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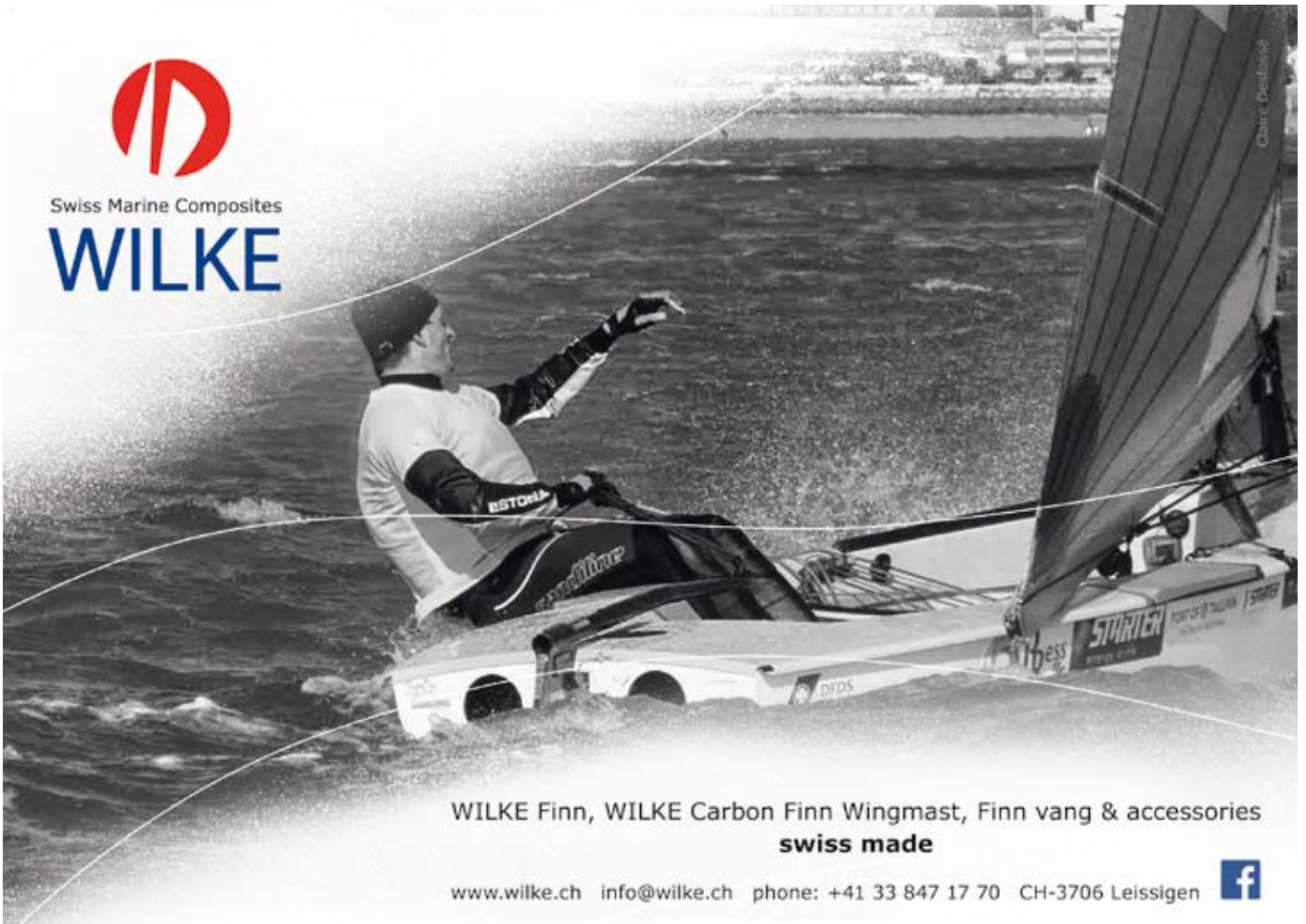
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## Opening shot – New World No. 1 Oliver Tweddell digging into a wave in Melbourne



### President's Letter

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

We had a very interesting 2013 in the international Finn fleet with new talents emerging to win the Finn Gold Cup and occupying some of the top 10 places of this prestigious event. It showed how deep our fleet is and what a good chance there is for young sailors to fulfil their Olympic dream in the Finn.

Off the water the Finn became approved as an Olympic Class for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics giving us a chance to spend even more energy on developing the class in a variety of our association's activities.

Similar to last year the 2014 regatta calendar includes a number of new venues for the major Finn championships, evidencing again our historical approach to providing a wide geographic presence for Finn sailing. The ISAF Worlds and first Olympic Qualification Event in Santander will be definitely one of the highlights of the season, however, the Finn Europeans in La Rochelle, the Junior Worlds in Hoorn and the Finn World Masters in Sopot will also be proving great spectacles of Finn sailing.

Congratulations to the winners of the Sailing World Cup event in Miami and the traditional winter ending Semaine Internationale de Cannes. Don't forget the ISAF Rule 42 Clinic at Palma and please review the class rule changes, first of all regarding national flags on sails.

A special acknowledgment goes again to Robert Deaves for his work over the winter producing the first edition of the Finn Masters Magazine and launching the new Finn Class website.

On behalf of the IFA Executive I may wish you all the best for the year ahead, both on and off the water, and hope to see you soon at one of the upcoming Finn events.

Dr. Balazs Hajdu  
HUN-1  
IFA President



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## Finn news

#### IFA AGM 2014

This will be held on May 3 in La Rochelle, during the European Championships. Please send Agenda items to Corinne McKenzie as soon as possible. At the meeting the class will be voting on all three major championships for 2016, and more bids are welcome for these events.

#### Road to Rio

There is a new page on the IFA website that provides some useful information and links for the Rio 2016 Olympics. <http://www.finnclass.org/news/598-information-on-rio-2016>.

The first qualifier for Rio 2016 will be the 2014 ISAF Sailing World Championships in Santander in September 2014. The second qualifier will be the 2015 Finn Gold Cup in Takapuna, New Zealand.

Other links include:

- Qualification system for Rio 2016
- Qualification system for Santander 2014
- Information on IOC funding and Olympic Scholarships.

This page will be updated as more information comes available.

#### First Test Event in Rio

The first test event will take place in Rio from 2-9 August 2014. The event website can be found at [www.aquecerio.com](http://www.aquecerio.com).

#### Silver Cup

The 2014 Finn Silver Cup will be organised by the Hoorn Yacht Club, Holland, from the 4-11 July. A clinic will be held from the 1-4 July. The event page on [www.wsvh.nl](http://www.wsvh.nl) website is running and entries have been opened.

Please note that after the decision of the 2013 IFA AGM, the age for the Junior (U22) has been changed as follow:

“Entrants must not have reached their 22nd birthday prior to the 1st of January in the year of the championship.”

Please register for the Silver Cup now.

#### North American website

The North Americans are getting themselves organised and have a sparkling new website at [www.nafinn.org](http://www.nafinn.org).

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**Cover photo:** Winner of ISAF Sailing World Cup Melbourne, Björn Allansson (Photo: Sail Melbourne/Sport the Library)

**Insets:** Oliver Tweddell leads in Miami (Photo: Walter Cooper), Jorge Zarif (Photo: Robert Deaves); Scenic racing in Cannes (Photo: François Richard)

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## Alpen Cup 2014

The Alpen Cup is a series of events in the Alps region. The Preliminary schedule for 2014 is:

- 1 26-27 April - Lago di Caldaro, Italy
- 2 26-29 June - Wolfgangsee - Austria
- 3 11-13 July - Thunersee, Switzerland
- 4 13-14 September - Reichenau, Germany

More information at:  
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## New Finn Class website launched

The Finn class launched a new website in January 2014 after successfully porting its existing site onto a new platform and to a new server. The address remains, [www.finnclass.org](http://www.finnclass.org). The whole site has been reworked onto the new platform and should be faster, more reliable and more secure.



The major advantage of the new platform is that it offers a responsive design, meaning that the layout responds to the device it is being viewed on. Whether you view the site on a desktop, laptop, or increasingly as sailors do these days, on a tablet or smartphone while at an event, you get the same viewer experience, resized to match the device. As the screen gets smaller, all items progressively resize to fit on the page, though the text remains the same size. This means the page is always readable and there is no scrolling side to side to find what you are looking for. The entire designed width is always available. When the page is too small for this, such as on a small tablet or smartphone, the page automatically jumps to the mobile format, with the entire menu accessible from a button in the top left of the screen.

All the content from the old site is there, including some 600 articles from the past four years documenting the sailor's stories and all the major events during that time. The Finn class media package is one of the most advanced of all Olympic classes and engages a worldwide audience through its in-depth press releases as well as operating an integrated media platform that includes extensive photo galleries on Flickr, videos on YouTube, and social media interaction on Facebook and Twitter. The hub of these activities is always the class website and it was essential that this was modernised to match the ongoing growth in the classes other media activities, which will be further developed through the coming years.

While initially the new site has no additional functionality, the new platform and CMS will allow it to be developed far beyond what the previous site was capable of doing. In effect it is future proofed and will be a valuable part of the classes wide ranging media activities in the run up to the 2016 Rio Olympics.

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FINNtastic Games is the story of the class at the 2012 Olympic Games based on the series of press releases issued by the class, together with many great photos from before and during the event.

The 64 page book is available through Amazon.com and the European Amazon sites (UK, Germany, France, Spain and Italy). RRP is £11.99, EUR 14.99 or US\$17.99, though some regions offer discounts on these prices. It is also available on Kindle stores worldwide. Current price is around EUR 1.



### Photo FINNish

Published in 2009 to celebrate the classes 60th anniversary, Photo FINNish contains more than 1,000 photos and 60 first hand accounts from Finn legends past and present. Available in softback (£25 plus p&p) and limited edition hardback (£60 plus p&p) in the Finnshop and on Amazon.co.uk



### FINNatics

FINNatics was first published in 1999, and has been reissued on Amazon. While the content is the same as the original edition, all photos in the new edition are black and white only, it is perfect bound and printed on US trade paper.

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### FINNLOG

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## Quarter of a century of service



On January 19, 2014, Fons van Gent retired as Treasurer of Finn Club Holland after 28 years service. He had been on the board since 1986 and its treasurer since 1989. Of course, Fons was also the World Masters President from 2008-2013.

Fons first became a member of the FCH in 1983 and was quickly asked to join the Board. That seemed to him, given where he lived, not very convenient, but in 1986 he caved in. In January 1989, the previous treasurer quit his post, and while having a drink one evening after the Boerenkoolcup with the then chairman Kees Kruijer Fons suggested to take on the role.

Fons is known for being organised and is very particular about things being done properly. This was apparent when he took on the Finn Masters Presidency and over his tenure he transformed the structure of the event into the success it has become. He did the same with the FCH accounts. When he started he was given "a box with a chaos of loose papers and arrears of several years. That was not quite my style."

Fons also remembers, "At that time we had so little money that the president's annual payment to the IFA had to wait until the fees were collected again." Today matters are much different. Everything is now much better organised and Fons' last task was to ensure SEPA compliance for the FCH.

The photo shows Paul Kamphorst, President of Finn Club Holland, during the FCH AGM, presenting Fons with a very good bottle of whisky and a basket of nice snacks in appreciation of the many years work Fons has put into the class. The AGM then decided to declare Fons a member of honour of the Finn Club Holland. Thank you Fons.

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# Masters Magazine and Yearbook 2014

The Finn Class has published the first ever edition of the Finn Masters Magazine and Yearbook. During discussions at the 2013 Finn World Masters in La Rochelle, France, the idea of a dedicated magazine for the ever growing number of Finn masters was put forward. Eight months later the first edition has just been published.



This exciting new direction for the Finn class comes at a time when Finn masters numbers are escalating worldwide as aging Finn sailors come to realise that Finn sailing is not just for the young Olympic hopefuls, but can be for the rest of your life.

