17	0	Bob Parks	127
18	1109	Nick Salvador	137
18	495	Holger Grygiel	137

2011 Finn US Nationals

1	USA 4	Zach Railey	(1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
2	USA 7	Caleb Paine	3	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	(7)	21
3	USA 74	Henry Sprague	2	3	2	11	3	5	10	6	(dnf)	42
4	USA 100	Kevin Taugher	4	2	(dnc)	4	5	4	7	9	11	46
5	USA 505	Erik Lidecis	6	(15)	5	12	6	7	4	4	2	46
6	USA 555	Andy Casey	10	5	6	7	(11)	8	3	3	6	48
7	USA 21	Gordon Lamphere	9	8	11	3	(14)	3	8	14	5	61
8	USA 53	Ben Leibowitz	5	10	(12)	5	4	9	9	11	10	63
9	USA 8	Scott Mason	(12)	7	8	8	9	6	6	8	12	64
10	NZL 19	Rob Coutts	8	9	7	9	10	(17)	14	7	8	89

11	USA 5	Steve Landeau	75	21	USA 777	Peter Aschwanden	162
12	USA 78	Andy Kern	75	22	USA 275	Bryan Nickel	164
13	USA 47	Robert Kinney	89	23	USA 1066	Glenn Selvin	167
14	USA 40	Chuck Rudinsky	109	24	POL 691	Andre Skarka	171
15	USA 99	Stephen Fuccillo	124	25	USA 88	Charlie Maule	176
16	USA 92	Peter Macdonald	131	26	USA 32	Charles Heimler	177
17	USA 1	Scott Griffiths	141	27	USA 44	Richard Stouffer	212
18	USA 1214	Peter Connally	144	28	USA 1213	Andras Nady	212
19	USA 126	Fabien Capeilleres	151	29	ESP 315	Santiago Reyero	219
20	USA 114	Jim Hunter	154.5	30	GER 495	Holger Grygiel	225



"I broke free on the first beat of the first two races. Then port tacked the start of third race, broke free and was able to stay in wind. In the fourth race I was the wrong side of first beat and in a tight finish among five Finns." Bill Smith finally won this race and also took home the Masters prize. "In the last race, Don Massey, a good newcomer from Chicago, was faster on the second run and passed to win."

1	USA 1063	Gus Miller	5
2	USA 8	Don Massey	13
3	USA 1146	Steve Burrell	16
4	USA 117	Bruce Campbell	17
5	USA 1128	Bill Smith	18
6	USA 81	Josh Revkin	19
7	USA 33	Ben Sternberg	22
8	USA 1157	John Miller	26
9	CAN 3	Ian Bostok	28
10	USA 1111	John Dzioba	34
11	USA 1095	Jerry Menter	35
12	USA 31	Joe Raite	37
13	USA 1139	Kevin Mann	47

Toilet Bowl

Finn Legend Gus Miller took out the 2011 Toilet Bowl at the Willow Bank Yacht Club in Cazenovia with three straight wins on the first day and wrapped up with a seventh and a second on the second day. He said, "We sailed windward-leeward courses, twice around with the start in the middle. I was sailing a borrowed 1982 Vanguard. On the first day it was light and spotty and the second day light to moderate and more steady."

Major Finn regattas 2011-12

3-11/12/2011
4-8/12/2011
17-22/12/2011

ISAF Sailing World Championships (FGC)
Semana Olimpica Canaria De Vela
Palamos Christmas Race

Perth, Australia
Las Palmas, Spain
Palamos, Spain

2012

3-8/1/2012
22-28/1/2012
4-8/3/2012
15-18/3/2012
16-24/3
31/3-6/4/2012
20-27/4/2012
4-8/5/2012
10-18/5/2012
23-27/5/2012
27/5-1/6
4-9/6/2012
16-24/6/2012
29/6-7/7/2012
28/7-11/8/2012
17-22/12/2012

Australian Championships
Rolex Miami OCR (SWC)
Athens Eurolymp Week
NZ Nationals
Europeans
Trofeo SAR Princess Sofia MAPFRE (SWC)
Semaine Olympique Francaise (SWC)
UK National Championships (venue opens 1 May)
Finn Gold Cup
Delta Lloyd Regatta (SWC)
Finn World Masters
Skandia Sail For Gold Regatta (SWC)
Kieler Woche (SWC)
Silver Cup (Junior Worlds)
London Olympic Games
Palamos Christmas Race

Adelaide, Australia
Miami, USA
Athens, Greece
Christchurch
Scarino, Italy
Palma, Spain
Hyeres, France
Falmouth, UK
Falmouth, UK
Medemblik, Netherlands
Pwllheli, UK
Weymouth & Portland, UK
Kiel, Germany
Maubuisson, France
Weymouth and Portland, UK
Palamos, Spain

Future Championships

2013

17-25/5	Finn World Masters	La Rochelle, France
tbc	Europeans	Germany
July	Silver Cup	Riva del Garda, Italy
tbc	Finn Gold Cup	Tallinn, Estonia

2014

tbc	Finn Gold Cup	Santander, Spain
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