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Opening shot: Dan Slater at the Finn Gold Cup in Vallensbæk



President's Letter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE 2009 AGM OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINN ASSOCIATION

3 July 2009, Copenhagen, Denmark

Dear All,

In my President's letters published frequently in *Finnfare* over the year you are regularly updated on the events of the Finn Class and the international Olympic sailing scene. Therefore in the present report I would just summarize my overall thoughts on what we have done in the past year since the 2008 AGM at Scarlino and what is ahead of us in the near future.

1. The Finn Class of today

Previous years have shown that the Finn class is getting stronger than ever in terms of number of sailors as well as represented countries and continents in all age categories.

At our major championships the class today has a very solid international senior fleet of 80-100 entries from around 30 countries per event, an increasing junior fleet (around 50 sailors at the Silver Cup in Balaton) and a formidable Masters fleet comprising almost 270 sailors at this year's Masters Worlds in France.

In the new Olympic cycle there are many new faces who have joined or re-joined the international Finn scene. The Finn has been a natural pathway for ex Laser sailors and this year also shows how these two Olympic classes complement each other.

Similar developments can be identified at both national and continental levels as well. If you have a look at the country news chapter of the last editions of *Finnfare*, you find a long list of

national Finn events sailed by a large number of sailors in all age categories.

Last but not least, we celebrate this year the 60th anniversary of our beloved class and the celebration will be held in true Finn style by holding a regatta in Uppsala where the Finn was born in 1949.

2. The Finn and the Olympics, Event Selection for London 2012

Competition among classes for Olympic spots is these days as tense as ever. ISAF might be planning a reform of Olympic sailing events by increasing the number of women events and high performance boats while achieving a larger number of participating countries. There is currently an intense debate on the reform of not only the selection of Olympic classes, but also on the reform of ISAF and its decision making processes.

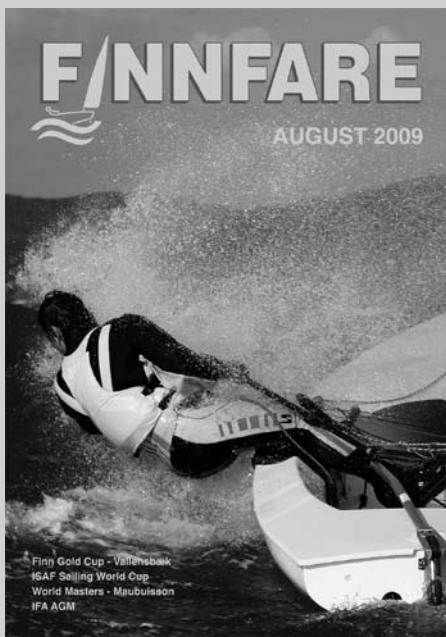
Our main task for the near future is to show ISAF and the wider sailing world that the need for a one-man heavyweight dinghy event is even larger than in the past.

The 2008 ISAF AGM was held last November in Madrid. Thanks to a well run, effective and fair campaign the Finn class has managed to keep the heavyweight men's single handed event for the 2012 London Olympics. Besides the IFA Executive Committee's work the presence of active and former Finn sailors has contributed enormously to our success in Madrid.

3. Fides

The Finn International Development Support programme is a project aiming to help young sailors and new countries to join or rejoin the international Finn fleet and overcome the first hurdles by offering free of charge or discounted

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Finn news

IFA AGM

The IFA Annual General Meeting was held in Vallensbæk during the Finn Gold Cup. The minutes and abridged reports are included in this issue of FINNFARE, while full reports can be found on the class website.

Change in dates

The dates of the Open Russian Championship have been changed to September, 21-27 in order to make more it more convenient for sailors who are taking part in Sail for Gold at Weymouth. It's a great chance to see Moscow and have some good competition without taking your boat – charter boats will be provided free of charge and there is quite cheap accommodation at Moscow Sailing School (40 Euro per day including meal). Entry now open at www.finnclass.ru.

Finnshop

The Finnshop has reopened for business at www.finnclass.org. Currently you can buy back issues of FINNFARE, FINNLOG from 1986 and the new IFA ties. These quality handmade ties are 100% silk and something

that no self-respecting Finn sailor should be without. We also found some old copies of FINNatics but these all sold out within a month. New items will be added to the online shop over the coming months and years including the new 60th anniversary book, which should be hitting the shelves by September. All ordering is done online with Paypal or credit cards.

Finn's 60th Anniversary book

Work on this book is almost complete and it should be printed by September and it will be worth the wait. Early previews have been very encouraging. The book will not only contain a chronological photographic history of the class, using hundreds of previously unpublished photos, but it also contains the personal memories of 60 Finn sailors (yes, one for each year) from Elvstrøm through to Ainslie. Many national associations have bulk pre-ordered to sell on copies to their members. If yours hasn't please ask them to do so, or order through the online Finnshop at www.finnclass.org from September. They will sell fast so don't delay.

ISAF Athletes' Commission

Dan Slater has been re-elected to the ISAF Athletes' Commission as the Finn class representative. This commission acts as a link between the Olympic sailors and ISAF.

Trivia

Despite producing more winners than any other nation, Denmark has only hosted the Finn Gold Cup on two occasions. In 1959 Paul Elvstrøm won at Hellerup. In 2009 Jonas Høgh-Christensen won at Vallensbæk, on the other side of Copenhagen. Let's hope we don't have to wait another 50 years before we return to Denmark. It was a truly awesome event. Well done Vallensbæk!

Talking point

ISAF President Göran Petersson watching the racing with IFA President Balazs Hajdu at the Finn Gold Cup



Photo: Tosca Zambra

President's Letter (continued)...

equipment. Partly as a result of this initiative I can proudly report that Cyprus, India and Venezuela have received support and transformed it into Olympic quotas in Beijing.

4. Marketing

The Finn Class has three main assets in my view: (i) the sailors, (ii) the boat and (iii) the Finn community being a close symbiosis of present and past sailing talent.

Finn sailors are true heroes sailing in one of the most tactical and at the same time athletic sailing boats of the present time. On the other hand there is a huge amount of fraternity, sportsmanship and fun involved in the life of our class. These are all values, which if presented in the right way all contribute to a growing media interest in the Finn Class.

You might have noted that our media releases have more than ever focused on the sailors' voice because personalities and the stories of great sailors are those things that really appeal to the public.

The Finn Channel on YouTube and the 60th Anniversary Photo Book are our two new novelties for 2009.

5. Major Finn Championship venues

In an endeavour based on a fairly direct and understandable request from Finn sailors attending the AGMs at Kalmarsund 2005 and Split 2006, the IFA Executive decided to become more pro-active in the course of finding suitable sailing venues for forthcoming major Finn championships.

In this manner Copenhagen was proposed and decided for this year and San Francisco for next year's Gold Cup. Not less importantly we have received valuable bids for the 2012 Gold Cup, 2012 Europeans and 2011 Silver Cup.

Wishing you a great regatta and fair winds.

Dr. Balazs Hajdu
President
International Finn Association

Congratulations

Congratulations to IFA President Balazs Hajdu and his bride Erika after their wedding on Lake Balaton on June 20 2009. The wedding took place on board Lake Balaton Sherry Cruiser in the middle of Lake Balaton in Hungary. In typical Finn sailor style, Balazs and Erika spent their "honeymoon" at the Finn Gold Cup in Copenhagen. The Finn Class sends Balazs and Erika its heartiest congratulations and best wishes for a happy life together.



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Masters news from Fons

As many of you have experienced or heard from others, we had a great Finn World Master Championship in Maubuisson, France, in May.

The 264 competitors were a new record in this growing event. I think many Finn sailors aged late 30s can hardly wait until the year they will become 40 and, almost more important: become a Master!

The weather in Maubuisson was excellent, the winds were shifty, the location was beautiful, the food and wine were excellent and the spirit was OK. Again André Budzien showed his quality and won for the third time.

We had a constructive Annual Masters Meeting with good input from the sailors and some good decisions made, like how to handle no-show entries and forming a group of sailors (led by Richard Hart) who will discuss a format for the races we will all be happy with. They promised to come up with a proposal in the course of September.

The new Finn World Masters Rules were accepted and I thank everybody who helped me to create these. Besides that a Masters Committee was presented and accepted: Mike Till, Rolf Elsaesser, Yves Zoccola and Henk de Jager will back me up in making plans and decisions.

During the meeting two venues for 2011 showed presentations and the meeting voted for Punta Ala (Italy), but Pwllheli in Northern Wales (UK) agreed to remain candidate for 2012. Maybe a good idea for 2012? Sailing three major Championships in the UK: The Olympics, the Gold Cup and the Finn World Masters! But first we will have to vote in 2010 for the location in 2012, of course.

I wish to thank the Cercle de la Voile de Bordeaux (CVB) for their hospitality and expertise and granting the sailor's wishes. I hope we will return to Maubuisson for another Finn World Masters in future.

On July 14 and 15 I visited the Labud Sailing Club in Split (Croatia) for the preparations of the Finn World Masters Championship in 2010. We sailed our Finn World Masters there already in 2002 and the venue is still

beautiful. I presented the latest version of the Guidelines (Rolf Lehnert initiated them and I thoroughly expanded them) and we had agreements on almost all points. What worries me most at this moment is that the Labud Sailing Club still has to do a job around the accommodation of the competitors (both hotels and camper places), but I will keep in close contact about this with them. I pointed out that good accommodation for all Masters is a serious issue for this event and it must be arranged well.