What also became clear during production was how many masters fleets around the world have taken the concept of the masters to heart and created new events to cater for this ever growing sector of the class. There are now dedicated masters events in the UK, USA, Italy, Poland and The Netherlands as well as Masters categories in most country's national events. In 2014, the Finn World Masters travels to Poland for the first time, and new local events are cropping up, including in Ukraine. It continues to attract sailors from 40 to 80 years old, and from club sailors sailing one event a year to experienced Olympians, and everything in between. The current Masters World Champion, Mike Maier, is a five times Olympian, and more aging Olympians are expected to join the fleet this year.

At more than 40 years old the Finn World Masters has an incredible culture and heritage that will be nurtured and developed through initiatives such as this magazine to continue providing a platform for the continued success and growth of the Finn World Masters and the continued fun of Finn masters across the world. As well as the printed edition, which is sent to active Finn Masters worldwide, there is an extended e-dition that is available to all. It contains an extra ten pages of photos, maps of forthcoming venues, video links and more. It can be viewed at: <http://issuu.com/finn-class/docs/masters-magazine-2014>

Contents include:

- A look ahead to the Finn World Masters in Sopot, Poland in 2014 and Kavala, Greece in 2015
- Interview with three time Masters World Champion Andre Budzien
- Top tips on boat speed and improving performance
- Report and results from the 2013 Finn World Masters in La Rochelle
  - Reports from Great Britain, Italy, Poland, The Netherlands and the North Americans
  - Interview with 2013 bronze medalist Erik Lidecis
  - Yearbook of materials including past results, rules, information and meetings

The successful production of the magazine is largely due to the fantastic support of the advertisers: HiTech Sailing, HIT Masts, North Sails, Pata Boats, Suntouched, WB Sails and Zhik.



# ISAF Sailing World Cup 2013-14



The sixth edition of the ISAF Sailing World Cup continues to bring changes to the format. There are just four events for the Finn this time, in Melbourne, Miami, Palma and Hyeres. Good results for Oliver Tweddell (AUS) at the first two elevated him to the World No. 1 position in the ISAF World Rankings.

## 1. ISAF Sailing World Cup Melbourne

### 2013 SWC Melbourne - Final Results

1	SWE 6	Björn Allansson	2	(4)	1	1	3	3	1	1	2	4	18
2	AUS 261	Oliver Tweddell	(4)	2	3	4	1	1	2	3	1	2	19
3	AUS 41	Jake Lilley	1	1	2	2	4	5	(9)	2	6	6	29
4	AUS 1	Brendan Casey	3	3	4	3	2	2	3	(5)	3	dsq	45
5	AUS 2	Rob McMillan	5	5	5	6	5	4	(8)	6	5	8	49
6	AUS 22	Joe McMillan	7	(10)	10	7	6	6	6	4	7	10	63
7	AUS 277	Lachlan Pryor	9	6	6	(11)	8	10	7	8	11	12	77
8	AUS 274	Adam Schoene	12.5	7.5	7.5	8.5	7.5	9.5	4.5	(dnf)	8.5	14	80
9	AUS 5	Matt Visser	6	11	ocs	5	bfd	7	ocs	9	4	16	88
10	AUS 272	Andrew Gavenlock	10.5	9.5	9.5	10.5	(11.5)	11.5	5.5	7.5	9.5	dnc	96



**B**jörn Allansson was the sole visitor in the first event in the 2013/14 ISAF Sailing World Cup and took his first major event win after a very close finish.

Last year's Silver Cup silver medalist, Jake Lilley, opened up the early lead with two race wins on the opening day in fresh conditions, but Allansson responded with two wins on the much lighter second day.

The wind returned for the third day with Oliver Tweddell finding his pace and posting

two race wins. Lilley still led but Allansson and Tweddell were closing.

After the fourth day was cancelled due to strong winds, Allansson made his break on day 5, with two more race wins in light and shifty winds, to take a narrow lead at the top of the scorecard.

There was just the medal race to sail and it was still wide open. While Tweddell led the race, Allansson didn't have the best first leg and rounded behind the pack after ducking

11	AUS 10	John Condie	78.5
12	AUS 75	Phil Chadwick	92
13	AUS 262	Craig Ginnivan	106
14	AUS 275	Tony Parks	120

starboard tackers. He soon began his recovery though by splitting from the fleet and made up ground on the second beat. As they approached the finish, Tweddell tried to inflict a penalty by luffing the Swede, but it was to no avail as Allansson crossed in second to win his first ISAF SWC gold. Lilley crossed in third to take the bronze.



Photos: Sail Melbourne/Sport the Library



## 2. ISAF Sailing World Cup Miami

### 2014 SWC Miami - Final Results

1	GBR 41	Giles Scott	(rdg) 2	1	5	5	4	4	21
2	AUS 261	Oliver Tweddell	2	1	(9)	1	2	2	16
3	BRA 109	Jorge Zarif	7	(16)	5	2	4	1	12
4	ITA 146	Michele Paoletti	9	(dsq)	4	4	9	3	8
5	CAN 5	Gregory Douglas	4	10	14	3	(bfd)	5	6
6	USA 40	Luke Lawrence	5	3	2	17	14	(23)	2
7	CRO 524	Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic	(ocs) 5	3	11	7	7	10	43
8	SWE 6	Björn Allansson	(11)	9	11	10	1	8	14
9	RUS 1	Alexey Selivanov	1	6	6	7	(17)	16	20
10	ITA 60	Enrico Voltolini	6	8	(bfd)	13	10	14	18



On the generally calm waters of Biscayne Bay one of Team GBR's brightest hopes, Giles Scott, took the gold medal in a last gasp push on the final lap of the medal race. Oliver Tweddell had dominated the light wind week, counting no worse than a second place going into Saturday's medal race, but even that was not enough.

On a race by race score, Tweddell had overcome the 2011 World Champion in five out of the six races sailed. However, medal races were created to provide a gripping finale and that is what transpired. The race itself was dominated and won by the returning 2010 Finn Junior World Champion, Luke Lawrence, but the real interest was in what was happening behind him. Tweddell had taken a nine point lead

into the double scoring medal race and just needed a consistent race to pick up his first ever World Cup gold medal. After a nervous first upwind he was in trouble with four boats between him and Scott, but after the downwind he had closed to within two boats of Scott and it looked like it was job done.

But with the wind at just 3-4 knots and quite patchy, the final upwind was decisive. Scott banged the left corner, which Lawrence had so confidently controlled on the first upwind, and slid into third place. Tweddell, looking for something that wasn't there, was further to the right and paid the cost, dropping to eighth. Scott further sealed the gold by slowing his opponent in a match racing move and then moved into second on the final downwind to put six boats between them and take the gold by three points.

Medal races are meant to be tough, but Tweddell's score for one race was exactly double his accrued score from the previous five days. With two days lost earlier in the week through lack of wind, and only six races completed, the medal race became even more pivotal in deciding the medals.

A sixth place in the medal race was enough for the current world champion, Jorge Zarif to hold onto the bronze medal. It wasn't exactly a convincing performance, but got the job done for the Brazilian. However Lawrence's race win was convincing and his performance will surely be noticed by the US selectors. With 37 entries the Finn fleet was one of its largest on record at the Miami OCR and that bodes well for an exciting season ahead.



Photos: Walter Cooper/US Sailing

11	EST	Lauri Väinsalu	52	20	USA	Gordon Lamphere	84	29	USA	James Hunter	130
12	AUS	Jake Lilley	54	21	CAN	Kyle Martin	88	30	USA	Peter Connally	133
13	USA	Caleb Paine	55	22	CAN	Jeff Roney	90	31	USA	Louie Nady	133
14	AUS	Brendan Casey	56	23	CAN	Riley Finch	92	32	CAN	Stephen Fuccillo	139
15	CAN	Martin Robitaille	64	24	RUS	Vladimir Butenko	93	33	CAN	Jim Cameron	142
16	BRA	Bruno Prada	75	25	USA	Philip Toth	104	34	USA	Jim Revkin	149
17	USA	John F Dane	79	26	IRL	Ross Hamilton	116	35	USA	Andras Nady	154
18	CAN	Rob Hemming	83	27	USA	Joshua Revkin	116	36	USA	Terry Greenfield	159
19	USA	Henry Sprague III	84	28	ITA	Lanfranco Cirillo	118	37	USA	Matt McCool	190



Being a world champion is not a new experience for Jorge Zarif. He has twice won the Finn Silver Cup (the Finn Junior World Championship), but no one really expected him to walk away with the 2013 Finn Gold Cup in Tallinn, Estonia, in the way that he did.

The regatta played to his strengths, with generally light winds and big scores. No one escaped the varieties of the pressure differences on Tallinn Bay, but Jorge perhaps escaped one more time than anyone else, only twice finishing outside the top 10, to effectively win the regatta with a race to spare.

As he prepared for the 2014 season and what will be the defence of his title at the very different venue of Santander, we asked him to reflect on his Finn world title and how he managed to put it all together when it counted.

**At what point did you realise you had won?**

In the airplane, coming back to Brazil. I was alone, with a lot of time to think and it's like a film passing across your mind.

**How do you reflect on the win, now time has passed?**

It's great. If you look to the trophy you will see Ben, Mateusz, Freddy, Rafa, Jonas, etc... All these guys are my idols. Just to be on the same trophy with them, it's a incredible honour and a dream that came true.

**What did Rafa say to you after that last points race and showed you the results?**

He said, "Do you know what just happened?" I said "No." "You won the gold cup, you are 19 points ahead." But I was scared and didn't believe it because he is terrible at maths. Thankfully he was correct.

**Explain the difference that Rafa and Bruno added to the learning process and to your confidence?**

They made a huge difference with the input of information, and their experience helped a lot. Both know what it takes to be in a good position and they are also very competitive. The training sessions are much harder and it pays off.

**What was the key point of the regatta for you?**

Keeping calm. I was feeling very well before the championship but I started the week with a 44th. Then after the second day, we

## Q&A with the 2013 Finn World Champion - Jorge Zarif





were 10th overall counting this 44th and we had two days with no races. These days are tough because you want to race. So controlling the emotions is very important. I had the worst race of the top guys so we knew that if I had a good race we would be fighting for something better.

**Did you ever think you could or would win it at any point during the week until it happened?**

You always imagine yourself winning, but I knew it was super hard to happen. I never was top 10 in a regatta with everybody, but at my age, with good company, you can improve lot in a short period of time. I was lucky that week but at the same time, five out of seven races in the top 10 is not just lucky; we worked a lot all year.

**What led to the decision to bring Rafa in as coach?**

Just after the Olympic Games, Bruno hired him, because he was in the class for a long time and knows a lot of the boat.

**Explain your gear selection choices and what led to that choice?**

We had a couple of sails but we choose WB, because it was going well in the training with light winds and the forecast was light. And the Doyle, because it was good with strong winds at the Junior Worlds and the week before the Gold Cup was strong.

**How do you manage the logistics of training in Brazil and competing in Europe?**

I have a boat in Europe and one in Brazil. We go to all the major events six days before. When its close dates like Palma and Hyères we stay, and then we come back and train here.

**How much impact has the win had in Brazil, both inside and outside of sailing?**

A lot, just 13 guys won a Olympic class worlds here in the history. The Brazilian Olympic Committee is giving more attention and now the federation is replying to my emails. I hope it gets even better...

**How does this affect you going forwards towards 2016?**

I am guaranteed good support until the Olympics. I never had this security. It makes a big difference.

**What do you consider the three main elements of your training that led to the win?**

Train with a guy that pushes a lot.  
Try different rigs, boats, with a coach behind you, who sees what's the best choice.  
Changing the fitness coach.

**Why do you think you were so consistent?**

I started to sail in a lake in Sao Paulo, with similar conditions, so I was feeling very comfortable. The speed was also good but it wasn't the most important thing that week.

**What are your plans for the coming year in terms of regattas and training?**

We will race all the major events, and train in Rio as much as we can between races.

**Has the win allowed you to find more funding or support?**

Yes, but I hope it gets even better.

**How is the atmosphere in Brazil looking forward to the 2016 Games?**

Everybody is worry right now with the World Cup; after July they will remember we have another event... Maybe the sponsors too.



Bruno Prada, Jorge Zarif and Rafa Trujillo

Only three weeks after North and South American Finn sailors raced at Miami, the best and most active European Finn maniacs gathered at Cannes mid February to open the long 2014 programme which will end mid-September at Santander, Spain with the Finn Gold Cup / ISAF Sailing World Championships, together with all the other Olympic classes.

