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Opening shot: Wall to wall Finn sailing at the Finn Gold Cup at Malcesine

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Finn sailors,

It was my great privilege to be elected class President at the AGM on May 18 at the recent Finn Gold Cup. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the outgoing executive members for their contribution to our class. Without them we would not be enjoying the benefits of what has been created for us.

On behalf the IFA I would like to thank Balazs Hajdu, Michele Marchesini and Rafa Trujillo for their huge contribution to our class.

Further I would like to welcome our new IFA Executive members some of whom need little introduction; together we have a great team. Tim Tavinor brings his immense experience to the class as the new Chairman of the Technical Committee, while Kristian Sjöberg and former Polish secretary, Andrzej Romanowski, and also bring a lot of expertise on to the Executive.

We have held two stellar major championships in recent months. The first being the Finn Gold Cup at Fraglia Vela Malcesine in May. The second, the epic Finn World Masters in Helsinki. We are indebted to the teams and volunteers who organise these events, the amazing hospitality of the clubs concerned and to those that travelled, competed and made these events such a success. It was great to be together again.

As we draw to the end of the European summer we are about to hold our first post-Olympic era European Championships for both Open sailors and Masters. The event in Spain has a strong entry list and is fitting end to our major championships for 2022. As you will all know the planned Open Europeans was gazetted to take place in Kiel but did not get sufficient support from sailors to do justice to the Rickard Sarby trophy. The entries failed to meet the minimum numbers required by the event organisers, so the mandate for the Spanish event was expanded to include the Open champs. This was discussed at the AGM and despite assurances we could get the numbers for Kiel, it did not happen. Our next focus is Miami, which is challenging with costs of sea freight and transit times from some geographies, but at present there seems to be lots of interest and I think we will have a great regatta.

In 2022 the Winner of the Finn Gold Cup and the Masters World Championship was the same person, the effervescent PJ Postma from the Netherlands. Some have expressed reservations that our 'world champion' is a master. In my opinion to worry about this fact is folly. We only have to look back a few years and Olympic Medal winners were also masters in our class. The most recent example was Vasilij Zbogor from Slovenia – who won silver in Rio 2016, I think at 42 years of age, such a remarkable achievement in the professional era. The positive of all this is to dream that 'we' Finn mortals can aspire to sail at this level even after youth has deserted us. The challenge of this for the youngsters coming into the class is to demonstrate they can step up show us how its done. This tension is healthy, inspiring and will drive the competitive spirit in our class in years to come. Lets keep the Finn physical, fun with the great sense of community and all will be well.

Our new (double) World Champion PJ Postma first appeared on the Finn scene in 2005. His track record in the Finn Gold Cup is interesting, opening with a 28th in Moscow (2005) and then making the top 10 on 8 occasions up to 2018, winning the Europeans in 2016, before retiring part way through 2019 after finishing runner up in The Netherlands Finn trials for Tokyo. His comeback in 2022 is terrific, winning the trophy in style in a new Dutch Finn, the product of new venture DC Composites. Few can forget the rollercoaster of the 2012 Olympic medal race where PJ could have won gold, had it done on the last downwind, but a costly error saw him finish outside the medals; heartbreaking. However, my personal favourite PJ moment

was his last race in 2019 at the Finn Europeans in Athens knowing he had lost the trials to team mate Nicholas Heiner. PJ crushed the pin end start, put the hammer down and won his last race by about half a leg. What a performance. I recall chatting with Rafael Trujillo across our ribs remarking that "that's how you sign off in the Finn class – in style".

Whenever I see PJ he's smiling, everyone's mate, a pleasure to sail with anytime, brimming with enthusiasm for our great boat and a most worthy champion of our class. It my hope that like PJ many will return to sail with us and enjoy the Finn experience. PJ – we salute you.

Looking ahead in 2023 we have plenty of great events coming up. As I write, preparations are underway with many containers planned from Europe to Miami for the Finn Gold Cup in January 2023. We then see the action shift to Europe for the Open Europeans on Lake Balaton in May and then the Masters Worlds in Kavala. In September we have the European Masters in Campione del Garda, which will likely be the last 'stand alone' Masters Euros. Planning for 2024 is very advanced, as is 2025. I predict that the 2024 Finn Gold Cup will be in Italy prior to the Masters – making for a great tour and in 2025 we have at least two bids and some very exciting potential bids for 2026. We are aiming to preserve the quality of the events we offer, the variety and challenge of conditions and make travelling, participation, logical and convenient as far as we can. We want to see you there and provide an experience you will enjoy and remember.

Around the world we are in good shape from a number of perspectives. Firstly from a builders perspective we have our friends in the USA working on the Finn Foundation project to produce a local Finn. There seems to be a real resurgence going on there driven in part by the FGC in Miami, all of which is great to see. We witnessed something fantastic in Malcesine in the Finn Gold Cup with a Dutch sailor winning the Finn Gold cup in a boat built in his home country, repeating the achievement at the Masters. Congratulations to Joost Houweling and the team at DC Composites on his achievement. The new DC/TT2 Finn is a fine looking machine and it is great to see another builder in the class. Elsewhere our national events are healthy and well subscribed as you will see from the reports enclosed. I recently attended the QLD State Championship in Australia – a fleet of 42 Finns (37 from Australia and notable visitors from NZL and ESP). This was a domestic record for Finn sailing in Australia. This reflects the great work of the Australian Finn Class team and so many of our country associations.

We have a lot of work ahead of us. We need to find our place especially with U23 as well as all U35 Finn sailors. We have natural momentum in the Masters space but we have to find the solution to attract younger sailors – all contributions and ideas are welcome here.

As a team we are endeavouring to communicate better. We have renewed focus on social media, regular communication with our council of country Finn reps, which we have kicked off. We are here to listen. We hope you will share your news on our new Facebook share page and if you have a story to tell please let us know, we have the resources to get it out in the world of social media.

In the meantime wherever you are, happy Finn Sailing and I look forward to seeing you all soon.



Rob McMillan
IFA President
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FINN NEWS



BACK ISSUES

Sets of back issues of FINNFARE dating back to the late 1990s are available in the Finn Shop. In total there are about 60 editions available, totalling more than 1500 pages. SET 1 covers all available issues from 1997 to 2009. SET 2 covers all issues from 2010 to 2019. There are at least 20 complete sets of all 30 issues. In addition, some sets of the Masters Magazine are available. It includes all copies from 2015 to 2020 (6 editions). See finnclass.org/shop



DOUBLE EVENT IN MAY 2023

In May 2023 there is an opportunity to sail two major regattas back to back at two great venues. From May 12-18 the 2023 Open and U23 Europeans will be hosted by Procelero SE at

Csopak on Lake Balaton, in Hungary, the home club of 2020 silver medallist Zsombor Berecz. After a few days off, the 2023 Finn World Masters, is being held from May 26-June 2 in Kavala, Greece.

This scheduling allows two great regattas within a three-week block, with enough time for travel and rest between. Already there has been huge interest from those from outside Europe in taking part in both events. The event website for the Open Europeans will be at 2023.finneuropeans.org, while lots of information about the Finn World Masters can already be found at finnworldmaster.com



FUTURE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following venues and dates are now confirmed.

2023 Finn Gold Cup, Coconut Grove YC, Miami, USA, January 24-31, 2023.finngoldcup.org

2023 Open and U23 Europeans, Csopak, Balaton, HUN, May 12-18

2023 Finn World Masters, Kavala, GRE, May 26-June 2, www.finnworldmaster.com

2023 Finn European Masters, Campione, Garda, ITA, September 2-8, www.finnworldmaster.com

2024 Finn World Masters, Puntala, ITA, May 17-24

2025 Finn World Masters, Medemblik, NED, June 6-13

Further bids for the Finn Gold Cup and Open Europeans for 2024 and 2025 are welcome. Please contact the IFA Office.

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Cover photo: Pieter-Jan Postma at the Finn World Masters in Helsinki. Inset: Celebrating after winning the Finn Gold Cup in Malcesine. Photos: Robert Deaves





THANK YOU

BALAZS AND MICHELE

After the AGM in May, two long standing members of the IFA Executive retired following many years service. Balazs Hajdu (above) was the longest serving President in IFA history, standing for 17 years. He was presented with a Finn half model at home in Hungary as he was unable to make the AGM. Michele Marchesini (below left) was presented with a half model in Malcesine by the Italian class president Marko Kolic (below right) during the Finn Gold Cup. Michele has served on the Executive for 24 years in a range of roles including Development Coach, VP Development and VP Special Projects.

Thank you both for your immense contribution to the Finn Class.



WORLD RANKING LIST

The new World Ranking List is being prepared and should be launched in October. More details will follow in the next issue, but it is being designed to work on a two year rolling system and aims to include events from as many of the NFAs around the world as possible, along with all the major class championships. The best five events will count with each event weighted.

An initial list is being created using available events and for 2023 there will be a maximum of two National Events per NFA. The IFA will send out a request each year to NFAs for two nominated events, one of which is expected to be the national Championship, if held. The NFA is responsible for sending results in the requested format. Points awarded for each event will be based on several factors including: number of boats competing, category of event, quality of the fleet and year of event.

Once the platform is up and running, further integration should be possible to create a European tour, and Masters ranking etc.

Watch this space.



FINN GOLD CUP – MIAMI 2023

Preparations are in full swing for the 2023 Finn Gold Cup. Already there are 35 entries and this is expected to increase in the coming months, as more containers are booked. Containers will leave from Europe in the second half of November and return in February. Containers are planned or discussed from the Netherlands, Finland, France, Spain and Portugal. There are many more details on finnclub.org, but anyone wanting to book a space in a container, please contact one of those listed or Paul McKenzie.

The event website can be found at: 2023.finngoldcup.org.

SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER

One of the motions passed at the AGM was to appoint an IFA Sustainability Officer to enact and oversee the IFA sustainability strategy. The role would include advising, communicating and coordinating with the Executive Committee, NCAs and event organisers to address sustainability issues and ensure best practice at IFA events.

The existing policy requires further development and implementation and hence requires an advocate and campaigner to ensure it is a priority at IFA and NFA events.

If anyone is interested in filling the role please contact the IFA Office.

A promotional banner for FINNshop. It features a dark blue background with several items: a 'FINNatics' book, a 'BETWEEN A ROCK' book, a 'BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE' book, a Finn half model in a red box, a small blue bag, and a 'Photo FINNish' book. The text 'FINNshop' is in large white letters at the top. Below the items, it says 'BOOKS • FINNALIA HALF MODELS • FINNFARE' and 'www.finnclub.org/shop'.



PIETER-JAN POSTMA WINS FINN GOLD CUP

PIETER-JAN POSTMA MADE HISTORY IN 2022 BY BECOMING THE FIRST DUTCH WINNER OF THE FINN GOLD CUP. OSKARI MUHONEN TOOK SILVER WHILE DOMONKOS NEMETH TOOK BRONZE AND WON THE FINN SILVER CUP FOR THE U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



The 2022 Finn Gold Cup was the first real test of the class as non-Olympic and resulted in 110 Finns from 19 nations coming to the start line at the Fraglia Vela Malcesine on Lake Garda, Italy from 15-21 May.

Even though the opening day and final day were lost with light winds due to unseasonably hot and humid weather across Europe, the fleet managed eight good races in the end and a fascinating battle between the top two sailors.

Day 1

The famous Garda wind machine broke down on the first day, even though the early morning northerly Peler was a solid 20-25 knots. This eased through the morning and an encouraging 6-8 knots from the south built from around midday, however it never stabilised or increased much more and after one attempt at a start the wind was flicking right off the western shoreline, and shortly afterwards Garda became a mirror. The fleet was sent ashore to wait and then racing was abandoned for the day.