I herewith advise all Finn Masters to regularly visit www.finnworldmaster.com for the latest news. This website contains a lot of information and news and it will keep you all informed about what happens around the Finn World Masters for the coming years. Don't miss anything!

Kind regards and good winds for all of you.

Fons van Gent
Vice President Masters Fleet



Gathering in Poland

Taken at the ISAF Mid-Year Meeting in Poland here are Tomasc Holc (ISAF VP and ex-Finn sailor), Ralph Roberts, ISAF Silver medal award winner C.A. Marchaj and Andy Zawieja. Below, Rafal Szukiel and Corinne McKenzie.



The best promotion is the boat

Here is our President Balazs Hajdu's Finn on display in a shopping centre in central Budapest. Every year for one week, a racing sailboat is exhibited to attract people to sailing. This year it was the Finn's turn especially because of the 60th anniversary.



And here is the Moscow Finn Association in action at the Moscow International Boat Show. Vasily Kravchenko writes, "The Finn class dominated among other classes through the whole event with a modern Devoti on display. In addition various video clips were shown that have attracted many people. During that event the President of Russian Finn Association awarded Victor Kozlov a medal for his Silver at Finn World Masters in 2008 (Legend). The exposition was a big success. Many visitors were attracted by our booth. Our materials were drawn by several magazines, internet-portals and video-channels. Several sailing goods shops asked us for video materials to show at their shops, so we will have continuous advertising of Finn class through them. We have met many yachtsmen who would like to come back to Finn as well as many new sailors who want to start sailing Finn."



New Finn from HiTechsailing

The new Finn from HiTechsailing is an all new project that moves the class forward. Walter Riosa sailed Finns in the Italian squad for nine years and was Luca Devoti's tuning partner for a great deal of that time.

Working with Tim Tavinor and Luca, Walter was part of the team responsible for supplying the Finns for the Atlanta Olympic Sailing Event and Italian reserve, when Devoti Sailing was given the contract to supply the equipment by ISAF.

He has also been heavily involved with the successful 2008 British and Dutch Olympic Yngling squads, having been a key member of the building team of both boats.

In 2001 Walter left Devoti Sailing and concentrated setting up his own business producing high quality carbon tiller extensions and the revolutionary hiking simulator. Then in 2008 HiTechsailing started work on an 'all new' Olympic Finn. The aim was to produce a very high quality,



highly competitive boat using Walter's 15 years of experience both sailing and building boats.

The result is a Finn that incorporates all the latest fast thinking, but with some new details unique to this model. The first boat successfully passed measurement, and the order book is starting to fill up.

Walter said, "Following exhaustive design and development over the last nine months, I'm really pleased that HiTechsailing has produced this all new Olympic Finn. The new boat, which is built in the UK, has a hull shape that follows a similar route to

the most competitive boats currently on the market. It incorporates a number of design features not seen previously in other builder's boats. These features make the best out of the class rules, and optimise the ergonomics for maximum efficiency and comfort. Great attention has also been given to produce a styling that is both unique and modern. The boats are built from the highest quality materials, and thanks to top suppliers support it all looks fantastic."

For more details and information, contact HiTechsailing on info@hitechsailing.com or call +44 (0)7866 687705



Technical Committee Chairman's Report for July 2009 (main points)

- Measurement and Equipment Inspection at the Olympic Regatta and at recent regattas have shown no special problems apart from difficulties caused by a shortage of normal measurers in some countries. We have tried to address this issue.

- What is noteworthy is the huge effort that the class as a whole has made to deal with the weight reduction and re-swinging process. Well done everybody!

- After a long process Jüri Saraskin has had new Templates and Swing Hooks made.

2008 - 2009 Rule changes

- Last year AGM approved and directed a raft of changes, the most significant of which related to the permitted use of digital compasses and a simultaneous weight reduction.

- The Class Rules Sub Committee were concerned about whether we could muster the measurement resources to re-swing the boats. A rule has been included to allow some boats to update without re-swinging. This is only likely to be suitable for some older boats.

- Our submission that, where an MNA will not appoint or recognise measurers for our class, then IFA may do so was rejected. No alternative solution has been offered.

- The submission to replace the "Q" (with race committee options) with "O" as the pumping flag led to three rewrites.

- The need for a mandatory paddle has been deleted with a new paragraph inserted making it optional.

- The hand bailer or bucket is still required on hulls not fitted with a double bottom (i.e. pre-1974), and is optional for the rest of us.

- On 15 May (2009) I received approval, and finalised the new versions of our Rules, Measurement Form and Certificate.

- Several measurers requested and helped to develop a standard "reweighing" attachment for the Certificate. It's on the ISAF website.

Changes for 2009 – 2010

- Some minor editorial tidying is needed.

- Discussion with TC whether we should tighten the hull specification regarding "additional stiffening" which "may be of any material".

- As ever, we need to keep the costs of our equipment under review.

The Committee

As usual, I have received valuable support, input and commentary from the members of TC, and from manufacturers. Some do not reply to messages often, but their membership is valuable because they may give valuable input when they have special knowledge.

I should like to propose the TC as last year – with the welcome addition of Alain Bujeaud – Robert Carlen, Rodney Cobb, John Driscoll, Guillaume Florent, Jan van der Horst, David Howlett, Gilbert Lamboley, Lawrence Lemieux, Walter Mai, August Miller, Miklós Németh, Jüri Saraskin, Tim Tavinor, Clifton Webb.

Richard Hart, Chairman, IFATC



Finn Gold Cup 2009 - Vallensbæk, Denmark

After a week of drama at Vallensbæk in Denmark, Jonas Høgh-Christensen walked away with his second Finn Gold Cup after first winning the title in 2006. What is remarkable about this win was the fact that he hadn't sailed on more than a handful of occasions since the Olympics last August. In a relaxed, almost party mood, he had a shaky start but got better and better as the week progressed and finally clinched the title on the final race, with one vital boat between himself and Zach Railey, who had led going into the medal race. Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic took the bronze and was the first Croatian to ever stand on a Finn Gold Cup podium. A fabulously organised regatta and an incredibly tough week's sailing finished with a thrilling medal race that had the locals whooping for joy. Denmark had another world champion.

FINN GOLD CUP 2009 - FINAL RESULTS

1	DEN 2	Jonas Høgh-Christensen	20	(35)	17	1	5	7	4	1	2	6	2	65
2	USA 4	Zach Railey	10	6	6	6	(29)	4	7	13	1	7	6	66
3	CRO 524	Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic	(31)	3	21	2	6	13	3	3	12	4	10	77
4	GBR 41	Giles Scott	6	16	1	13	(20)	8	5	2	13	1	16	81
5	SWE 11	Daniel Birgmark	17	2	13	(20)	8	5	20	12	3	3	12	95
6	GBR 111	Edward Wright	46	4	2	9	18	6	1	4	(bfd)	2	8	100
7	NZL 1	Dan Slater	(33)	1	3	5	3	20	12	14	15	8	mdnf	103
8	ESP 100	Rafael Trujillo	22	19	16	4	4	(31)	2	6	7	11	14	105
9	CRO 25	Marin Misura	3	(21)	10	11	21	1	6	10	10	16	18	106
10	GBR 634	Andrew Mills	7	5	(32)	16	2	16	13	16	22	10	4	111



Photo: Event media

The form book was wide open going into the Finn Gold Cup at Vallensbæk, near Copenhagen in Denmark. With a different winner at each major European event so far this year, picking favourites was easy, but picking a winner was a hard call.

The racing reflected this prediction with a different leader after each day's racing and the points really close until the final few races. In the end 87 sailors from 31 countries made it to the start line, with just two

previous winners Rafael Trujillo and Jonas Høgh Christensen. Høgh Christensen was the dark horse of the fleet, having not sailed since the Olympics, but was fast in training and very relaxed about the racing.

Two testing races were sailed on Monday in 6-8 knots in very shifty winds with virtually all the favourites picking up a discard. Race wins went to Bryan Boyd and Dan Slater, though Rafal Szukiel was the most consistent and led overnight.

Boyd led race one from start to finish, to win by over a minute. Slater won the second race after a race long battle with Daniel Birgmark.

Another two tricky two races were sailed in a moderate southerly on Tuesday. Giles Scott led from start in finish in race three while, in a stronger breeze, race four was won by Jonas Høgh Christensen in the closing stages, as the very tight leading group surfed to the finished line.

After day three there was another leader with Dan Slater sharing the top of the leader board with Railey. In race five Boyd again led at the top mark with 2007 European Champion Eduard Skorniyakov was not far behind. The Russian took the lead on the first downwind and held to the finish.

Michael Maier was the early leader in race six, but Marin Misura took the lead on the first downwind and held to the finish in the changeable and increasing wind. After day three Ed Wright had moved up to third overall having discarded his 46th from race one.

The breeze arrived for day four with two testing races with in from 15 to 25 knots.