While not being the best site to organise major events during warm months, due to lack of wind and the heavy number of powerboats of all size invading the bay, Cannes remains a nice sailing site in spring and autumn.

Sailors have enjoyed sailing at Cannes for one and a half centuries. First they were fancy yachtsmen of the European gentry. On their superb classic yachts their favourite event was named Regates Royales because it often attracted princes or even kings who became keen sailors long before and after the break of centuries, in 1900.

Major dinghy races started at Nice, then Cannes, just after WW2 in the early 50s, when the very active Snipe sailors used to enter the combined Ski/Snipe competition.

The successful formula soon took the organisers to launch the Ski Yachting which became the most important European dinghy event for some 20 years. It often attracted several hundred teams racing up to 10 international and Olympic classes and



many of the world top sailors including Paul Elvstrom. 505, FDs, OK Dinghies, 470, Soling, Stars, Moths, windsurfers etc..and since the beginning, Finns.

So all generations of Finn champions have sailed at Cannes and this year again, 67 of them enjoyed seven races mainly done in medium to light winds with only one windy race on day 3.

The ISAF grade two event varies. Some years can be good and others are wet, cold and windy. For 2014 sunny and warm conditions prevailed most days.

Southerly winds allowed good races along Cannes bay whose landmarks are the Film festival palace, luxury hotels and the world known sea front Croisette avenue.

Other races done with easterly winds were set along the Cannes/antibes bay between north shore and the nearby St Marguerite Island.

Deniss Karpak, the Estonian champion who won Cannes last year started the scoring with a clean win in race one. His main opponent was Jonathan Lobert who in return, beat him for second race in 10 knots of southerly breeze. Tapio Nirikko and Thomas le Breton were their main opposition that day.

After a long wait only one race could be done the next day. This time Thomas Le Breton reminded everyone about his talent in light

## Jonathan Lobert wins in Cannes

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### Semaine Internationale de Cannes - Final Results

1	FRA 112	Jonathan Lobert	2	1	2	5	1	8	2	13
2	EST 2	Deniss Karpak	1	2	7	2	2	12	3	17
3	FIN 218	Tapio Nirkko	6	3	5	1	3	7	1	19
4	SWE 33	Max Salminen	9	14	3	3	4	2	4	25
5	FRA 29	Thomas Le Breton	3	5	1	4	6	14	7	26
6	DEN 2	Mads Bendix	7	12	4	11	10	15	10	54
7	FRA 114	Thomas Morel	12	29	10	7	13	6	6	54
8	CZE 1	Michael Maier	10	18	15	22	5	3	12	63
9	UKR 5	Andrii Gusenko	15	9	11	9	12	11	11	63
10	FRA 89	Benjamin Montagut	16	7	14	10	18	26	9	74

fluky conditions, to catch the best shifts and generate good speed, but Jonathan Lobert was very close behind while third was Max Salminen. From that race Max became very consistent and never crossed line worse than third or fourth.

After years in the Europe, then Laser, Max Salminen became partner with Freddy Lööf to do the 2009-2012 Olympic campaign in the Star. They were Olympic champions in August 2012.

Soon after Max started his Finn programme, entered all major events and joined the Franco/Scandinavian training programme together with Tapio Nirkko, Jonathan Lobert and Le Breton plus some other good French when training sessions were held in France.

Obviously this programme brings dividends since at Cannes these four top sailors ended among the top five, only sharing honours with Deniss Karpak who was sailing with the latest Wilke Finn. The 198 cm tall and 100 kg young Estonian Karpak obviously has excellent speed on this new high tech Swiss made Finn.

At Cannes, Le Breton used a new all carbon mast 'made in France' by Heol. He was as fast as usual with this new and nicely designed mast which should soon start in production once early tests and experiments will be done.

The top five winners were mainly at the front of all races and so set a clear points lead of 26 pts versus 54 pts of the sixth sailor, Mads Bendix while Florian Raudaschl who dominated race 6 in light airs dropped to 18th because he was DSQ in this race for an early start.

The southerly windy race 5 started with a superb fleet start near Palm beach and YC Cannes marina. Lobert, Karpak, Le Breton and Salminen started at pin end of line and soon tacked to port. At the other end both Tapio Nirkko and Mike Maier were off by the RC boat, and they also tacked on port and easily sailed off the Finn pack then wisely crossed back on starboard to reach their rivals. Karpak was in lead at mark with Lobert close behind. With free pumping allowed over 10 knots of wind the rock stars of the event did their usual 'pumping/planning' show which gave Jonathan Lobert a small edge on Karpak at end of run to the finish line.

The current Finn World Master champion Mike Maier wasn't easy at Cannes with only two good results while all other were average. Among the top 15 finishers the event was a show for rising newcomers with Mats Bendix from Denmark, Max Kohlhoff from Germany and Anders Pedersen from Norway. Among this new generation three French had promising results with Thomas Morel in seventh, Benjamin Montagut in tenth and Fabian Pic in 13th who is still young enough to enter the next Finn Silver Cup.

While known and new Olympic sailors are leading, most of the fleet are 40 to 71 years old keen Finn sailors. German Rainer Wolf was best Master ahead of Nick Daniels from Great Britain and Taras Gavrysh from Ukraine. Czech champion Mike Maier ended best of Grand Masters ahead of French Marc Allain des Beauvais and Aleksandr Kasatov; Russian Yury Polovinkin led the grand grand masters ahead of Dutch Jan Zetzema and Finnish Seppo Ajanko. The ever enthusiastic Howard Sellars was best legend well ahead of local sailor Jean Pierre Gailles and Denis Castanet.

11	NOR 1	Anders Pedersen	80
12	GBR 87	Paul Childs	80
13	FRA 177	Fabian Pic	84
14	FRA 99	Marc Allain Des Beauvais	87
15	DEN 5	Jacob Stachelhaus	91
16	GER 259	Phillip Kasueske	93
17	GER 25	Max Kohlhoff	101
18	AUT 3	Florian Raudaschl	114
19	NED 972	Tobias Kirschbaum	125
20	GBR 40	Nick Daniels	138
21	GER 212	Rainer Wolff	142
22	FRA 28	Sebastien Grall	144
23	UKR 8	Taras Gavrysh	151
24	HUN 50	Lukats Akos	164
25	RUS 34	Aleksandr Kasatov	166
26	HUN 8	Marton Beliczay	167
27	NED 27	Paul Kamphorst	168
28	UKR 14	Volodymyr Stasyuk	175
29	GER 707	Uli Breuer	176
30	UKR 55	Oleksandr Gusenko	183
31	RUS 142	Yury Polovinkin	191
32	GER 165	Dirk Meid	197
33	NED 965	Robert Thole	198
34	FIN 9	Eki Heinonen	200
35	GER 202	Rolf Elsaesser	210
36	NED 50	Jan Zetzema	214
37	SUI 63	Thomas Gautschi	214
38	GBR 17	Paul Blowers	217
39	ITA 100	Francesco Grigolon	218
40	SUI 1	Hans Fatzer	219
41	GBR 8	Simon Childs	225
42	GBR 65	David Potter	231
43	FIN 112	Seppo Ajanko	233
44	TUN 1	Karim Esseghir	235
45	FIN 8	Henri Koski	238
46	GBR 56	John Mackie	240
47	FRA 24	Philippe Hourez	241
48	GBR 77	Howard Sellars	247
49	RUS 69	Denis Kharitonov	249
50	FRA 869	Regis Baumgarten	256
51	DEN 11	Jens Makhholm	261
52	FRA 214	Franck Morel	263
53	GER 236	Andreas Lohmann	265
54	RUS 71	Leonid Klyayman	283
55	FRA 118	Thomas Scherer	290
56	FRA 60	Jeanfrancois Cutugno	295
57	FRA 888	Mathieu Debonnet	296
58	FRA 105	Charles Caudard	301
59	SUI 4	Jiri Huracek	310
60	FRA 104	Jean Pierre Gailles	327
61	FRA 98	Yann Vincent	331
62	FRA 55	Arnaud Baudin	343
63	FRA 73	Jean-michel Castillon	344
64	FRA 128	Denis Castanet	352
65	GER 175	Michael Möckel	354
66	FRA 800	Yves Zoccola	354
67	NED 100	Arend Van Der Sluis	360



## Zsombor Berecz Interview

Zsombor Berecz is one of the emerging stars of the Finn Class and one of the major success stories coming out of Luca Devoti's Dinghy Academy in Valencia. Berecz, 27, sailed the Laser for Hungary in the 2012 Olympics, finishing in 21st place. Feeling he had unfinished business at the Olympics, and struggling to keep his weight down for the Laser, he changed class and has not looked back. At 1.96 metres tall, he now weighs in at 93 kg and took an encouraging seventh place in predominantly light winds at the 2013 Finn Gold Cup in Tallinn, Estonia.



### How did you first start sailing?

I started with the Optimist on Lake Velence by the time I was 12. Although my father and my brother were sailing as well, they were not pushing me at all. My grandmother was the first person in the family who was interested in sailing; she made the sails herself for her fishing boat. I have tried many kinds of sports before, but after the very first time my father took me to the club the decision was easy. It was love at first sight, or better said, first sail.

### At what point did you think you would like to do the Olympics?

I think the first time when I really thought about it was, when I moved from Optimist to the Radial.

### When did you start in the Finn and what made you take that step?

I stopped sailing Laser straight after the Olympics. In 2012 I took part in two regattas and I spent 10 days in Split with Mimo and Luksa. I was simply too big for the Laser and the diet was killing me. I had four per cent body fat and I was still on the limit with 83-84 kg. I felt I had unfinished business with Olympics; that is why I moved to the Finn.

### How did you become involved in the Dinghy Academy?

I met Roman Teply many years ago. He invited me for the D-One gold cup, and he was the first person who I contacted about my new class. They were training in Valencia during the winter, and I joined them in February 2013. Since then I have spent 80 per cent of my life here.

### How much help has the Dinghy Academy been in the learning process?

I learned everything about Finn sailing here. We have a very strong team, and we are really pushing ourselves to the limit all the time during training. Luca set us up with the best gear.

### What is it about the process there that helps you most?

I would say the whole thing altogether. We have everything around us within 100 meters from the gym to the swimming pool. We have the best coach, who has already achieved everything that we are dreaming about.

### Do you prefer training in Valencia than sailing at home in Hungary?

My lake is my love, but to become better each day, Valencia is the place to be. We are here almost full time. We just had a small break during the Christmas holidays.

### Was it easy to tap into Finn knowledge or was it harder than you thought?

I think basics are easy. Most parts of the boat handling are coming from the Laser. The tuning and free pumping is a never-ending thing to do, but if you are lucky enough to have help – which I do have – it becomes much easier.

**What have you enjoyed most so far?**

What I really enjoyed was the time, when Vasco, Bambi and Michael came to my country. Together with them, and my Hungarian friends, we sailed at the Nationals.

**What were your expectations for the 2013 season and did you meet them?**

Based on the statistics I knew, that after swapping from the Laser to the Finn I should be around 15th place. My first world Cup in Palma after sailing only a month I came 18th. I knew I was close. At the Europeans I reached 14th place overall, and in the Worlds, I was seventh.

**You were clearly thrilled with the Finn Gold Cup. Did you expect to do so well?**

That was my regatta. I knew from the last regattas that I was doing extremely well in light breeze. Based on this I expected to do well. I just got married one week before the Worlds so I was extremely motivated to show off to my wife.

**What are your goals for 2014?**

I think main goal for most of the sailors is qualifying in Santander. So that's my main goal. A secondary focus for me is to stabilise my races. I have to consciously work on my mind to bring a more consistent performance to each regatta

**Is there anything you prefer about the Finn than other classes?**

Finn makes you an 'all-round sailor'. I understand much more about dinghies than ever before.

**How have you found the class and the people in it?**

I liked it from the first second. The people are much more open than I expected, and it is really a big family.



**Is there anything that you are particularly focusing on to improve your technique or equipment?**

Every day I try to become stronger and faster. I am working mostly on my technique. My equipment is coordinated by Luca and so far it works.