Day 2

Racing finally started on the next day with three great races and with Pieter-Jan Postma as the early leader. Oskari Muhonen was second with Matti Iovenitti third. The race wins went to the new class President, Rob McMillan, Muhonen and Marko Kolic. Wednesday brought a typical Garda day with a southerly building to 10-14 knots.

The fastest sailor upwind had to be McMillan. In the first race he led at the first top mark, then took the lead from Postma on the second upwind, and held on downwind to take the race win. In the second race he rounded near the front and again took the lead on the second beat, but this time, Muhonen, Postma and Domonkos Németh came past.

The final race was quite tricky with the leaders deep at the top, but Kolic found the best route on the right and was never really threatened for the race win.

He said, "Today we had three tough races. It was very difficult to start well as the guys are all very well prepared to have a good regatta. "In the first two races I had a good start but I make a lot of

1	NED 842	Pieter-Jan Postma	2	2	6	(8)	2	3	1	1	17
2	FIN 8	Oskari Muhonen	4	1	8	1	5	1	(9)	2	22
3	HUN 80	Domonkos Németh	9	3	(25)	12	6	2	6	4	42
4	AUT 3	Florian Raudaschl	8	(28)	4	4	1	8	8	13	46
5	ITA 40	Marko Kolic	25	(38)	1	5	4	5	3	11	54
6	ESP 161	Miguel Fernandez Vasco	7	7	33	(66)	3	4	10	3	67
7	POR 21	Filipe Silva	10	(58)	2	36	10	6	7	7	78
8	ITA 115	Roberto Strappati	6	(32)	3	29	8	14	15	9	84
9	FRA	Valerian Lebrun	13	10	31	(ret)	25	7	2	12	100
10	ITA 1071	Matteo Iovenitti	3	15	10	30	9	9	(ufd)	28	104
11	NED 148	Peter Peet	5	17	39	7	20	11	(ufd)	5	104
12	FRA 75	Laurent Hay	17	41	21	2	7	15	(ufd)	18	121
13	ESP 7	David Terol	(ufd)	43	5	6	14	30	12	16	126
14	GER 193	Thomas Schmid	27	(dnf)	20	19	23	23	11	8	131
15	AUS 2	Rob McMillan	1	4	24	18	(50)	44	5	41	137
16	FRA 96	Florian Faucheux	40	9	(dnf)	3	30	17	31	25	155
17	AUS 22	Paul McKenzie	34	13	34	(41)	16	21	4	36	158
18	ITA 788	Roberto Benamati	18	44	18	11	15	25	(45)	32	163
19	DEN 21	Otto Strandvig	11	(dnf)	28	10	49	10	32	29	169
20	AUS 330	James Bevis	22	29	38	(79)	18	12	17	33	169
21	FIN 12	Joonas Harju	16	16	32	43	(77)	20	24	27	178
22	GER 8	Juergen Eiermann	33	36	42	13	(51)	16	18	23	181
23	GER 501	Fabian Lemmel	19	24	(64)	34	33	38	33	6	187
24	AUS 110	Marcus Whitley	14	8	61	61	(74)	26	22	10	202
25	FIN 118	Waltteri Moisio	52	26	7	26	41	(55)	14	50	216
26	NED 43	Ronald Van Klooster	29	(69)	27	9	29	61	23	45	223
27	ITA 45	Nicola Capriglione	26	57	14	50	(63)	36	20	22	225
28	SVK 1	Peter Mosny	55	68	(73)	35	11	29	13	15	226
29	NED 29	Bas De Waal	(ufd)	25	40	44	22	37	43	19	230
30	ITA 30	Andrea Lino	21	34	(52)	38	21	41	46	31	232
31	FRA 49	Dorian Gachon	37	(54)	26	16	44	42	49	30	244
32	POL 6	Bartosz Szydlowski	12	6	47	28	(dnc)	24	ufd	17	245
33	FRA 99	Marc Allain Des Beauvais	32	46	43	(68)	43	18	42	21	245
34	ESP 71	Xavier Penas	28	(72)	17	20	36	48	61	40	250
35	GER 286	Maximilian Trommer	24	18	51	25	(ocs)	19	65	48	250
36	DEN 246	Jens Kristian Andersen	45	5	12	(105)	71	27	60	35	255
37	FRA 38	Audoine Michel	38	30	66	32	(70)	32	25	34	257
38	GER 909	Udo Murek	53	11	11	81	27	35	41	(dsq)	259
39	ITA 80	Martin Atzwanger	15	23	13	(85)	69	49	52	38	259
40	NED 7	Cees Scheurwater	23	27	65	23	(dnc)	45	30	47	260

mistakes on the upwind, but in the last one I started well and at a good moment, tacked to the right and it was a good choice and I rounded first and won the race. It was a very big emotion for me to win a race at the Finn Gold Cup, so a good day."

Overall leader, Postma explained why he was back "It is awesome to be here and it's a good fight. For me I am back in the Finn for this week because I just missed that feel, the feel of the upwind, the feel of the downwind, and to be back here in a great class is awesome.

"Today everybody said you have to go to the left. Well, we had six beats and every beat you had to go to the right, so there were plenty enough challenges. Actually it was puffy and it wasn't a one way track, so head out of the boat. I had a 2,2,7 and leading at the moment but it's tight."

Kolic concluded, "We are very happy and very proud to have this important event in Italy. We have 110 boats from all over the world so it's a very good thing to know that the love of Finn sailors keeps going and we are sure it will keep going for years and years."

Day 3

After three very different races on the third day, bringing the event back on schedule, Muhonen won two to take a three point lead at the top from

Postma, while Florian Raudaschl won the second race and moved up to third overall.

The conditions still defied the local weather-lore with a long wait for racing to begin. In the end the first race was started in 6-7 knots and at the top mark, there were some big holes. Most of the leaders survived, but a few had some deep results. Otto Strandvig led at the top, but the race was a fight between Laurent Hay and Muhonen. Hay led at the downwind and second top mark, but Muhonen got past in a last few hundred metres before the final gate to take the race win.

The second race was sailed in slightly more breeze, though it started to build significantly on the final downwind, setting up a great third race in 12-14 knots.

Muhonen led round the top in Race 5, but Raudaschl had other ideas and was in the lead at the gate and led round the remaining marks to take the race win from Postma and Miguel Fernandez Vasco. With the breeze up, there were some new faces at the front but Muhonen used his downwind speed to take the lead by the gate and extend away to win from Domonkos Nemeth and Postma.

Raudaschl commented, "I think the racing was great today. The race committee kept us waiting but I think they knew why they kept us



waiting. The day started difficult but I managed to have three races which were OK."

His expectation here, "To be honest nothing. It was just a holiday here for me and of course I went to the gym again, put on some weight, but I see it as a holiday and I really enjoy it. It's good fun"

He is always drawn back to the Finn, "I have sailed so many different classes, but I was never really happy and in the Finn it's so hard, and the hiking is so hard but at the end of the day you did something and really worked your way, and that keeps you happy I guess."

Three time Silver Cup winner Muhonen said, "Today we started off with a weak breeze and it was pretty tricky for the first two races. Then afterwards the breeze built in and the third race was really good. I had a pretty decent day. The week has been pretty good so far. Yesterday was all right, some good points and solid finishes, but still four races to so it's going to be pretty tight with me and PJ."

Why is he back? "During the winter I started an Olympic campaign in the 49er, but now I am looking for a new crew and I had some free time and I still had my Finn, so I decided to come here. And it's been really fun to be back and racing, and really tight racing, so I am really happy I decided to come here. After this, I will probably sail some Finn back in Finland at least, but we'll see about that."

Day 4

On the fourth day, Postma found second gear to dominate the fleet. He took two decisive race wins to take a five point lead in the event with just two races to sail.

Muhonen dropped to second after a start line incident in Race 8 left him in ninth, though he posted a solid second in the second race. Nemeth, posted a 6, 4 to move up to third and clear leader in the Silver Cup for the U23 World Championship.

The fleet was sent out for a 13.00 start but again the wind took its time to stabilise and the seventh race did not start until gone 14.00. Bartosz Szydowski rounded first ahead of McMillan and Peter Peet. Postma rounded fourth and was in the lead by the gate to sail away and take his first race win of the day and the regatta. After a number of U-Flag disqualifications, Valerian Lebrun finished second with Kolic in third. Regatta leader Muhonen, had a start line incident and suffered damage and a leaking boat, which was remedied between races. However he managed to recover to ninth place, despite having a sizeable volume of water in the front tank, also benefitting from several UFDs.

Postma owned the pin in the next race with the wind starting to increase. He managed the left well and came into the top with a small lead from Muhonen. Postma extended on the run and on the next upwind for a comfortable lead. However with Oscar raised for free pumping Muhonen was on the attack and halved the gap before the finish. Fernandez Vasco just held off Németh, for third.

Fernandez Vasco was up to sixth in his fourth Finn Gold Cup. "Today was a windy day with free pumping in the last race and good fight with Domonkos. He's so fast and strong like a good young sailor. I am so happy because we were training so hard in La Coruña this winter and I am so happy with the results, apart from



mistakes in the third and fourth races, but I've had several good races as well.

"The Finn for me is a very important part of my life. I learn of a lot from the class as a person, on the sport, and I want to continue sailing, maybe the next Finn Gold Cup in Miami. And I hope everyone continues sailing."

"This is a new age for the Finn. I think that all the people sail Finn are those who love the sport of sailing but the thing is, it's the boat. It's for people from 80 to 100 kg and for all the ages. It's perfect."

Nemeth said, "It was nice today. The first start was not the best but I figured it out quickly and went to the right side. And the Garda weather came back. The machine broke, but now it's alive again I think. It was basically like everyone said before, especially the second race.

"We had two really good races, and long ones. Tomorrow is the last day and I'm really looking forward to it."

On his future in the class, "I will keep sailing Finn because I am too big for other boats and I love the power and the atmosphere and the people. At the nationals in Hungary we have 60-70 boats, really big fleets. It's amazing to have this big community there and I'm looking forward to what's going to be next for the class."

Day 5

With no more racing possible on the final day due to light winds and very high temperatures again, Pieter-Jan Postma made history by winning the 2022 Finn Gold Cup, the first Dutch winner of this massively prestigious trophy in its 66 year history. Oskari Muhonen took second while Domonkos Nemeth, took bronze. Nemeth also won the Finn Silver Cup, for the U23 World Championship, from Joonas Harju and Waltteri Mosio.

Postma also rewrote history in another way. He was sailing a TT2 hull from DC Composites in The Netherlands, and breaks the 27-year run of winning hulls from Devoti Sailing. Joost Houweling, of DC Composites, was nearly as excited as Postma, who was extremely excited to finally win the Finn Gold Cup after 17 years of trying. His first Gold Cup was in 2005 and after two silvers and three bronzes, can finally engrave his name on the ultimate prize in singlehanded sailing and make an indelible mark in sailing history.

Postma admitted to being slow at the start of the week and unable to maintain a lane with the boat and rig he had never sailed before, but by Friday he had changed the setup and was fast upwind and down and dominated the racing.

The cheer at the prizegiving as he stepped up to claim the Cup was ample evidence of the high regard in which he is held within the class. He was once voted as the most popular sailor in the class.

"So many people supported me along the way it's not a cliché but we do it with a lot of people together and remembering a couple of people in the sky and the people around me, it's for all of us and it feels amazing

"It was a great event here in Malcesine and good volunteers, and a class with 110 boats on the line. The Finn will never die."

Will he be back? He ended with a cryptic, "To be continued...."