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11	GBR 88	Mark Andrews	16	(52)	4	8	13	21	8	31	8	12	4	125
12	NED 842	Pieter Jan Postma	13	(56)	27	14	39	9	9	9	4	9	1	134
13	NOR 1	Peer Moberg	2	13	15	22	22	17	17	(24)	14	5	9	136
14	FIN 218	Tapio Nirrko	12	34	(47)	3	9	18	19	21	5	14	2	137
15	CZE 1	Michael Maier	28	(47)	7	18	19	10	14	5	17	13	10	141
16	FRA 115	Thomas Le Breton	5	18	18	25	12	14	26	8	18	(27)	8	152
17	EST 2	Deniss Karpak	9	28	5	15	(dnf)	25	22	7	23	19	5	158
18	AUT 3	Florian Raudaschl	27	23	14	10	10	27	16	(30)	6	20	6	159
19	FRA 112	Jonathan Lobert	(57)	9	19	35	53	2	10	11	11	17	3	170
20	RUS 9	Eduard Skorniyakov	32	8	35	17	1	29	15	(dsq)	19	15	14	185
21	ESP 7	Alejandro Muscat	(37)	32	8	23	11	12	18	22	21	25	16	188
22	POL 7	Rafal Szukiel	4	7	25	33	15	30	29	15	16	21	(bfd)	195
23	ITA 117	Giorgio Poggi	19	26	28	7	14	15	(dsq)	34	28	22	12	205
24	SWE 6	Björn Allansson	29	42	(44)	19	28	3	21	27	24	18	15	226
25	POL 17	Piotr Kula	8	29	12	28	31	45	11	17	25	33	(bfd)	239
26	ITA 101	Riccardo Cordovani	24	22	9	31	17	26	38	44	33	(63)	23	267
27	BRA 109	Jorge Zarif (J)	26	10	23	41	(60)	11	39	41	39	43	19	292
28	CZE 52	Tomas Vika (J)	34	40	11	26	26	42	(50)	19	41	32	22	293
29	GRE 8	Alexandros Dragoutsis	41	(57)	22	48	24	36	37	23	26	28	17	302
30	NED 64	Wietze Zetzema	18	39	50	24	(51)	22	24	38	40	29	24	308
31	POR 5	Frederico Melo	56	(60)	29	37	36	23	23	50	20	26	11	311
32	CAN 1	John Romanko	38	(59)	30	34	27	41	30	28	32	34	28	322
33	NED 839	Timo Hagoort	30	12	37	21	30	47	41	52	(55)	40	20	330
34	USA 1140	Bryan Boyd	1	30	24	29	7	54	27	26	(dnf)	51	bfd	337
35	ITA 123	Filippo Baldassari (J)	(65)	53	26	38	54	34	34	29	27	31	25	351
36	GBR 99	Henry Bagnall	53	43	(70)	39	32	46	35	25	44	23	21	361
37	RUS 707	Egor Larionov (J)	48	27	38	43	(74)	35	25	62	31	38	26	373
38	NED 787	Nanno Schuttrups	23	14	51	42	55	(bfd)	36	45	36	42	30	374
39	UKR 1	Oleksiy Borysov	66	(dnc)	dnc	dnc	16	19	43	20	9	24	7	380
40	DEN 9	Thomas Mørup-Petersen	54	25	42	46	(bfd)	40	31	42	43	48	37	408
41	NED 41	Karel van Hellemond	49	33	39	30	65	49	28	59	29	30	(bfd)	411
42	IND 11	Nachhatar Johal	(64)	15	31	49	50	44	53	54	38	41	40	415
43	DEN 46	Kaspar Andresen	39	24	20	59	45	32	49	53	50	44	(bfd)	415
44	RUS 1	Alex Selivanov	15	11	45	62	23	(73)	55	39	69	68	33	420
45	USA 5	Andrew Casey	50	(67)	59	27	35	59	33	49	51	47	18	428
46	HUN 6	Gasztón Pal	(85)	41	36	51	34	38	66	65	34	35	32	432
47	BRA 5	Henry Boening	(82)	74	49	40	40	61	47	48	30	37	13	439
48	BUL 24	Mihail Kopanov	(69)	46	41	54	33	51	52	37	45	52	38	449
49	CZE 3	Rudolf Lidarik	44	50	34	45	41	39	58	(60)	56	58	27	452
50	AUS 235	Timothy Castles	(87)	58	63	32	76	33	54	18	35	56	29	454
51	HUN 8	Márton Beliczay	35	54	(74)	53	25	72	48	43	52	46	35	463
52	NED 844	Gert van der Heijden	45	37	(64)	57	44	52	59	51	42	49	31	467
53	CAN 7	Adam Nicholson	59	51	67	47	49	(68)	42	35	37	53	36	476
54	UKR 21	Anton Sadchykov (J)	40	44	(66)	58	61	66	44	33	57	39	39	481
55	EST 11	Lauri Väinsalu (J)	25	38	54	(dnf)	47	58	40	70	46	36	bfd	502
56	USA 619	Caleb Paine (J)	14	64	48	44	67	24	65	56	59	62	(bfd)	503
57	DEN 231	Kenneth Bøggild	76	20	40	70	48	55	62	47	47	50	(dnc)	515
58	GER 165	Dirk Meid	60	(73)	56	56	64	60	46	40	49	55	34	520
59	USA 9	Ian Cook (J)	52	49	55	50	43	28	60	58	(dnf)	dnc	47	530
60	TUR 7	Akif Muslubas	11	55	33	52	73	37	56	63	67	(bfd)	bfd	535
61	NED 45	Dennis de Ruiter	63	(71)	52	67	69	53	32	36	61	61	41	535
62	DEN 3	Jørgen Svendsen	47	69	43	61	46	(75)	68	55	62	60	43	554
63	USA 808	R. Phillip Raming	(86)	36	61	74	72	48	61	61	54	57	42	566
64	GER 203	Hartmut Duisberg	55	70	69	73	57	43	51	46	63	59	(bfd)	586
65	ITA 2	Marco Buglielli	67	31	(79)	63	71	74	63	66	58	54	44	591
66	NED 11	Henk de Jager	78	62	53	64	63	50	57	57	(dnf)	dnf	45	617
67	HUN 128	Peter Haidekker	58	45	46	77	42	77	67	(dnc)	64	65	bfd	629
68	SUI 496	Thomas Gautschi	62	65	76	75	37	65	64	67	60	64	(bfd)	635
69	SWE 1	Olof Lundqvist	75	76	75	72	38	62	(dnf)	69	48	45	bfd	648
70	EST 7	Harles Liiv	73	48	(dnc)	36	68	dnc	45	32	dnc	dnc	dnc	654
71	SLO 5	Gaspar Vinc̄ec	21	17	(dnf)	12	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	666
72	DEN 201	Nikolai Ratzlaff	79	66	(dnc)	76	79	57	72	68	65	66	46	674
73	CZE 11	Patrik Deutcher (J)	71	80	57	71	82	64	71	(dnf)	66	67	50	679
74	DEN 218	Jesper Petersen	70	79	68	69	59	67	(dnc)	71	53	69	bfd	693
75	GRE 71	Panagiotis Davourlis	36	68	65	65	81	70	69	64	(dnc)	dnc	dnc	694
76	ITA 38	Claudio Bosetti	42	78	62	66	52	71	(dnf)	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	723
77	GER 242	Peter Corbett	77	82	71	80	78	63	70	(dnc)	68	dnc	49	726
78	ITA 97	Carlo Recchi (J)	51	75	58	55	56	(dnc)	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	735
79	HUN 728	Elemer Haidekker (J)	43	83	81	81	66	56	73	(dnc)	dnf	dnc	bfd	747
80	GER 262	Uwe Barthel	72	72	73	79	62	81	(dnc)	dnc	dnc	dnc	48	751
81	DEN 6	Lars Hall	61	63	72	60	58	(dnf)	dnf	dnc	dnf	dnc	bfd	754
82	SWE 40	Sverker Härd	84	61	78	(dnc)	70	79	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	51	775
83	USA 56	Charles Heimler	83	84	77	78	77	69	(dnc)	dnc	dnc	dnc	52	784
84	GER 174	Matthias Bohn	74	(dnf)	60	68	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	818
85	DEN 258	Christian Qvist	81	77	80	82	75	76	(dnf)	dnc	dnf	dnc	dnc	823
86	GBR 631	Richard Hart	80	81	(dnf)	dnc	80	78	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	847
87	HUN 212	Richard Hirschler (J)	68	(dnf)	dnc	bfd	80	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	852



Top to bottom: Zach Railey, Marin Misura, Jonathan Lobert, Giles Scott, Top three juniors (1: Jorge Zarif, 2: Tomas Vika, 3: Filippo Baldassari)
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Wright finally found his pace to lead from start to finish in race seven, while Høgh Christensen won race eight. Boyd again rounded the top mark in the lead but the Dane soon pulled through for his second win and moved up to fifth behind Wright, Scott, Kljakovic Gaspic and Railey.

The final qualification day brought extreme conditions and drama in equal measures. Wright was black flagged on race nine, which effectively removed any chances of his first world title, as he now had to count the 46th from race one.

Meanwhile Railey led from start to finish and followed that up with a seventh in race ten to go into the medal race with a three point margin over Høgh Christensen. Scott dropped one place to third despite winning race ten; he was also the only other sailor than Høgh Christensen to win more than one race. The fourth sailor still with a chance at the title going into the final day was Kljakovic Gaspic. Most sailors though had a dismal time with 25-30 winds and cold, driving rain through most of the day.

For Jonas Høgh Christensen it was a fairy tale ending. To win the Finn Gold Cup he had to finish with at least one boat between himself and Railey. And this is exactly what happened. The medal race was sailed in probably the best conditions of the week –

a 12-14 wind with free pumping. Railey led round the top mark from Høgh Christensen, with a lot of boats close behind. The first downwind was to prove crucial. The Dane found better pressure and moved ahead while Railey dropped a few places. Andrew Mills moved up to second and stayed there on the second upwind to be the all-important cushion that Høgh Christensen needed over Railey.

