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Opening shot: Max Kohlhoff battling the elements in Gdynia

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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

**With the COVID-19 strained Finn sailing season coming slowly to its end we can be proud of safely hosting some of the major international Finn regattas (which is quite an example compared to other Olympic classes) and to have such a strong national level Finn presence with lots of local and national Finn sailing going on during the year.**

Finn sailors around the world were forced mostly not to leave their home country which resulted in an opportunity to enjoy local Finn sailing and competitions. It is very encouraging and pleasing to see the number of national regattas that have taken place worldwide, despite the lockdowns and travel restrictions, many of which you can read about later in this issue of FINNFARE. Whenever possible, our national associations have been running COVID secure racing when windows of opportunity were opened, even if briefly in some cases. So many thanks to all national organisers, associations and sailors for keeping the Finn spirit alive during these difficult times. As regards the top international Finn sailors it was also good to see that due to lockdowns and more local Finn sailing they had a chance to somewhat reconnect to their national Finn fleets and transfer technical as well as general Finn sailing skills to the youth.

As you know in the last two years there have been many changes in the world of sailing. First, World Sailing had set up a procedure to review the 2020 Olympic sailing events and equipment for the Olympic Games in 2024. In the framework of this process in November 2018 to the surprise of the sailing world World Sailing decided not to propose to the IOC the Finn and the single-handed heavyweight event for the 2024 Games.

Since November 2018 the Finn Executive and other Finn

stakeholders have been working hard to showcase to the sailing world, the IOC and WS stakeholders how important a dinghy event for larger sailors is on the Olympic sailing programme. During the last months the IFA Executive as well as national sailing federations and national Olympic Committees have continued to outline to the IOC the importance of keeping the Finn Olympic and the mistakes WS made with the proposed 2024 event slate. The IOC will make their final decision on the 2024 Olympic events mid-December 2020 and we hope that the Finn will be finding its way back to the Olympic programme.

Considering the current world crisis due to COVID-19 and the resulting extreme financial predicaments of many sailors, national sailing federations, and sponsors, many do not believe that now is the right time to introduce widespread changes to the Olympic Sailing Competition, as has been adopted by World Sailing.

Finn sailors, all the best to you for the remaining part of the sailing season, but first and foremost, keep safe and stay healthy.

Warm regards

Dr. Balazs Hajdu  
HUN-1  
IFA President



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# FINN NEWS



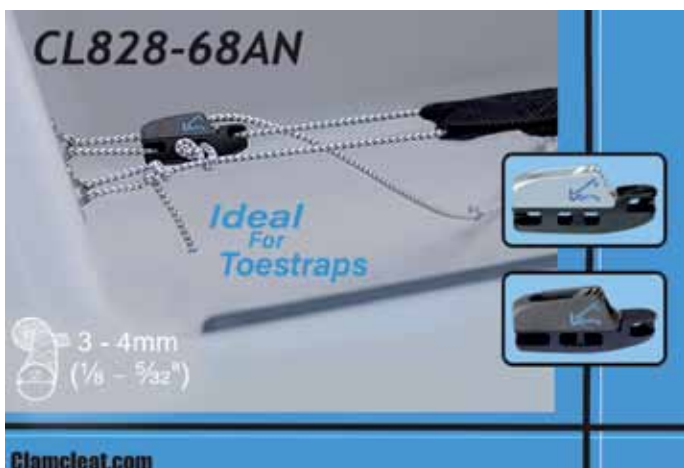
## BACK TO THE BEGINNING

In 2022 the Finn World Masters will be held from 1-8 July in Helsinki, Finland, celebrating 70 years since the 1952 Olympics.

Jesse Kylänpää sent this update: Finland has been fortunate to play a significant part in the birth of the Finn as the dinghy, designed by Rickard Sarby from Sweden, was chosen for the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki.

The class has had its ebbs and flows in Finland but has always managed to attract the very best sailors of this small country, with Esko Rechart's Olympic Gold in 1980 to show this. The prospect of celebrating 70 years since 1952 and sailing on the same waters has reinvigorated many former hot shots. For example Derek Breitenstein, former Olympic campaigner and reserve in 1980, has, after a 39 year hiatus, returned to the Finn and has been seen in hard training under the watchful eye of the three time Olympian, Tapio Nirrko and ex-Olympic campaigner Mikael Hyryläinen together with the growing and active Finnish masters fleet. 1974 and 2020, different years and gear but the man is the same. Welcome back Derek Breitenstein.

Preparations for FWM 2022 are in full swing together with plans to arrange the Open Nordic Championships in Helsinki in 4-6 July 2021 on the same race area.



## EVENT CALENDAR 2021

The following events are confirmed and planning is underway. The intention is to have most event websites and Notices of Race published before the end of the year.

Open and U23 Europeans • Hyeres, FRA, 17-24 April  
2021.finneuropeans.org

Finn Gold Cup • Porto, POR, 4-12 May  
2021.finngoldcup.org

Finn World Masters • Medemblik, NED, 21-28 May  
www.finnworldmasters.com

Silver Cup (U23 Worlds) • Tihany, Balaton, HUN, 11-15 July  
2021.finnsilvercup.org

Olympic Games • Enoshima, JPN, 25 July-4 Aug

Masters Europeans • Tihany, Lake Balaton, HUN, 7-11 September, www.finnworldmasters.com

### OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION

There are two places still to be awarded, one for Europe and one for Africa. The final qualification event will be at the Finn Gold Cup in Porto in May. However there is a proviso that the event must be fully open to all eligible nations for each place. If any eligible sailor is not permitted to travel to Portugal, then these Tokyo places cannot be assigned there. What happens then has not been decided.

## 2021 FINN CALENDAR

A 2021 Finn Calendar has been published and is ready to order. More info at [www.finnclass.org](http://www.finnclass.org)



### FINN CALENDAR 2021

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**A**s the European winter settles in and lockdowns shut us down, sailing may come to a temporary halt. Whether we like it or not the factors that keep us on land may be completely out of our control. For some, this will signal time for a welcome break and time for a change of focus. For others it is unwelcome and one which can be very demotivating and frustrating, *writes Ross Hamilton*

## MAKING PROGRESS WHEN YOU CAN'T SAIL

It is important not to panic or become too stressed as time spent worrying is time wasted. Instead it may be time to reflect and regroup. One of the major issues I see in individuals in many sports is a lack of progression year to year. In most cases it is purely a result of a lack of planning and reflection. Quite often people carry their problems from year to year without addressing them. In some cases people don't know what they need to fix and in others they simply ignore them.

When we have a situation where we might have more time on our hands because we can't get out in the boat, we should use it productively. Gold medalists continue looking for progression as this keeps them at the top. Otherwise they are waiting to be caught.

If you have never sat down and thought about your sailing, your fitness and your equipment, now is the time. You should think hard about where you can be better and direct time to it while the time is available. There is a lot of work that can be done in winter to help you perform, or even enjoy, sailing more.

For the amateur sailor, work lives can be counterproductive. Sitting at a desk or in cars commuting regularly can cause us to become tight and lose some postural control. Specific exercise is often the only way we can counteract this. Regularly promoting good range of motion in our hips and shoulders is vital to maintaining movement quality. Neglecting this is often where we return to the boat and find we cannot move so well in it anymore. This also applies to the professionals.

**MANY OF US** have acquired injuries which we have not given time to fully heal or rehabilitate from. Long seasons can prevent us from spending time on our strength and quality of movement. Who wants to be in a gym when they can be in the boat? We also consider the Finn dinghy a gym on water but in reality the movements we use are repetitive and limited. Imbalances and asymmetries develop over time. We must give time to correct these in order to prevent injury. Once again I will mention ranges of motion in the hip. Long hours of sailing require strong hip flexors to maintain good tension



*"Welcome to my YouTube channel and the official channel for Hamilton Sport. In this video I'm going to introduce myself and talk about why I started Hamilton Sport, this channel and let you see some of my regular training."*

As many parts of Europe are now heading back into lockdown restrictions Ross has been working hard to continue helping people with their training. After a lot of suggestions he decided to start the official Hamilton Sport YouTube channel. This channel, much like the website is focused around training tips and how to put it into practice. The first video begins from the end of his Finn career and why he moved into performance coaching.

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when hiking. If this tension is never released it will change our posture more permanently. We can develop quite significant pelvic tilt which is famed for promoting back pain.

Quite often I see athletes return from injury or time off in better condition to produce a performance than when they are training full time. This is because they have time to make progress when others are too busy racing. It is hard to dedicate time to things which may have less priority. Busy and long seasons can prevent quite a lot of progress from occurring.

A good proportion of what should be done out of the boat should be the opposite of what is done in the boat. This is the type of work which is correctional in nature. It re-establishes the balance and prevents strengths becoming so strong that other things become weaknesses. Achieving this ensures better quality of movement as well as safeguarding the joints and muscles so they can consistently cope with the stresses commonly experienced when racing. Sailing alone cannot achieve this.

As weather improves and lockdowns hopefully end we will want to get back out on the water. The summer season is not the time to go back and fix issues which could and should have been done already. Some of the younger sailors might take this time to study and bank some time in the books so they can spend more time in the boat later in the year.

Managing time and effort is essential for supporting success. While more elite sailors will be familiar with this and have managers to support it, it still applies to the amateur. We cannot do everything at once. Dividing our time appropriately throughout the year is a better way to make consistent progress. Often individuals make a step forward in summer to make two steps backward in winter. A bit of planning can go a long way in avoiding this.

Many sailors don't see the offseason or winter as being too important. Some have resigned to the fact that they might not be one of the top guys so why worry. One can always progress if they take the opportunity to do so. The winter break from sailing offers many of these such opportunities. I would encourage sailors to view the winter period as one to explore where they can progress. I know there are obvious opportunities to progress the physical, but equipment and logistics are all part of a successful sailing season too. Now is the time to address all of these.



# ZSOMBOR BERECZ WINS EUROPEANS IN GDYNIA



**A**fter having the dates being moved twice, the Open and U23 European Championship finally happened in Gdynia, Poland from September 2-6. Zsombor Berecz took gold, Giles Scott, silver and Joan Cardona, the bronze. In addition Cardona won the U23 European Championship while Milan Vujanovic, won the European Masters title. In the end, at what turned out to be the only major Finn event of the year, an impressive 70 Finns from 27 countries made it to the start line for a week of exceptional racing in an exceptional range of conditions.