**Who is sponsoring you and how much support is there from the Hungarian Federation?**

My sponsor is my club, which is the MVM SE (Hungarian Power Company's Sport Club) and O'Neill. The federation helps me a lot, they cover 50 per cent of my budget.



**What other sailing are you involved in and what would you like to be involved in, now or in the future?**

At this moment Finn is all I have. I was doing some Melges sailing, some match race with Ian Ainslie, but so far that's it. I am really interested in building a team and becoming professional. Furthermore, like most of us sailors, I want to participate in the America's cup.

**What are your thoughts on the direction sailing is taking in regard to the professional SWC and event formats?**

I think it sucks the money out of your pocket. If there was anyone who can cover the expenses to sail almost around the whole world, I am more than happy to do it this way. Otherwise we will stay here in Valencia and we will try to make more guys involved to train with us. The main regatta was, is, and will be, the Olympics; the rest is preparation.

The Finn International Development Support (FIDeS) is the official development programme of the International Finn Association. It was started in 2006.

To date the programme has assisted with many projects including:

- Funding for sailors to attend the 2008 Finn Gold Cup in Melbourne, a qualifying regatta for the 2008 Olympic Regatta in Qingdao.
- Funding of sailors to reach the Olympics in 2008, resulting in new Finn nations competing in Qingdao, such as Cyprus, Venezuela and India.
- Joint venture with the Dinghy Academy in Valencia to provide part-funding to four sailors each year. This scheme has so far benefited sailors from Argentina, Uruguay, Tunisia and South Africa.
- Assisted with transport of moulds to Brazil and South Africa so that local builders can build reasonably priced boats to help with the local and regional development of the class.
- Since 2006 the FIDeS programme has supported a number of sailors both through funding as well as logistical and technical support.

### Dinghy Academy

In 2013, the Finn class entered a joint venture with the Dinghy Academy in Valencia to fund and train aspiring Olympians from developing nations. The class offers part funding towards the training of four sailors at the Dinghy Academy each year through to 2016 with the intention that at least some of the recipients will qualify for the 2016 Olympic sailing regatta.

The Academy has put together a well-assorted team of Olympic champions from various countries in one high-level training centre under the guidance of some of the world's top specialists. It offers top coaching, charter Finns and a team of dedicated sailors showing how to get better at Finn sailing and have a real chance at winning. If recipients of the grants do not have their own boats, the Dinghy Academy can also help and provide them with boats.

The Dinghy Academy is currently the principle development tool of the FIDeS programme. The FIDeS programme is committed to providing support to four sailors each year for training provided by the Dinghy Academy, providing the sailor agrees to specific regatta attendance goals. Funding for training at the Dinghy Academy has so far been provided to sailors from Argentina, Uruguay, South Africa and Tunisia.

### Brazil

In 2008 the FIDeS programme carried out its most ambitious project to date with the shipping of some spare moulds from the Hungarian boatbuilder, Pata, to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

This initiative has helped Brazil rejuvenate its Finn fleet with locally built new equipment. In 2013, the class attracted 26 boats to its championship, which is the highest for several decades. Initially the boats were built by Holos under the direction of long time Finn sailor Jorge Rodrigues. In 2013 he took over the moulds and is

## Aims and objectives

The aim of FIDeS is to promote and facilitate Finn sailing throughout the world, by helping sailors and National Finn Authorities in those countries where the Finn dinghy and the sport of sailing are not well established.

The FIDeS programme offers support to eligible sailors through training, information, coaching, logistics and equipment loan, leasing and discounts.

It involves Finn equipment manufacturers, current and former top Finn sailors, coaches, NFAs and ISAF. FIDeS also offers logistical and technical support as needed.

Full documentation can be found here: [www.finnclass.org/organisation/fides](http://www.finnclass.org/organisation/fides)

now producing them from his own workshop. Since 2008, 11 new boats have come from these moulds. There is also a development programme for masts (via the university), sails can be obtained from North in Argentina and fittings are generally available in Brazil. The class there is expected to expand further as the Rio 2016 Olympics approaches, as visiting sailors train at the Games venue.

### Pata Finns Africa

In 2010, FIDeS also helped ship hull and mast moulds to South Africa for the same reasons – so that locally built equipment could be more easily obtained without the high costs associated with importing from Europe.

Pata Finns Africa is now able to supply a complete package, including hull, carbon mast, boom, rudder, launching trolley, covers etc. The company can also upgrade older boats, thereby improving their performance and bringing them close to the new specifications.

Pata Finns Africa was set up in 2010, and 13 new boats have been built. The 13th is currently being fitted out by the owner and will be launched soon. Another three will be delivered during 2014, bringing the total to 16. Of the 16, nine will be based on the Highveld (in the Pretoria-Johannesburg area), and the rest will be based in the Cape Town area.

Composite sails are available from a number of local sail-makers, including North, Ullman and Supa Sails. Dacron sails can also be made for older aluminium masts if required. A company in Johannesburg called New Generation Yachting has also begun refurbishing older generation Finns without necessarily upgrading them to the latest specifications. These competitively-priced boats (some of which are historically interesting) have attracted a good number of newcomers to the Finn class, and it is hoped that some of them will eventually upgrade the boats or graduate to new boats.

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## Update on the FIDeS Programme – eight years on







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## Rules update

FA Council at AGM last year required your Technical Committee to prepare and submit several changes to our rules.

We were asked to delete the requirement that flags on sails should be made by an ISAF-approved manufacturer. The main reason for the requirement was to avoid a situation where people would use inferior flags which might fall off during a regatta. Experience suggests that many cases of flags falling off have been due to them being stuck on badly – for example being stuck on to damp or salty sails. We obtained agreement for the deletion by arguing that Finn sailors were smart enough to require good quality and well prepared equipment. Please be smart enough! The Rule is at C.10.3. See the panel.

There have been some cases where Equipment Inspectors have not been satisfied that the measurement band on the boom is adequate – in particular when the band is made of sticky tape. The wording of the rule has been changed to require “A boom outer limit mark which shall be distinctively coloured and painted on.” See F.3.4 (a)(3).

The big issue of the year was the requirement “that TC should develop and submit to ISAF a Rule Change that would specify more clearly which materials other than wood and GRP would be permissible in future hulls, and where. In doing so TC should consult with builders to ensure that good practice be allowed to develop, and should have careful regard to cost implications. In particular the use of Carbon Fibre should be reviewed.”

The former rule said that “additional stiffening and local reinforcement may be of any material”, and for several years boats have been appearing with carbon fibre fashion stripes in the deck, or on the thwart and centreboard case capping. We started the exercise by trying to define places where carbon fibre would be allowable (the usual reason is to make the boat look good!), but eventually this line of thought just produced a mess, and some clear thinking by Balazs helped towards a final conclusion that we should ban carbon fibre from the main structure of the hull. With our hull weight, builders can make a strong and stiff hull without using carbon, and by removing the option we can avoid the possibility of somebody building a boat with high proportions of expensive carbon, for example in the deck, and claiming that the carbon is within the rules. The revised Rule is at D.3.1.

The other rule changes just change or move existing wording to suit the latest Standard Class Rules and Equipment Rules of Sailing - and in one case the latest Racing Rules of Sailing! When reviewing the Class Rules, the Russian judges noticed that in our Pumping Rule, a cross reference referred to “42.3(i) Sailing instructions may, in stated circumstances, permit propulsion using an engine or any other method, provided the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race.” I can assure sailors that, although radical changes to the Pumping Rule have been suggested in the past, this wrong reference is just because the 2013-16 RRS added a new paragraph, and I didn't notice the change.

In my time as Chairman TC, nearly all our Rule changes have been clarifications or rewordings. The changes to the hull materials are more significant – some builders have to change internal stiffener materials etc. I want to record that, when discussing the matter with our builders, TC were greatly helped by their positive attitude and contributions to our work, and I am very grateful for this.

**Richard Hart**

### C10.3. Sail Identification Amendment:

#### C.10.3 IDENTIFICATION

(a) The national letters and sail numbers shall comply with the RRS; See also G.1.4 (b): **except where prescribed otherwise in these class rules. National letters and sail numbers shall be made from additional material of contrasting colour, firmly attached to the sail. National letters and sail numbers shall not be painted on.**

(b) As an exception to G.1.4 (a), for winners of the Finn Gold Cup and for Olympic Gold Medallists in the Finn Class, the sail insignia waves may be coloured Gold.

(c) At the ISAF Sailing World Cup and the ISAF Sailing World Championship, or when required by the Notice of Race, a skipper's national flag, **corresponding to the national letters**, of nominal size 740 x 443 mm **shall be** applied to each side of the sail, positioned such that the aft edge of each flag is between 50 and 100 mm of **from** the leech and the upper edge is between 50 and 100 mm below the second lower batten pocket. The flags shall be made **from additional material**. **by an ISAF-approved manufacturer as listed at <http://www.sailing.org/classesandequipment/FINN.php>** **Permanent ink pens or similar shall not be used to make the national flags.**





## Carl Eichenlaub's Cadenza

Carl Eichenlaub, the shipwright for the US Sailing team at every Pan Am, Goodwill and Olympic Games since 1976, passed away in the early morning of November 29, 2013 aged 83 years old. Carl's character and simple genius in boat building is legendary. At the Games, as soon as he'd finish the US boats, he'd go to work on a waiting line of other sailors' boats. Soviet competitor - no problem, it did not matter. In this way, he became a friend and mentor to thousands of people around the world. Carl was a gentleman, clever, talented, kind, and eccentric. He provided an invaluable calmness, joy and confidence to the US Team and anyone who ever met him.

The stories about him and the stories he told are many.



In Kingston during the 1976 Olympic Regatta, Finn Sailors were allowed to bring their own masts and sails. Part of the mast measurement included a flotation test that most of the masts were failing because the pop rivets holding the track to the mast worked loose as the mast flexed. Carl thought about the problem Peter Commette was having, then got on his bike and rode to a nearby gas station. When he came back, he poured boiling water and a can of radiator leak-stop into Peter's Finn mast. Everyone around watched the mixture drip

out around the rivets. The dripping slowed and finally stopped. That mast became the first to pass the immersion test. There followed a massive run by Finn sailors on stop-leak at Kingston gas stations as Carl did almost everyone else's.



The 1976 Montreal supplied Finn's bottoms were terrible. Sailors were not allowed to even touch the hiking pads and sanding expressly not allowed. Carl said, "No matter. Rules don't say anything about a chisel. You can do anything with a sharp chisel." For hours, he kept sighting the bottom and working his chisel, muttering his "you can do anything with a sharp chisel" mantra. When he finished, the bottom looked gorgeous.

In 1984 in Los Angeles, Bill Buchan's home made US Star was too narrow in the transom. Carl's skill saw came out, cuts were made, wedges were tapped into the cuts until the hull hit the edges of the measurer's templates, then it was glassed up and done. No stress, no fuss and the boat won the gold.



In 1992 Barcelona, the Argentine women's 470 team had been in a really bad collision a couple of days before the Games. JJ Isler recalled that, "Carl stayed up all night not only fixing their boat but he'd taken time to march the gelcoat perfectly. You couldn't even tell there had been a collision. He goes that extra step to make sure you're able to put it out of your mind and see your boat as perfect."

During the 2000 Sydney Olympics, on a really hot day Carl set-up his work shop container. Carl was wearing his typical hat and suspenders. As the day progressed and the temperature was rising, Carl couldn't take the heat any longer. He lit his acetylene torch, the same one he uses to light his cigars, and cut a large hole in the side of the container and said, "Air Conditioning"! At the end of the Olympics Carl welded the hole shut with a patch.

Cadenza? Carl loved playing classical music on a bassoon and contrabassoon with several different San Diego orchestras - sometimes every night of the week. At the Olympics, he would practice while waiting in his shop container for a boat in need of repair to come in from racing.

For what he gave to the sport, he was awarded the 2000 Herreshoff Award, US Sailing's highest honour.

- Gus Miller



# Finn sailing from across the world

## AUSTRALIA

### Australian Championship 2014

The 2014 Australian Finn Class National Championships, hosted by the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, were held from the 8th to 12th of January, with a total of 20 competitors including an entrant from Norway.