Railey recovered to third on the final downwind to take the silver medal, while Høgh Christensen extended to win the race and the Gold Cup in the best possible way. Winning a world title on home ground is always something special. Kljakovic Gaspic crossed in fifth to take the bronze, while Scott faded away to eighth to end up fourth overall.

On winning his second Finn Gold Cup in his own country, Høgh Christensen said, "It's amazing, it's an absolutely amazing feeling. I'm lost for words. To be honest I didn't think it could happen. I wanted to compete here because it was in my home country, but I hadn't really trained for it at all. I have been on the water about six times since the Games. I started out badly and thought I had lost it. Then the weather got a bit easier and suddenly the results started coming in and I just moved up and up and by today I was suddenly in second. Today was just a case of go out and fight for it."

Railey said, "This is the first worlds I have actually finished in the top 28. I haven't had very good luck at the Gold Cups before, so my strategy was to come here and try to finish consistently in the races and give myself the best shot at the medal race. I can't complain about second place at the world championship for sure, but it definitely hurts a bit not being on top of the podium."

Third place Kljakovic Gaspic was elated with his third place finish. He said, "This is the first ever medal for any Croatian sailor in Finn Gold Cup history so this is very special for me. Everybody wants to win it but there are only three places on the podium and to get there at all is really special."

There was also a great battle among the juniors with Jorge Zarif narrowly beating Tomas Vika in the final race with Filippo Baldassari in third.

The host club put on an amazing show and should be justly proud of what they achieved. The welcome and the hospitality were extraordinary, and all the competitors and supporters enjoyed a great week in Vallensbaek.

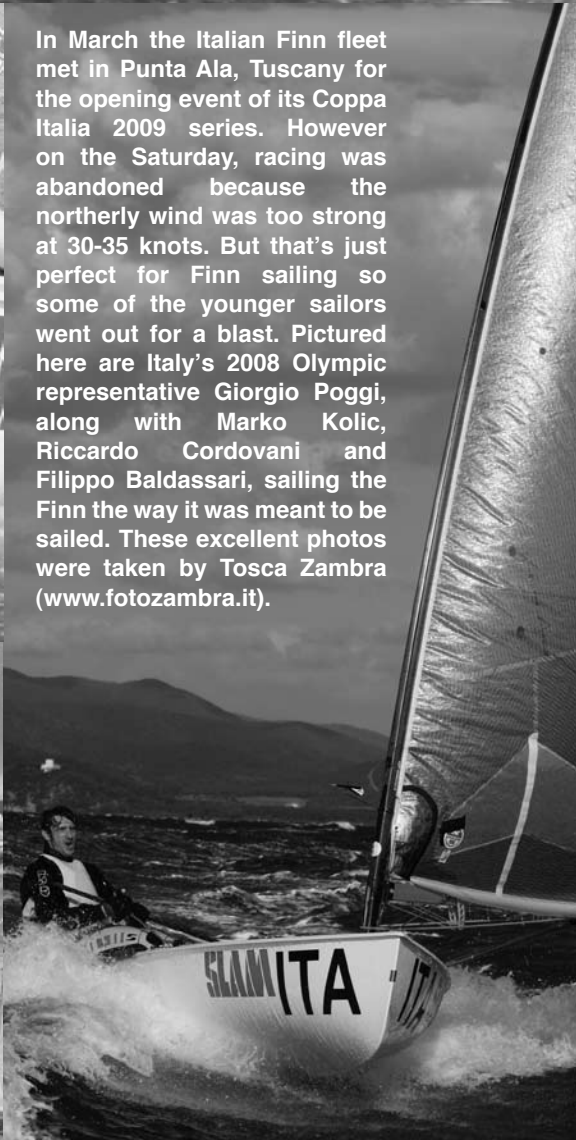


<p>Media</p> <p>The media coverage for the 2009 FGC probably exceeded that of any other dinghy world championship ever. In addition to worldwide daily coverage on sailing news websites, there was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Online tracking thanks to TracTrac at (these will remain accessible online indefinitely) www.tractrac.com/fgc - Blog and on-the-water Twitter feed at http://finnclass.blogspot.com - Event website with multimedia at www.fgc-2009.com

Punta Ala



In March the Italian Finn fleet met in Punta Ala, Tuscany for the opening event of its Coppa Italia 2009 series. However on the Saturday, racing was abandoned because the northerly wind was too strong at 30-35 knots. But that's just perfect for Finn sailing so some of the younger sailors went out for a blast. Pictured here are Italy's 2008 Olympic representative Giorgio Poggi, along with Marko Kolic, Riccardo Cordovani and Filippo Baldassari, sailing the Finn the way it was meant to be sailed. These excellent photos were taken by Tosca Zambra (www.fotozambra.it).



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Finn World Masters – André Budzien does the triple

The Finn World Masters keeps getting bigger and better. This year the biggest Finn event of all time was held at Maubuisson in the south-west of France and attracted 261 Finns. If you placed them all end to end the line would stretch for nearly 1.2 km. Defending champion André Budzien got off to a bumpy start, while Laurent Hay could do no wrong. Jürgen Eiermann led into the final day, but Budzien got the upper hand to seal his third Masters title in a row.

The 2009 Finn World Masters was a series of two halves. In the first three races, Laurent Hay looked to be running away with the series with three straight wins. He said, "My three wins were very different. The first one was because the guys in front raced the wrong course. The second I won from the second third of the last beat and the third I was in front from start to finish." Conditions were testing at best with large shifts and large pressure differences across the course areas. The fleet was split into four flights on two different course areas.

Defending Champion André Budzien picked up a black flag on day two to open matters up slightly, while the consistent Jürgen Eiermann only once placed outside the top four. Meanwhile 2006 champion Michael Maier, second after three races started having problems and slipped back. In the last two qualification races, Budzien hit back with two bullets to go into the final day one point behind Eiermann and one ahead of Hay.

1	GER 711	Budzien André	2	BFD	2	9	1	1	2	17
2	GER 8	Eiermann Jürgen	4	3	2	4	13	1	4	18
3	FRA 75	Hay Laurent	1	1	1	11	2	35	6	22
4	CZE 1	Maier Michael	3	2	1	6	14	DNF	1	27
5	FRA 7	Alexis Stephane	9	3	18	1	19	3	66	53
6	BUL 24	Koponov Mihail	2	15	6	30	9	12	12	56
7	GBR 2	Burrell Allen	19	1	13	7	29	21	3	64
8	NED 29	De Waal Bas	BFD	6	11	3	12	2	31	65
9	DEN 208	Lindhardtzen Jørgen	8	6	7	3	65	23	23	70
10	NED 747	Van Vierssen Thierry	14	25	17	2	7	DNF	7	72
11	ITA 5	Cinque Francesco	10	5	14	8	66	23	20	80
12	NED 780	Kok Jan Willem	1	8	3	38	12	36	22	82
13	NED 81	Visser Gerko	5	41	3	26	20	10	18	82
14	GER 13	Drephal Eckhard	DNF	12	4	29	7	4	32	88
15	DEN 2	Staal Michael	11	40	26	22	2	15	21	97
16	GER 28	Kühlwein Christian	16	13	25	10	32	29	25	118
17	FRA 99	Allain Des Beauvais Marc	29	41	31	1	121	4	13	119
18	NED 888	Kuijper Luuk	25	15	12	29	31	69	16	128
19	NED 904	Scheurwater Cees	63	12	17	14	39	6	43	131
20	SWE 721	Brandt Mikael	15	16	15	49	69	9	28	132
21	GER 3	Mai Walter	6	40	15	21	10	41	62	133
22	CRO 110	Cicareli Luksa	17	31	28	13	76	11	35	135
23	GBR 567	Hughes Martin	39	11	32	23	5	BFD	26	136
24	NED 703	Bakker Eric	DNF	59	14	2	17	5	40	137
25	CZE 8	Outrata Jiri	37	26	20	12	28	15	86	138
26	NED 69	Van Olst Roel	18	22	16	6	27	57	60	146
27	GBR 61	Heyes John	30	30	5	23	38	24	94	150
28	RUS 21	Butenko Vladimir	40	36	28	11	6	34	37	152
29	HUN 17	Gabor Antal	11	10	25	OCS	82	14	11	153
30	GBR 665	Smith Julian	19	5	30	47	DNF	34	19	154

In the final race, split onto gold and silver flights, Allen Burrell rounded the first mark with a clear 100 metre lead from Budzien, who took the lead on the first reach. Maier caught up the leaders on the second beat to take the lead in the stiff breeze and on the final beat put a tight cover on Budzien as the breeze started to drop. But Budzien wasn't worried about that. He had his main competition behind him, and that is where they stayed.

Budzien spoke about the week. "I had to grow into the races. It's hard as you cannot always compete against your direct competitors. But the last race was really nerve-racking with the points so close. This was certainly my toughest Masters so far. I tried to keep my composure, but actually it was very nerve racking."

Forty years ago at the Finn Gold Cup in 1969, held in the rather exotic location of

Bermuda, the suggestion was first put forward to hold a Veteran Finn Gold Cup for sailors over 40 and the first event was held in Switzerland in 1970. That concept – which has developed into the Finn World

Masters – has now come of age itself. The 40th Finn World Masters is already history, and sailors are already looking forward to next year, with a welcome return to Split in Croatia.