Many sailors had been training in small groups across Europe but this was the first time many had met since the Finn Gold Cup in Melbourne, in December 2019.

## GILES SCOTT DOMINATES OPENING DAY

Defending European champion, and current Olympic gold medalist, Giles Scott, dominated the opening day to take the early lead. The championship got off to a wet and windy start with 12-20 knots of northerly breeze, and rain. Lots and lots of rain.

After a general recall, Race 1 headed upwind into a huge rain cell with reduced visibility and challenging steering through the confused chop. After 10 months of no Finn racing, the fleet had gathered together in pretty miserable conditions, but the smiles on everyone's faces said enough. They were just happy to be racing again. And of course the racing was as fierce as ever. That hadn't changed.

Scott ran away with the first race, leading at every mark and extending away from the fleet for a huge victory. He was followed by teammate Henry Wetherell, who held off strong challenges from behind. Tom Ramshaw eventually took third place.

The wind had dropped slightly for Race 2, but more rain showers came through, and towards the end of the race the wind was down to five knots at times. Deniss Karpak got a great start at the boat end

and tacked off towards an approaching rain cloud. He was largely by himself but it paid off and he rounded just ahead of Scott and Cardona. Scott had taken the lead by the gate but a large shift, as rain came in, reshuffled the next upwind with Facundo Olezza leading round and down to the finish. Scott crossed second with Karpak third. Wetherell ended the day in second with Alejandro Muscat in third.

## MUSCAT MOVES INTO THE LEAD

Day 2 was a good day for the Spanish with Muscat taking the lead while Cardona won the first race of the day. The day was sailed in 10-13 knots, with low cloud, the occasional glimpse of blue sky and ended with a rain shower that affected the end of Race 4.

Olezza rounded first from Cardona and Alican Kaynar. Cardona had the best downwind but split the gate with Olezza and emerged ahead at the second top mark to go on to take the win from Olezza and Muscat.

The wind dropped slightly for Race 4 with some low cloud appearing from the direction of Gdansk. Nils Theuninck got to the top mark first though Nicholas Heiner, was faster and got round the outside to lead downwind, with Cardona in third. However Theuninck had the lead by the gate and didn't let it go. On the second upwind the cloud and shift arrived, swinging the wind right to make the end of the upwind a reach, followed by a reach to the finish. Berecz came up to second and Scott third, and nothing changed down to the finish. Then the rain reappeared and lasted until everyone was ashore. Muscat took the overall lead from Scott and Berecz.

## DOUBLE WIN FOR ALICAN KAYNAR ON DAY 3

Muscat held onto the lead on Day 3, but the day belonged to Alican Kaynar, with two great wins in the competitive fleet. Gdynia threw another set of conditions at fleet, with a fitful offshore wind as shifty as a politician, and varying between 4 and 14 knots. Strategy took less priority over tactics with everyone making a huge number of tacks to respond to the multitudinous shifts coming off the shore.



			<b>R1</b>	<b>R2</b>	<b>R3</b>	<b>R4</b>	<b>R5</b>	<b>R6</b>	<b>R7</b>	<b>R8</b>	<b>R9</b>	<b>R10</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	HUN 40	Zsombor Berecz	4	10	7	2	3	12	4	3	8	(24)	53
2	GBR 41	Giles Scott	1	2	17	3	8	10	5	7	(22)	8	61
3	ESP 26	Joan Cardona Méndez- U23	(18)	4	1	4	6	14	3	18	5	6	61
4	ESP 7	Alejandro Muscat	6	5	3	6	20	3	(ret)	5	21	2	71
5	NED 89	Nicholas Heiner	13	(14)	14	10	2	11	13	1	7	5	76
6	TUR 21	Alican Kaynar	(21)	19	5	5	1	1	2	16	11	18	78
7	ARG 1	Facundo Olezza Bazan	22	1	2	8	(24)	7	9	17	15	1	82
8	CRO 1	Josip Olujic	10	(22)	11	12	10	5	1	8	6	20	83
9	CRO 10	Nenad Bugarin	5	11	8	7	16	8	15	13	1	(41)	84
10	SUI 1	Nils Theuninck	12	6	6	1	7	(tle)	28	4	17	4	85
11	GBR 71	Henry Wetherell	2	8	4	15	(29)	22	11	11	3	19	95
12	CZE 5	Ondřej Teplý	17	15	10	17	11	(tle)	7	10	9	7	103
13	CRO 369	Milan Vujasinovic - M	7	(29)	16	9	28	16	10	2	16	21	125
14	GER 25	Max Kohlhoff	16	17	9	11	(23)	4	14	14	20	22	127
15	FRA 112	Jonathan Lobert	8	25	(27)	25	17	9	18	22	2	14	140
16	POL 17	Piotr Kula	20	(32)	23	18	9	13	8	12	28	16	147
17	EST 2	Deniss Karpak	14	3	13	32	22	2	(bfd)	23	29	13	151
18	FIN 8	Oskari Muhonen - U23	15	12	18	34	14	(ret)	30	15	4	9	151
19	ESP 17	Pablo Guitián Sarria	19	9	22	23	18	15	12	20	13	(29)	151
20	FRA 93	Antoine Devineau	24	27	30	(36)	5	17	16	9	14	30	172
21	SWE 33	Max Salminen	11	24	15	13	13	6	(bfd)	ret	10	10	173
22	FRA 111	Valerian Lebrun	23	21	20	26	19	20	25	(30)	12	15	181
23	IRL 9	Oisín Mclelland	25	16	28	19	21	21	(37)	31	18	11	190
24	RUS 6	Arkadiy Kistanov	9	13	31	20	31	28	(42)	6	19	34	191
25	CAN 18	Tom Ramshaw	3	26	12	14	4	26	(bfd)	ret	27	12	195
26	FRA 17	Fabian Pic	(dsq)	7	21	31	12	bfd	19	21	24	3	209
27	EST 1	Taavi Valter Taveter - U23	26	23	(34)	29	25	19	22	26	25	17	212
28	POL 8	Łukasz Lesiński	27	18	24	16	27	25	20	(47)	43	28	228
29	GER 595	Simon Gorgels	29	20	25	27	36	18	21	29	26	(37)	231
30	UKR 1	Georgii Paches	33	36	19	35	34	24	17	24	33	(38)	255
31	HUN 80	Domonkos Németh - U23	32	31	32	22	(35)	tle	26	25	34	25	258
32	MEX 1	Juan Ignacio Perez	30	33	29	33	33	tle	6	(ufd)	37	33	265
33	ITA 1071	Matteo Iovenitti	(41)	37	39	24	15	tle	36	19	35	31	267
34	AUT 1	Moritz Spitzauer	31	30	35	(48)	26	tle	24	37	31	26	271
35	VEN 17	Andres Lage	(bfd)	28	33	42	30	tle	35	34	23	23	279
36	ESP 57	Victor Gorostegui Arce	28	34	26	28	37	tle	29	44	32	(dnf)	289
37	POR 51	Filipe Silva - M	34	47	47	30	45	tle	(bfd)	28	30	27	319
38	RUS 41	Felix Denikaev- GM	(45)	44	36	21	44	tle	23	45	36	43	323
39	POL 73	Andrzej Romanowski - GM	36	42	42	(50)	32	tle	34	36	38	35	326
40	SWE 32	Olof Lundqvist - M	37	35	38	(53)	41	tle	33	43	39	32	329
41	FRA 99	Marc Allain Des Beauvais - GGM	40	38	45	(55)	38	tle	50	42	40	45	369
42	CZE 75	Vladimir Skalicky - GGM	46	(48)	41	44	43	tle	32	48	46	39	370
43	POL 52	Krzysztof Stromski	35	50	37	(dnc)	40	tle	40	27	41	dnc	372
44	SWE 12	Stefan Sandahl - GM	43	39	(65)	37	53	tle	41	53	44	36	377
45	POL 11	Kacper Mazurek - U23	38	54	43	(65)	48	27	39	40	53	46	388
46	NZL 15	Greg Wilcox - GGM	49	40	(56)	45	52	tle	43	33	51	48	392
47	RUS 17	Vasilii Kravchenko - M	44	43	49	(58)	39	tle	46	52	47	47	398
48	POL 99	Włodzimierz Radwaniecki - GM	47	52	53	(59)	50	23	56	35	45	49	410
49	RUS 1117	Andrew Bill - GGM	48	53	51	39	49	tle	51	(ufd)	50	40	412
50	FRA 96	Florian Fauchaux - M	39	41	40	49	47	tle	52	46	(dnc)	dnc	416
51	POL 81	Borys Michniewicz - U23	51	49	44	56	55	tle	31	41	59	(dnc)	417
52	POL 16	Kacper Ludwiński - U23	59	(64)	48	41	64	tle	27	49	60	44	423
53	RUS 3	Alex Borovyak - GGM	53	60	54	43	(63)	tle	48	38	55	42	424
54	CZE 54	Matouš Červenka - M	62	46	60	40	46	tle	(dsq)	32	54	55	426
55	POL 6	Bartosz Szydlowski	42	51	46	38	42	tle	(dnc)	dnc	48	dnc	440
56	GER 202	Rolf Elsaesser - GGM	57	59	58	46	60	tle	45	39	(61)	51	446
57	POL 70	Artur Siwik - M	55	57	55	(61)	51	tle	38	51	58	58	454
58	CZE 211	Martin Kalos - GM	(58)	56	52	51	57	tle	53	50	52	52	454
59	DEN 1	Peter Sigetty Boje - GGM	54	63	57	54	59	tle	49	(ufd)	42	50	459
60	POL 25	Marek Kubat - M	50	55	50	60	58	tle	(61)	59	49	53	465
61	POL 33	Krzysztof Żółtowski - GGM	61	(65)	59	57	56	tle	54	56	65	54	493
62	FRA 53	Corcaud Gilles - GGM	63	(ret)	62	47	ufd	tle	44	57	64	57	496
63	LTU 27	Rytis Bagdžiunas - GM	56	62	63	(67)	54	tle	55	61	56	61	499
64	RUS 18	Evgeny Dzhura - M	60	61	61	(63)	61	tle	58	54	57	56	499
65	POL 115	Lucjan Bładowski - M	(65)	58	64	62	62	tle	57	58	63	59	514
66	DEN 77	Flemming Bender Jensen - L	64	(dns)	66	52	67	tle	60	55	66	60	521
67	POL 85	Wojciech Nadolski - GGM	(dnc)	dnc	67	64	65	tle	47	60	dnc	62	538
68	POL 800	Robert Gabrysiak - GM	(dnc)	dnc	69	68	68	tle	59	63	62	63	554
69	POL 43	Beniamin Kobierski - M	66	(ret)	68	66	66	tle	bfd	62	67	dnc	568
70	POL 26	Bogusław Nowakowski - GGM	52	45	(ret)	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	594





Those who favoured sides normally came off worse.