The fleet experienced a wide variety of conditions over the four days of racing and were treated to some fantastic sailing conditions and weather. Racing was tight, tactical and physical, which brought out the best in every competitor.

After three days of racing, Australian Sailing Squad member, Jake Lilley, had wrapped up the title with a day to spare. However the battle was still on for the minor placings with only four points separating second to fifth going into the final day.

The final day greeted competitors with a tricky and fickle breeze which made for

some interesting racing and a good battle for the second and third placings, as well as for all the age group placings. In the end Matt Visser finished in third place overall, beaten on count back by youngster, Joe McMillan, both on 26 points. In first was Lilley with a race win to finish the regatta and 8 points as a final score.

Lilley was the first Junior to win the title in the championships' 57 year history and also claimed the Australian Junior title for the second year in a row.

First in the Masters Division was Matt Visser who sailed a tremendous series of consistent high performance races to claim the title over class stalwart, Rob McMillan.

In the Grand Masters, current Etchells national class president, Jake Gunther, sailed a consistent week winning the Australian Grand Masters Division.

The Great Grand Masters title went to Dirk Seret who finished the regatta on a high, saving his best race till last.

In the Legend Division, class hero Jim Ley, at 74 years of age, was able to finish every race of the tiring regatta to become the Australian Legends Champion.

The Finn Class would like to thank the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, its' flag officers, staff and volunteers for hosting a tremendous regatta and all the competitors for the attendance, great spirit and fantastic racing.



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## CANADA

### Canadian Championship 2013 - Final Results

1	CAN 5	Greg Douglas	(1)	(2)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	
2	CAN 17	Jeff Roney	(5)	3	3	3	2	2	2	(5)	3	4	3	25
3	CAN 110	Martin Robitaille	3	1	(8)	2	6	(7)	3	7	2	3	2	29
4	CAN 9	Rob Hemming	6	5	5	5	3	(8)	5	4	5	(7)	4	42
5	SWE 89	Adam Nicholson	(7)	6	(7)	4	5	5	7	2	7	2	7	45
6	CAN 11		4	(8)	4	6	4	3	6	(8)	4	8	6	45
7	CAN 2	Kyle Martin	(9)	7	2	(8)	8	6	4	3	6	6	5	47
8	CAN 99	Riley Finch	(8)	(9)	6	7	7	4	8	6	8	5	8	59
9	CAN 4	Mike Milner	2	4	(dnf)	(dns)	dns	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	76





## Last race of 2013

Christian Qvist writes: Since the November issue of Finnfare, only one race was scheduled. The 'Flæskecup', or roast pig cup was a success. Not because of the weather, which was terrible, but because of the number of sailors (28), the roast pig and the company of your best friends.

As mentioned the weather wasn't exactly cut out for Finn sailing, but about 10 Finnsters kitted up and went out. The committee boat measured 8-9 m/s, so it looked as if it would be possible to get a few races in the bag. However... the weather soon changed to something worse and quickly the wind rose 12-15 m/s, giant slamming waves and not exactly racing conditions. The fleet was turned around and sent back to shore, and after a few capsizes and sampling of the sea bed conditions everybody made it safely back. Back on the dry, roast pig and beer was lined up, so despite the lack of racing it ended up a nice day. For Lars Hall this meant that he was the winner of the Danish national ranking 2013 – well deserved.

## Winter training

The following two weekends had some high intensity training with Michael Hestbæk



(four Olympics in the Star and 49'er). Many short races, combined with acid training to keep warm, which gave the sailors some great days on the water.

## Christmas Lunch

Saturday 30th November was the day for the traditional Finnjulle frokost. Snaps, beer, herring, salmon, roast pig and loads of other traditional Danish Christmas foods was wheeled into the old club house in Dragør. The festivities began at 14:12, no one is really sure what time it ended. One thing is sure; this year we will do again.

## Winter Storms

As in many parts of Europe, Denmark was hit by some of the worst storms in centuries. Many harbours have taken a heavy beating with some serious rebuilding to take place. Luckily not one single Finn was damaged. The picture is from Gilleleje, where the Danish Championships were held in

2012. It shows the spot where the Finns were launched, the camping site and the clubhouse.

## 2014 Season

The Danish Finn Association has a nice line up of races scheduled for 2014. We hope to see some of our fellow European Finnsters to some great racing. The Danish Nationals are being held 7-9 August in beautiful Kerteminde, where the sailing always is good.

Also a short drive with no bridges involved for our southern friends is Aarhus Sailing Week. In reality it is just a weekend, but it is so much fun. This takes place 30-31 August in Aarhus. Please see the November 2013 issue of Finnfare for further details of this.

Top: Lars Hall – winner of Danish ranking 2013  
Below: Gilleleje after a winter storm



## Coppa Italia 2013

Marco Buglielli writes: Coppa Italia Finn 2013 concluded at the Malcesine International Finn Cup in October, where five nice races were sailed.

The Malcesine Finn Cup had a 56 strong Finn fleet participating with the Estonian Dennis Karpak dominating with four bullets. Michele Paoletti was second and won the Andrea Menoni Trophy for the best Italian in the race. The Coppa Italia leader Enrico Passoni was 16th in the event, always in control of his competitors for the final Trophy.

This is the first Coppa Italia win for Enrico who was in the International circuit in the early 90s and is now back in the Finn and always in good shape. Second place in the Coppa Italia final results was Giacomo



Giovanelli, a newcomer in the Finn class who had a very good season. Third place went to Michele Paoletti, who dominated the Italian fleet in all the events where he participated.

36 races were eventually sailed in Coppa Italia 2013 during eight weekends and 90 sailors participated in the event.

Coppa Italia is supported by a pool of sponsors which offer their products for the final prizegiving: Grappa Bertagnolli, Quantum Sail Design Group, 3FL Saildesign, HitechSailing.com, Gill-Tomasoni Fittings, Bertacca Sail Equipment, Essemarine,

Residence Ca' del Lago, Azienda agricola Valpanera, Hotel Piccolo Malcesine.

1	ITA 6	Enrico Passoni	608
2	ITA 202	Giacomo Giovannelli	573
3	ITA 146	Michele Paoletti	527
4	ITA 988	Matteo Savio	490
5	ITA 52	Franco Martinelli	470
6	ITA 11	Paolo Cisbani	442
7	ITA 4	Francesco Faggiani	402
8	ITA 917	Ettore Thermes	398
9	ITA 1000	Francesco Grigolon	396
10	ITA 214	Riccardo Bevilacqua	395

**Trofeo Bertacca**

The 2013 season in Italy ended as usual with the 11th edition of Trofeo Bertacca Sail Equipment, which took place at the beginning of November in Viareggio.

On the first day two races were sailed in a warm and sunny day with a very light breeze, while the second day the weather was cloudy and rainy but after a long wait afloat a nice breeze developed which allowed two more races.

Walter Riosa - the builder of HiTechSailing Finns - returned to racing after a long break and won the event with a one point margin from Marco Buglielli. Third was the Coppa Italia winner Enrico Passoni.

The organisation was very good, with a nice Saturday night dinner where the Coppa Italia 2013 prizegiving was celebrated, with lots of prizes including one Finn sail offered by 3FL Sails.



The Trofeo Bertacca prizegiving was also very rich, as usual for this regatta, with prizes offered by sponsors and regatta organiser Italo Bertacca, owner of the Bertacca Sail Equipment in Viareggio.

1	ITA 55	Walter Riosa	5
2	ITA 2	Marco Buglielli	6
3	ITA 6	Enrico Passoni	8
4	ITA 872	Nicola Menoni	10
5	ITA 975	Alessandro Vongher	13
4	ITA 1028	Matteo Savio	16
7	ITA 19	Italo Bertacca	18
6	ITA 4	Francesco Faggiani	21
9	ITA 19	Simone Mancini	22
10	ITA 23	Umberto Grumelli	27

championship which allows Finn sailors from Rome to keep fit and have some fun all year round.

This winter was very mild and sailing conditions were good, allowing 14 races to be sailed before the last weekend of racing which will take place after Finnfare closing time.

At the time of writing there is a fierce battle for the final victory among Marco Buglielli, Emanuele Vaccari and Francesco Cinque who are separated by a two points margin, but all the 20 Finns participating are having a very good time.

**Anzio Winter Series**

Finn activity never stops in Italy, particularly in Anzio - 60 km south of Rome - where a strong fleet organises every year a Winter



Photos: Marina Prinziavalli, Marisa Bruckner, Capobianco

## NETHERLANDS



Ronald Ruiter writes: Long, long time ago, the winters in Holland were freezing cold. From November until late march all canals, lakes, and even the rivers were completely frozen. In our long and rich history we have proven to be very good at adjusting to every situation. So we just skipped sailing and walking and started ice skating. And you can think it is coincidence, but why else did we win 24! Olympic skating medals in Sochi? Tadaaa.

So, you're asking: what do I have to do with? Well since a few years our winters aren't that cold any more. And ice skating is being minimalised to the artificial indoor ovals. And what do we do in the winter nowadays...? Yeah right: Sailing, especially Finn Sailing! So be aware of the Dutch, because within a few years, Olympic sailing is being dominated by the Dutch like we dominated iceskating in Sochi!!!

Ok, maybe a bit long introduction for the fact that we sailed a lot this winter. In Lelystad, Hellevoetsluis and especially Nijkerk, winter sailing is very popular. In Nijkerk there are 22 Finns in the winter and that is even more than in the summer. Every Sunday more than 10 boats on the water, the whole winter through. We love CO2.

But now to our races. The last one we reported was the Boerenkool Cup. Just one week later Fons van Gent hosted the 'Sluitingswedstrijden' in Roermond. There were 17 Finns on the starting line, but Chris Frijdal won every race. Chiel Barends came in second followed by Fons van Gent. We sure hope to see Fons back on the water again.

1	NED 101	Chris Frijdal	5
2	NED 88	Chiel Barends	11
3	NED 748	Fons van Gent	23
4	NED 50	Jan Zetzema	27
5	GER 998	Guido Halterbeck	32
6	GER 411	Thomas Schicke	33
7	BEL 15	Dennis Alain	41
8	NED 119	Steven Voorn	45
9	GER 999	Axel Pospischil	46
10	NED 45	Bas Weijman	46
11	NED 770	Hein Bloemers	46
12	NED 6	Rob de Cocq	46
13	GER 158	Stefan Meid	46
14	GER 922	Michael Pabst	60



15	NED 771	Timm Nolden	67
16	NED 48	Boudewijn Kortbeek	74
17	GER 1171	Jörg Nolden	74

The last race of 2013 was in Rotterdam: the Boterletter. And as I type this down, I suddenly realise that we Dutch connoisseurs like to name races after food. We have the Snertrace (kind of peasoup) Boerenkool Cup (vegetable stew), Boterletter (kind of pastry). Maybe we can come up with some more nice food related regattas in the future. The reason we like the food names, you will understand as you take a good look at our fleet.... All very strong and healthy men.

Three races were sailed and Hein Bloemers won his first Finn regatta ever. Congratulations. Strange to notice is that almost all competitors are from WV Randmeer in Harderwijk. The locals were not even there.

1	NED 770	Hein Bloemers	3
2	NED 977	Thomas van den Berg	8
3	NED 6	Rob de Cocq	9
4	NED 943	Roel Lubberts	13
5	NED 45	Bas Weijman	14
6	NED 58	Maxim Berrens	17

The 2014 season (which is already two months old) starts for real on the second of March with the first FCH training in Nijkerk. The weekend after that there is the traditional Winterweekend in Nijkerk. And after some more training in Harderwijk and Hellevoetsluis, the fleet moves to Loosdrecht for more training and two great events on the Loosdrechtse plassen, which always is a guarantee for honest and fair sailing...

We hope to see you all in the Netherlands or elsewhere on the water. Have a great sailing season.

## NEW ZEALAND



### Oceanbridge Sail Auckland 2014

February 1-4, Royal Akarana Yacht Club  
Josh Junior took the early lead with six race wins out of the first seven races and looked to be heading for a nice win, but Andrew Murdoch turned it around in the lighter second half to get five race wins, including the final deciding race to snatch victory from Junior.