Above: Top 10 • Below (left to right) - Ladies (Ane Zelinkski, Brigitte Devillers, Bozena Smidova), Grand Masters (Eckhard Drephal, Francesco Cinque, Michael Staal), Great Grand Masters (Mikael Brandt, Jørgen Lindhardtzen, Luksa Cicareli), Legends (Richard Hart, Walter Mai, Henri Roumaillac)



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31	NED 66	Meijer Ewout	161	108	ITA 111	Catalan Bruno	325	185	SUI 100	Hber Urs	452
32	FRA 28	Grall Sebastien	161	109	SUI 94	Friederich Andreas	330	186	FRA 11	Bognar Eric	452
33	GBR 672	Potter David	165	110	GER 69	Huber Thomas	333	187	FRA 35	Raguet Jacques	453
34	RSA 1	Davis Greg	168	111	RUS 41	Denikaev Felix	334	188	GER 17	Schrader Kai	454
35	GRE 71	Davourlis Panagiotis	170	112	HUN 300	Payr Egon	336	189	FRA 76	Bourgneuf Marc	454
36	NED 11	De Jager Henk	173	113	FRA 40	Rochet Joseph	338	190	GER 154	Wenz Roland	459
37	NED 55	Huisman Eddy	179	114	RUS 71	Klyayman Leonid	341	191	DEN 192	Madsen Ole Blichfeldt	464
38	NED 1	Van Der Horst Jan	181	115	NED 835	Goede Jaap	341	192	SUI 44	Roost Thomas	467
39	HUN 51	Rutai Stvan	186	116	RUS 3	Borovyak Alexey	341	193	GER 249	Feurer Georg	467
40	DEN 249	Andersen Svend Vogt	187	117	GER 701	Götz Klaus-Dieter	342	194	SWE 9	Jutmar Veine	468
41	AUT 11	Moser Bernd	188	118	NED 35	Bas Proper Bastiaan	349	195	SWE 65	Nordin Anders	468
42	RSA 2	Serritslev Alan	191	119	BUL 77	Aleksandrov Aleksandar	353	196	ESP 100	Candela Antonio	468
43	ITA 82	Bosetti Roberto	192	120	RSA 5	Greaves Robin	356	197	GER 161	Kratz Ralf	469
44	NED 10	Boot Nanne	195	121	POR 5	Pinheiro De Melo Jorge	357	198	FRA 13	De Maublanc Henry	474
45	NED 39	Zomer Hans	199	122	NED 8	Casander Rodrick	359	199	CZE 10	Hudec Vaclav	476
46	NED 50	Zatzema Jan	202	123	GBR 24	Barnes Rory	368	200	SUI 2	Klammer Helmut	476
47	FRA 86	Jean Christophe	205	124	GER 175	Möckel Michael	371	201	SUI 58	Marti Bruno	479
48	GER 208	Kinast Uwe	207	125	GER 42	Kraft Jürgen	371	202	FRA 53	Devillers Brigitte	482
49	SUI 12	Buergi Franz	207	126	GER 1	Beuck Werner	376	203	RUS 95	Udartsev Vladimir	484
50	GER 262	Barthel Uwe	209	127	NED 860	Kruijer Louis	377	204	NED 51	Oberman Maarten	484
51	SUI 496	Gautschi Thomas	210	128	ITA 43	Piram Pietro	377	205	CZE 4	Smidova Bozena	487
52	HUN 2	Sipos Peter	213	129	GER 112	Vincke Egbert	379	206	NED 67	Staal Remmelt	488
53	AUS 3	Gunther Jake	214	130	NZL 3	Winters Ben	379	207	FRA 17	Derouen Frank	490
54	GER 217	Niehusen Carsten	215	131	RUS 51	Petriga Mikhail	380	208	NED 836	Kraan Bart	497
55	NED 25	Karssemeijer Arwin	218	132	FRA 110	Thareau Michel	380	209	FRA 71	Pogaux Jean Luc	498
56	NED 77	Lamme Jan-Jaap	219	133	SUI 57	Baumann Rudolf	391	210	DEN 19	Aagesen Johnny	504
57	NED 54	Bos Joos	222	134	NED 844	Pas Guido	311	211	NED 786	De Schifart Johan	509
58	FRA 2	Mondeteguy Pierre	222	135	NED 88	Barends Chiel	313	212	ESP 179	Plagaro Perez Emilio	516
59	CZE 318	Plecity Martin	223	136	GBR 631	Hart Richard	314	213	FRA 79	Michal Bernard	517
60	GER 78	Eder Thomas	223	137	FRA 77	Duru Jean	318	214	SWE 11	Ridderheim Christer	518
61	FRA 150	Tetard Pascal	224	138	FRA 800	Zoccola Yves	321	215	FRA 752	Le Paul Yann	519
62	FRA 84	Henaff Gilles	224	139	FRA 100	Camusson Laurent	326	216	GBR 55	Till Mike	524
63	NED 4	Baerends Ruurd	226	140	FRA 66	Lobert Philippe	329	217	SUI 9	Roost Andrea	525
64	ITA 4	Faggiani Francesco	226	141	GER 48	Pöschl Manfred	334	218	NED 870	Peeters Gelmus	526
65	GER 202	Elsaesser Rolf	227	142	FRA 829	Vauthier Claude	334	219	NED 813	Kaptein Lenard	527
66	GER 142	Paech Jonny	229	143	NED 748	Van Gent Fons	340	220	RSA 540	Tucker Alan	528
67	NED 777	Kroon Albert	230	144	SWE 740	Rydel Henrik	343	221	FRA 6	Renoux Alain	530
68	FRA 10	Nicolas Patrick	231	145	NED 874	Hubregtsen Pieter-Jan	343	222	FRA 58	Rosignol Bruno	532
69	SUI 11	Fatzer Hans	233	146	ESP 260	Conesa Victor Serrano	346	223	DEN 205	Petersson Mogens	533
70	GER 111	Haacks Rainer	237	147	NED 32	Verhoef Peter	350	224	GER 144	Ott Jens	541
71	GER 146	Müller Friedrich	239	148	NED 72	Groenhout Lacus-Jan	350	225	DEN 14	Nielsen Jan Verner	549
72	NED 5	Sala René	241	149	NED 899	De Blij Gertjan	351	226	SWE 752	Wiberg Hans	550
73	FRA 117	Richards François	242	150	GER 89	Kellermann Günter	357	227	FRA 38	Evenou Yannick	552
74	GER 155	Gast Edwin	243	151	NED 896	Hermus Ad	361	228	GER 38	Fabry Reinhard	552
75	AUS 242	Buchanan Robert	243	152	USA 56	Heimler Charles	362	229	GBR 14	Sampson Steve	563
76	HUN 4	Varga Lasos	244	153	FRA 849	Michaud Alain	365	230	SUI 21	Krienbühl Beni	565
77	GBR 12	Belton Daniel	244	154	NED 9	Isselmann Jobs	365	231	DEN 246	Zielinski Ane	566
78	GBR 68	Mackie John	244	155	FRA 19	Albert Jean Marc	368	232	NED 101	Scheen Christian	582
79	CZE 7	Cintl Vaclav	248	156	FRA 56	Groussard Jean Paul	375	233	FRA 785	Liguat Jean	584
80	NZL 43	Winters Nick	254	157	GER 852	Stelzl Rüdiger	377	234	FRA 817	Huygevelde Frederic	588
81	NED 27	Kamphorst Paul	254	158	FRA 46	Roumaillac Henri	382	235	GER 9	Koch Friedrich	601
82	NED 95	De Schifart Wobbe	257	159	GER 109	Tomaszewski Manfred	385	236	NED 749	Hooijer Dirk	603
83	GBR 653	Brunton Adrian	262	160	GBR 58	Brown Paul	388	237	FRA 80	Jean-Jean Benoit	606
84	DEN 6	Hall Lars	268	161	NZL 213	Duncan Maurice	392	238	GER 98	Schmidt André	608
85	SUI 17	Huck Frederik	268	162	ESP 295	Moreno Javier	394	239	FRA 807	Siot Rene	608
86	RSA 539	Weixelbaumer Klaus	271	163	NED 754	Kruijer Kees	396	240	ESP 316	Garcia Muria Javier	614
87	NED 38	Van Heusden Olaf	273	164	SUI 3	Lazzari Carlo	401	241	ESP 303	P. Comesana Jose Ignacio	614
88	NED 47	Woerdeman Auke	273	165	ESP 196	Lopez Baldan Pablo	405	242	ITA 88	Giugni Umberto	616
89	RUS 4	Banko Alexander	274	166	HUN 9	Beliczay Tamas	410	243	GER 46	Truhm Hans-Peter	617
90	GBR 664	Torrance John	275	167	CZE 2	Zdenek Gebhart	413	244	NED 68	David Martijn	622
91	GER 35	Ehlers Hans-Günter	276	168	FRA 14	Chedeville Daniel	415	245	GER 187	Orth Werner	623
92	NED 823	Van Wirdum Nico	282	169	CZE 222	Vinkl Petr	415	246	SWE 750	Larsson Lasse	630
93	GER 84	Huellenkremer Michael	282	170	GER 130	Blum Alfred	416	247	CZE 76	Dvorak Jiri	640
94	NED 31	Nagel Willem	287	171	SUI 60	Ulbrich John	421	248	LTU 5	Criou Olivier	642
95	GBR 20	Denison Andy	289	172	GER 26	Meister Willi	421	249	GBR 486	Fitzpatrick Mike	653
96	GER 248	Zülow Eckehard	290	173	SUI 40	Stammnitz Heinz	432	250	SUI 29	Althans Hans	655
97	NED 895	V.D. Meulen Jan Tjeerd	296	174	GBR 8	Carver Tim	440	251	FRA 827	Gavarry Max	660
98	GBR 54	Fedi Keith	296	175	FRA 72	Le Frapper Philippe	440	252	NED 809	Smids Johannes	668
99	RSA 53	Bohnsack Andreas	305	176	SUI 96	Lehmann Hans	440	253	GER 257	Grabau Olaf	674
100	GER 59	Stock Detlef	305	177	GER 114	Kalinski Jacek	441	254	RUS 11	Danilov Valentin	675
101	GBR 1	Kooij Sander	317	178	RSA 51	Baum Philip	441	255	NOR 2	Johannessen Ola	684
102	FRA 4	De Saint Mars Renaud	318	179	FRA 869	Baumgarten Regis	445	256	FRA 830	Sicsic Jean Charles	690
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106	ITA 7	Pitini Antonio	322	183	GER 293	Siebeck Georg	449	260	FRA 50	Gabart Dominique	731
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The inaugural ISAF Sailing World Cup combines some of the best world class sailing events around the globe. The first two events were Sail Melbourne and the Rolex Miami OCR. Between April and June four more regattas were sailed in Europe, which provided a great focus not only for sailors but also for the world's media. Here is the story of those regattas, which led up nicely to the Finn Gold Cup in Vallengsbæk Denmark. The final regatta will take place at Weymouth in September.