41	ITA 1025	Armando Battaglia	31	(dnf)	78	99	19	13	21	14	275
42	ITA 67	Gino Bucciarelli	20	31	41	45	39	40	59	(61)	275
43	GER 81	Jan-Dietmar Dellas	41	52	30	33	34	63	34	(73)	287
44	ITA 4	Francesco Faggiani	58	37	23	46	40	50	(ufd)	52	306
45	CZE 80	Martin Jozif	30	50	55	48	59	46	(ufd)	20	308
46	GER 75	Jonas Nissen	46	61	68	(78)	17	22	36	59	309
47	GER 157	Frank Dinnebier	(ufd)	21	16	67	45	57	58	49	313
48	ITA 2	Marco Buglielli	(ufd)	22	29	42	76	39	62	43	313
49	GBR 5	John Greenwood	(ufd)	42	22	60	13	31	39	ocs	318
50	GER	Rainer Haacks	36	14	50	(74)	67	54	28	69	318
51	NED 68	Joost Houweling	(ufd)	81	70	62	12	43	26	26	320
52	FIN 22	Ville Valtonen	(dnf)	95	9	39	32	52	71	37	335
53	POL 73	Andrzej Romanowski	(ufd)	53	71	53	35	33	54	39	338
54	NED 67	Remko Boot	(68)	47	57	54	57	58	29	56	358
55	GER 19	Andreas Bollongino	51	63	15	65	54	(80)	67	46	361
56	ITA 872	Nicola Menoni	61	92	76	64	(dnf)	28	19	24	364
57	GER 206	Klaus Reffellmann	(ufd)	45	82	40	38	69	27	63	364
58	SVK 6	Milan Loukota	54	35	56	52	62	34	(ufd)	72	365
59	ESP 317	Roque Terol Albaladejo	60	60	35	(dnc)	31	64	44	82	376
60	GER 323	Jonas Jung	47	12	79	55	(93)	77	48	66	384
61	POR 5	Jorge Pinheiro De Melo	(ufd)	39	44	71	47	56	16	ocs	384
62	SUI 99	Laurent Chapuis	62	(96)	67	59	58	51	35	53	385
63	GER 477	Harald Leissner	44	19	46	91	28	96	(ufd)	75	399
64	POL 38	Juliusz Reichelt	63	20	85	(89)	89	62	38	51	408
65	GER 334	Andreas Gillwald	74	66	72	14	(85)	75	56	54	411
66	POL 26	Boguslaw Nowakowski	(87)	40	60	70	42	84	51	81	428
67	ITA 706	Sebastian Mazzarol	65	51	36	(86)	82	76	55	68	433
68	SVK 271	Tomas Mihalik	35	80	19	31	(dsq)	dne	ufd	55	442
69	GER 226	Fernholz Uwe	56	82	80	17	79	72	(ufd)	57	443
70	GER 145	Kai-Uwe Gölldenitz	48	67	75	72	56	78	47	(ret)	443
71	ITA 62	Lorenzo Tesei	64	89	69	15	(ret)	60	69	78	444
72	HUN 21	Bonifác Sebestyén	43	48	53	dne	73	(87)	73	44	445
73	DEN 7	Martin Mikkelsen	49	70	83	56	24	53	(ufd)	dnc	446
74	ITA 10	Diego Gius. Carlo Maltese	77	85	49	22	61	(92)	90	67	451
75	FIN 145	Mathias Tallberg	90	(102)	37	24	48	85	79	89	452
76	ITA 19	Nicola Roncoroni	83	(103)	59	58	37	83	66	70	456
77	ITA 8	Florian Demetz	42	84	(dnf)	21	92	59	50	ocs	459
78	AUT 73	Markus Schneeberger	(ufd)	79	58	94	60	74	40	60	465
79	ITA 920	Alberto Romano	(ufd)	71	84	49	46	91	64	62	467
80	ITA 64	Filippo Petella	78	56	54	83	53	70	(84)	79	473
81	GER 767	Andreas Demond	69	49	62	77	55	(dnf)	76	88	476
82	NED 128	Maarten Kat	79	65	74	69	(88)	66	70	58	481
83	NED 939	Willem Van Walt Meijer	(ufd)	83	91	51	26	68	57	ret	487
84	ITA 3	Massimo Paccosi	73	75	77	47	78	(90)	72	65	487
85	AUT 8	Hartwig Gfreiner	50	62	86	88	52	81	78	(ocs)	497
86	ITA 168	Germano Lucchetta	89	78	48	75	(dsq)	47	87	76	500
87	ITA 11	Paolo Cisbani	(dnf)	59	87	dsq	68	71	37	74	507
88	GER 43	Ingo Spory	59	55	81	100	(101)	79	53	86	513
89	POL 151	Jakub Micewski	75	(94)	90	57	72	88	75	64	521
90	ITA 22	Mauro Fragiaco	57	(dnc)	63	76	99	67	81	84	527
91	GER 76	Christian Conrads	71	76	(105)	82	65	86	85	71	536
92	ESP 99	Gerardo Seeliger	72	64	95	98	64	(105)	63	85	541
93	GER 811	Michael Knoll	70	86	45	84	84	(95)	82	92	543
94	GER 84	Michael Huellenkremer	81	93	93	92	(96)	73	74	42	548
95	GER 151	Hendrik W. Schwarz	39	90	98	27	91	94	(ufd)	ocs	550
96	POL 107	Łukasz Kielnar	76	(97)	97	63	75	65	91	87	554
97	ESP 123	Miguel Alvarez	80	101	94	37	66	97	94	(ocs)	569
98	FRA 307	Xavier Lacombe	66	33	99	96	87	82	(dnf)	dnc	574
99	POL 27	Piotr Rosiński	92	73	92	(104)	80	93	83	77	590
100	RSA 592	Leon Ferreira	82	98	88	(102)	83	101	77	83	612
101	POL 43	Beniamin Kobierski	67	74	103	101	90	(dnf)	86	93	614
102	FIN 70	Derek Breitenstein	84	(dnc)	dnc	80	94	98	68	80	615
103	GER 543	Marcel Beltz	88	88	89	97	(102)	89	80	96	627
104	GER 200	Dr. Dahlhoff Ulrich	93	77	(104)	93	86	99	92	95	635
105	GER 996	Peter Drodofsky	85	91	96	95	97	(103)	89	94	647
106	FIN 226	Henrik Andersson	(dnf)	87	100	87	100	100	88	90	652
107	POL 47	Tomasz Witek	94	100	101	90	81	(104)	95	97	658
108	POL 674	Lesław Gondek	91	99	102	(103)	98	102	93	91	676
109	GER 175	Michael Möckel	(dnf)	dnc	dnc	73	95	dnf	dnc	dnc	723
110	GER 965	Christian Muellejans	86	(dnc)	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	752





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Now as I'm emphasizing intellect, it's important to mention that a challenge in the Olympic world, is everyone is an intellectual. Banging off by yourself begs the question 'why am I the only one over here?' Why am I gambling leverage? What is the percentage play that my internal computer knows for my best overall regatta score? There is 'smart leverage', which is splitting short-term for something better; and there is desperation, gambling, or looking for the easy way out. And of course there is 'sticking with the fleet, positioning better, and being patient for the next snapshot to move up the chains'.

Intellect is seizing opportunity, and also staying the course. In poker, we don't go 'all-in' every hand. We wait to keep losses

low, until the better cards arrive. And even in the midst of a good hand, we still manage risk as related to our chances of winning the hand. Sailboat racing is exactly the same – there is a lifted tack, there are laylines, and there is fleet geometry. With so many knowns, why bet on unknowns?

The reason I'm emphasizing visual intellect/feel, is that I want to give you the tools to be more comfortable and dominate in the subtle positioning game. Certain wind conditions deliver a racecourse that keeps the fleet quite compressed as everyone arrives together at the first mark. Can you thrive in the knife-fight conditions? Do you love rounding the weather mark with 25 boats close behind? To win your answer must be 'YES!'.

Let's talk about shifty unpredictable winds. It's challenging because it's calling on the visual/feel skills at an alarming rate, even sometimes faster than every



4 seconds. Past history (meaning what side paid) has less bankable value, and there is a premium on reacting quickly to change as it is occurring. Your goal is to be 'seeing it' (or realizing it) before the others, and claiming the open lane as the puff/shift comes in.

SYNC VISUAL, INTELLECT AND FEEL (PART 2)

*THE SECOND PART OF AN ARTICLE
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Story time - who is one of the most successful US Olympians in sailing? Paul Foerster (3 Olympic medals, 2 PanAm medals). Paul grew up sailing on Texas lakes, and enjoys shifty conditions. He's a quiet man who gets confidently down to business. His most important pre-race routine? Get out there as early as you can, and sail the shifts to get a 'feel' for the timing. That's Paul's method regardless of condition. He trusts his eyes, his feel, and his experience more than a weather forecast or his coach. Paul needs to be our hero.

When thinking about Paul, I create this mindset and advice on shifty days:

On shifty days when warming up, NEVER sail on a header. Sailing on the lifted tack ALWAYS feels better/easier, so follow Paul's advice and get a 'feel' for it.

On unpredictable days, history can't be trusted, so you need more pre-race 'data'. Sail at least two test beats with some length, and then many 'short-bursts'. During postponements and recalls stay in phase to increase your confidence, track the rhythm of the shifts, and reinforce transitioning well. The rhythm and feel of the wind is your data to collect.

Acceleration and transition are two absolute requirements to race well in shifty conditions. As you sail in phase, don't be afraid to crack sheet to accelerate followed by a trim and climb in height. I'd be willing to bet that the last race you won, you accelerated well.

Success breeds confidence which multiplies success on shifty days. Arrive to the race course ready to feel and learn the

conditions, and stay sharp all day. Your to do list is: Always be in phase, accelerate well, always sail in clear lanes.

And a Paul bonus - He worked on his boat more, trained more, and wanted it more than anyone else. Malcolm Page quote on Paul 'he was hard working and bloody smart!'

'OK, how do I get better at visual intellect, and match it with my feel sensations?'

It's simple – but don't fall prey to just reading it, you have to DO IT.

Sail more alone, and heighten your awareness. Become a master at gear changing, transition, and acceleration because YOU feel it and react.

Look at your sails, and equate vision to feel. Experiment, don't always do it the same way.

Become a master at identifying the 'edges' of performance - i.e. what is just slightly too full, too flat, perfect depth. Where is the line when stall is approaching and how do you 'reload'? How quickly can you get into fast forward VMG, standard angle, and high pointing VMG, all in perfect trim?

Use your coach, other team members, etc to discuss trims and techniques.

'Race' from the moment you leave the dock to return. Cruising will come later in your life.