NZL Sailing Team Finn Coach John Cutler said; "It's been really close racing between the two of them and they've each had phases where one of them has been more dominant. You know it's a pity in the end that one of them has to win and naturally one has to lose. It came down to the final mark of the final race and that's as close as you are going to get."

1	NZL 16	Andrew Murdoch	15
2	NZL 24	Josh Junior	16
3	NZL 111	Karl Purdie	31
4	NZL 2	Ray Hall	40
5	NZL 88	Tom Brien	49
6	NZL 9	Rob Coutts	51
7	ESP 315	Santiago Reyero	67



Photos: Oceanbridge Sail Auckland

### Auckland Champs 2013

December 7-8, Takapuna  
Excellent sailing conditions greeted the 12 Finn sailors for the Auckland Finn Champs. While not the sea breeze that was hoped for the Norwest winds varying between 5 and 25 knots gave the fleet a solid workout at the venue for the 2015 Finn Gold Cup.



## New Zealand Nationals 2014

February 6-9, Maraetai

1	NZL 24	Josh Junior	1	1	1	1	2	7	1	(8)	15	
2	ESP 100	Rafa Trujillo	(3)	3	2	3	2	1	1	3	17	
3	NZL 16	Andrew Murdoch	2	2	(4)	2	3	4	3	2	19	
4	NZL 111	Karl Purdie	4	4	3	4	4	3	(10)	6	33	
5	NZL 2	Ray Hall	(8)	5	5	5	5	6	6	7	43	
6	NZL 88	Tom Brien	7	7	(9)	6	9	5	9	4	3	50
7	NZL 10	David Hoogenboom	6	8	6	(9)	7	8	2	9	5	51
8	NZL 9	Rob Coutts	5	6	7	(dnf)	6	7	4	5	dnf	56
9	NZL 22	Dirch Anderson	10	9	10	7	(11)	10	11	8	7	72
10	NZL 23	Alan Dawson	(dnf)	dns	8	8	8	11	5	10	12	78
11	NZL 21	Brett Graham	95	14	ESP 315	Santiago Reyero	110					
12	NZL 235	Kevin Stone	101	15	NZL 193	Gerrit Bearda	111					
13	NZL 55	John Duff	109									

Ray Hall took the early lead winning three out of the four races sailed on Saturday. Mark Perrow took the fourth race after picking up a 30 degree right hander. There was great drama on the line when Dawson pipped Anderson and Hall for fourth. Brett Graham sailing for the first time in his new/old Finn showed great speed and consistency all day.

Day 2 was a gusty and shifty north-westerly under 8 knots which increased to 12 knots on the first beat. Winning the pin was key which Purdie did from Hall who tacked away to the right side and got buried rounding the top mark ninth. Oscar soon went up with Purdie taking the first of two victories on the day.

In race 6 Purdie again beat Hall for the pin but Hall held on to the port layline and the two had a hiking contest to the top mark. Hall chased Purdie for the rest of the race. Purdie again led the final race in 18 knts but a missed offset mark and broken vang saw

him retire. Hall rounded in fifth but was soon back in front for a fourth race win to round out a great series.

1	NZL 2	Ray Hall	9
2	NZL 111	Karl Purdie	14
3	NZL 4	Mark Perrow	20
4	NZL 10	David Hoogenboom	20
5	NZL 22	Dirch Anderson	24
6	NZL 88	Tom Brien	30
7	NZL 23	Alan Dawson	36
8	NZL 21	Brett Graham	43
9	NZL 55	John Duff	53
10	NZL 17	Illia Ovsiiiko	58
11	NZL 193	Gerrit Bearda	59
12	NZL 229	Mark Gardyne	74

### Canterbury Champs 2013

30 November-1 December, Charteris Bay  
Only 5 races were completed due to very difficult sailing conditions on Saturday. After an hour of sailing in circles with the wind swinging through 360 degrees the Nor Wester settled in and immediately increased to 20 to 30 knots shifting 10-20 degrees. Several boats had already had enough by the time racing eventually started. Mike Pearson won the only race sailed that day, as it was abandoned after one race.

Four races were completed on Sunday in gusty shifty conditions with massive holes. The fleet was close throughout the races with the exception of Chris Wells in races 2 and 3 where he slipped away. In race 4 Mike leading the fleet on the final run. Maurice was sitting last as the run commenced but 200 metres from the bottom mark picked his own private gust that carried him past

the fleet and into first to take the gun. He was also awarded the final race after Hugh withdrew for sailing the wrong course.

1	NZL 20	Chris Wells	6
2	NED 25	Mike Pearson	10
3	NZL 213	Maurice Duncan	13
4	NZL 19	Denis Mowbray	14
5	NZL 3M	Hugh Dimmock	18
6	NZL 3B	Ben Winters	19

### North Island Champs 2013

October 12-13, Tauranga

Day one had the fleet sent home when the wind gusts were recorded at 38 knots. NZL 13 wasn't so lucky and ended upside down for a good three hours. The rescue crew had to unrig her at sea before she sank. Thanks to Andrew Murdoch and the rescue team, they managed to beach her on a sand bar and drain her out before towing her home.

Sundays forecast had the fleet sailing in 20-28 knots. Slowly the older boys started heading home as the races progressed. But those that stuck it out all deserved medals. On shore those watching Rafa and Andrew go toe to toe experienced Finn sailing at its best. Upwind Rafa was quickest, but on the runs Andrew was a rocket and impressed us all with his fearless approach in those conditions.

The new North Island champ is Andrew Murdoch after winning a close battle with Rafa Trujillo. Most first beats were hotly contested by all sailing over the two days, but the flat runs sorted the placings out. Karl, Ray, Dave, Dennis and Tom all had their moments with Karl finishing third overall.

1	NZL 16	Andrew Murdoch	4
2	ESP 100	Rafa Trujillo (left)	7
3	NZL 111	Karl Purdie	13
4	NZL 2	Ray Hall	15
5	NZL 10	David Hoogenboom	16
6	NZL 19	Denis Mowbray	22
7	NZL 88	Tom Brien	25
8	NZL 23	Alan Dawson	29
9=	NZL 17	Illia Ovsiiiko	44
9=	NZL 13	Greg Farmer	44

### Waiuku Winter Champs 2013

September 21-22

David Hoogenboom took four guns and a second over the two days. Ray had a DNF in race 2 after breaking a tiller universal. This allowed Alan Dawson to take seconds in the regatta with Ray third.

1	NZL 10	David Hoogenboom	6
2	NZL 23	Alan Dawson	13
3	NZL 2	Ray Hall	17
4	NZL 230	Justin Hurst	21
5	GBR 48	Illia Ovsiiiko	32
6	NZL 22	Dirch Anderson	36
7	NZL 227	Jim Goodaire	42
8=	NZL 193	Gerrit Bearda	43
8=	NZL 55	John Duff	43



## POLAND

Piotr Pajor writes: It has been another consecutive year of a significant growth of Finn class in Poland. Nine events were selected for the Polish Cup, amongst which seven best were counted to the overall ranking of the 2013 sailing season.

### Polish Yachting Association Cup

15-17 May, Puck

14 competitors gathered for the first event of the sailing season. This is one of the two mandatory events for the National Team (apart from the National Championship) making it one of the most difficult regattas to compete. Rough wind conditions and rather sunny weather made racing even more demanding, but pleasant as well.

1	POL 1	Miłosz Wojewski	13
2	POL 7	Jakub Marciniak	17
3	POL 8	Łukasz Lesiński	23
4	POL 17	Piotr Kula	30
5	POL 13	Michał Jodłowski	30
6	POL 0	Mikołaj Lahn	34
7	POL 11	Maciej Małag	41
8	POL 14	Piotr Mazur	53
9	POL 4	Jakub Reszka	63
10	POL 21	Jacek Bińkowski	66
11	POL 99	Włodzimierz Radwaniecki	71
12	POL 12	Kacper Jarocki	76
13	POL 411	Bartosz Ptak	81
14	POL 91	Robert Jarocki	90

### Gdynia's President Trophy

7-9 June Gdynia

The second event of the season was sailed on Gdansk Bay. Three days of nice racing with breeze and sun.

1	POL 1	Miłosz Wojewski	7
2	POL 16	Mikołaj Lahn	14
3	POL 13	Michał Jodłowski	18

### Warsaw Cup

8-9 June, Warsaw

This was the first inshore regatta of the

season. 13 entries on a start line, everyone willing to take over the trophy won last year by Piotr Mazur. Lack of wind on the first day of regattas meant that the race committee could only run only two races. The Cup was once again won by Piotr Mazur. Results:

1	POL 14	Piotr Mazur	2
2	POL 23	Piotr Pajor	5
3	POL 10	Kacper Jarocki	8

### Nord Cup

29 June-1 July, Gdańsk

This is the biggest sailing event in Poland, gathering annually more than 700 competitors in most of the dinghy and offshore sailing classes. This year it became a part of the Baltic Sail, connecting cities around the Baltic Sea within one big sailing festival. Finns race within this event since 2012. 18 competitors arrived, making a very spectacular fleet with our nylon sails among the Dacron sails, still used in many classes.

1	POL 13	Michał Jodłowski	12
2	POL 8	Łukasz Lesiński	15
3	POL 1	Miłosz Wojewski	15
4	POL 17	Mikołaj Lahn	23
5	POL 9	Tomasz Kośmicki	39
6	POL 99	Włodzimierz Radwaniecki	42
7	LTU 24	Sarunas Felenderis	46
8	POL 22	Jeremi Zimny	48
9	POL 26	Bogusław Nowakowski	57
10	POL 21	Jacek Binkowski	62
11	POL 4	Jakub Reszka	71
12	POL 10	Kacper Jarocki	72
13	POL 3	Jan Okulicz-Kozaryn	91
14	POL 71	Mateusz Kobyliński	92
15	POL 107	Łukasz Kielnar	100
16	POL 75	Marek Krause	107
17	POL 25	Marek Kubat	108
18	POL 41	Robert Jarocki	133

### Polish Finn Masters Championship

9-11 August, Sopot

In June 2014 the World Masters Championship will be performed in Sopot, Poland. One year before that event the National Masters Championship were performed, also as a test event for the



organising authority to check what already works fine, and what could be done better. 22 competitors arrived, with guests from Germany and Lithuania. The event was open to all competitors, though even few juniors and seniors arrived. Three days of racing in very shifty and strong wind verified clearly who was the best.

Top three open:

1	POL 22	Jeremi Zimny	5
2	POL 216	Mieczysław Popłonyk	17
3	POL 17	Marek Jarocki	21

Top three masters:

1	POL 216	Mieczysław Popłonyk	17
2	POL 17	Marek Jarocki	21
3	POL 26	Bogusław Nowakowski	27

### Sopot Finn Cup

23-25, August, Sopot

As there were too many regattas to choose from, Sopot Finn Cup was not included in the Polish Cup calendar. Though 10 competitors arrived for the event, held next to the largest wooden pier in Europe. Five races were sailed.

1 Jakub Marciniak; 2 Bogusław Nowakowski; 3 Dariusz Czapski; 4 Mateusz Kobyliński; 5 Kacper Jarocki; 6 Marek Krause; 7 Jakub Reszka; 8 Jarosław Kula; 9 Marek Kubat; 10 Sławomir Wójciński

### Academic National Championship

13-15 September, Gdańsk

This event is open to all competitors, not only students. As it is always held one week ahead





of the National Championship on the same venue (Gdansk Bay at the estuary of the Dead Vistula river), most of the competitors arrive at the venue earlier to participate in the academic regattas for training purposes before the most important event of the season.

1	POL 1	Miłosz Wojewski	12
2	POL 13	Michał Jodłowski	17
3	POL 7	Jakub Marciniak	18

### Warsaw Championship

5-6 October, Warsaw

This was the last event that counted to the Polish Cup, and also one of the two events held inshore. 20 Finns arrived for the regattas, making a splendid two days (six races) of competition. The weather conditions were rather sunny with light wind, making it very pleasant to stay on the water at this rather cold period of year.