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The British team displayed their full potential in Palma. Apart from a mishap in the first race, Giles Scott never placed less than fourth in the opening series and then another fourth place in the medal race was comfortably good enough to take the regatta win by three points from Ed Wright. Wright didn't win a race until the medal race, when he overhauled Andrew Mills to snatch silver with Mills having to settle for bronze.

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1	GBR 41	Giles Scott	26
2	GBR 111	Edward Wright	29
3	GBR 634	Andrew Mills	32
4	FIN 218	Tapio Nirkko	46
5	ESP 100	Rafael Trujillo Villar	48
6	SLO 5	Gasper Vincec	55
7	GBR 88	Mark Andrews	61
8	CRO 25	Marin Misura	63
9	CRO 524	Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic	72
10	FRA 69	Jonathan Lobert	75
11	USA 1140	Bryan Boyd	68
12	CZE 1	Michael Maier	69
13	EST 2	Deniss Karpak	72
14	AUT 3	Florian Raudaschl	73
15	POL 7	Rafal; Szukiel	77
16	POL 17	Piotr Kula	84
17	RUS 9	Skornyakov	92
18	SWE 6	Bjorn Allansson	93
19	FRA 115	Le Breton Thomas	108
20	ESP 7	Alex Muscat	110
21	CZE 52	Tomas Vika	113
22	ITA 101	Riccardo Cordovani	120
23	ITA 1	Giorgio Poggi	128
24	GRE 8	Dragoutsis Alexandros	128
25	GER 771	Jan Kurfeld	130
26	POR 5	Frederico Melo	136
27	ESP 161	Miguel Fernández Vasco	157

28	EST 11	Lauri Väinsalu	168
29	ESP 981	Jano Toro Prieto-Puga	169
30	GBR 99	Henry Bagnall	172
31	GER 21	Schreiber Anian	174
32	GER 711	André Budzien	175
33	GER 717	Sebastian Kaule	182
34	GRE 71	Panagiotis Davourlis	194
35	ESP 10	Ero Pons Penin	202
36	RUS 57	Terpigorev Egor	202
37	GER 712	Froh Christoph	209
38	ESP 836	Jaime Navarro Delmas	212
39	EST 3	Heiko Eesalu	218
40	CZE 21	Jan Cajcik	218
41	CZE 11	Patrik Deutscher	220
42	GER 500	Philippe Fischer	223
43	CZE 81	Tomas Hrnal	225
44	GER 262	Uwe Barthel	231
45	RUS 91	Sivenkov Vyacheslav	232
46	ITA 13	Cisbani Paolo	248
47	POR 310	Rodrigo Quina	266

14	FRA 115	Le Breton Thomas	114
15	SLO 99	Moze Tine	116
16	NED 842	Postma Pieter Jan	123
17	POL 17	Kula Piotr	125
18	GRE 8	Dragoutsis Alexandros	130
19	FRA 69	Lober Jonathan	131
20	CZE 52	Vika Tomas	144
21	SWE 6	Allansson Bjorn	149
22	ESP 7	Muscat Alejandro	154
23	EST 7	Liiv Harles	156
24	ITA 101	Cordovani Riccardo	157
25	GBR 88	Andrews Mark	171
26	RUS 1	Selivanov Alexey	178
27	TUR 7	Muslubas Akif	179
28	RUS 57	Terpigorev Egor	188
29	NED 41	Van Hellema Karel	190
30	ESP 161	Fernandez V Miguel	194
31	EST 11	Vainsalu Lauri	204
32	RUS 707	Larionov Egor	209
33	GBR 99	Bagnall Heny	211
34	DEN 46	Andresen Kaspar	213
35	NED 839	Hagoort Timo	217
36	HUN 6	Pal Gaszton	220
37	UKR 5	Andriy Gusenko	230
38	RUS 14	Tereshkin Dmitry	255
39	EST 3	Eesalu Heiko	260
40	FRA 89	Montagut Benjamin	265
41	RUS 91	Sivenkov Vyacheslav	278
42	AUT 3	Raudaschl Florian	282
43	HUN 212	Herfchler Richard	286
44	SUI 496	Gautschi Thomas	293
45	NED 844	Van Der Hei Gert	310
46	HUN 7	Douglas Graham	329

Semaine Olympique Française, Hyères

18-24 April

Two weeks later the fleet reconvened in the south of France. During a week of light and shifty winds Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic and Gasper Vincec had monopolised the top of the scoreboard while Wright, Scott and Marin Misura were posting some great results. Finally the breeze arrived for the medal race with Wright romping away to his third World Cup medal race win to snatch silver yet again, while Kljakovic Gaspic focussed on winning the regatta, his first ever Grade 1 win.

1	CRO 524	Kljakovic Gaspic Ivan	31
2	GBR 111	Wright Edward	44
3	SLO 5	Vincec Gasper	50
4	GBR 41	Scott Giles	54
5	CRO 25	Misura Marin	62
6	CZE 1	Maier Michael	68
7	RUS 9	Skornyakov Eduard	68
8	EST 2	Karpak Deniss	87
9	NOR 1	Moberg Peer	96
10	FIN 218	Nirkko Tapio	96
11	GBR 634	Mills Andrew	99
12	POL 7	Szukiel Rafal	105
13	USA 1140	Boyd Bryan	108



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Delta Lloyd Regatta – Medemblik

27-31 May

Scott opened with a 1-3-2-3 and looked to be heading for a second regatta win. He went into the medal race with a three point margin over Wright, who had closed up in the second half of the regatta after an inconsistent start. The medal race win went to Rafael Trujillo with Wright in second. For Scott it all went wrong and he ended up ninth in the race to lose the regatta win to Wright.

1	GBR 111	Edward Wright	25
2	GBR 41	Giles Scott	36
3	CRO 524	Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic	38
4	ESP 100	Rafael Trujillo	42
5	USA 4	Zach Railey	45
6	SWE 11	Daniel Birgmark	45
7	NED 842	Pieter Jan Postma	57
8	GBR 634	Andrew Mills	60
9	NZL 1	Dan Slater	63
10	FIN 218	Tapio Nirikko	73
11	GBR 88	Mark Andrews	74
12	POL 7	Rafal Szukiel	81
13	EST 2	Deniss Karpak	90
14	CZE 1	Michael Maier	98
15	ESP 7	Alejandro Muscat	101
16	AUT 3	Florian Raudaschl	103
17	USA 1140	Bryan Boyd	104
18	FRA 115	Thomas Le Breton	109
19	POL 17	Piotr Kula	115
20	FRA 112	Jonathan Lobert	122
21	GER 771	Jan Kurfeld	152
22	SWE 6	Bjorn Allanson	153
23	ESP 161	Miguel Fernandez	164
24	CAN 41	Christopher Cook	173
25	BRA 5	Henry Boening	173
26	UKR 1	Oleksiy Borysov	177
27	POR 5	Frederico Melo	183
28	NED 41	Karel van Hellemond	186
29	UKR 5	Andriy Gusenko	193
30	GBR 642	John Tremlett	194
31	BRA 109	Jorge Zarif	195
32	NED 80	Sander Willems	195
33	NED 839	Timo Hagoort	213
34	USA 55	Andrew Casey	213
35	TUR 7	Akif Muslubas	221
36	GBR 99	Henry Bagnall	221
37	IND 11	Nachhatar Johal	223
38	GER 21	Anian Schreiber	231
39	HUN 17	Gaston Pal	239
40	NED 787	Nanno Schuttrups	248
41	DEN 46	Kaspar Andresen	248
42	NED 810	Simeon Tienpont	259
43	UKR 2	Illya Yefremov	263
44	HUN 8	Marton Beliczay	273
45	DEN 9	Thomas Morup	290
46	POL 12	Milosz Wojewski	290
47	GER 772	Ulli Kurfeld	291
48	USA 9	Ian Cook	297
49	GER 165	Dirk Meid	307
50	GER 500	Philipe Fischer	308
51	NED 844	Gert van der Heijden	309
52	DEN 231	Kenneth Boggild	309
53	GER 717	Sebastian Kaule	310
54	UKR 21	Anton Sadchikov	345
55	AUS 10	Rob Mcmillan	347
56	HUN 128	Peter Haidekker	347
57	DEN 201	Nikolai Ratzlaff	357
58	DEN 3	Jørgen Svendsen	359
59	DEN 252	Cristian Qvist	360
60	GER 92	Detlev Guminski	368



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61	GER 12	David Guminski	374
62	HUN 7	Graham Douglas	407
63	NED 367	Arthur Gust van Son	431

Kiel Week

20-29 June

Just before the Gold Cup started in Denmark, Kieler Woche was the penultimate leg of the Sailing World Cup. After Rafal Szukiel won the opening race the following two days were windless and three races were sailed on day four. Newcomer Deniss Karpak had been the most consistent and led into the medal race. However Szukiel won the race to take the week from Kljakovic Gaspic who finished fourth. With no discard several sailors suffered with high scores from day one, including Wright who also had a 2-2-1 and Trjuillo who had to count a 35th.