Kaynar was the early leader in Race 5 rounding level with Antoine Devineau, with Ramshaw close behind. Ramshaw took the lead downwind, but Kaynar nailed the second beat to round with a comfortable lead and take the race win. Heiner came through for second with Berecz rounding out the top three.

After a general recall, Race 6 got away under a black flag. Again Kaynar led at the top, this time from Karpak and Cardona. He maintained the lead throughout though Karpak closed right up on the second downwind as the wind went really light for a while and was overlapped through the final gate. Kaynar took the win from Karpak, with Muscat coming through to third to keep the overall lead. Many boats timed out as the wind finally gave up.

#### BERECZ TAKES CONTROL

Consistency paid for Berecz as he took the lead on Day 4 with a 4,3 finish after what was a challenging day for sailors and organisers alike.

Race 7 started in low cloud and incessant rain, with the 7-8 knots at the start dropping to 3-4 downwind. Olujic led at the first mark from Kaynar and the pair managed to separate from the fleet for their own race. Olujic controlled the rest of the race nicely to take the win from Kaynar, with Ramshaw leading the rest of the fleet home. However he was BFD, so Cardona took third place.

The rain had stopped for Race 8, but the wind was starting to shift right again. Muscat was fastest to the top mark, just ahead of Heiner, but Heiner found a private wind and was soon gone, never to be touched, winning the race by a huge margin. Vujasinovic was next best, rounding the gate in second and keeping Berecz at bay up to the top and down to the finish.

With just two races to sail Scott was still second, with Muscat down in third.

#### FIRST FINN EUROPEAN CHAMPION FROM HUNGARY

With no medal race scheduled, Berecz took just one race on Day 5 to secure the title, the first ever Finn European title for Hungary. After a week that has tested the sailors in many ways, the final day brought yet another set of conditions with offshore winds from 10-18 knots, with huge swings in direction as well as something that had been lacking all week, sunshine.

Jonathan Lobert took the early lead in Race 9 and seemed to have it sewn up, however Nenad Bugarin had other ideas and passed Lobert down the final run to round the gate just a boat length ahead to lead into the finish, with Wetherell crossing in third. Both Berecz and Scott were in the chasing pack, with Berecz slightly ahead. However on the second beat a huge shift to the right let Scott stranded and it was all over. Berecz crossed in eighth, and with Scott dumped to 22nd, his title chances were gone.

Race 10 belonged to Olezza and featured even bigger shifts. He led round the top mark from Scott and Ondrej Tepy, but Scott had the better first downwind to round the opposite gate just ahead. However another large right shift on the second upwind left Olezza with a huge lead on the fleet while Scott dropped to eighth. Muscat moved up to second with Fabian Pic in third.

This left Scott in second on countback, while an amazing performance from Cardona moved him up to third overall. Two top six placings from Cardona was also enough to consolidate his already big lead in the U23 Championship. Cardona had never really been threatened for the U23 title all week. His only likely

competition was expected to come from the three times and current U23 World Champion, Oskari Muhonen, but Muhonen only twice placed top 10 and trailed the Spaniard all week. The bronze went to Estonia's Taavi Valter Taveter in 27th overall.

Milan Vujasinovic was always the favourite for the Masters title, normally sailing in the senior fleet and finishing 13th overall, while Filipe Silva, the defending Finn European Masters champion, had a great last day to take second with Olof Lundqvist in third. In the Grand Masters, for those aged 50-59, Felix Denikaev had a tight battle with Andrzej Romanowski, while Stefan Sandahl took third.

The Grand Grand Masters looked to be a runaway for Marc Allain des Beauvais, but a miserable fourth day left it wide open. In the end he won by a single point from Vladimir Skalicky, with Greg Wilcox in third. The one and only, and incomparable, Legend taking part was Flemming Bender Jensen in 66th place.

It was a challenging week in Gdynia, not just the effort to make it happen amid a global pandemic and for everyone to get here in rather challenging times, but also on the water where the adage, it's not normally like this, couldn't be more true. After weeks of summer conditions and reliable winds, the week of the Finn Europeans was plagued by rainstorms, fitful winds and huge wind shifts. It's fair to say that the fleet had a bit of everything, though most would have sold aged relatives to get a bit more sunshine and warmth.

Berecz said the week had been exhausting, "I am 34 years old. After this week I feel like 60. This was one of the hardest regattas I can remember in my career Every day shifty, most of the wind was changing, it was very challenging but I made history by winning this title and I am over the moon."

"Definitely we have the strongest training group now. We did a pretty good job. As soon as we could train together we started training in Palma. And every day we were getting better, and we came here ready and we showed them that we are capable of winning and taking medals home so I am very happy for myself as well as the team."

His coach is the 1996 Finn gold medallist, Mateusz Kusznierewicz. "He is a legend. He was the first guy I think that made us believe that everything is possible."

Scott rued his missed chances. "We have had a very tricky week. The conditions here have been challenging to say the least and we have had a lot of racing in offshore, super shifty winds and really hard to manage. The key to it as ever is consistency."

Cardona was euphoric after taking the bronze. "I am very happy to perform like that under so much pressure and I am super happy with the bronze medal. Of course I will keep pushing to gain a spot in the Olympics. This is just confirmation that we are doing the right things. We did a really nice job over the winter and summer after quarantine and we will fight very hard for our spot for Spain."

"It's very nice to win the U23 European Championship again, but of course I thinking about the bronze medal in the open championship that makes me the most happy."

Full credit must go to the Polish Yachting Association and its dedicated staff who were tireless in making sure the event happened and as many sailors as possible could get to Gdynia. In the end some couldn't get there but to get 70 Finn sailors to Poland during these weird times was a remarkable success and makes a fairly strong statement, demonstrating the strength of the class and the devotion of its sailors.



L-R: GILES SCOTT, ZSOMBOR BERECZ, JOAN CARDONA



## RECORD THIRD SILVER CUP FOR OSKARI MUHONEN



**It was a long time coming, but the first major international Finn Class event of 2020 was the U23 World Championship for the Jorg Bruder Finn Silver Cup, hosted by the Club Nautique Canet Perpignan in Canet en Roussillon in the south of France.**

Initially intended to be combined with the Finn Gold Cup in Palma, in May, the postponement of the 2020 Olympic Games brought the opportunity to hold the Silver Cup as a standalone event.

While entries looked strong a few weeks out, the start of the second wave of COVID-19 was just beginning to be felt and many sailors were unable to travel. However those that did make it to Canet had a week of very close racing in some great conditions. Many of the sailors had not raced all year and most had come straight from lockdown training to compete. The fleet was bolstered by a strong contingent of young French sailors, in some cases trying out the Finn for the first time.

Defending champion, Oskari Muhonen, largely had things his own way, though on the opening day Nicolas Thierse taught the fleet a lesson to win the first two races in light winds. After that, Muhonen won the remaining 10 races in every kind of condition.

The more interesting battle was between Taavi Valter Taveter and Guillaume Boisard. Boisard was in second overall for most of the regatta, but the points remained tight and it was still open into the final day, where the two match raced for the silver. In the end

Taveter made it through to second place in both races with strong hiking and better downwind pumping.

The fourth day provided some extra excitement. Soon after the finish the wind died for a while and then came in really strong with big waves. With winds up to 40 knots, the fleet were sent home, but a few stayed out for training. The video of Domonkos Nemeth heading home has so received more than 100,000 views.

*He said, "The best part of the day was the 40 knots training with Oskari afterwards. It was not that long, but 40 knots winds and 3 metre waves was pretty nice. I also capsized twice, but it was OK. But I don't sail in those conditions very often."*

Thierse never matched his form from day one and ended up fifth, tied with Nemeth, in fourth, after a consistent final day.

For Muhonen it was not only a record third Silver Cup win, but it was also his last within the U23 age category. He summed up his week. *"I think the whole regatta was really nice as we had all conditions from really light to really strong, shifty days and some stable breeze as well. I performed pretty well all week, especially with upwind speed. It made it a bit easier for me tactically. I am pretty happy about the results. It was good racing and nice to get the third title. It was also pretty good preparation for the Europeans."*

Muhonen, along with several others will also be chasing the final place in Tokyo when the final qualifier takes place in 2021.



1	FIN 8	Oskari Muhonen	(3)	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
2	EST 1	Taavi Valter Taveter	(7)	3	3	6	5	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	30
3	FRA 9	Guillaume Boisard	2	(4)	2	2	4	2	3	3	4	4	4	4	30	
4	HUN 80	Domonkos Nemeth	6	5	4	3	(8)	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	40	
5	GER 723	Nicolas Thierse	1	1	5	4	2	(7)	6	5	5	6	5	5	40	
6	ESP 888	Andres Juan Lloret Perez	10	8	9	9	(11)	5	5	6	6	5	6	6	70	
7	FRA 85	Aubert Lerouge	8	7	6	8	6	6	7	7	7	(dnf)dnc	7	80		
8	FRA 49	Kevin Maurin	4	6	7	5	3	10	9	9	9	8 (dnc)	dnc	80		
9	FRA 98	Thomas Piotrowski	5	(9)	8	7	9	8	8	8	8	7	7	8	80	
10	FRA 1	Lucas Descriaud	9	10	10	10	7	11	10	(dnc)	10	dnc	dnc	dnc	110	
11	FRA96	Aurelien Fort	(dns)	dns	dns	dns	10	9	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	130	
12	AUS 22	Luca Mckenzie	(dns)	dns	dns	11	dns	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	140	



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# VICTOR KOZLOV A GAME OF INTELLIGENCE AND NATURE



One of Russia's most prominent former Finn sailors, Viktor Kozlov, died on October 12 after a long illness. He was born and lived in Moscow all his life. A physicist, he was well known as Finn sailor, was a member of the USSR national team, was twice USSR Finn champion, and placed 6th place at 1966 Gold Cup.