WRAP-UP

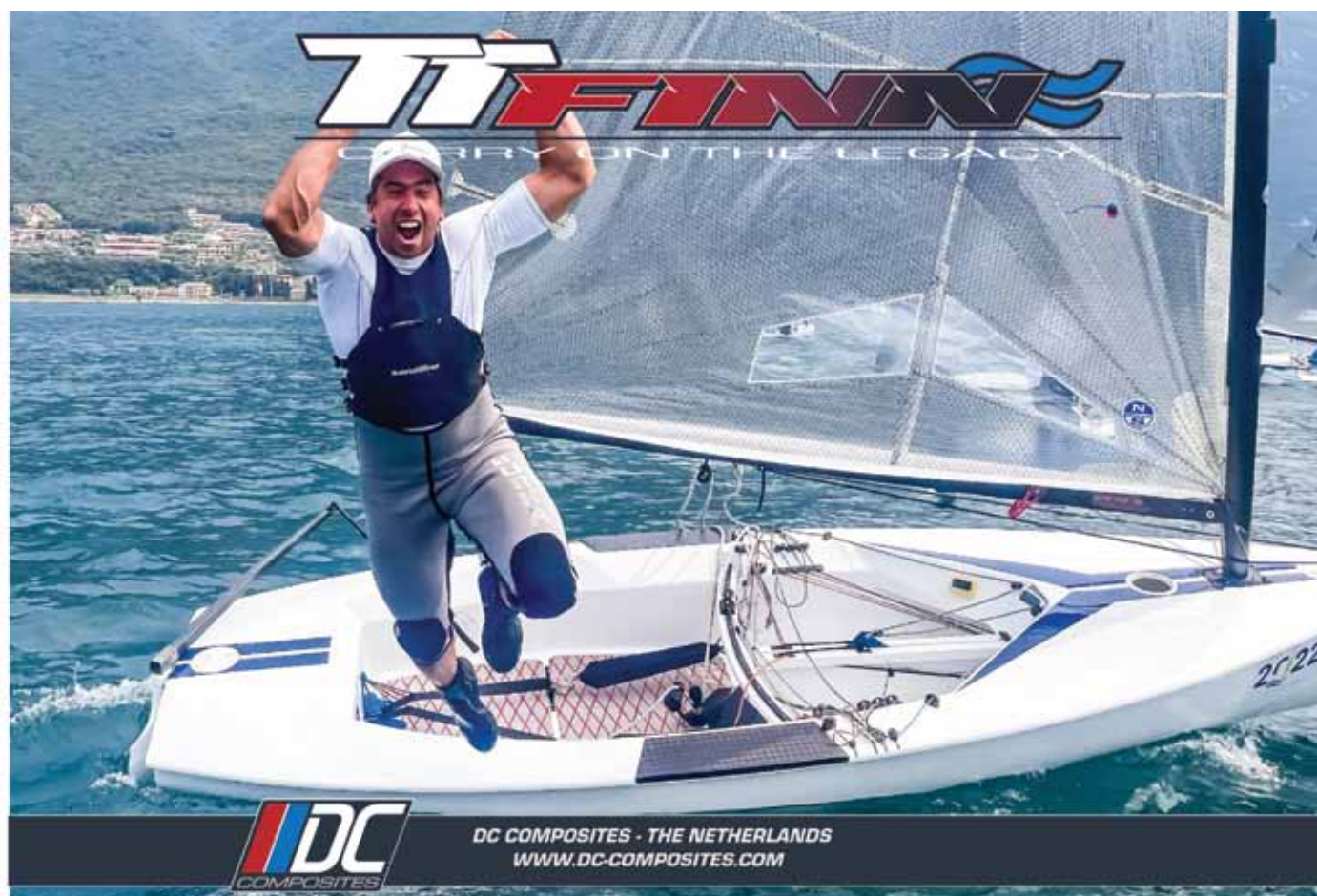
So it's easy right? Make 4,800 good decisions and you win a Gold Medal. That's pretty daunting, but first step is to internally demand to sail with focus and purpose. I

like to say every day 'what is the hardest thing about this condition?' Once I've answered that question, that challenge is one of my primary focus points of the day. Tomorrow, instead of smashing into the chop and hating it, you'll be psyched to heel slightly, keep a higher percentage of load on the rig and board, and sneak a 1.5 length gain in that nasty set of 3 waves in a row.

The intensity at which you operate on the water needs to be high, as there are always gains to be made. Step one is to tell yourself you WILL BE the best at visual intellect and feel. You'll see the wind more clearly, you'll sense the wind going left with 20 seconds to go, you'll perhaps be master of slight twist for acceleration, and then squeezing in for a burst of high mode. Someone is the most aware, is observing better, and drawing confidence on the day – why shouldn't that be you?

Another key attitude to have is 'what's next?' If you can train yourself to look forward, you'll find that everything is easy. It means you are sailing 'head more out of the boat' and that gains come easily when you see the plot. Lanes are easy to claim, and to quote Steve Hunt 'my tactics are insane cause I'm in my big fat lane!'.

What's the condition, what's the pre-race plan, what's the line look like, what phase is the wind in, how is the boat moving, what's the key to speed, what's my next move. Feed the computer solid data, and your mind will react with the best solution. Head to the podium, drink champagne.



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MAN OF THE YEAR

IN 2022 PIETER-JAN POSTMA BECAME THE FIRST DUTCHMAN TO WIN THE FINN GOLD CUP AND ALSO THE FIRST PERSON TO WIN THE FINN GOLD CUP AND FINN WORLD MASTERS IN THE SAME YEAR.

FINNFARE: How cool is it to be the first person to win both world titles in the same year?

PJ: It was a huge pleasure to be able to sail both regattas. I had hoped to do well, but the effect of winning them both was much greater than I expected.

Was the Masters fun?

Heaps! Everybody there was so purely enjoying the racing. Being there with great men makes the week brilliant.

What did you enjoy most from being in Helsinki?

The chats with all sailors. The experiences and stories are priceless.

Was it different to what you expected?

In Holland we have a big fleet as well, so it's a similar vibe to that, but better, being able to sail with great friends from all over the world – even some of my heroes from New Zealand.

What draws you back to the Finn?

The boat, the feel, the people – it's the whole picture. But when choosing a single area, it's strategy on the race course - creating a path with the wind.

Before every single race being open for all the wind signs and cook that together to a strategy. Then open it with a good start and then you go to see if it works. I am not always sure. But, 'I love it when a plan comes together'.

What do you think about the future direction of the class in terms of events and providing the right balance?

Trying to get the most Finns on a line, with great conditions, and having a good time.

Simple - have the events together.

Not too many. Just a nice calendar.

Keep watching to minimize costs.

If you go to a place that is extravagant - like Barbados - then prepare it super well, and get a sponsor on board when starting.

What are your Finn plans for the future?

It's such an enjoyment to sail the Finn, there is nothing like it. The class grows and it's good for my fitness and happiness.

I am not an inside gym guy that much - haven't got the right outfit for that.

How would you encourage others to keep sailing the Finn

'Listen to your heart'

Reflect on the four Olympic campaigns?

I learned so much from it. Gave me a proper challenge.

Anything you would have done differently?

Yes, lots. I could make a long list. I had quite some struggles along the way. And went too deep in some areas by myself, so a lot of times I didn't prioritize the right area. I wasn't well organized and struggled with speed in some conditions. I pushed myself out of balance and was concerned sometimes more with somebody else and his well-being than my own.

But all of these areas are strong points now, and putting that learning into practice is wonderful. I just coached a new team in the 69F and dominated all the seven events.

'I am not what I have done, I am what I have overcome.'

What about the new TT2 Finn?

It took me half way through the worlds in Malcesine to find the right settings. It's a bit different, for example, the mast at the deck is 22 mm back from the Fantastica. Now after finding the differences, making it work and sharing it with all the owners, I prefer the TT2. It's built so nice, but differences in hulls are minor.

Would be nice to keep the class costs low. Get even more Finn sailors in, and if you want to invest in sailing, go out and spend it on a beer and burger together afterwards.

Advice for the Masters?

Watch videos, and set a nice goal, go out and enjoy.

What have been up to since you stopped Finn sailing in 2018?

Coached a lot, which is really rewarding, and set up projects in M32, 69F, Skutsje and sailed on the V65. Also busy with bigger sailing project.

Making it work and grow as a group is fantastic.

Future plans?

We're in such an amazing situation to sometimes be able to sail and be in nature. My biggest dream now is to keep environment healthy or even to improve it by getting more circular.

Be one with nature.



HISTORIC MASTERS IN HELSINKI

*PIETER-JAN POSTMA WON THE
2022 FINN WORLD MASTERS
IN HELSINKI, FINLAND*

Seventy years ago the Finn changed sailing history and put in its first appearance at the Olympic Games. To celebrate this occasion, the Finnish Finn sailors decided to hold the 2022 Finn World Masters in Helsinki and after three years of planning, it opened with 121 sailors from 25 countries taking part.

Throughout the regatta there were many occasions to remember that first Olympics 70 years ago when the great Paul Elvstrøm won the first of his three Finn Gold medals.

The championship was opened by President of Finn Masters Andy Denison and Esko Rechardt, the 1980 Finn Olympic gold medallist. Rechardt spoke about the quality of the Finn and the heritage it has across the world of sailing.

AFTER THE PRACTICE was cancelled because of strong winds, the event started in splendid conditions, sunny, warm with 6-10 knots of wind. The wind pressure varied a lot making it challenging for most sailors. In both starts the black flag was needed, and at the end of the day there were 15 BFDs. Some of the front runners picked up a BFD, making rest of the week difficult for them. World champion Pieter-Jan Postma opening his first ever Finn World Masters with two race wins. Laurent Hay was second after twice placing second with Peter Peet in third following a 3,7.

Race 1 got away after an initial general recall with Sebbe Godefroid leading the fleet at the top mark, but on the next beat he



chose the right hand side of the course and was passed by those who went up the left side. Postma took the win from Hay and Peet

Race 2 also got away following a general recall under a black flag and a number of sailors unfortunately paid the price including Laurence Crispin who was leading at the first mark

A good battle was had by Postma, Hay and Karl Purdie with Postma taking a second win to complete a perfect day on the water. Hay crossed second with Bas de Waal third.

In the evening a ferry took sailors from club to the island of Särkkä where the day's prize giving was presented by Pata with a warm reception in a garden setting. This was the location of the medal ceremony at the 1952 Olympics. Many sailors stood on the old Olympic podium.

RACING RESUMED ON Wednesday after the second day was also lost due to high winds. Postma again stamped his authority on the fleet with two confident race wins to extend his lead from Hay and Peet. Early forecasts indicated strong winds during the day but once the fleet arrived on the race course the wind moderated to 12-16 knots, despite a quite lumpy sea, which made the racing quite challenging for some. However it turned into a great day afloat with two beautiful races.

Straight after the start of each race Postma was in the lead and made his two victories look easy. Behind him, the fight was on for the other places with all the other age categories wide open. Hay got the best of the rest with two third places to maintain second overall, while Peet scored a 2,6 to remain in third.