1	POL 7	Rafal Szukiel	27
2	CRO 524	Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic	28
3	EST 2	Deniss Karpak	32
4	NZL 1	Dan Slater	34
5	FRA 115	Thomas le Breton	34.5
6	GBR 111	Edward Wright	38
7	ESP 100	Rafael Trujillo	54
8	POL 17	Piotr Kula	54
9	NOR 1	Peer Moberg	58
10	RUS 9	Eduard Skornyakov	63
11	ESP 7	Alex Muscat	54
12	USA 1140	Bryan Boyd	58
13	AUT 3	Florian Raudaschl	68
14	CZE 1	Michael Maier	72
15	CZE 52	Tomas Vika	72.5
16	ITA 123	Filippo Baldassari	78
17	USA 4	Zach Railey	82
18	GER 712	Christoph Froh	84
19	USA 619	Caleb Paine	95
20	TUR 7	Akif Muslubas	96
21	POL 9	Tomek Kosmicki	97.5
22	UKR 5	Andriy Gusenko	100.5
23	POR 5	Frederico Melo	109
24	NED 839	Timo Hagoort	112
25	RUS 57	Egor Terpigorev	116.5
26	GER 21	Anian Schreiber	119
27	FRA 112	Jonathan Lobert	122
28	USA 9	Ian Cook	124
29	ITA 101	Riccardo Cordovani	127
30	USA 55	Andrew Casey	140
31	RUS 1	Alex Selivanov	143
32	CZE 21	Jan Cajcik	143
33	CZE 3	Rudolf Lidarik	147
34	EST 7	Harles Liiv	147
35	DEN 46	Kaspar Andresen	148
36	RUS 707	Egor Larionov	151
37	UKR 1	Oleksiy Borysov	152
38	GER 108	Sebastian Munck	153
39	IND 11	Johal Nachhatar	156

40	SWE 6	Björn Allansson	158
41	GBR 99	Henry Bagnall	159
42	GER 17	Kai Schrader	163
43	GER 64	Luttkus Lennart	164
44	CZE 81	Tomas Hrnca	168
45	HUN 6	Gasztón Pal	170
46	USA 808	Phillip Ramming	170
47	BLR 7	Ilya Strakh	171
48	HUN 8	Marton Beliczay	171.5
49	UKR 21	Anton Sadchikov	177
50	GER 22	Martin Mitterer	177
51	AUS 235	Tim Castles	186
52	DEN 231	Kenneth Bøggild	186
53	CZE 11	Patrik Deutscher	186
54	GER 27	Matthias Wolff	187
55	RUS 91	Sivenkov Viacheslav	187
56	BRA 5	Henry Boening	200
57	GER 81	Jan-Dietmar Dellas	203
58	HUN 212	Richard Hirschler	209
59	POL 41	Piotr Falczyński	217
60	CZE 55	Hrnca Milan	217
61	GER 242	Peter Corbett	224
62	DEN 262	Bo Teglers	235
63	HUN 16	Gyorgy Vas	244
64	GER 165	Dirk Meid	246

So after six events, Ed Wright has already secured the first ever ISAF Sailing World Cup title even before the final event in Weymouth.

The top ten looks like this:

1	GBR	Edward WRIGHT	93
2	CRO	Ivan KLJAKOVIC GASPIC	69
3	ESP	Rafa TRUJILLO VILLAR	64
4	POL	Rafal SZUKIEL	58
5	GBR	Giles SCOTT	56
6	EST	Deniss KARPAK	47
7	GBR	Andrew MILLS	41
8	FIN	Tapio NIRKKO	39
9	NOR	Peer MOBERG	39
10	USA	Bryan BOYD	39

Detailed reports of all these regattas can be found at www.finnclass.org



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Finn sailing from across the world

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AUSTRALIA

John Shallvey writes: The Australian fleet continues to grow in numbers and enthusiasm with more interest than there are boats available. The class this year decided to host its own 'mid winter championship on Sydney Harbour at Woollahra SC. Out thanks to Rob McMillan (below in 1994) for being the driver here and getting it all to happen. It proved to be an ideal regatta on many fronts with good racing and a perfect platform for the newer guys to learn.

The new summer looks great with bigger fleets and top regattas planned in every month of the summer season. Either side of the Sail Down Under circuit there will be great chances to test yourself. This summer our Nationals will be at Sorrento Sailing Club [recently hosted 29er and 49er Worlds] but we have looked to have the 470 fleets join us so the week will be Finns 470s and Flying Dutchmen. It was planned that the event finishes on Jan 10 so sailors can get over to Miami if needed.

Certainly via this mag and the other media you will all be invited to come down and train and have what the worlds sailors know can be a great few weeks of sun, wind, waves [and beers]. I ask you all to talk to your federations about getting those Finns and 470s into containers and joining us. We might even want to buy your boat and gear at the end of it given the local demand.

On behalf of the Australian Fleet can we wish the Finn Class worldwide a Happy 60th Birthday and be assured there is a special celebration planned for Australia.



Sail Melbourne

Yachting Victoria is proud to announce that Melbourne will host the ISAF Sailing World Cup – Sail Melbourne for the next three years, thanks to a \$550,000 commitment from the Victorian State Government. Last year's Sail Melbourne event was represented by around 20 countries. It is hoped sailors from more than 40 nations will compete this year. Sail Melbourne will once again provide container storage close to the venue for any teams that may require it. More info at: www.sailmelbourne.com.au.



Italian Championship 2009

Marco Buglielli writes, The 2009 Italian Championship was held in Cesenatico on Adriatic Sea at the beginning of June. Unfortunately the date clashed with the Finn World Masters, which caused some difficult decisions and a number of defections. Nonetheless there were 29 participants.

While in Maubuisson the weather was sunny and warm, in Cesenatico it was unexpectedly cold and rainy. Bad weather caused the loss of two racing days, but six races were however completed in medium winds.

From the first race the fight for the Italian title was restricted to Riccardo Cordovani and Filippo Baldassari, a Junior who switched from the Laser a few months before and has greatly improved in long training sessions in Croatia.

Anyway Riccardo dominated the championship with four bullets and two second places and only six points on the scoreboard. Filippo was deservedly second with one bullet, two second and two third places.

Marko Kolic was third overall like in 2006 and 2008, with Carlo Recchi in fourth and Marco Buglielli in fifth.

1	ITA 101	Riccardo Cordovani	6
2	ITA 123	Filippo Baldassari	10
3	ITA 40	Marko Kolic	19
4	ITA 97	Carlo Recchi	20
5	ITA 2	Marco Buglielli	26
6	ITA 19	Simone Mancini	28
7	ITA 37	Paolo Visona'	31
8	ITA 134	Vittorio d'Albertas	45
9	ITA 92	Marco Minghetti	60
10	ITA 869	Enrico Voltolini	61



Coppa Italia

There have been 26 races over seven weekends between March and June, with 87 Italian helmsman participating and still two weekends left: Scarlino in September and the Malcesine Finn Cup in October.

Such are the numbers of the Coppa Italia Finn, which has reached its tenth edition in 2009, with growing success.



The first race was held in March in Punta Ala, where the 2011 Finn World Masters will be sailed and then the fleet went to Cervia, Caldaro Lake, Anzio, Cesenatico, Bracciano and Porto San Giorgio.



Riccardo Cordovani is leading the provisional scoreboard with a narrow margin over Filippo Baldassari. The supporting sponsors of Coppa Italia are: North Sails Italia, HiTech Sailing, Bertacca Sail Equipment, Grappa Bertagnolli, Devoti Sailing, Essemarine, Harken, Lizard Footwear, Nordstudio and Residence Ca' del Lago.

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ITALY

Gaszton Pál won the Hungarian Balaton Sailing Week at Balatonfüred with four race wins from Ian Ainslie who only had two. The ex-Shosholoza America's cup tactician, and 3 times Olympic participant in the Finn class, won the Finn Masters category after eight races were sailed on Lake Balaton. Other race wins went to Márton Beliczay and Péter Haidekker.

1	HUN 6	Gaszton Pál	14
2	RSA 1	Ian Ainslie	16
3	HUN 128	Péter Haidekker	24
4	HUN 270	Géza Huszár	25
5	HUN	Márton Beliczay	32
6	HUN 50	Ákos Lukáts	45
7	HUN 212	Richárd Hirschler	45

8	HUN 2	Péter Sipos	54
9	HUN 41	Zoltán Bartos	71
10	HUN 300	Egon ifj. Pay'r	82
11	HUN 77	Szabolcs Pajor	82
12	HUN 728	Elemér Haidekker	89
13	HUN 7	Graham Douglas	105
14	HUN 9	Tamás Beliczay	110
15	HUN 347	László Zsindely	117
16	HUN 15	Péter Széll	117
17	HUN 3	Zsolt Büki	122
18	HUN 44	Tamás Varga	126
19	HUN 22	Miklós dr. Ruffy	134
20	HUN 14	Béla Bíró	139
21	HUN 69	Stadler Csaba	147
22	HUN 51	István Rutai	148
23	HUN 511	János Nagy Csaba	159



Easter regatta 2009

Paul Kamphorst writes, 51 competitors arrived at Loosdrecht for the three day Easter Regatta. Some of us had been to Switzerland for new Wilke masts and this first event this season we would find out if the training this winter was worthwhile.