Despite the fact that he did not win any major medals, his contribution to the development of the Finn class in Russia and the USSR can hardly be overestimated. Other famous Russia Finn sailors grew up on him, and later brought back Olympic medals - Valentin Mankin, Viktor Potapov, Andrei Balashov. In 2007, Viktor Kozlov returned to the Finn again, but as a Master and continued to participate.

In 2008 and 2010 he won the Legends silver medal at the Finn World Masters.

Viktor Kozlov was remarkable not only for his sailing, but in general he was interesting as a wonderfully erudite person. His life experience, knowledge and intelligent behaviour on the water were very influential in educating young and older sailors.

The following abridged conversation with Viktor Kozlov goes beyond pure recollections and exposes his fascinating philosophy of the sport of sailing, and Finn sailing in particular, which many sailors will closely identify with.

**Viktor Kozlov 28/9/1934 to 12/10/2020**



**I am convinced that everything great, truly valuable, is born in great pain. I had a very difficult childhood. So hard that I don't even remember – during the war and in the first post-war years – whether I ate or did not eat. I remember bombing, alarms, but no food. We lived in Moscow, on Karl Marx Street, now Staro-Basmannaya Street, near area 'Razgulyai'.**

The most important thing in education, as I now believe, is to have an example to follow, a personal example. I was lucky in this respect. In 1946, a gymnasium was opened not far from our house. I started doing gymnastics.

We soon had to prepare for the first physical culture parade at Red Square in Moscow. I signed up, of course. This preparation lasted two months. Imagine, the first post-war years, devastation, the half-starved existence of the majority, and we were fed during these two months: red caviar, fish, butter. We were fed, probably, so that we looked good at the parade. It was even recommended smearing yourself with butter to tan faster. The organisers really wanted beautiful, well-fed young people, not some dystrophies, to go to the parade.

In general, post-war life changed rapidly. I fantastically lucky, but the following years brought so much good. Swimming was added to my gymnastics classes. Then, about 1948, an indoor swimming pool opened on Mironovskaya Street. My friends and I managed to get there. There I learned to swim. And we trained side by side, one might say, with the famous Meshkov, who was the glory of Soviet sport. That was a personal example.

## HOW DID I GET INTO SAILING?

In this very first step towards the cause of life there is a certain contradiction, an obstacle. As usual, we had a pioneer leader at school. She did a little sailing. And one day she posted an ad: those wishing to become yachtsmen can meet here. I looked at this ad and did not feel any emotion. I didn't react.

But I remember the next day so well. Two of my classmates said, we want to go to a sailing club to study, come with us, come along. And I was in such a mood that I didn't want to do anything, go anywhere. They began to persuade me and I reluctantly agreed.

We went to the sailing club named after Baranov, which is on Dzerzhinka, and there the representative of the sports

committee Pavel Antonovich Leontyev, a well-known speed skater in the past, met us boys. He had such passion, and talked so enthusiastically about sailing. And not just sport, but also about famous voyages, naval forces of the past, sails and winds. And there was so much patriotic impulse in his story, so many interesting historical facts, human destinies that captured my whole soul without a trace.

I started going to the club. In the winter we studied the theory, and in the summer the vastness of the Klyazminskoye reservoir. Baranov's club was located in the most beautiful harbour.

The first person we met on the shore was our future Olympic champion Timir Pinegin. I remember that we, still quite boys, played on the sand, and on a warm spring day he prepared a boat for us - he smears it with 'Kuzbass', a black mastic. At first we didn't know how to do anything. This is how Pinegin was remembered for his kindness and gentleness.

Gradually I gave up swimming, not to mention gymnastics. I just went sailing. Water became like a native element for me.

Actually, I never had a fear of water. Otherwise, I would not have been able to swim in the pool for 4-5 hours. At one time



ABOVE LEFT TO RIGHT: WINNER OF USSR FINN CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1965, 1966, SECOND IN 1962, 1964 • SAILING IN 1960 • GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION IN 1965 • AT THE 1966 FINN GOLD CUP IN FRANCE • LEFT TOP: 1962 BALTIC REGATTA TALLIN • IN 1960 • LEFT MIDDLE: IN 1962 AT THE USSR FINN CHAMPIONSHIP • LEFT: VICTOR KOZLOV WON THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE LEGENDS AT THE 2008 FINN WORLD MASTERS IN MEDEMBLIK

they even pinned their hopes on me as a promising athlete, not knowing, however, that I would be so stocky, and an unsuitable figure for a swimmer.

Everyone, of course, praises their own sport. But sailing, however, is very special. And everything, all your knowledge, skills and feelings, somehow merging, are automatically processed. What you shouldn't be afraid of are mistakes, because if there were no mistakes, there would be no progress.

#### COMPETITION

My first serious competition ... As I remember now, it was in May 1950. The races consisted of two semi-finals and a final. After result of a two-day struggle, "V. Kozlov, a 7th grade student at school 346, won."

How did I feel then? Apart from the feeling of nature, joy and excitement, I did not feel anything, I forgot everything. Later, after a lot of thinking, I realised that intellect, knowledge and will are important in sailing, above all else, including physical fitness.

In the early 1950s, I was being touted as a rising star. And this, as I now understand, strongly influenced my well-being. Emotions overwhelmed me. Over the years it went away by itself. Reason prevailed. But how many mistakes were made? Then I realised: you shouldn't be afraid of them. Without trial and error, without careful analysis, you cannot achieve results.

Sailing took more and more time in life, and demanded more and more strength. I entered the national team in 1965, after graduation. The first year I taught at the Institute of Chemical Technology.

Sailing was my whole life. But on the other hand, sport that gave me the opportunity to learn. When I switched to scientific work, good prospects also opened before me. And others said: why do you need sailing? But what am I without it?

The fact that I joined the national team was a great blessing for me at that time. Valentin Mankin said that for the sake of sailing he was ready to give up everything, if necessary, sacrifice everything. I didn't think sailing was the mainstream of my life. I was thinking about physics at the same time.

In 1959, together with Alexander Chuchelov, who later won a silver medal at the Olympics, we competed at the Finn Gold

Cup. Local newspapers in Copenhagen wrote: Russians with such good physical fitness are sailing with sheets. This is how they evaluated our material part. The sails were of poor fabric. I remember starting well, and then everyone passes you as if you were standing still.

I was called by the Central Committee of the Navy, but I was devoted to my club. I said no then and stayed with the Wings of the Soviets. And as it turned out later, by doing so, I, in fact, put an end to myself as an athlete. The club couldn't give me good material. I could only get that in the Navy. I went to all competitions, even being in the national team, with useless material. Sometimes I timidly said: "You give me a boat at least the same as that of my rivals, so that we have the same equipment. And I guarantee you - I will win."

Against this background, I performed most successfully at the World Championship in France in 1966. The beauty of sailing - tacking alone, a difficult combination of moves to the left, to the right; a game of intelligence can achieve a lot. And in the last race I finished first. Imagine: over 100 sailors, all celebrities ...

Some then told me it was accidental. No! As a physicist, I looked before the start, at the currents, wind and general weather situation. And I played out the situation psychologically so that they would not see that I was breaking away from everyone. I chose such a course, fast, along the start line. Everything is in front, and I am going in the opposite direction. "Where did he go? Nuts!" - many wondered. As a result, despite my poor speed, I came to the first mark ahead of everyone by a big margin. That was enough to win this race.

And in the end, as already mentioned, I took sixth place at the World Championship, ahead of many, many eminent sailors.

#### RISK

Once, at the Moscow championship, in one of the races, I capsized five times in the strongest wind. And the boat, turned over with the mast to the bottom, keel up. Every time, I righted it and continued the race. It was a lot of physical labour. You need to dive under the water, quickly do some operations, tie knots inside. After the fourth time, I even

choked and thought: there is no more risk. However, it rolled in again and I finished second. I had coped with my troubles quickly enough, and my speed was good.

At one of the Baltic regattas, all seven races were held in a stormy wind. The loads on my arms were such that my shoulder girdle joints ached for about six months.

After capsizing in one of the races, I couldn't right it. I sat in the cold water of the Baltic Sea for a very long time. One of my friends from Moscow State University was on the jury and noticed I wasn't there.

I was completely numb. The wave came up, pulled me off the boat, pulled me to the bottom. I was already mentally saying goodbye to life. A rope was thrown to me from the vessel. And I had to tie the necessary knot of sufficient strength with one numb hand (with the other I held on to the boat so as not to drown). What if I couldn't do it? I would die. This is how important it is to know rigging by heart. Four of them with difficulty pulled me out of the water, warmed me ...

#### DELIGHT

No matter how many years I have been engaged in sailing, my youthful delight with it, changing, of course, with age, did not pass. You see, I also had my favourite physics, which allowed me to relate to sailing more easily, perhaps, freer. All the coaches knew this, understood and had a special approach to me. And, to be honest, they kept me on the sidelines. Potapov is a world champion and still says that I was an example for him. You can't learn without a serious opponent, so I was definitely needed. And it was necessary that I went on slow boats, so that I would not beat young people, not undermine their self-confidence, but pull them up.

And as long as I live - I will sing the hymn of sailing. Yacht racing is a continuous game of intelligence and nature. Feel the nature, taking into account all these tides, currents, winds, be able to correctly calculate the speed, effort, moves, guess the opponent's move ... You need a huge amount of knowledge, you need constant education of feelings. The more multifaceted a person is, the more success he can achieve in sailing, and the more you will get from him morally, spiritually and physically.