1	NED 842	Pieter-Jan Postma (M)	(1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
2	FRA 75	Laurent Hay (GM)	2	2	3	3	7	(12)	8	25
3	NED 148	Peter Peet (GM)	3	7	2	6	4	(14)	13	35
4	POR 21	Filipe Silva (M)	10	17	5	5	3	2	(18)	42
5	NZL 111	Karl Purdie (GM)	9	5	15	12	9	5	(50)	55
6	NED 41	Karel van Hellemond (M)	(56)	32	9	2	8	8	7	66
7	NED 25	Gert van der Heijden	(bfd)	6	13	17	30	3	3	72
8	GBR 5	John Greenwood (GGM)	19	9	7	13	11	15	(37)	74
9	FIN 234	Ville Aalto-Setälä	13	23	8	14	13	13	(36)	84
10	NED 80	Sander Willems	8	14	41	11	2	9	(ret)	85
11	NED 29	Bas de Waal	15	3	19	(33)	12	21	19	89
12	NED 117	Thierry Van Vierssen	(59)	21	11	10	10	18	21	91
13	BEL 7	Sebastien Godefroid	12	(bfd)	4	4	16	6	55	97
14	NED 1037	Jan Willem Kok	(31)	27	16	30	5	4	22	104
15	GBR 635	Simon Percival	(52)	8	24	31	17	17	9	106
16	GER 193	Thomas Schmid (GGM)	(bfd)	18	6	21	6	29	31	111
17	FRA 99	Marc A. d. Beauvais (GGM)	22	15	20	20	14	20	(25)	111
18	HUN 50	Akos Lukats	5	(46)	18	41	19	26	4	113
19	SWE 12	Stefan Sandahl	26	12	21	15	25	(27)	15	114
20	FIN 201	Kristian Sjöberg	(47)	19	27	8	26	11	28	119
21	GBR 74	Lawrence Crispin	39	(bfd)	10	9	34	16	17	125
22	DEN 21	Otto Strandvig	(33)	33	26	16	18	10	30	133
23	SUI 5	Christoph Christen	17	30	31	18	(32)	25	12	133
24	HUN 7	Székely Antal	4	26	39	29	36	(74)	2	136
25	NZL 2	Ray Hall	18	11	33	36	20	36	(60)	154
26	GBR 2	Allen Burrell	(50)	42	29	19	35	30	10	165
27	NOR 41	Christian Dahl	14	20	28	22	48	35	(dsq)	167
28	FRA 38	Michel Audoin	21	34	17	27	27	44	(49)	170
29	FIN 50	Freddy Markelin	6	22	38	(64)	37	48	24	175
30	FIN 185	Lauri Rechardt	(bfd)	40	30	44	31	32	5	182
31	SVK 271	Tomas Mihalik	20	29	(53)	35	29	23	51	187
32	NED 18	Johan Van Straalen	16	(70)	44	24	22	19	68	193
33	SWE 72	Peter Overup	75	35	14	26	21	24	(bfd)	195
34	GBR 567	Martin Hughes	(78)	44	25	32	24	38	34	197
35	UKR 7	Volodymyr Stasyuk	(65)	4	12	7	28	33	dne	206
36	FIN 233	Sami Salomaa	71	(bfd)	32	23	33	7	46	212
37	FIN 269	Mikko Tiilikka	37	43	35	34	38	28	(69)	215
38	SVK 1	Peter Mosny	7	16	(bfd)	28	dne	22	23	218
39	SWE 59	Lars Edwall	25	(78)	46	45	42	34	29	221
40	HUN 27	Szabolcs Andrik	45	38	22	37	61	31	(bfd)	234
41	NED 7	Cees Scheurwater	57	24	23	42	44	(dnf)	47	237
42	AUT 73	Markus Schneeberger	27	13	55	39	43	61	(bfd)	238
43	FIN 22	Ville Valtonen	58	36	40	40	15	50	(83)	239
44	SWE 14	Stefan Nordström	24	55	58	38	57	(64)	11	243
45	EST 1	Imre Taveter	28	(bfd)	bfd	25	23	47	14	259
46	FRA 66	Philippe Lobert	38	28	43	59	50	45	(dnc)	263
47	AUT 333	Gerhard Weinreich	11	31	(dnc)	dnc	40	41	27	272
48	SVK 6	Milan Loukota	29	48	51	(71)	51	52	52	283
49	HUN 51	Istvan Rutai	(70)	45	42	53	41	62	40	283
50	GER 334	Andreas Gillwald	23	(bfd)	57	87	49	49	20	285
51	SUI 99	Laurent Chapuis	(91)	49	36	66	68	42	39	300
52	SUI 1	Hans Fatzer (L)	30	56	66	(73)	59	57	38	306
53	GER 19	Andreas Bollongino	(bfd)	53	52	55	39	43	74	316
54	CZE 318	Martin Plecity	62	25	72	56	67	(78)	35	317
55	SWE 2	Svante Collvin	36	72	69	(80)	72	59	16	324
56	NED 11	Henk De Jager (L)	(bfd)	69	45	48	70	54	42	328
57	NED 746	Marald Van Reijssen	(68)	59	64	61	56	46	48	334
58	FRA 87	Stephane Marcelli	40	58	60	(93)	58	66	57	339
59	CZE 211	Martin Kaloš	53	61	48	52	69	56	(77)	339
60	GBR 1	Sander Kooij	67	(73)	61	43	54	53	64	342
61	GBR 51	David Kitchen	43	80	56	82	47	37	(86)	345
62	FIN 23	Henri Rätty	61	60	63	51	66	(70)	45	346
63	GBR 61	John Heyes	(81)	71	65	76	55	75	6	348
64	ITA 4	Francesco Faggiani	32	39	34	47	74	(dnf)	bfd	348
65	DEN 212	Jan Peetz	42	67	49	75	(77)	72	44	349
66	FIN 6	Olli Ovaskainen	76	10	68	86	71	40	(dnf)	351
67	GER 477	Harald Leissner	72	(74)	59	70	52	55	43	351
68	GER 84	Michael Huellenkremer	(bfd)	63	71	67	65	60	32	358





Joining the rest of the fleet at the traditional Masters dinner and mid-week prizegiving, held at Nyländska Jaktklubben (NJK) on the island of Blekholmen, off the Helsinki city front, were four former world champions. The current world champion, Postma was joined by Magnus Olin (1975), Thomas Schmid (1988) and Sebastien Godefroid (2001). Almost all of the Masters attended this very special occasion.

No mid-week prizegiving is complete without Henk's Hour, a prizegiving organised by Dutch sailor Henk de Jager in his own inimitable style. He presented the various prizes to the category leaders. However the biggest applause, was for Richard Hart, who was leading the Super Legends. He received a standing ovation from the whole fleet.

ON THE FOURTH day of competition, the event was once again blessed with fantastic sailing conditions. Postma put the Masters title beyond doubt by again winning both races with just one race left to sail on Friday.

Again, a solid wind of 12-18 knots and wall to wall sunshine welcomed the fleet for a great day of racing. After the first race was abandoned on the first downwind due to a major wind shift the following two starts went ahead in the building breeze.

It seemed whatever Postma does at the start, he was leading at the top and sailed away from the fleet. His performance highlighted the difference between a seasoned Olympic campaigner and a bunch of very good sailors. However, they all loved the fact that he was there and enjoying being part of the huge Finn family worldwide.

Filipe Silva was the best of the rest on Thursday with a 3,2, though the top three remained unchanged with Hay leading Peet. The Dutch team also put on a consistent display with Sanders Willems picking up a 2,9, Jan Willem Kok a 5,4 and Karel von Hellemond an 8,8.

THE FINAL DAY of racing was always forecast to be light, and never more than 5-8 knots, and it took nearly an hour to get the fleet away in the fickle breeze. Postma started in the third row and was leading at the top, but couldn't break away from the fleet with Székely Antal, never far behind. Gert van der Heijden was third.

Just two months after winning his first ever Finn Gold Cup, Postma, became the first person in history to also win the Finn World Masters in the same year. He put together a picket fence score line in Helsinki, Finland and has had an amazing time with the Masters fleet. Laurent Hay held on to second while Peter Peet was third.

The Netherlands was a major prize winner at the Helsingfors Segelklubb, taking the Nations Cup, and the Club Cup, for Het Witte Huis, as well as many individual prizes, in addition to Postma.

Postma joins an elite group that have won the Finn World Masters with straight wins and paid tribute to the sailors, the organisers and the rest of the fleet at the prizegiving, on Friday night on the steps of Helsingfors Segelklubb. The original podium from the 1952 Olympics was used to mark the end of an event that was created to celebrate 70 years since the Finn was first included in the Olympic Games.

Age knows no bounds in the Finn class and the first presentation was for the Super Legends, those over 80 years old. Richard Hart won again, though again said it was probably his last event, something he has been saying for 10 years. Once a Finn sailor...

Hans Fatzer retained the Legends prize that he won last year, while John Greenwood won the Great Grand Masters and Laurent Hay the Grand Masters. Postma was of course top Master. While there are many age categories in the Finn Masters, they all race as one fleet, with inclusivity and community an important ingredient in what makes this event so successful.

THIS YEAR WAS the first time the event had been in Finland and the furthest north it has ever been. In 2023 the event goes far down south to Kavala in Greece where already the class is expecting in excess of 250 entries, bringing it back to somewhere near pre-covid numbers.



69	CZE 8	Jiri Outrata (L)	79	41	(81)	49	64	68	62	363
70	SWE 91	Pär Friberg	(bfd)	57	47	68	82	100	26	380
71	SUI 21	Attila Szabo	(83)	52	76	65	78	82	33	386
72	FIN 93	Alexander Norrgård	55	79	62	58	(84)	67	70	391
73	RSA 571	Andreas Bohnsack	80	51	73	60	79	51	(85)	394
74	SUI 12	Franz Bürgi	41	87	70	69	(96)	76	54	397
75	FIN 70	Derek Breitenstein	46	47	95	79	53	79	(bfd)	399
76	SWE 21	Mats R Karlsson	60	68	67	62	92	(dnf)	56	405
77	GER 250	Oliver Lieber	87	(88)	50	46	76	65	82	406
78	FIN 112	Seppo Ajanko	35	65	54	(91)	73	dne	63	412
79	FIN 145	Mathias Tallberg	74	(ret)	80	54	63	58	100	429
80	NED 939	Willem Van Walt Meijer	66	66	82	50	75	93	(bfd)	432
81	AUS 6	Bob Buchanan	49	64	78	(94)	89	88	72	440
82	ESP 99	Gerardo Seeliger	48	77	88	57	(99)	85	89	444
83	GER 202	Rolf Elsaesser	54	83	92	77	(bfd)	87	65	458
84	GER 767	Andreas Demond	63	(101)	84	90	87	86	53	463
85	GBR 9	Tim Tavinor	84	54	(dnc)	dnc	45	39	dnc	466
86	NOR 99	Carl Gunnar Lunde	(105)	86	79	63	81	71	88	468
87	GBR 77	Stewart Mitchell	82	(84)	77	72	83	81	73	468
88	SUI 57	Rudolf Baumann	51	50	93	(101)	100	98	80	472
89	SWE 28	Lasse Wastesson	64	91	75	85	(97)	83	76	474
90	GER 151	Hendrik W Schwarz	(85)	82	83	74	80	77	79	475
91	RSA 600	Arend Van Wamelen	90	75	87	84	(102)	80	66	482
92	GBR 631	Richard Hart (SL)	69	(93)	91	81	91	rdg	67	484
93	SWE 10	Magnus Olin	44	98	86	100	104	(dnf)	61	493
94	GBR 20	Andy Denison	77	62	(bfd)	dnc	46	69	bfd	498
95	GBR 40	Russell New	100	(112)	74	78	85	84	81	502
96	HUN 2	Peter Sipos	73	76	85	92	108	(dnf)	78	512
97	HUN 64	Balázs Szűcs	88	85	96	96	(103)	94	59	518
98	NOR 22	Magnus Christiansen	89	102	(dnf)	83	62	73	bfd	531
99	FIN 227	Tore Kindstedt	102	89	89	(103)	86	96	75	537
100	FIN 104	Risto Tamminen	92	81	97	95	90	92	(bfd)	547
101	FIN 220	Risto Ajanko	110	99	(dnc)	dnc	60	63	96	550
102	AUT 17	Christoph Aste	93	92	100	97	(107)	89	87	558
103	GER 909	Udo Murek	34	37	(dnc)	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	559
104	TUR 33	Ali Turksen	(109)	90	103	88	101	101	97	580
105	BUL 44	Georgi Boev	104	(105)	94	99	105	91	90	583
106	NED 159	Jan Bijleveld	99	107	(dnc)	dnc	95	dnf	41	586
107	FIN 25	Esa Haataja	96	(104)	102	104	94	97	95	588
108	GBR 777	Howard Sellars (SL)	95	95	(dnc)	dnc	98	dnf	58	590
109	FIN 99	Joakim Malmström	(bfd)	109	bfd	89	88	90	93	591
110	FIN 81	Kari Streng	108	(110)	101	106	93	95	91	594
111	FIN 229	Miki Paatela	101	94	98	102	106	(dnf)	94	595
112	RSA 592	Leon Ferreira	86	97	99	98	(dnf)	dnc	99	601
113	FIN 226	Henrik Andersson	97	103	(dnc)	dnc	109	99	84	614
114	USA 32	Charles Heimler	103	96	(dnc)	dnc	110	dnf	71	624
115	BEL 78	Björn Cotteleer	107	106	90	105	(bfd)	dnf	98	628
116	SWE 77	Mikael Nilsson	(bfd)	bfd	37	bfd	dnc	dnc	dnc	647
117	GER 293	Georg Siebeck	111	113	(dnc)	dnc	dnc	dnc	92	682
118	AUT 330	Tina Weinreich (Ly)	98	100	(dnc)	dnc	bfd	dnf	dnf	686
119	FIN 666	Claus Carpelan	94	111	(dnc)	dnc	dns	dnc	dnf	693
120	FIN 235	Pekka Toija	106	108	(dnc)	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	702
121	FIN 21	Sampo Sälveaara	(dnc)	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	732



FINN SAILING FROM AROUND THE WORLD



AUSTRALIA



David Bull writes: Summer club sailing in most Australian States concludes in April although in Queensland where we have a warmer tropical climate many clubs conduct winter sailing events. Summer season commences in September.

At Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron in Brisbane a Winter series of 7 races, 2 per day, from early April to late August is conducted on the waters of Moreton Bay. At this time of the year generally the daytime temperatures are around 22°C and water about the same with light winds which makes for pleasant sailing. Not bad for winter...

The 2022 Yachtshare Queensland State Championships were conducted over the weekend of 16-17 July. This year we had a record attendance of 42 boats with three from New Zealand and others from South Aust., Victoria, NSW and Queensland. We also had participants like Rafa Trujillo, our Aussie Spaniard, a multiple Olympian and Silver medalist, Gold Cup winner and World Masters winner. We also had Olympian Brendan Casey compete along with a myriad of well known World and National competitors. Overall, a very competitive fleet.

Racing was scheduled to start at

0900 each day to capture the early westerly wind before it usually fades around midday. This year the wind was from the south to south east ranging very light up to 9 knots. Unusual, but nevertheless very welcome.

Three races were scheduled each day with three to constitute a series. First start on Saturday saw a general recall and therefore the RO decided the black flag was the best way to get racing happening and fit in 3 races before the wind dropped out.

Larry Kleist, a member of our Brisbane fleet sailed extremely well to score a 4th and two firsts, followed by Rob McMillan (IFA President) close on his heels with a 2,6,2 result and Tim Davies, a new recruit to the class, was third with 3,2,5 placings.

Our Famous Finn Lunch had 67 attendees, commenced in beautiful sunshine in the Bistro on Saturday and went on for many hours....seafood platters, BBQ skewers of meat and chicken, beer and wine all included in the entry. Lots of fun and frivolity. Some sore heads on Sunday..

As forecast the wind was never going to arrive and after postponing on shore for 3 hours the RO reluctantly called it a day.

Presentation was held

in the Gurdie room overlooking the lush rigging lawns and all our volunteers were invited.

The beautiful solid silver Finn Trophy (a miniature Finn with mast and sail), first presented way back in 1958 originally won by Ron Jenyns, four times Olympian and multiple Australian Champion winner, was presented to the winner Larry Kleist. Prizes were also presented to overall second and third. The John Shallvey mid fleet perpetual trophy and all the Masters categories. Master winner James Tapp, Grand Masters winner Rob McMillan, Grand Grand masters winner Larry Kleist and Legends winner Jay Harrison.

The on water professionalism displayed by Race Officer, Guy Morton and his team of volunteers was a credit to all involved.



AUSTRIA



Austrian Open Nationals 2022

Bernd Rohlf writes: Lake Mondsee is known to insiders as the Cape Horn of Austria because of its infamous shifty and unpredictable wind conditions. 39 Finn sailors, including 3 women, from CZE, GER & AUT, chose to meet the challenge and came to the Union Yachtclub Mondsee for the Austrian Open Nationals from 16-19 June. Clearly Florian Raudaschl who just a few weeks earlier finished fourth at the Gold Cup was the man to beat.

The weather forecast was promising. Four days of glorious sunshine and temperatures between pleasant and hot. However, hot summer weather at Lake Mondsee often means potential thunderstorms and little chance of gradient winds making it down onto the lake from the mountains. Day 1 was no exception to that rule. The race committee made two attempts to sail a race, both

of which had to be abandoned because the fleet was headed straight into an approaching thunderstorm. In the evening the Union Yacht Club treated us to a barbecue with endless supply of food and beer.

Fortunately day 2 was much better and had westerly winds in store, albeit quite shifty and patchy. But still good enough to sail three interesting, sometimes nail-biting races. However, the usual suspects were in front and Florian was firmly in the lead after the first race day, leading from Maximilian Trommer. On the second evening the Club served Italian food for all sailors and again endless free beer for everyone.

Day 3 was a glorious day...for stand up paddlers, swimmers and other water sports not requiring any wind. There was not even enough wind to consider calling the fleet out onto the lake.

With only 1 day left to complete a series of at least 4 races to be a valid National Championship the race committee decided to plan for an early start at 7:30 for Sunday. And lo and behold there was wind in the

morning. Actually quite vivid westerly winds up to 20+ knots which kept going long enough to finish 2 more races.

Florian Raudaschl won the regatta with four bullets and a 4th place to discard from Maximilian Trommer and Vladimir Skalicky. 2nd in the Austrian ranking was last year's champion Michael Luschan and 3rd place went to Markus Schneeberger.

It was a very enjoyable event and the Austrian Finn fleet would like to express sincere gratitude to the Union Yachtclub Mondsee for hosting us and to our friends from CZE & GER for joining us. Looking forward to meeting you next year again.

1	AUT 3	Florian Raudaschl	4
2	GER 286	Maximilian Trommer	16
3	CZE 75	Vladimir Skalicky	17
4	CZE 67	Josef Jochovic	26
5	AUT 216	Michael Luschan	27
6	AUT 73	Markus Schneeberger	28
7	CZE 318	Martin Plecity	29
8	AUT 288	Hannes Blaschke	37
9	GER 84	Michael Hüllenkremer	41
10	AUT 511	Gerhard Schwendt	44

BRAZIL



Cristiano Ruschmann writes: Between April 20-24 the traditional Yacht Clube Santo Amaro – YCSA hosted the 60th Brazilian Finn Nationals at the Guarapiranga Lake, located in São Paulo,.

25 sailors took part, including two women: Georgia Bruder, daughter of the legendary 3 times Finn Gold cup winner, Joerg Bruder, and Paola Prada Lorenzi, sister of the 2 times Star Olympic medalist and 5 times Star World champion, Bruno Prada, who also won a Pan American Games medal in the Finn class in 1999. Everybody was deeply honoured to have Georgia and Paola present, who are very active sailors in the Snipe class, with Paola inclusive having organized the Snipe Women Worlds held in São Paulo last year.

The Brazilian Finn Olympic idol, Jorge Zarif, could not participate due to a professional sailing appointment, but during preparation, he made himself present by coaching some of the sailors and helping everybody with fine tunings and boat adjustments.

The wind showed up very late on the first day of the regatta, with 8 knots from the south-east. The winner was Fabio Vassel, who was at the correct side of the course on the first upwind leg and after that consistently defended his lead up to the finish line.

On day two, the wind direction changed to north-west 10-14 knots. Due to wind shifts and unstable gusts, competition was tough in the two races, with lots of position changing from one mark to another. It was real fun sailing with great friendship, especially after the race, with free beer at the docks, followed with a sponsored dinner for all sailors and respective families.

The third day was hard, with the north-westerly rising to an average of 28 knots, with some gusts of 38 knots and shifts of more than 20 degrees. Over half of the fleet decided to stay onshore and only

four brave sailors made it intact up to the end of the three races. In the second race, Grand Master, Robert Rittscher, showed his large experience of sailing in heavy air and crossed the finish line first.

The last day started with Pedro Trouche, winner of the Star SSL 2018 finals in Nassau crewing for Jorge Zarif, leading the fleet, with Mauricio Bueno closely behind. Pedro Lodovici was third overall, having to beat both Trouche and Mauricio in the remaining races to claim the title.

The wind came back from the south-east, with first race in a light 8-10 knots. Mauricio made his way to the lead, with Pedro Lodovici in the middle and Pedro Trouche some way behind, but was his discard.

The final and seventh race started with a consistent 12-13 knots with Pedro Lodovici taking the lead and Pedro Trouche in second. Mauricio rounded the first mark in sixth and started a strong recovery. The final downwind was thrilling. Pedro Lodovici kept the lead, while Pedro Trouche defended second and Mauricio was coming fast from behind. But it was Ricardo Santos, the Brazilian class chairman, and the fastest downwind sailor of the fleet, that decided the champion, overtaking Mauricio and crossing the finish line only half boat after Pedro Trouche. With Ricardo's placing between Pedro Trouche and Mauricio in the final race, it was Pedro Trouche who won his first Brazilian Finn Nationals by 1 point from Mauricio.

Congratulations to the champions, but especially to all the 25 sailors that proved that our beloved class is alive and kicking in Brazil.

1	BRA 8	Pedro Trouche	25
2	BRA 9	Maurício Bueno	26
3	BRA 32	Pedro Lodovici	28
4	BRA 0	Fábio Vassel	34
5	BRA 11	Robert Rittscher	42
6	BRA 118	Henrique Cabette	59
7	BRA 97	Ricardo F. M. Santos	66
8	BRA 101	Cristiano F. Ruschmann	95
9	BRA 30	Eduardo Da Costa E Silva	110
10	BRA 16	Arnaldo Cocchi Fernandes	111



DENMARK



Richard Berg-Larsen writes: The Danish Finn Fleet has diminished for the first time in years, but Polyester Cup as the DK Season starter in Kastrup is called was held for the 25 time in 27 year. The 25th was postponed twice due to the Covid in 2020 and 2021.

There were 27 signed up, but regretfully only 22 showed up. Kastrup is known for current on part of the regatta course, and even worse a lot of unpredictable wind shifts. However the it seems to be fair enough as the usual suspects seems to figure it out anyway.

The Danish Finn Association gave the Kastrup sailing club a framed poster with pictures and results from many of the

last 25 years, as a thanks from us, as we always knows where and when the next regatta season will start in early May.

1	DEN 80	Michael Staal
2	DEN 16	Søren Kjær
3	DEN 909	Peder Gudsøe
4	DEN 246	Jens Kristian Andersen
5	NOR 41	Christian Dahl
6	DEN 6	Lars Hall
7	DEN 7	Martin Mikkelsen
8	DEN 25	Allan Hansen
9	DEN 259	Tim Kristoffersen
10	DEN 309	Thomas Hansen



NEW ZEALAND



2022 Waiuku Finn Masters

Mark Perrow took seven race wins from eight races to completely dominate the 2022 Waiuku Finn Masters in a fleet of 12 Finns. Alistair Deaves, in Perrow's spare boat, won the first race of the series. Two light wind days sandwiched a day of 15 knots.

1	NZL 4	Mark Perrow (M)	7
2	NZL 16	Tom Dodson (GGM)	19
3	NZL 12	Dan Bush (M)	26
4	NZL 8	David Hoogenboom (GGM)	27
5	NZL 12	Alistair Deaves (GM)	33
6	NZL 61	Simon Probert (GM)	39
7	NZL 22	Dirch Andersen (GM)	54
8	NZL 193	Gerrit Bearda (L)	56
9	NZL 25	Jono Gravit (GM)	57
10	NZL 232	Nigel Sibun (L)	60

BRITAIN

Ronstan UK National Championships

A strong turnout of 40 Finns gathered at WPNSA at Weymouth on 13-15 May for the 2022 Ronstan UK National Championships. The growing popularity of the class was evidenced by the presence of several top returning Finnsters, including 2005 champion Nick Craig and BFA U23 squad graduate, Cameron Tweedle.