1	POL 1	Miłosz Wojewski	9
2	POL 13	Michał Jodłowski	16
3	POL 16	Mikołaj Lahn	20
4	POL 99	Włodzimierz Radwaniecki	26
5	POL 26	Bogusław Nowakowski	27
6	POL 11	Grzegorz Czarkowski	27
7	POL 17	Tomasz Gaj	28
8	POL 14	Piotr Mazur	34
9	POL 71	Marek Jarocki	35
10	POL 23	Piotr Pajor	38
11	POL 18	Bartosz Ptak	40
12	POL 21	Jacek Binkowski	50
13	POL 111	Kacper Jarocki	52
14	POL 22	Dariusz Czapski	64
15	POL 6	Jakub Reszka	66
16	POL 117	Tomasz Wieteska	71
17	POL 24	Wojciech Jankowski	86
18	POL 3	Jan Okulicz Kozaryn	88
19	POL 34	Stanisław Wieteska	89
20	POL 4	Janusz Marek Taber	102

The Warsaw Championship was also the last event of the Polish Cup. During the whole season 43 competitors participated in nine events, out of which the best seven were counted to the ranking. The Polish Cup was won (second time in a row) by Miłosz Wojewski. The defender of the Cup is honoured to engrave his name on the Cup. As this is a new tradition, Miłosz is the only competitor whose name is engraved on the Cup (twice, in 2012 and 2013) so far.

### Match Racing National Championship

18-20 October, Puck

This event is only for selected competitors – winner of the National Championship, runner up and 8 best junior competitors of the National Cup. Eventually 10 competitors

### Polish National Championship

18-22 September, Gdańsk

The most important sailing event in Poland is always held at the end of September, gathering 22 competitors in 2013 - the whole National Team and all others wishing to finish at the top. One of the special guest stars was Rafał Szukiel – that was his first appearance on Finn since the National Championship in 2012. This event is always highly ranked in terms of the Polish Cup. As the end of September is the end of both – summer and sailing season in Poland, everybody was giving their best. During the first three days nine races were held in moderate wind conditions with high, open sea waves, making it very crucial to pump hard during downwinds. The last day of regattas was left for the medal race. It was held on the Vistula river, inshore. The title was won by Piotr Kula for the third consecutive time, with Rafał Szukiel and Miłosz Wojewski as runners up.

1	POL 17	Piotr Kula	(4)	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
2	POL 3	Rafał Szukiel	2	2	3	(4)	4	4	2	2	3	3	3	28
3	POL 1	Miłosz Wojewski	1	(6)	1	5	3	3	3	4	2	6	6	34
4	POL 13	Michał Jodłowski	5	4	4	3	6	5	4	(8)	5	2	4	40
5	POL 8	Łukasz Lesiński	6	3	7	1	7	(8)	7	5	4	5	5	50
6	POL 7	Jakub Marciniak	3	(8)	8	6	5	2	5	3	8	7	4	54
7	POL 9	Tomasz Kośmicki	7	5	5	9	(11)	6	6	6	7	4	5	59
8	POL 16	Mikołaj Lahn	(8)	7	6	7	2	7	8	7	6	8	6	66
9	POL 14	Piotr Mazur	9	(14)	12	11	10	10	10	9	9	9	9	98
10	POL 99	Włodzimierz Radwaniecki	(12)	9	10	12	8	11	9	10	11	10	10	100

11	POL 22	Jeremi Zimny	84
12	POL 6	Jakub Reszka	114
13	POL 18	Bartosz Ptak	117
14	POL 171	Matthew Kobylński	117
15	POL 71	Robert Jarocki	126
16	POL 26	Bogusław Nowakowski	129
17	POL 11	Michał Gaj	132
18	POL 10	Jarosław Kula	141
19	GER 181	Jacek Kaliński	157
20	GER 214	Berno Schultz Stuecher	159
21	POL 181	Juliusz Rejchelt	183
22	POL 25	Marek Kubat	184



arrived in Puck for the only match racing competition of the year. One-on-one races were held during three cold and windy days.

1 Piotr Kula; 2 Jakub Marciniak; 3 Michał Jodłowski; 4 Mikołaj Lahn; 5 Miłosz Wojewski; 6 Jeremi Zimny; 7 Bartosz Ptak; 8 Kacper Jarocki; 9 Michał Gaj; 10 Jakub Reszka

### Plans for 2014

Between 6-13 June 2014 Poland will host the Finn World Masters Championship. Sopot will be the venue of this splendid regatta gathering hundreds of Finn sailors every year. Apart from that, the Polish Finn Sailing Association will continue its work to promote Finn sailing in Poland. We hope that next year most of the regattas will attract

even more boats, with overall more than 50 members of competitors in all Polish Cup events. The Polish Finn Sailing Association will be present on boat fairs, will organise sailing clinics for its members and will help National Team in their fight during important international events. We invite everyone to join us during competitions in Poland. The calendar of the events is available at [www.finnclass.pl](http://www.finnclass.pl).



## RUSSIA

During 2014 Moscow will hold three international Finn events.

- Moscow International Traditional Regatta (Finn, Snipe, Laser, Optimist) - June 25-July 5
- International University Sailing Cup (IUSC) 2014 (Finn, Snipe), August 19–25
- Open Russian (Open Russian Finn Association Championship) 2014 (Finn class only) August 26–31.

All regattas will take place at the Moscow Sailing School (MSS) ([www.sailingschool.ru](http://www.sailingschool.ru)) with racing on the Pirogovo part of Klyazminskoye lake. There are very good and convenient conditions for accommodation, charter boats and logistics to make the trip easy and comfortable on a small budget.

### Open Russian

One of the biggest European Finn regattas. It attracts more than 70 sailors every year. Due to the fact that the regatta is after the IUSC, it is expected that bigger number of worldwide sailors will take part in the event. There will be overall, masters (M, GM, GGM, L) and Juniors fleets.

### International University Sailing Cup

This is second time this is being held in Moscow under the endorsement of the International University Sport Federation (FISU) after the first IUSC took place in 2013. This time the competition will be held in two classes – Finn (men) and Snipe (mixed).

### Moscow International Traditional Regatta

Held for the 18th time this year, and usually attracts more than 30 Finn sailors from Russia and other countries.

### Conditions for sailors:

**Accommodation:** Sailors and accompanying persons can stay at Moscow Sailing School hotel for about 30 Euro per night per person (including three meals per day).

**Charter boats:** 50 fully equipped Finn (Devoti 2004, built for the Gold Cup 2005) and 20 Snipe (including sails). EUR 400 damage deposit. You are invited to bring your sails (for Finn class) and personal equipment only.

**Charter charges:** Open Russian - 150 Euro for senior, free of charge for juniors; IUSC and Moscow regatta: free of charge.

**Logistics:** Moscow Sailing School is 12 km from Sheremetievo airport. A pick up service can be provided on request.

Russian Finn Association, Russian Students Sailing League and Moscow Sailing School will be glad to see you at these regattas.



## SPAIN

The 2013 European Champion Vasilij Zbogor had a very successful winter season picking up the 38th GAES Christmas Race in Palamos before winning the Andalusian Olympic Week in Cádiz in March.

At the 38 GAES Christmas Race he took a narrow victory from Deniss Karpak after

a tight week of racing. While the week was generally sailed in light to moderate winds, the medal race was sailed in an excellent south-westerly Garbi wind, averaging 15 to 20 knots. Zbogor claimed the race win to take the week by one point from Karpak.

Spanish sailor Àlejandro Muscat took fourth in the medal race and climbed up to third overall to take his place on the podium.

### 38th GAES Christmas Race 2013 - Final Results

1	SLO 573	Vasilij Zbogor	6	6	1	2	2	4	5	1	2	23
2	EST 2	Deniss Karpak	7	2	2	7	4	1	1	3	4	24
3	ESP 7	Alejandro Muscat	5	5	6	1	3	ocs	10	6	8	44
4	POL 1	Milosz Wojewski	2	14	10	8	5	2	2	4	16	49
5	ESP 8	Pablo Guitian Sarria	1	7	9	3	6	3	7	10	18	54
6	GBR 29	Peter Mccoy	13	3	4	4	13	5	8	12	10	59
7	RUS 6	Arkadiy Kistanov	17	1	5	6	10	ocs	6	14	6	65
8	UKR 5	Andrii Gusenko	12	18	3	5	12	8	11	9	12	72
9	ESP 161	Miguel Fernandez	3	17	12	11	11	6	14	5	14	76
10	POL 13	Michal Jodlowski	16	15	13	15	8	9	4	2	20	86

11	RUS 57	Egor Terpigorev	67	19	ITA 1028	Matteo Savio	130
12	ESP 112	Fernando Ros	68	20	SUI 86	Piet Eckert	131
13	GBR 87	Paul Childs	73	21	SUI 85	Jan Eckert	134
14	FRA 114	Morel Thomas	80	22	RUS 1117	Andrew Bill	148
15	ESP 500	Alejandro Aranzueque	85	23	ESP 117	Carlos Ordoñez	156
16	FRA 89	Montagut Benjamin	91	24	TUN 1	Karim Esseghir	156
17	POL 16	Mikolaj Lahn	92	25	ESP 320	Miguel Ángel Mateo	177
18	ITA 1	Simone Ferrarese	107				



### Andalusian Olympic Week 2014 - Final Results

1	SLO 573	Vasilij Zbogor	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	8	1	2	dnc	15
2	HUN 40	Zsombor Berecz	8	4	2	12	3	4	2	6	6	4	1	2	34
3	TUR 21	Alican Kaynar	2	6	10	5	14	2	3	7	5	2	4	4	40
4	ESP 7	Alejandro Muscat	6	2	5	2	5	6	4	8	4	6	5	5	44
5	ESP 8	Pablo Guitián	5	9	6	13	18	8	5	1	1	5	6	6	52
6	CZE 85	Tomas Vika	14	16	13	8	4	5	16	9	7	3	3	1	67
7	RUS 57	Egor Terpigorev	17	14	9	7	6	16	6	5	3	8	8	3	69
8	URU 301	Alejandro Foglia	11	3	3	14	8	15	7	3	11	7	12	dnc	79
9	RUS 9	Eduard Skornjakov	7	10	11	11	9	12	9	10	2	9	14	7	85
10	POR 5	Frederico Melo	4	8	4	3	1	3	8	4	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	89

11	TUR 1	Cem Gozen	101	19	ESP 313	Antonio Parra Arrondo	184
12	ESP 161	Miguel Fernández Vasco	108	20	ITA 191	Aleesandro Cattaneo	191
13	RUS 6	Arkadiy Kistanov	111	21	POR 10	Jorge Pinheiro de Melo	201
14	ESP 500	Alejandro Aranzueque	116	22	ESP 117	Carlos Ordoñez	203
15	RUS 1	Aleksiy Selivanov	123	23	ESP 108	FK Jimenez Galeote	238
16	ITA 1	Simone Ferrarese	125	24	ESP 11	Antonio Gal. Fernandez	251
17	ESP 112	Fernando Ros	135	25	ESP 100	Pablo Lopez Baldan	256
18	ITA 975	Alessandrp Vongherr	165	26	ESP 9	Mauricio Luque Diaz	262

Then from February 27 to March 2, Zbogor won six of the 12 races at the Andalusian Olympic Week - XIV Trofeo de Carnaval in the Bay of Cadiz. It was also used as the Spanish National Championships. 26 Finns competed for the various titles. For Zbogor it was his fourth regatta win in six events.

The week was characterised by moderate to strong winds and testing currents, but Zbogor mastered the conditions to win with a race to spare. Zsombor Berecz took silver while Alican Kaynar won the bronze. The Spanish Championship went to Alejandro Muscat.



Above: Christmas Race. Top: Vasilij Zbogor.  
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Below: Andalusian Olympic Week.  
Photos: Mara Escassi



## SWEDEN

### ISAF World Cup 2013/2014

Torsten Jarnstam writes: Björn Allansson won the first World Cup regatta in Melbourne in December 2013. Björn also made a good performance during the second World Cup regatta in Miami, where he came eighth. Björn is in second place after two completed World Cup regattas, and in third place in the ISAF world rankings. We keep our fingers crossed that Björn will have continued success in the concluding ISAF World Cups in Mallorca and Hyeres.