# KIEL WEEK 2020



1	NED 89	Nicholas Heiner	1	2	1	3	4	1	2	1	1	(5)	2	18
2	ARG 1	Facundo Olezza	3	3	3	2	3	3	1	4	5	2	(6)	29
3	SUI 1	Nils Theuninck	2	4	2	1	1	2	(ufd)	2	7	4	7	32
4	SWE 33	Max Salminen	(8)	1	8	4	2	6	4	3	3	3	3	37
5	NOR 1	Anders Pedersen	6	6	4	6	(10)	7	5	9	2	1	1	47
6	CAN 18	Tom Ramshaw	5	(7)	5	5	5	5	6	6	4	6	5	52
7	GER 25	Max Kohlhoff	4	(8)	6	7	6	4	3	7	6	7	8	58
8	IRL 9	Oisín McClelland	7	5	(9)	8	9	8	7	5	8	8	4	69
9	POL 8	Lukasz Lesinski	9	10	(12)	9	8	12	10	8	9	9	9	93
10	GER 595	Simon Gorgels	11	11	7	10	(12)	9	8	11	10	10	10	97
11	VEN 17	Andres Lage	109											
12	GER 193	Thomas Schmid	124											
13	GER 332	Nick Heuwinkel	142											
14	MEX 1	Juan Ignacio Perez	150											
15	POL 6	Bartosz Szydowski	162											
16	GER 27	Matthias Wolff	174											
17	GER 17	Kai Schrader	180											
18	GER 141	Dirk Sievers	193											
19	GER 59	Peter Gillen	200											
20	GER 82	Sören C Sörensen	206											

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## AUSTRALIA



David Bull writes: Our sailing season has commenced in Australia although some States, particularly Victoria, had been considerably affected by COVID-19 restrictions. These have now been substantially lifted and our Finn friends in Victoria are now back on the water. All other Fleets are now sailing although interstate travel to some States is not possible. We are hopeful all travel restrictions within Australia will be lifted by the end of November, which will allow the Australian Championships to proceed in January 2021.

### Sydney Fleet News

Over the weekend of 3-4 October the Woollahra Sailing Club in Sydney conducted the NSW State Championships. Unfortunately due to travel restrictions there were no interstate boats participating, nevertheless 15 local boats.

Jake Lilley writes: A great weekend was had by all with a classic NNE Sydney Harbour breeze and strong outgoing tide on the harbour making for classic Finn style racing, with the big boys relishing the conditions.

Saturday was a solid gradient breeze and a swing-off for those who could get off the start in good shape with downwind pressure hunting proving vital.

Sunday was expected to blow dogs off chains but the fickle gradient never filled completely leaving a few floundering in 4 knots at times while others scooted off in narrow 15 knot lanes.

Rafa Trujillo and Anthony Nossiter had a tight battle for superior Olympic legendary status with the Spaniard getting the better of the Aussie on home water.

It was great to see a flawless regatta run by Woollahra Sailing Club in the lead-up to the National Championships in January with fierce on-water battles and welcoming vibes onshore. Not to mention the best quality view in town with the Rose Bay Foreshore.

Special mention to James Bevis for showing everybody who was King of the Top Mark a few times.



1	AUS 1	Jake Lilley	5
2	ESP 100	Rafael Trujillo	10
3	AUS 221	Anthony Nossiter	15
4	AUS 2	Rob McMillan	17
5	AUS 296	James Bevis	24
6	AUS 110	Marcus Whitley	27
7	BER 9	Rockal Evans	28
8	AUS 10	John Condie	40
9	AUS 302	Peter Wallace	43
10	AUS 68	Michael O'Brien	55

Woollahra Sailing Club is the home of Finn sailing in Sydney and has a strong fleet of 18 boats, most of which sail in club racing every Sunday. In January 2021 the club will be conducting the Australian Championships and now restrictions have been substantially lifted we expect up to 40 Finns from all States of Australia to attend.

### Victorian Fleet News

The Victorian fleet has started to regenerate with several boats joining the fleet. Fleets are at Davies Bay, Somers, Black Rock, Sandringham, Hampton, Royal Victorian Yacht Club and Cairn Curran. A great initiative is the commencement of a Travellers series with boats sailing at the various clubs during summer. It will be good to know the Victorian fleet can travel to the Nationals at Sydney in January and we look forward to seeing their friendly faces.

### South Australian Fleet News

Guy Maegraith reports: We are well into our 2020/2021 sailing season at Adelaide Sailing Club. Finn sailing remains vibrant in Adelaide after hosting the most recent National Championships.

Having been fortunate to avoid unduly restrictive COVID rules, several of us were

able to sail through winter informally. Adelaide Sailing Club ran several race days throughout August and September to make up for the early finish to last season. We were seeing four Finns out on most of these days for short course multiple races. Results were evenly divided between Dirk Seret, Neville Wilde, Darren McPherson and Guy Maegraith.

Our Summer season has started and we have had up to eight starters as of last Saturday. We are looking forward to the balance of the season with enthusiasm and optimism. The uncertainty around the Nationals is unfortunate, but of course beyond anyone's control.

### Western Australia Fleet News

Harmon Mcaullay reports: We've had a good little period here in Perth with a number of new faces and been fortunate to get some great sailing in here, with Sail Freo over 24-125 October. Sail Freo is Western Australia's Premier Blue Water Dinghy Regatta. Sailed on the pristine waters of the Indian Ocean from the Freemantle Sailing Club.

The fleet is slowly growing and subject to travel and quarantine restrictions being lifted some of the Perth fleet will make the 8,000 kilometre return journey to Sydney. Currently there are boats sailing at South of Perth Yacht Club, Royal Perth Yacht Club and Mounts Bay Sailing Club.

### Queensland Fleet News

We are fortunate here in Queensland that the weather permits us to sail all year round and there were no restrictions regarding sailing. The fleet here has experienced terrific growth with 31 boats now on the register. A few weeks ago we had a record 23 boats take part in club racing at Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron. The annual winter Queensland State Championships were held from 25-26 July, which attracted a record entry of 33 boats. Unfortunately the weather was miserable, not to our expectations, with lots of rain and unusually cold, however we managed to sail six races.

We have had lots of success with Finn training camps at RQYS. Phil Chadwick

# FINN SAILING FROM AROUND THE WORLD





our National President has been instrumental in organising these and have had have had Jake Lilley, Oli Tweddell and Matt Visser run them when they are available. This along with other initiatives like sharing all set up information and helping the new members set up their boats has all helped in growing our fleet.

### 2020 Muir Marine Finn QLD Regatta

Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron was the host club for the International Finn 2020 State Championships, which attracted a record 37 entries, including nine interstate visitors from NSW. Unfortunately with the COVID-19 restrictions in place, sailors from Victoria were unable to attend.

The old sailing expression "it's never usually like this" was in full force with cold conditions and lots of rain, unusual for Queensland at this time of the year.

Only four races were sailed on the second day, with Lilley winning all four. McMillan took second in the first two races, but then Anthony Nossiter ended the regatta better to take second overall from McMillan

This year we introduced a new Perpetual Trophy to honour our Life Member John Shalvey, a stalwart of the

Finn for numerous years and who served as President for 10 years. The trophy is presented to the mid fleet winner and the inaugural winner was Tristan Perez from the Brisbane Fleet and was presented by Anthony Nossiter.

Prizes were supplied by Muir Marine, Jimmys Sails & Canvas, NB Sailsports, Sail Equipment Australia, Rope Solutions and Moreton Bay Signs.

Although the weather was disappointing, the facilities at RQ are tremendous and together with the hospitality, everyone enjoyed the on water and off water activities.

1	AUS 1	Jake Lilley	3
2	AUS 221	Anthony Nossiter	7
3	AUS 2	Rob McMillan	8
4	AUS 5	Matt Visser	11
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7	AUS 296	James Bevis	20
8	AUS 75	Phil Chadwick	22
9	HKG 8	Curtis Skinner	2
10	NZ 64	John Condie	25

Masters: Anthony Nossiter; Grand Masters: Rob McMillan; Grand Grand Masters: Jay Harrison; Legends: Bob Buchanan; Mid Fleet - John Shalvey -The Heart of the Finn Award 1st - Tristan Perez



### General News

We have shown good growth over the past couple of years with the Australian fleet now reaching close to 90 boats. We attribute this growth to good communication with regular news bulletins/newsletters and weekly updates on Facebook and Messenger. We have also encouraged fleets to take advantage of the IFAA initiative of providing financial assistance to fleets for training, coaching and social activities.

Finn sailing in Australia is popular and becoming more so every year.

Unfortunately the Australian border is closed, so travel for us to overseas regattas is not possible at the moment. Hopefully 2021 will be a much better year.

## BELGIUM

### Belgian Open Championship

September 5 and 6, 2020

André Sainderichin writes: This year's championship took place in Kinrooi, close to the Dutch border and was hosted by Noord Limburg Maas Yacht Club.

The corona crisis complicated logistics considerably. For the first time since 2014 we had no foreign participants. Nevertheless, we had 19 Belgians participating, even though some of the usual suspects didn't show up. We continue to grow and that's great.

The NLM clubhouse was closed because of COVID-19, but fortunately, we had a fall-back solution in Harry, who runs a chip shop nearby, so we wouldn't starve. We tried to keep some distance, avoided shaking hands, wore face masks, etc. Fortunately, we are outdoor sportsmen. So we managed to stay Covid-proof.

Day 1 was very promising: a 8-16 knot breeze offered something for everyone. Newcomer Yves Bassette surprised friend and foe alike arriving at the first mark in first. Frederik Boone, sailing a €1,500 boat, regularly put to shame dyed in the wool Finn-sailors. Hats off! Joris Verheulpen, another newcomer, looked likely to be the fleet red lantern, but managed at times to take part in the battle in the tail group. Local Jos Strijckers, for whom we moved our circus to the Limburg to boost the promotion of our boat there, also took part and fought in the

back. Participating is key to learn and gain experience. No doubt they all learned a lot and are now firmly hooked.

We planned to sail six-races, but ended up with five after the wind started to shift too much. Moreover, everyone was exhausted, so the committee decided to call it a day.

One and all were euphoric, coming back on land: "what a day", "great", "super", ... There was no end to the superlatives. In the evening, we repaired to Harry's French Fries shop. Quite a change from the usual BBQ. So there was beer and passionate conversations on sails and bits of string well into the night.