Friday's opening races were within Portland Harbour, with three laps of a proper sized championship course. Conditions were perfect building on epic, with a building breeze of 16-20 knots and glorious sun. Cameron Tweedle demonstrated his free pumping technique to take an early lead with a 1,2,1.

Saturday brought a light and shifting breeze so the boats were not called out until 2pm, just as a new 7 knot easterly breeze had stabilised. The lighter winds produced wins for Fergus Allan and John Heyes.



Photos: Richard Phillips

On Sunday morning, competitors woke to rain and sailors took to the water in a breeze which was then gusting over 25 knots. First to the windward mark was Lawrence Crispin followed by Simon Percival and Tweedle. Down the run Simon and Cameron lost out to Fergus Allan and Kristian Sojberg who showed great pace, picking the breeze and waves down the left side of the run. Crispin ground out a big lead to take the gun for the win at the same time fork lighting was seen in the distance together but a third was enough for Tweedle to take the title by one point, and given the weather and risk of thunderstorms, the rest of the day was called off

Cameron Tweedle won the prestigious Sunday Times Gold Cup and first Senior – a fitting tribute to the foresight of Ray New and the BFA in fostering the talent of U 23 sailors looking for a pathway to championship success.

1	GBR 45	Cameron Tweedle (O)	11
2	GBR 74	Lawrence Crispin (GM)	12
3	GBR 56	Nick Craig (M)	17
4	GBR 79	Andy Couch (M)	24
5	GBR 2	Allen Burrell (GM)	24
6	FIN 201	Kristian Sjoberg (GGM)	27
7	GBR 86	Fergus Allan (GM)	38
8	GBR 49	James Downer (O)	40
9	GBR 635	Simon Percival (M)	41
10	GBR 567	Martin Hughes (GGM)	43

NETHERLANDS

Tobias de Haer writes: Some sailors sail the whole winter, but around the end of April time has finally come that every Finn sailor is comfortable enough to dust off their beloved Finn. What a start of the season it was...

The pressure to perform early into the season was on everybody's mind since the Dutch nationals took place in the beginning of June. Maybe even more for the Dutch sailors who travelled to Lake Garda for the Gold Cup. What a win PJ... Every (Dutch) sailor cheered when they got the news about the win. Not only a big win for PJ, but also for the people from DC Composites. Congratulations on producing such a fast boat!

With this win in the pocket, PJ was the man to give the Finn sailors a pre nationals master class. 15+ knots of wind and a classical North Sea swell made it the perfect sailing weekend for a Finn sailor. A weekend you thought could not be topped, nevertheless one week later it was time to put all the newly learned tricks into action. PJ put on a show with only scoring bullets for the weekend.

Again, congratulations on the win! (Luckily the winning streak does not stop here.)

1	NED 842	Pieter-Jan Postma	5
2	NED 80	Sander Willems	21
3	NED 148	Peter Peet	25
4	NED 25	Gert van der Heijden	27
5	NED 98	Nanno Schuttrups	29
6	NED 841	Hein van Egmond	30
7	NED 64	Wietze Zetzema	32



8	NED 41	Karel van Hellemond	35
9	NED 1037	Jan Willem Kok	46
10	NED 7	Cees Scheurwater	47

After the nationals it was soon time for the master sailors to pack up the gear and head up to Helsinki for the Finn World Masters. What a phenomenal win for PJ with again, only scoring bullets. Winning the series. Peter Peet finished third and of the top ten sailors, half of them is Dutch. We could not be prouder on our sailors!

Enough sailors fighting for the podium spots... This battle will continue on the weekend of 24 and 25 September when the Dutch masters nationals will take place in Muiden. Let's hope for the same weather as last year and even more sailors attending. We expect over 60 Finns on the starting line! Like the nationals in Scheveningen there will be a dinner organized for all the sailors attending.



SOUTH AFRICA



FINNFARE receives regular news from Tim Addison at Pretoria Sailing Club (PSC), located about 30 minutes from Johannesburg. PSC is situated on the shores of the Rietvlei Dam within the Rietvlei Nature Reserve, the largest urban Nature Reserve in South Africa and it is home to a thriving Finn fleet.

Tim writes: Spring has arrived, and with it some warm weather, some good wind, and the always-popular Finn Winter Challenge regatta on 27-28 August. This event has been 'on hold' for a couple of years, thanks to the annoying pandemic, but this year it returned to its traditional last-weekend-of-August slot.

We have become accustomed to seeing 15 to 20 Finns sailing in the Winter Challenge, and it was a bit sobering when only ten boats were found on the entry list. I am sure the numbers will improve as people re-discover the enjoyment of Finn sailing in our amazing nature reserve.

Four boats were in contention for the top places, with Leon Ferreira, Jacques Louw, David Humphrey and Tim Addison in close-quarters combat. It will not be long before Leon and Jacques are winning events like

these, and hopefully the recently-initiated workshops will help them get there.

The wind was excellent, mostly in the 8-12 knot range from the north-west. The only "drifting moment" came right at the end of the fourth race on Saturday afternoon; otherwise, it was great sailing all weekend.

In the end, Tim managed to get on the right side of an extra shift or two, with David and Leon tied on points in second and third places. Chris sailed very well to win the Super Classic section, with Andre second. Steven was the first Classic, and Franci the first Legend. The Special Prize went to Gavin ("just because we like him", but also because we are looking forward to see him sailing his own Finn again soon).

Many thanks to Leon and PSG for their generous sponsorship of prizes, and lunches for the competitors.

1	RSA 587	Tim Addison	7
2	RSA 590	David Humphrey	15
3	RSA 582	Leon Ferreira	15
4	RSA 560	Chris Oosthuyze	32
5	RSA 475	Franci Girdlestone	32
6	RSA 600	Jacques Louw	34
7	RSA 546	Andre Ferreira	41
8	RSA 556	Steven Rootman	44
9	RSA 543	Gavin Athenides	47
10	RSA 543	Ian Brown	55

Photos: Angle Storm



SWEDEN



Torsten Jarnstam writes: "This year's first Sweden Cup regatta was sailed on Hönö outside Gothenburg on 21-22 May. It was the very first time that a regatta was arranged for Finns on Hönö. Since Peter Bernstein, Åke Brolin and Per Kollberg, who propelled to build up Sweden's currently largest Finn fleet (about 15 Finn), it was a good reason to put a regatta, organised by the Sailing Society of the Ten Islands. It was a very successful competition with 21 Finns, with help from Tonny Nyren from Karlstad, a very skilled Finn sailor and experienced course layer.

1	SWE 6	Björn Allansson	7
2	AUS 221	Anthony Nossiter	24
3	SWE 75	Johan Wijk	25

Sweden Cup regatta No. 2 was planned in connection with the USS regatta in Uppsala 18-19 June, but it was unfortunately cancelled due to too few registered. It was really sad, as we had planned to celebrate 70 years of the Finn in the Olympics, with racing for modern and classic Finns. A special 70th anniversary plaque had been produced by the Swedish Finn Association for this regatta, appropriate because the Finn's designer Rickard Sarby was from Uppsala and launched the very first Finn at Ekoln outside Uppsala Kanotförening's club facility. But unfortunately it does not always turn out as planned!

Pär Friberg, one of the 10 Swedish participants in the Finn World Masters in

Helsinki July 1-8, writes as follows: "Ten hopeful Swedes took the ferry over to Finland to participate in this year's edition of the Finn World Masters. On the starting list were 124 participants from 24 nations, slightly less than it usually is, but probably with a higher class as many elite sailors who have passed 40 have chosen to participate in the Masters. Helsinki offered glorious weather and fantastic events both on the track and the social part ashore. After each sailing, each sailor was offered a good pasta and a beer, which was received very positively by tired sailors. The port arrangements with ramps and jetties were very orderly and there were no queues and irritation at sea and landing in Helsinki. In summary, it was a very good event and very nice with a social gathering across national borders. We who participated can really recommend going to the Masters or any other International competition."

Then the Open Swedish Championship was held in Kalmar 26-28 August. In weak winds and very hot conditions, Stefan Nordström finally managed to 'draw the longest straw' and became Swedish Champion.

1	FIN 50	Freddy Markelin	37
2	DEN 21	Otto Strandvig	44
3	AUS 221	Anthony Nossiter	55
4	SWE 14	Stefan Nordström	68
5	SWE 72	Peter Overup	69
6	SWE 75	Johan Wijk	65
7	SWE 12	Stefan Sandahl	71
8	SWE 22	Stefan Fagerlund	78
9	SWE 87	Mats Johnsson	68
10	SWE 91	Pär Friberg	75



2022 IFA AGM

INTERNATIONAL FINN ASSOCIATION 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held at Fragila Vela Malcesine on Monday 16 May at 10.00. [All papers at finnclass.org]

MINUTES

1. National Class Associations

21 National Class Association (NCA) and five voting members of the Executive Committee were represented at the meeting: Andy Denison (Chair), Robert Deaves, Paul McKenzie, Marc Allain des Beauvais, Andre Blasse. Attending in person were: AUS, AUT, BRA, DEN, ESP, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, HUN, ITA, NED, POL, POR, RSA, SUI and SVK. Proxy votes were received from AUS, BEL, CAN, NZL, SVK and USA.

2. Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes from the 2021 IFA AGM were approved.

3. Accounts

The 2021 accounts and 2022 budget were presented and approved. A discussion took place around the financial situation, whether the subscription needed to be reviewed. It was stated that the financial position of the class was very strong after two years of budgeting and low expenses, and that a modest reduction of income of around 20 per cent was expected in the coming years. However, no change should be made until there is a much clearer position. It was hoped that by making events open, rather than based on quota, that member associations would maintain their current level of membership rather than report less members. If that happened, then both subscriptions and open events would need to be reviewed.

4. Executive Committee Reports

In the absence of the President, Balazs Hajdu, Andy Denison chaired the meeting and represented the President's report with his apologies for not attending due to health reasons. Other reports were available in advance online and not presented at the meeting. The Chairman of the Technical Committee gave a brief report to emphasize the proper process for rule changes and presented to the room a prototype of a composite centreboard to illustrate that process and how it needs proper testing and evaluation before a rule change is even contemplated.

5. Bids for Major Championships

The meeting gave approval to host the 2023 Open Europeans – Procelero SE, Lake Balaton, Hungary. There was wide discussion around whether the class can still support four major championships each year and this will be reviewed by the Executive Committee. Hence, the Executive Committee will finalise this review before a confirmation is given to Procelero SE. It was stated that the current policy was not to make any major changes within two years and then review.

6. Submissions

6.1 Submissions from the IFA Executive

a) Flags on sails, Rule C.10.3
Current Wording:
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 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. Permanent ink pens or similar shall not be used to make the national flags.

Option (i) passed with 67.6% of the vote (23 out of 34 votes cast)
Decision: Delete C.10.3 and accompanying diagram.