Sweden's other sailor Max Salminen made the season premiere in 2014 and finished a creditable fourth place in the Semaine Internationale de Cannes 2014. It will be exciting to follow Björn and Max in Majorca and Hyeres and other major championships during the season. Hopefully, Björn and Max will encourage each other to further develop to reach the very top in the International Finn sailing.



### Sweden Cup 2014

This year the Sweden Cup includes four regattas:

- GKSS Olympic Class Regatta in Långedrag (near Gothenburg) May 2-4
- USS regatta June 14-15 in Uppsala,
- Swedish Finn Championship in Lerkil August 22-24
- Sola Cup in Karlstad 13-14 September.

We hope that, as usual, many foreign sailors will come to the Swedish Finn Championship, in Lerkil, south of Gothenburg.



### KSSS Olympic Class Regatta 2014

We also take this opportunity to market the Royal Swedish Yacht Club Olympic Class Regatta October 4-5 in Saltsjöbaden (south of Stockholm). Admittedly the KSSS OCR is not in the Sweden Cup in 2014, but is still a very important regatta. Because Finn dinghy is an Olympic class, we hope Finn sailors will also participate in this Olympic Class Regatta. Hopefully we will see some 15 Finns on the starting line in this regatta. It usually attracts a total of 450 dinghies and nearly 500 sailors in many different classes, from Optimist to the Olympic classes.

### Winter training

As usual in the winter instead of sailing we Swedish Finn sailors focus on physical training; gym and skiing etc. Most lakes are normally ice-covered for a long period from November to early/mid April. Several of the Swedish Finn sailors, during the winter have upgraded their materials; bought new sails and new masts etc.

### Finn World Masters 2014

As it stands right now, Sweden will participate with 7-8 master sailors in Finn World Masters in Sopot, Poland June 6 to 13.

### Swedish Finn Association's website

For more information and about other information about Swedish Finn sailing in 2014 - please visit the Swedish Finn Association's website at [www.finnjolle.se/calendar](http://www.finnjolle.se/calendar)





**Mémorial Marc Lambelet**

October 19-20 2013

The 2013 edition off the Marc Lambelet memorial regatta on Lake Neuchatel proved to be rather nerve wrecking as the wind only filled in on Sunday afternoon. But the sailors were rewarded with two perfect races in a fresh south-westerly wind. The battle was on between Christoph Christen, Piet Eckert and Peter Theurer who finished the two races in exactly this order.



**Piet Eckert, Christoph Christen, Peter Theurer**

1	SUI 5	Christoph Christen	2
2	SUI 86	Piet Eckert	4
3	SUI 67	Peter Theurer	6
4	SUI 57	Rudolf Baumann	9
5	SUI 1	Hans Fatzer	11
6	SUI 63	Thomas Gautschi	11
7	SUI 13	Peter Kilchenmann	13
8	SUI 23	Rolf Megert	18
9	FRA 40	Joseph Rochet	18
10	SUI 4	Jiri Huracek	18

**Gingerbread Regatta 2013**

November 2-3

The November classic on Lake Thun attracted 33 Finns from Switzerland, Germany and France. It was a difficult weekend especially for the race committee as the wind was going around the clock all the time. To keep the eyes open and anticipate the next big wind shift was essential. The two Christophs were unchallenged in these conditions with Christen winning one point ahead of Burger. Thomas Gautschi came in third. As usual Saturday night was spent with

**Swiss Championship 2013**

September 18-22

The 2013 Swiss Championship was sailed on Lake Zug in late September in very demanding light wind conditions. After five tricky races Christoph Christen had secured his fourth national title followed by Peter Kilchenmann and Christoph Burger.

**Swiss Championship 2013 - Final Results**

1	SUI 5	Christoph Christen	7	2	4	4	2	12
2	SUI 13	Peter Kilchenmann	1	4	1	14	10	16
3	SUI 7	Christoph Burger	8	1	7	8	1	17
4	SUI 63	Thomas Gautschi	2	11	13	1	3	17
5	SUI 57	Rudolf Baumann	3	6	15	6	4	19
6	SUI 83	Beat Steffen	4	13	2	10	5	21
7	SUI 3	Carlo Lazzari	dns	9	3	11	6	29
8	SUI 94	Andreas Friderich	13	3	10	7	9	29
9	FRA 40	Joseph Rochet	6	5	6	13	17	30
10	SUI 50	Hannes Eugster	11	15	19	3	7	36

**L-R: Christoph Burger, Christoph Christen, Peter Kilchenmann**



11	SUI 4	Jiri Huracek,	37	17	SUI 61	Andreas Künzli	55
12	FRA 74	Jean-Louis Duret	41	18	SUI 100	Jean-Pierre Breitenstein	56
13	SUI 21	Beni Krienbühl	44	19	SUI 70	Andreas Fuerer	57
14	SUI 541	Konrad Schüpbac	51	20	GER 293	Georg Siebeck	63
15	SUI 82	Lukas Schenk	53	21	SUI 18	Peter Rösti	83
16	SUI 55	Beat Heinz	53				

good food and music and all the stories about another great Swiss Finn season were told.

1	SUI 5	Christoph Christen	4
2	SUI 7	Christoph Burger	5
3	SUI 63	Thomas Gautschi	21
4	SUI 541	Konrad Schüpbach	22
5	SUI 86	Nicola Strele	22
6	GER 19	Andreas Bollongino	23
7	SUI 70	Andreas Furer	23
8	SUI 55	Beat Heinz	28
9	SUI 631	Oliver Wirz	38
10	SUI 13	Peter Kilchenmann	39
11	SUI 3	Carlo Lazzari	42
12	SUI 12	Franz Bürgi	43
13	SUI 50	Hannes Eugste	44
14	SUI 6	Christoph Wilke	46
15	SUI 83	Beat Steffen	71
16	SUI 80	Jan Fischer	73
17	SUI 31	Boris Kulpe	75
18	SUI 57	Ruedi Baumann	80
19	SUI 18	Peter Rösti	82
20	SUI 35	Patric Furrer	83
21	SUI 1	Hans Fatzer	86
22	SUI 30	Urs Wenger	87
23	SUI 99	Ernst Schläppi	88

24	SUI 4	Jirj Huracek	89
25	SUI 61	Andreas Künzli	91
26	SUI 60	John Ulbrich	93
27	FRA 74	Jean-Louis Duret	94
28	SUI 441	Gerald Bierbaum	96
29	SUI 44	Thomas Roost	97
30	SUI 77	Robert Rösti	98

**Wilke Cup 2013**

The Wilke Cup, sponsored by Wilke Swiss Marine Composites, rewards the winner with a half price Wilke mast. All national regattas and the Swiss Championship are taken into account. Therefore participation on many national regattas and consistent sailing are key. The cup can only be won once every three years by the same sailor. The winner of the 2013 edition was Thomas Gautschi.

1	SUI 63	Thomas Gautschi	563
2	SUI 5	Christoph Christen	516
3	SUI 57	Rudolf Baumann	494
4	SUI 7	Christoph Burger	462
5	SUI 83	Beat Steffen	417
6	SUI 18	Peter Roesti	409
7	FRA 40	Joseph Rochet	377
8	SUI 55	Beat Heinz	356
9	SUI 86	Piet Eckert	348
10	SUI 11	Hans Fatzer	335

Gingerbread Regatta 2013: Andreas Friderich in front of the majestic Bernese Alps



## USA



The US Finn class continues to stay active and grow. Much training has been taking place in Florida and also the South-east fleet continues to thrive. San Diego has continued to grow their fleet. Many new people are entering the class and also veterans returning from around the country. The class now has available a few good boats for charter for anyone travelling from distant areas.

The North American Finn Class is raffling off a new SeaFlight Coach Boat, complete with motor and road trailer. Details and tickets can be found at <http://www.nafinn.org>

The California Finn schedule will be very busy everywhere for the remainder of the year. Many new regattas have been added. SCYA midwinter regatta in Long Beach was won by Henry Sprague, while the Midwinters in Lauderdale was won by Greg Douglas.

### 2014 LYC Olympic Class Ocean Regatta

1	CAN 5	Greg Douglas	3	3	1	1	5	1	1	10
2	USA 6	Caleb Paine	1	1	2	2	2	4	3	11
3	AUS 41	Jake Lilley	2	4	3	4	4	3	2	18
4	AUS 261	Oliver Tweddell	7	9	5	5	1	2	5	25
5	BRA 109	Jorge Zarif	5	7	8	3	3	5	6	29
6	CAN 9	Rob Hemming	4	5	11	10	9	8	8	44
7	BRA 1	Bruno Prada	16	6	ocs	6	6	10	4	48
8	CAN 110	Martin Robitaille	9	15	6	9	8	7	10	49
9	USA 69	John F Dane	6	8	10	8	15	14	9	55
10	USA 21	Gordon Lamphere	10	11	9	7	7	11	14	55
11	EST 11	Lauri Väinsalu	58							
12	IRL 4	Ross Hamilton	59							
13	CAN 17	Jeff Roney	63							
14	CAN 11	Jim Cameron	73							
15	USA 174	Henry Sprague	83							
16	RUS 21	Vladimir Butenko	89							
17	USA 23	Jim Hunter	95							
18	CAN 999	Stephen Fuccillo	95							



Above: Greg Douglas in Miami Photo: Walter Cooper/US Sailing

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## Major Finn regattas 2014-2016

### 2014

29/3-5/4	ISAF Sailing World Cup Mallorca	Palma de Majorca, Spain
11-15/4	Split Olympic Sailing Week	Split, Croatia
19-26/4	ISAF Sailing World Cup Hyeres	Hyeres, France
30/4/-4/5	Bourgas Sailing Week	Bourgas, Bulgaria
2-4/5	GKSS Olympic Class Regatta	Gothenburg, Sweden
2-4/5	Palavska Regatta	Pavlov, Czech Republic
2-10/5	<b>EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>La Rochelle, France</b>
13-15/5	Garda and Trentino Olympic Week	Riva del Garda, Italy
20-24/5	Delta Lloyd Regatta	Medemblik, Netherlands
<b>6-13/6</b>	<b>FINN WORLD MASTERS</b>	<b>Sopot, Poland</b>
7-12/6	Sail for Gold	Weymouth & Portland, UK
21-25/6	Kieler Woche	Kiel, Germany
<b>4-11/7</b>	<b>SILVER CUP</b>	<b>Hoorn, Netherlands</b>
11-13/7	UK Nationals	West Kirby, UK
18-27/7	Travemunder Woche	Travemunde, Germany
2-9/8	Aquece Rio (Olympic Test Event)	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
19-25/8	International University Sailing Cup	Moscow, Russia
22-26/8	Swedish Championship	Lerkil, Sweden
26-31/8	Russian Open 2014	Moscow, Russia
28-31/8	Lipno Regatta	Lake Lipno, Czech Republic
30/8-2/9	Aarhus Week	Aarhus, Denmark
<b>8-21/9</b>	<b>2014 ISAF Sailing World Championships</b>	<b>Santander, Spain</b>
3-5/10	KSSS Olympic Class Regatta	Saltsjöbade, Sweden
10-14/10	Euro Masters Cup	Tihany, Hungary
1-8/12	ISAF Sailing World Cup Melbourne	Melbourne, Australia
18-23/12	Palamos Christmas Race	Palamos, Spain

### 2015

<b>tbc</b>	<b>EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>Split, Croatia</b>
<b>22-29/5</b>	<b>FINN WORLD MASTERS</b>	<b>Kavala, Greece</b>
8-12/6	Sail for Gold Regatta	Weymouth & Portland, UK
20-28/6	Kieler Woche	Kiel, Germany
12-22/8	Aquece Rio (Olympic Test Event)	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
<b>20-30/11</b>	<b>FINN GOLD CUP</b>	<b>Takapuna, New Zealand</b>
17-22/12	Palamos Christmas Race	Palamos, Spain

### 2016

4-8/5	Regatta Port Bourgas	Bourgas, Bulgaria
6-10/6	Sail for Gold	Weymouth, UK
8-18/8	<b>2016 Rio Olympic Games</b>	<b>Rio de Janeiro, Brazil</b>

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