Positions at the start of Day 2 were very close. Three sailors in third place, ad three more just one point from second. But lower down, we had another bunch of ex aequos. Anything could still happen. Sigurd had a good lead, but was certainly not yet guaranteed to win. Five races were planned, but unfortunately, the wind failed after one race had been laboriously sailed. Sigurd confirmed his good shape and was champion.

Filip Willems also made his come back in Finn sailing. A Legend today, he showed us why once upon a time he qualified for the Olympics. We're all happy and proud to have you in our midst, Filip. Sigurd Vergauwe, the youngest of the gang, clearly showed that with some training he could become a candidate champion in the coming years. He finished third, right behind Sigurd Vergauwe and Wim Henderieckx. The Harelbeke delegation missed the podium by a hair's breadth. It was a fair and fun battle. This is really great fun.

A word of thanks for the jury who kept everything nice and tidy on the water.

1	BEL 18	Sigurd Vergauwe	8
2	BEL 1	Wim Henderieckx	15
3	BEL 1092	Sigurd Vergauwe	17
4	BEL 8	Filip Verhaeghe	20
5	BEL 14	Michiel Missiaen	20
6	BEL 4	Yves Bassette	28
7	BEL 891	Frederik Boone	28
8	BEL 70	Filip Willems	39
9	BEL 59	Wim Craenen	41
10	BEL 76	Paul Goossens	42



## DENMARK



Richard Berg Larsen writes: Like most other countries we missed most of our 2020 races due to the COVID-19, but we managed to get the Nationals in August and Dragør open in Sept in during the short time when we were allowed to assemble 100 persons in Denmark.

Both regattas were hit by blustery conditions, which forced many of us to stay in port, but the tough guys got some great racing.

### Danish Nationals

Reersø Bådeklub, 21-23 August

Michael Staal writes: We had 36 Danish sailors which is a new record high plus three German, three Dutch and five Swedish sailors. So 47 sailors showed up. This after 10 Norwegian sailors had to cancel.

On Friday the fleet was sent to start, but then sent ashore again when the wind picked up to a constant 30 knots. Late afternoon the wind decreased to 20-24 knots and two races were completed with a somewhat reduced fleet. Brilliant sunshine, warm air and a great display of waves made the sailing exceptionally fun and challenging. Thomas Schmid from Germany won both races in his defence of Paul Elvstrøm's left hand. This prize has been awarded continuously since 2002 for the winner of the international Danish Championship.

Saturday morning was 'calm' compared to Friday with winds from 16-20 knots and some periods with a couple of knots more. Three races were sailed with more sailors participating than Friday and again having a great time playing the waves and winds. Thomas Schmid continued his performance with two firsts and a conservative fourth. Bas De Waal from Holland displayed his high level and consistency by being a solid number 2 in the regatta and winning the third race of the



day. Local hero Otto Strandvig was as solid a number 3 in the regatta after five races.

After Saturday's three races a change of weather approached with strong wind and thunder warnings, so the race officer decided to send the fleet ashore. This was a correct decision accepted by the sailors who then again had even better time to enjoy 'pier beers' and sausages.

In the evening we had the Gala Dinner. Lot's of good food, talks and guests joining. The Danish Finn Nationals is always organized as an 'all inclusive event'. This means that breakfast, lunch packet, pier beer and sausages, dinner is provided for all during the entire event.

On Sunday morning the tent was rocking. Not because of the party still going, but the wind had increased further. After a couple of hours coffee drinking the conditions did not improve and the regatta ended.

1	GER 193	Thomas Schmid	4
2	NED 29	Bas De Waal	8
3	DEN 21	Otto Strandvig	10
4	SWE 72	Peter Overup	17
5	DEN 27	Christian Gunni	22
6	NED 7	Cees Scheurwater	24
7	SWE 32	Olof Lundqvist	25
8	DEN 80	Michael Staal	33
9	SWE 12	Stefan Sandahl	36
10	GER 194	Axel Schroeder	36

In Veddelev - the new epicentre of Finns in Denmark - the traditional Autumn regatta was replaced by a COVID-19 friendly training session. In Veddelev near Roskilde the local Finn fleet has grown to 28 Finns, which gives an active environment for sailing and racing. In the weekend we were 20 Finns competing for fun in nine close and



fun races. Of the 20 Finns, five were visitors from other clubs. The wind conditions were light from changing directions which meant a lot of changes to the short racing courses. However it gave great foundation for both fun and educating races for both the new and super experienced sailors. The winner of this unofficial regatta was Peter Nielsen from Veddelev. We are looking forward to 2021 where we will be back with the official racing.

### Results from Dragør open in early Sept.

1	SWE 72	Peter Overup
2	DEN 246	Jens Kristian Andersen
3	DEN 6	Lars Hall
4	DEN 80	Michael Staal
5	DEN 1	Fran Hansen
6	DEN 21	Otto Strandvig
7	DEN 298	Henrik Sørensen
8	DEN 218	Martin Mikkelsen
9	DEN 25	Allan Hansen
10	DEN 848	Christian Reed Rasmussen

## FINLAND



Jesse Kylänpää writes: The Finn class is an active class in Finland. In this special year we have been lucky to have four nice regattas which have gathered 21 different sailors. This year we have four new active sailors that have bought 2 Fantasticas and 2 Classics.

In 2022 the Finn World Masters will be held from 1-8 July in Helsinki, celebrating 70 years since the 1952 Olympics. Preparations are in full swing together with plans to arrange the Open Nordics in Helsinki in 4-6 July 2021 on the same

race area. See the News pages for more information. The Finnish Championships were held in beginning of September in Pori. Pori offered very nice +20 knots winds and 2.5 metre waves. 16 boats took part.

1	FIN 99	Jesse Kylänpää	7
2	FIN 118	Walteri Moisio	10
3	FIN 234	Ville Aalto-Setälä	19
4	FIN 12	Joonas Harju	26
5	FIN 233	Sami Salomaa	32
6	FIN 22	Ville Valtonen	33
7	FIN 50	Freddy Markelin	40
8	FIN 21	Niklas Toroi	42
9	FIN 81	Roni Patterson	56
10	FIN 227	Ronnie Roos	57



## GERMANY



Andreas Bollongino writes: I think the others will have mentioned it already enough – so I will not use the C-Word.

### German Championships 2020

Great honours to the Schaumburg-Lippischer Seglerverein at the Steinhuder Meer in northern Germany – despite all the bureaucracy and regulations and uncertainties in organization the 'Club with the Finn Heart' arranged to organize the German Championships in July. 72 Finn sailors took the challenge to be called the German Champion and travelled to the nice village of Steinhude.

July is normally difficult to sail and so the conditions were tricky. On the first day the sailors experienced Caribbean conditions, with temperatures well in the 30 degrees range and wind around 15 to 18 knots. Three races were sailed with Phillip Kasüske taking the lead with 1,1,2 in front of Max Kohlhoff with 2,BFD,1.

So at the social distance beer event it was obvious, that the fight for the championship would be between our two young Finn Team Germany sailors. But the master cracks Thomas Schmid and Andre Budzien were lurking in promising positions in the front of the fleet.

The second day was still very hot but with less wind, the heat was, as in the first day, causing unpredictable disturbances in the swaying wind.

Uwe Barthel – the former Finn Secretary of the German Class – took advantage of this in the first race and won. Klaus Reffelman also an experienced Master won the second

race. But Max Kohlhoff secured the third race for himself. Despite his win, Phillip Kasüske had a second and a fourth rank (with a ninth in third race) and a better overall result at the end of the second day.

On the third day there was no wind, and the boats were not even been called to the water. A race was attempted on the fourth day but also cancelled due to missing wind.

So we were able to congratulate Phillip for the win of the German Championships, followed by Max Kohlhoff and Phillip Heuwinkel – a new talent in the German Finn Class.

Thanks to the Schaumburg Lippischen Segelverein (Sailing Club) for their efforts and engagement to arrange a almost perfect event in those conditions.

1	GER 259	Phillip Kasueske	17
2	GER 25	Max Kohlhoff	21
3	GER 332	Nick Heuwinkel	24
4	GER 193	Thomas Schmid	26
5	GER 711	André Budzien	27
6	GER 251	Mark-Raimondo Bayer	48
7	AUT 3	Michael Gubi	61
8	GER 8	Jürgen Eiermann	63
9	DEN 80	Michael Staal	71
10	GER 824	Jürgen Alberty	74

### Other Germany

As most of the regattas were cancelled early, the few local regattas which were not cancelled were attracting the Finn



Fleet even more – i.e. we had a regatta here at Lake Constance with more than 50 registrations – too bad that there was no wind that weekend, but I felt that this wasn't bothering the sailors too much – they just came because they wanted to be together with their friends.

And despite the situation the German Class is growing. Almost every month new boats are sold and new members are registering in the class. All of this is showing that we will come out strong from this and show up at local and international events strong in the next years.

## GREAT BRITAIN



### British Finn UK Masters and Open

Christchurch Sailing Club, 19-20 Sept.

Supported by Allen Brothers and Suntouched Sailboats, CSC organised a Covid secure and socially distanced event, much to the delight of the of 30 sailors that attended. As the first major event of the year everyone was all keen to get back to some big fleet championship racing.

After the first day in an unseasonal 16-24 knot north-easterly, Allen Burrell and John Greenwood were tied on 6 points apiece, out in front of defending champion Lawrence Crispin and Finnish flyer Kristian Sjoberg.

Sunday was still north-easterly, but a much sunnier and lighter. Richard Sharp hit the left hand corner to take a good lead that he held until the finish. Then Crispin mastered the tricky conditions to score his second win. Burrell held his nerve by going hard into the shore on the final race, and despite a few dodgy light patches into the mark, he was rewarded with a big shift that gave him a big enough lead to take the win.

Burrell emerged as the clear winner

on 8pts, but the following five boats were all within 14 points, underlining the strong competition at the top of the Masters fleet. The 'evergreen' Howard Sellars won the Super Legends Category, with a great 20th OA, and at the other end of the age range, Drew Barnes was awarded the U 23 prize.