It was suggested that this rule could be re-invoked in future events by inclusion in the Notice of Race.
Reasoning: This Rule was intended for use at FGC, EC, World Cup and WS Events. It does not apply at Masters events or any other event. Currently it would only be used at FGC and EC. If a sailor decides to attend one of these events they have to also buy and place flags at extra expense. The recent survey was 63% in favour of deleting the Rule.

b) Pumping, Rule A6.2 and C.1.1(2)

Current Wording
A.6.2 The Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions may state a higher recommended windspeed of 12 kts for rule C.1.1(2).
C.1.1(2) The Finn Class recommends that race committees apply Rule C.1.1 (1) in winds of 10 knots and above, measured at deck level on a race committee boat at the windward mark. See also A.6.2.
Options (i) was approved by 23 votes from 30 cast
Decision: No change

c) Policy for format of group racing

Current position: No current position.
Options: (i) was approved by 25 votes out of 27 cast
Decision: Random groups to mirror what happens in Masters. Full fleet series with no final/deciding race.
Reasoning: When fleet sizes are too large for a single fleet, the Masters have opted for a group system worked out on daily randomised group selection. However this does not provide a final/deciding race so the leading contenders could find themselves not racing against each other on the final day. The survey indicated 47% in favour of random groups and 32% in favour of gold/silver fleets after 3 days.

d) Open Entry

Current position: No specific wording to allow for open entry
Add to A15:
A15.4 In conjunction with the Organising Authority, the IFA Executive Committee may permit open entry at any IFA Major Championship. In such case, A15.1 and A15.2 do not apply.
Approved by 33 votes out of 33 votes cast.
Reasoning: The intention is to maximise entries for major championships and there is no official mechanism for this. The 2022 events have been made open entry under Constitution A.3.4.3 as an exceptional circumstance, but 'exceptional' cannot be every year.

e) Event Manual – 2023 edition

Approval of additional changes to Event Manual (see draft attached), which includes reducing costs for organisers, removal of Olympic clauses, and clarification on some points.
Approved unanimously, no objections.

6.2 Submissions from the British Finn Association (see attachment)

a) Add the following to IFA Constitution 3.5.1. No person should be eligible for nomination as a candidate for the office of President if he/she has held that office for the immediate preceding continuous period of eight years, nor for the office of a Vice-President if he/she has held that office for the immediate preceding continuous period of eight years.
Reasoning: Most sports governing bodies now include such a condition in their governance, including World Sailing, Sport England and the IOC. The IFA should incorporate current best practice in order to maintain World Sailing International Class recognition and meet governance requirements for future potential funding or sponsorship applications.
Approved by 30 votes from 32 cast.

b) Add the following to Part B of the IFA Constitution.

4 Sustainability Officer
The Executive Committee shall appoint a Sustainability Officer to enact and oversee the IFA sustainability strategy, in order to communicate and coordinate with the Executive Committee, NCAs and event organisers to address sustainability issues and ensure best practice at all IFA recognised events.
Reasoning: The IFA sustainability policy requires further development and implementation across all IFA activities and hence requires an allocated advocate and campaigner to ensure it is a priority at IFA and NFA events.
Approved by 27 votes from 28 cast.

6.3 The paper from the French Finn Association was discussed.

Submission 1: Reducing the mast weight by 500g was unanimously rejected without a formal vote. Submission 2: It was pointed out that combining Masters events should firstly pass the Masters AMM.

6.4 Submission from Polish Finn Association To maintain Executive position of Vice President Special Projects – Nomination received for Andrzej Romanowski (POL)
Approved unanimously

6.5 Submission from Finn Club Holland To remove the role of Finance and Membership Secretariat and only have an Hon Treasurer
Reasoning: Whilst we understand the Executive Committee has made what they believed were the best decisions at the time, we do not think that paying a salary of €12,000 for the tasks of a Finance Secretary is sustainable for IFA now it is no longer an Olympic class, or wanted by the wider membership. Therefore, we propose that we no longer need the paid Finance Secretary role and just have a Hon Treasurer.
Rejected by 15 to 14 votes from the 29 cast

7. Elections of Members to IFA Committees

7.1 To elect the members of the Executive Committee:
President – In the first round votes received were: Denis Mowbury (NZL) - 1, Rob McMillan (AUS) - 14, Luca Devoti (ITA) - 7, John Heyes (GBR) - 13.
In the second round Rob McMillan (AUS) - 22, John Heyes (GBR) - 9
Rob McMillan was declared the new President
The VP Sailing – Kristian Sjøberg (FIN)
The VP Development – Marc Allain des Beauvais (FRA)
The Treasurer – Nomination withdrawn
Chairman of the Technical Committee - Tim Tavinor (GBR)
Vice President Special Projects - Andrzej Romanowski (POL)

7.2 No change to the Technical Committee

7.3 No change to the Marketing Committee

8. AOB

A report was presented from the organisers of the 2023 Finn Gold Cup in Miami regarding opportunities for charter and shipping and further details will be published on the event website in the near future.

President's report

It has been my privilege and pleasure to be your President for the past 17 years, But now I feel is the time to allow a new leadership to define the future direction of the International Finn Association and of our wonderful class. Since becoming President in 2005 the class has been through significant change, and retained its Olympic status through four Olympic Games, sometimes by only a slim margin in the final round of voting by World Sailing. In hindsight, during the most recent campaign everything was stacked against us and while I know everyone tried their utmost to position the Finn to be in Paris 2024, the odds were not in our favour for many reasons outside our control and our normal base of support was not there in sufficient numbers to make a difference. I know many of you feel let down by this process, but I would encourage everyone to move on and direct their energies to build and support the class. The Finn class has huge opportunities to be attractive and accessible to a large number of sailors and we should not believe we have to change the class or the boat to realise that future. We are still one of the largest dinghy classes in the world with a dedicated and passionate following and I believe this should be nurtured and encouraged in light of the new situation in which we find ourselves. We offer a unique boat with unique properties and we should value that while adopting the principles that have guided us for the last 70 years – prudent evolution, quality racing and efficient administration.

The current Executive decided fairly early on that we should not make any major changes for two years, preferring to support the current event programme, but monitoring it closely so any decisions were based on evidence rather than speculation. We are a class of 2,000 sailors worldwide, with at least 500-600 nationally and internationally active sailors. After several years of prudent spending we are also in a comfortable financial situation, so we also have to see how that evolves with the new realities. Whether the class wishes to try to return to the Olympics in the future is a decision for the new Executives.

The last few years have been hard with the pandemic, causing the cancellation of many events, however I am proud that in contrast to other Olympic classes we only lost two major championships – the Finn Gold Cup and Finn World Masters in 2020. Most other events were rescheduled or held as planned, though I know many national events had to be cancelled. As we emerge from this world crisis many things will be different, and we have just approved a rule change to allow online AGMs. I would like to close by thanking my fellow Executive Committee officers, current as well as the many that have served over the past 17 years for their support and commitment to the Finn Class. Executive in 1998 as IFA Development Coach, then VP Development from 2005-2008 and finally VP Special Projects from 2010-2022.

It was very encouraging to see how many sailors wish to stand for the Executive positions and I am sure it will make for an interesting AGM as much as I am sure you will give them all the support and encouragement they need to carry out their work for our class over the coming years.

I wish all of you every success in the future and I am sure our paths will cross again, on land or on the water.

Balazs Hajdu
April 2022

Media and Marketing Report

During 2021 the Class covered the Europeans in Vilamoura, The Finn Gold Cup in Porto, the Olympic Games in Enoshima, the Finn European Masters in Tihany and the Finn World Masters in Murcia.

This content is distributed to about 2,000 contacts worldwide including media, sailors and officials and achieves 100s of thousands of views worldwide when it is published by most main sailing media platforms.

It is intended that this programme of media coverage will continue in the coming years as it not only promotes the class to a worldwide audience, but also keeps the membership informed and feedback about this coverage is always very positive. It is regarded as a great asset for the class and sets us apart from many classes.

It was decided to keep the three issues of FINNFARE each year and to try to adapt the content to better suit club and national sailors rather than reporting on the Olympic circuit. Advertising has dropped considerably in recent years, so it is now no longer breaking even, even though we have significantly reduced costs during the year. As always, more interesting content and more advertising (doesn't have to be Finn related) is always being sought.

The new ranking list will also play a major part in promoting the class and its sailors and hopefully this will be in place very soon. Finally, if there are ideas that members would like exploring or initiatives that members would like to see, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Robert Deaves
Media and Marketing Committee

Class Secretary's Report

The Finn class is undergoing a transition as we all learn to live with the reality of being dropped from the Olympic programme. This presents many challenges, but also many new opportunities.

The class will also transition to a new Executive at this AGM, with our long-term president Balazs Hajdu retiring. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank him on behalf of the entire class for his efforts for us over the past 17 years. Much of his work was unseen and unsung, but it was always comforting to have his wise counsel and leadership behind the Executive's work.

At this year's AGM, Council also will also be presented with many options for change within the IFA and I hope that national associations are seriously discussing and contemplating these changes, as if they are approved, many will change the way the class operates and the way we run events. The Executive wants to engage with all members, and communication is surely improving. Please engage with the proposals and think through the implications.

2021 was a great year of Finn sailing with an exceptional Europeans in Vilamoura and Finn Gold Cup in Porto, following by a fascinating Olympic Games in Enoshima. Congratulations again to all the winners. Many have now moved on from the class, but a few are keeping their hand in.

Subsequent to the lost of Olympic status, IFA's future finances are clearly a concern but at the moment membership is more or less stable, with a drop of about 150-200, though this is largely due to MNAs providing less funding to NCAs rather than a reduction in people sailing Finns.

We have of course had to adjust a few things and there has been some work on the Event Manual and Class Rules to bring them up to date. Entries for our major events this year are encouraging given the current situation in Europe and the slow recovery from the pandemic. As an Executive we decided on minimal changes in the short term and it will be up to the new Executive to keep this

under review and make recommendations.

Meanwhile, we have a full programme planned for 2023 starting with the Gold Cup in Miami in January.

Some other ongoing work included:

- Improve and develop our sustainability policy
 - Brief survey carried which indicated there was no appetite for any change in class rules (report on finnclass.org)
 - Improved communication with Council
 - Creation of a new Finn World Ranking List and event circuits. Due to various reasons this process was stalled, but the new Executive will focus on this after the AGM.
 - Developing our championship strategy for 2022-2024 and identifying new venues to attract healthy entries.
 - Updating of Event Manual and Class Rules.
- The Finn class remains in good health, and here is a lot of positivity about the future of the class. Hopefully in the coming year we can direct that energy to growing the class and grasping the new opportunities in the post Olympic, post pandemic world.

Robert Deaves
Class Secretary

Vice President Masters Report

It has been a challenging few years for everyone, but we should be proud of the fact that in 2021 we managed to host our two major championships very successfully. Many thanks to the teams at Tihanyi Hajós Egyet in Hungary and Los Alcázares in Spain for two remarkable championships. We took a risk having them much closer together than normal and didn't quite know how it would work out but in the end both were extremely successful and I know that everyone who made the effort had a wonderful time.

Looking ahead we will go to Helsinki for the Finn World Masters and back to Spain at L'Hospitalet de l'Infant for the Europeans in September. Finland is gearing itself up for the event to take place in July, and the OA has released the ferry deals for competitors and entries are healthy at this time of writing. The Masters Europeans will take place at Club Náutico Hospitalet-Vandellòs located on the Spanish coast just up from Tarragona, a new venue for the Masters and in a delightful climate for September racing.

While we are still some way off reaching pre-pandemic numbers, both are looking like being very successful. As Finn Masters we are under occasional pressure to combine with the IFA's senior events, but I believe that while these events are sustainable in their own right, there is no need to reduce the number of events we hold each year.

We won't be voting on any new World Masters venues until 2024 as 2025 was granted to The Netherlands, following the two cancellations there. Hopefully it will be third time lucky. In 2023 we head back to Greece and in 2024 we go to Puntala, in Italy, rescheduled from 2021. I am planning to travel to Kavala in May to report on the new location for 2023 at Nea Peramos. This traditional laid back Greek fishing village is located around 15 km east of Kavala and has a fabulous beach to keep the partners happy. However, sat here in the UK in springtime April my thoughts are for all our friends in the Ukraine and Russia. I hope that some form of normality returns to your countries soon and they are able to once again join us in the Finn Masters.

Andy Denison
President - Finn Masters



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