1	GBR 2	Allen Burrell-GM	8
2	GBR 74	Lawrence Crispin-GM	13
3	GBR 5	John Greenwood-GGM	16
4	FIN 201	Kristian Sjoberg-GM	24
5	GBR 49	Jim Downer	26
6	GBR 635	Simon Percival-M	27
7	GBR 21	Michael De Courcy-GM	32
8	GBR 90	Richard Sharp-GM	39
9	GBR 61	John Heyes-GM	46
10	GBR 100	Matthew Walker-M	51

Warsash Sailing Club hosted the third, but sadly final BFA event of a curtailed 2020 season, on October 10-11. 28 Finns entered for the season's famous finale. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 restrictions placed on the sailors from Scotland prevented them from attending.

Saturday provided perfect conditions with 12-18 knots while Sunday was much lighter. John Greenwood had the best of the seven races winning the first two races



and only once dropping out of the top three. Other race wins went to Lawrence Crispin, James Downer, Kristian Sjoberg.

1	GBR 5	John Greenwood	12
2	GBR 74	Lawrence Crispin	17
3	GBR 49	Jim Downer	18
4	FIN 201	Kristian Sjoberg	24
5	GBR 2	Allen Burrell	38
6	GBR 90	Richard Sharp	38
7	GBR 100	Matthew Walker	44
8	GBR 567	Martin Hughes	46
9	GBR 13	Roman Khodykin	53
10	GBR 33	Kieran Holt	53

# ITALY

Amid generally intermittent rain and cold temperatures the International Finn Cup - XVII Andrea Menoni Trophy at Fragila Vela Malcesine was dominated by Arkadii Kistanov, with three race wins out of the five races. Otherwise, Mexican, Juan Ignacio Perez won the opening race and Roberto Strappati the third.

Two races on the Friday were sailed in light northerlies and inclement conditions. Saturday brought every type of weather possible, except perhaps snow, and the fleet sheltered ashore from really heavy rain. However the sun came out in the afternoon for three delightful races in a pleasant southerly.

Veteran Finn sailor Bruno Fezzardi, pleased the home fleet no end by leading round the top mark in Race 3, and led most of the way before being passed by Strapatti. Kistanov then wrapped up the event with a day to spare with two race wins in great conditions.

## Coppa Italia 2020

Marco Buglielli writes: The 2020 edition of Coppa Italia was reduced by the COVID-19 pandemic, but four events were completed and Marko Kolic from Lake Garda conquered the trophy for the third time.

After Ancona in July, Tuscany hosted in September two spectacular events, in Castiglione della Pescaia and Follonica for the Italian Championship.

There was plenty of wind, warm sunshine and fun, which allowed us to forget about the complicated year.

In Castiglione della Pescaia Marko Kolic had a perfect first day with three bullets in 15-18 knots, and in the second lighter day with a 9-4 managed to win the event on equal points with Giacomo Giovanelli, who had a very consistent series (3-2-2-2-1). Third place went to Tommaso Ronconi.

## Italian Championship

The Olympic classes Italian championship was held two weeks later in Follonica, very close to Castiglione and Punta Ala, on September 17-20.

In the first two days conditions were perfect, with sunshine and a sea breeze that gradually increased from 12 to 20 knots. Three races per day were sailed and everybody was tired but happy. On the third day the wind didn't cooperate and in the last day after a long wait at sea, a nice southerly breeze allowed the last race to be sailed. The wind eased during the race, and dark clouds slowly arrived, which brought a strong rain that lasted during the boat packing time and prizegiving.

The Italian championship was dominated by Federico Colaninno, with five bullets and two second places in the seven races. Matteo Iovenitti managed to win the silver medal and Marko Kolic took bronze.

1	ITA 71	Federico Colaninno	7
2	ITA 1071	Matteo Iovenitti	14

The final, and quite early, race on Sunday looked doubtful, but in the end started almost on time. Kistanov again won, but all Italian eyes were now on the Andrea Menoni Trophy.

Marko Kolic thought he had done enough, but was then given an DND by the jury after an incident at the final mark, so the prizegiving proceeded without him. However he later appealed and was reinstated after showing video evidence and won the trophy after all.

With the early start and single race, everyone was on the road home by lunchtime

1	RUS 6	Arkadii Kistanov	6
2	ITA 40	Marko Kolic	27
3	SUI 7	Christoph Burger	27
4	ITA 115	Roberto Strappati	28
5	ITA 1071	Matteo Iovenitti	28
6	SUI 20	Michael Beyeler	33
7	MEX 1	Juan Ignacio Perez	34
8	AUT 333	Gerhard Weinreich	38
9	ITA 2	Marco Buglielli	43
10	ITA 234	Tommaso Ronconi	45

3	ITA 40	Marko Kolic	16
4	ITA 115	Roberto Strappati	23
5	ITA 234	Tommaso Ronconi	29
6	ITA 2	Marco Buglielli	35
7	ITA 46	Nicola Capriglione	37.5
8	ITA 30	Andrea Lino	47
9	ITA 75	Emilio Garcia Canales	60
10	ITA 147	Gaetano Volpe	62

The International Finn Cup in Malcesine followed at the beginning of October, and it was the last event of the season, because unfortunately the Italian open Master Championship, which was due in Talamone at end October, was cancelled with a very short notice just hours before it was due to begin. It was a shame, because a great event was expected with 64 entries confirmed.

So, the final fight for the 2020 trophy could not take place, and Marko Kolic managed to win his third Coppa Italia, after 2010 and 2017. Matteo Iovenitti was a good second, having lost one event, and Roberto Strappati was third. First Master was Tommaso Ronconi in fourth, first Grand Master Gino Bucciarelli (8), first GGM Marco Buglielli (5) and first Legend Bruno Fezzardi, 19 overall.

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## Final Coppa Italia ranking

1	ITA 40	Marko Kolic	5
2	ITA 1071	Matteo Iovenitti	7
3	ITA 115	Roberto Strappati	9
4	ITA 234	Tommaso Ronconi	13
5	ITA 2	Marco Buglielli	14
6	ITA 30	Andrea Lino	22
7	ITA 71	Federico Colaninno	25
8	ITA 67	Gino Bucciarelli	35
9	ITA 202	Giacomo Giovanelli	38
10	ITA 22	Mauro Fragiaco	40



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## HUNGARY



István Rutai writes: Mid-September is always tricky on Lake Balaton. On the first day of the regatta, we had three races. Our new European Champion, Zombor Berecz, displayed his skill in the fleet of 63 boats, excluding the third race. The queen of easterly winds helped Peter Foldesi, who won the third race, finishing ahead of Zsombi. I would say it happened by accident if I didn't know Peter since he was a kid and won the Cadet Worlds. He has just started his Finn career, and since 2013, it was the first occasion anyone beat Zsombi even in a single race.

The second day was excellent for the grape harvest, but not for sailing; the fleet was ashore all day long.

Saturday was hopeless again until the afternoon when we had a chance to rush out to the water and finish one race before

the wind died again. No surprise in who won.

On Sunday, finally, the common easterly breeze built up from 6 to 10 knots until the fourth race. And what four races. Following the nice wind shift patterns, it was easy to find yourself on the wrong side, without a chance to cross and correct. Some did it well, some fell on this day. Tibor Pallay managed to repeat the feat and beat Zsombi in one race. It made Berecz so angry, that he unquestionably won the seventh race (and the regatta), and let the others fight for the last race.

1	HUN 40	Zsombor Berecz	11
2	HUN 400	Kristóf Kaiser	26
3	HUN 80	Domonkos Németh	35
4	HUN 1	Géza Huszár	42
5	HUN 7	Antal Székely	47
6	HUN 94	Péter Földesi	52
7	HUN 88	Zsombor Majthényi	53
8	HUN 9	Csaba Rácz Levente	60
9	HUN 30	Zsigmond Kántor	62
10	HUN 5	Tibor Pallay	70



Photos: Cserta Gábor



## POLAND



Andrzej Romanowski writes: The Polish Cup continued in July and local regattas were also included. In the first in Poznań, Marek Jarocki (POL 100), won from Andrzej Romanowski (POL 73), and Juliusz Reichelt (POL 38). The next regatta was in Rewa near Gdynia (July 24-26). As the joint Polish-German Masters was cancelled, Rewa was also the Polish Masters. Łukasz Lesiński (POL 8) won overall, ahead of Krzysztof Stromski (POL 52) and Andrzej Romanowski, who won the Polish Masters ahead of Marek Jarocki and Juliusz Reichelt.

A week later we raced on Lake Dąbie in Szczecin during the traditional Fair Play regatta, won by Andrzej Romanowski ahead of Bartosz Szydłowski (POL 6) and Oskar Adamiak (POL 12). After a week the fleet returned to Rewa, where Błażej Wyszowski (POL 83, OI 1972 Kiel competitor) was first, second was Artur Siwik (POL 70), and third was Jan Kominek (POL 127).

Due to the European Championships, the Polish Championships in Gdynia had probably the strongest competition in their history. 44 sailors were entered, including three world champions and two Olympic champions. It is a pity that they did not compete in all races. Piotr Kula (POL 17) won for the ninth time, and he aims to match Mateusz Kusznierevicz's record of 10 Polish Finn championships.

1	POL 17	Piotr Kula
2	EST 1	Taavi Valter Taveter
3	POL 52	Krzysztof Stromski
4	POL 8	Łukasz Lesiński
5	POL 1	Milosz Wojewski
6	POL 73	Andrzej Romanowski
7	POL 111	Kacper Mazurek-J
8	POL 18	Bartosz Ptak-J
9	POL 6	Bartosz Szydłowski
10	POL 16	Kacper Ludwiński-J

The Finn Europeans in Gdynia were also a meeting of the generations of Polish Finn sailors. At the same time, there were a total of 27 Polish championship winners on the water - as competitor: Piotr Kula (POL 17), Łukasz Lesiński (POL 8), Włodzimierz Radwaniecki (POL 99), as coach: Mateusz Kusznierevicz, Rafał Szukiel, Dominik Życki, as pin referee: Mirosław Rychcik.

The last two regattas of the ranking were held at the end of September and at the beginning of October in Zalew Zegrzyński near Warsaw. In the first of them the order was: Andrzej Romanowski, Bogusław Nowakowski (POL 26), Bartosz Szydłowski. Łukasz Lesiński won the final regatta ahead of Marek Jarocki and Krzysztof Stromski.

Final classification of Polish Cup 2020

1	POL 8	Łukasz Lesiński
2	POL 52	Krzysztof Stromski
3	POL 73	Andrzej Romanowski
4	POL 6	Bartosz Szydłowski
5	POL 26	Bogusław Nowakowski
6	POL 38	Juliusz Reichelt
7	POL 70	Artur Siwik
8	POL 83	Błażej Wyszowski
9	POL 100	Marek Jarocki
10	POL 25	Marek Kubat

### Message from the Polish Finn Association President

Dear Finn Sailors

The Polish Finn Association together with the Polish Yachting Association had been preparing the Finn Europeans for a long time. Due to the circumstances almost all the best Finn sailors came to Gdynia. It was a great pleasure for us. Very different and demanding conditions – wind, rain, fog, shifts, tested the skills and abilities of us. After the event it was nice to hear good words about personal impressions. Thank to the sailors, coaches, race committee and organizers.

**Bob Nowakowski**

*President of the Polish Finn Association*



## RUSSIA



Vasily Kravchenko writes: A third stage of Russian Finn Cup – traditional regatta, in memory of Russian Finn sailor Alexander Novikov took place in Taganrog on the Azov Sea From 9-12 October. Initially the regatta was planned to be carried out at the end of April, but COVID restrictions changed the plans, and the regatta was moved to October.

Despite all difficulties the event attracted 22 Finn sailors from seven regions of Russia with high level of competition. Despite the foggy future of Finn class in Olympic programme it still attracts juniors – four juniors took part in the regatta. In general Finn class is supported by senior and masters sailors.

The weather produced some very good wind – up to 20 knots. Nine races were carried out in total during the three days. The main battle happened between Alexey Selivanov and Evgeniy Deev. Finally Alexey Selivanov took the lead to the end of the regatta. Third place was taken by junior Mikhail Yatsun.

1	RUS 1	Aleksej Selivanov	12
2	RUS 2	Evgenij Deev (J)	17
3	-	Mihail Yatsun (J)	21



4	RUS 575	Georgij Jemeretli (J)	34
5	RUS 161	Aleksandr Kuljukin	55
6	RUS 131	Aleksandr Laukhtin	56
7	RUS 41	Feliks Denikaev	56
8	RUS 71	Dmitrij Petrov	57
9	RUS 32	Aleksej Zhivotovskij	60
10	RUS 20	Aleksej Marchevskij	82

It also happened that this regatta became last stage of the Russian Finn Cup because the next (final) stage was cancelled due to the second wave of COVID restrictions. So, the ranking of the Cup was finalised here.

48 Russian Finn sailors took part in Russian Finn Cup this year. First place was taken by junior Mikhail Yatsun from Masters Alexander Laukhtin (second) and Alexander Kulyukin (third).



1	RUS 6	Michael Yatsun	54
2	RUS 131	Aleksandr Laukhtin	51
3	RUS 161	Aleksandr Kuljukin	51
4	RUS 32	Aleksej Zhivotovskij	46
5	RUS 41	Feliks Denikaev	38
6	RUS 77	Kirill Kolyachenko	31
7	RUS 171	Alexander Kravchenko	30
8	RUS 61	Alexei Moskaev	28
9	RUS 57	Alexander Banko	27
10	RUS 3	Alexei Borovyak	27

## SPAIN



Facundo Olezza from Buenos Aires, was the overall winner of the Abanca Open Week, but in the Spanish Championship reserved only for national Finn sailors, the Galician from the Real Club Náutico de La Coruña, Miguel Fernández Vasco, was proclaimed the new Spanish champion, a title to which he adds his two Spanish Cups.



Olezza put together a series of six wins out of six, clearly demonstrating his potential for Tokyo in the Finn class. The second in contention was always Miguel Fernández Vasco. He accumulated seconds and thirds, beating all Spaniards. The Venezuelan Andrés Lage, who will also be in Japan, had to settle for bronze.

In the Spanish Championship, David Terol took the silver while Paco Castañer had a much tighter route to the bronze.

1	ARG 48	Facundo Olezza	5
2	ESP 161	Miguel Fern. Vasco	12
3	VEN 17	Andres Lage	13
4	ESP 757	David Terol	21
5	JPN 3	Yuji Fujimura	22
6	ESP 86	Paco Castañer	34
7	ESP 313	Antonio Parra Arrondo	36
8	ESP 317	Roque Terol Albadalejo	40
9	ESP 739	David Rivero Martinez	40
10	ESP 430	Jesus Pintos Ager	41



Grand Grand Master Paco Castaner (ESP 86) sent in the photo below: He said, Despite most races being cancelled in Spain due to COVID, our Masters fleet is sailing regularly. This nice picture was taken in Palamos in October, in 18-20 knots



## SWITZERLAND



Dominik Haitz: writes: After first race of the season that we could sail in Thun, there were four more left to go. The ultimate one, the Gingerbread Race in Thun was again a victim of COVID and had to be cancelled.

On August 8-9 we had a super weekend with nice weather and therefore the well know thermal winds of 10-15 knots on the Urnersee at Brunnen. People were still keen to sail after the late start on the season, with 30 boats. The races were quite tricky, as it was not obvious which side of the course to choose. Many sailors were pretty exhausted after the three runs on Saturday. The two Christophs had a close race in each run. Burger finally won three races, Christians "only" two. The fifth race was won by Peter Theurer, because the two Christophs, in the heat of the moment, forgot the last buoy. Burger finally won three races, Christians "only" two. But this did not change the final result:

1	SUI 7	Christoph Burger	7
2	SUI 5	Christoph Christen	10
3	SUI 96	Oliver Wirz	15
4	SUI 59	Simon Bovay	16
5	SUI 67	Peter Theurer	20
6	SUI 533	Beat Steffen	35
7	SUI 20	Michael Beyeler	41
8	SUI 79	Peter Scheidegger	42
9	SUI 27	Dominik Haitz	51
10	SUI 65	Thomas Bangarter	51

# SWEDEN



Torsten Jarnstam writes: During the Spring we had cancelled regattas in Sweden, but during the Autumn we have been able to sail some Sweden Cup regattas.

On Saturday and Sunday 22-23 August, the Ekoln regatta was held by the Uppsala Segelsällskap and Ekolns Segelklubb in Uppsala. 15 Finns participated. The winner was Fredrik Tegnhed, SWE 5, from newcomer Jonas Börjesson, SWE 67 and Mikael Nilsson, SWE 77.

The weekend of 12-13 September, the Sola Cup regatta/Sweden Cup Final/Masters Championship was held in Karlstad with 23 Finns participating. The Sola Cup was also won by Fredrik



Tegnhed, who also won the 2020 Sweden Cup did Fredrik. Second was Erik Åberg, SWE 69, and third was Jonas Börjesson. Fredrik Tegnhed was first Grand Master. Lars Edwall, SWE 59, was first Grand Grand Master, Peter Bernstein, SWE 734, was first Legend.

### Sweden Cup 2021

Sverige Cup nr 1 for Finnjolle will be arranged by De Tio Öarnas Segelsällskap

with Hönö as base. The Spring regatta on Hönö will be sailed on 22-23 May. Right now we do not have a date for the USS regatta in Uppsala (Sweden Cup no. 2). The Open Swedish Championships for OK Dinghy and Finn (Sweden Cup no. 3) will be in Sandviken, is planned for 20-22 August. Finally, the Sola Cup / Sweden Cup Final / Masters championship (Sweden Cup no. 4) will be in Karlstad on 18-19 September.



In mid September the fleet went to Grandson for the Swiss Championship. Slightly more than 50 boats had entered, but the Germans and French were not able to join, so it was a purely Swiss fleet of 39. Nils Theuninck was there as well and it was therefore clear who would win the championship under normal circumstances. The weather forecast was not great but the sailors were rewarded with champagne conditions and nine races in three days.

On Thursday, three races were sailed in beautiful weather in 15-22 knots. Theuninck got 3 firsts, Christoph Burger 3 seconds, and Peter Theurer 3 thirds. On Friday the wind was about 8 knots, dropping to below 5. Nils again secured the first two runs, but had to admit defeat in the third. Peter Kilchenmann, was tactically clever and very fast. On Saturday again 8 knots and three race wins for Nils. So the winner was clear, but second and third were decided in the medal race, where Burger was able to beat Simon Bovay.

1	SUI 1	Nils Theuninck	9
2	SUI 7	Christoph Burger	38
3	SUI 59	Simon Bovay	38
4	SUI 67	Peter Theurer	57
5	SUI 96	Oliver Wirz	64
6	SUI 20	Michael Beyeler	70
7	SUI 10	Jean Philippe Ryter	80
8	SUI 65	Thomas Bangarter	83
9	SUI 72	Patrick Ducommun	90
10	SUI 593	Hans Fatzer	98

Finnmania at Biel was sailed 10-11 October, though the forecast did not look rosy. Luckily



the weathermen were at least partially wrong. The morning rain on Saturday was soon gone and, in the afternoon, there were even sunny periods. On Sunday the cool north wind unfortunately didn't dare go down to Lake Biel. No surprise at the top. Christoph Christen proved once again that there is hardly any way around him. He is always struggling with not being fast enough in easy conditions, but this is not much more than whining on a very high level. And if you pass in front of him for once, cheekily and somewhat by chance, you can hardly defend yourself against the fact that you will soon see his stern again. That was the same with the Finnmania. Behind him, not surprisingly was narrowly beaten Swiss Championship

bronze winner Simon Bovay. One of the youngest in the field and always incredibly clever and fast. Third was the winner of an Olympic gold medal in Curling, Daniel Müller, who is also a very good sailor.

1	SUI 5	Christoph Christen	4
2	SUI 59	Simon Bovay	11
3	SUI 88	Daniel Mueller	16
4	SUI 67	Peter Theurer	19
5	SUI 10	Jean-Philippe Ryter	19
6	SUI 34	Bruno Schwab	29
7	SUI 100	Nicolas Geissbühler	30
8	SUI 55	Philippe Mauron	33
9	SUI 72	Patrick Ducommun	33
10	SUI 12	Franz Bürgi	34



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