The wind was disappointing on Saturday. After a postponement a long start was set. The committee believed the wind would pick up but it dropped when heading for the second mark. However the committee kept the sailors out in the sun with no wind left coming from all directions. Six boats reached the finish within 20 minutes, while the rest ran out of time. Wietze Zetzema won.



Everything looked better on Sunday with wind from north west and the start near the harbour. The committee ran three races. The first race started and guys who performed well were Pieter Risseuw and Siebe Ekels, both having good speed. We're also happy to see Henry back again sailing after his accident in Spain after the Masters.

For the second start I had consulted Cees Scheurwater for more speed. This really helped and getting to the first mark Gerko Visser and I came from starboard looking at the big train from port. Despite some conversation, we got through fine and the race was shortened again. Wietze won.

The final start was a perfect start for me. Being in front of the pack is really cool. Getting downwind is something to work on as some guys really move on through the field. Nanno Schuttrups won his second race of the day.

On Monday just one race was sailed. Ewout Maijer won, but Nanno had done enough to win the regatta.

1	NED 787	Nanno Schuttrups	13
2	NED 64	Wietze Zetzema	13
3	NED 41	Karel van Hellemond	13
4	NED 80	Sander Willems	14
5	NED 839	Timo Hagoort	19
6	NED 904	Cees Scheurwater	21
7	ITA 1	Philippe Rogge	33
8	NED 66	Ewout Meijer	34
9	NED 703	Eric Bakker	38
10	NED 27	Paul Kamphorst	44

Finnale 2009

Luuk Kuiper writes, Sometimes you get used to things, not however the services provided by Jan and Trees Zetzema. The organisation is superb and competitors are grateful for that.

On Saturday the first start at 11.30, so we leave the harbour at 11.00 at the latest. Mr Kok as always shows up later, but seems to manage to get there in time. This is one of these facts you won't get used to.

The first start was hard for some of us, but sailors don't wait. Timo got in first, with Karel and Wietze behind. Despite the late arrival of Kok got in fourth. The second race Wietze Zetzema was back on track and finished first (followed by another three first places). It seems Wietze doesn't need to train that often. Karel scored a line of second places.



Gert, Timo and Dennis de Ruiter were in the lead and ended the day well. Among the masters Jan Willem, Cees and Paul sailed consistent races. Paul had new gear and new morale and speed.

Getting up Sunday was hard with slight muscle pain. Despite the rain falling in the night the wind hadn't, so another day of hiking. Wietze and Karel continued in first and second. Thierry and Dennis had good speed with a 4th, with Arwin and Cees nearby

The second race went about the same as the first, although Paul, Casander and I went on a tack to port and overstood the first mark completely. So we were the last three to round it, and with the wind slowly increasing to 23 knots, some left.

Gert won the last race closely followed by Wietze and Dennis. I came fourth finally getting the right tacks. Arwin and Bas had OCS so left after rounding the downwind mark.

Cees won the Masters fleet very well, with Arwin second. Thanks to the committee and Jury, with perfect sailing conditions. This event deserves more competitors.

1	NED 64	Wietze Zetzema	6
2	NED 41	Karel van Hellemond	10
3	NED 844	Gert van der Heijden	17
4	NED 839	Timo Hagoort	21
5	NED 45	Dennis de Ruiter	25
6	NED 787	Nanno Schuttrups	32
7	NED 904	Cees Scheurwater	34
8	NED 25	Arwin Karsemeijer	42
9	NED 747	Thierry van Viersen	43
10	NED 888	Luuk Kuijper	48



**Polyester Cup**

Kastrup Sejlklub , 2-3. May

1	DEN 231	Kenneth Bøgild	21
2	DEN 208	Jørgen Lindhardtsen	24
3	DEN 9	Thomas Moerup	25

Mardi Gras RegattaLake Pontchartrain, New Orleans
28 February to 1 March 2009

Mike Woodhead writes, 33 Finns entered for the two day regatta at New Orleans Yacht Club. Saturday dawned with a moderate wind from the north east and unseasonably dull weather. A windward leeward course was set for the first race which was won by Bryan Boyd from Andy Casey, Darrell Peck and Forrest Gay. Casey took the second race from Steve Landeau and Boyd. The wind continued to build for the next three races with an ever increasing steep swell. The third race was won by Darrell Peck and the fourth again by Bryan Boyd. The fifth race was won by Matt Johnson.

No racing could take place on the Sunday due to 40 knot winds from the north. With temperatures plunging to 35°F despite glorious sunshine, the fleet packed up boats with many heading to Alabama for the NA Masters.

1	1140	Bryan Boyd	11
2	55	Andy Casey	12
3	81	Darrell Peck	15
4	30	Forrest Gay	23
5	112	Steve Landeau	32
6	150	Lou Nady	38
7	117	Michael Mark	49
8	161	Soeren Vonsild	59
9	111	Jeffrey Allen	61
10	13	Macho Slavich	66
11	82	Matt Johnston	76
12	16	Mike Woodhead	80
13	18	Dall Kammer	81
14	100	Jose Oti	82
15	48	John Harrop	98
16	23	Karl Kleinschrodt	102
17	31	Charles Heimler	104



4	DEN 11	Gunter Arndt	28
5	DEN 2	Michael Staal	34
6	DEN 249	Svend Vogt Andersen	38
7	DEN 5	Søren Oster	39
8	DEN 3	Jørgen Svendsen	41
9	DEN 140	Michael Bæk	47
10	DEN 258	Christian Qvist	56
11	DEN 26	Bo Teglers	57
12	DEN 19	Johnny Aagesen	65
13	DEN 201	Nicolai Ratzluff	66
14	DEN 77	Flemming Jensen	70
15	DEN 248	Ole Vorm	74
16	DEN 17	Lars Juel Christensen	79
17	DEN 18	Richard Berg- Larsen	96
18	DEN 14	Jan Verner Nielsen	97
19	DEN 192	Ole Blichfeldt	102
20	DEN 43	Kim Siestø	118
21	DEN 190	Torben Sandø	124

18	57	Guy Brierre	123
19	113	David Herrera	124
20	25	Ash Beatty	127
21	42	Jay Williams	139
22	79	Kevin Blank	140
23	1146	Steve Burrell	146
24	37	Matt Patterson	147
25	668	Nick Turley	157
26	41	Mark Caraher	170
27	315	Santiago Reyero	170
28	1776	Shawn O'Daniels	170
29	77	Slainte Racing	170
30	69	Hank Saurage	170
31	238	Benz Faget	170
32	21	Mark Eagan	170
33	17	Louse Bienvenu	170

**North American Finn Masters 2009**
Fairhope Yacht Club, Alabama

Mike Woodhead writes, FYC hosted the North American Finn Masters on 3-7 March. Two practice races were held on the Tuesday in the lightest conditions of the week with both being won by Darrell Peck from Michael Mark and Scott Mason.

Thursday brought a three race day with again Darrell Peck winning all three races. Michael Mark, Scott Mason, Robert Kinney and Louie Nady were consistently in the top six. Two races were held on the Friday and again Peck dominated from Nady and Scott Mason. The breeze on the final day gusted to 18 knots in bright sunshine and warm temperatures. This gave superb sailing conditions on Mobile Bay. Darrell Peck again was the victor from John Harrop, with Louie Nady and Scott Mason match racing for second place, which eventually went to Louie after a tense battle.

1	Darrell Peck	7
2	Louie Nady	28
3	Scott Mason	31
4	Michael Mark	33

Dragør Cup

Dragør Sejlklub , 16 May

1	DEN 17	Lars Juel Christensen	4
2	DEN 140	Michael Bæk	7
3	DEN 1	Frank Hansen	9
4	DEN 7	Michael Staal	9
5	DEN 6	Lars Hall	10
6	DEN 249	Svend Andersen	16
7	DEN 18	Richard Berg Larsen	19
8	DEN 14	Jan Verner Nielsen	22
9	DEN 77	Flemming Jensen	27
10	DEN 192	Ole Blichfeldt	28
11	DEN 246	Ane Zielinski	30
12	DEN 7	Leif Zeeberg	35
13	DEN 11	Niels Zeeberg	37

5	Robert Kinney	38
6	Ash Beatty	39
7	John Harrop	39
8	Stephen Landeau	44
9	Jose Oti	53
10	Guy Brierre	60
11	Marc Eagan	76
12	Jeffrey Allen	82
13	Ian Bostock	82
14	Macho Slavich	89
15	Charles Heimler	94
16	Soeren Vonsild	102
17	Mike Woodhead	109
18	John Marshall	125
19	Mark Caraher	126
20	Jim Hunter	131
21	Nick Turley	139
22	Steve Burrell	146
23	Jay Williams	164
24	Eric Schmitz	169
25	Mickey Lake	172
26	John Robertson	176
27	D Terry Greenfield	196

2009 Olympic Classes Regatta

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

1	81	Darrell Peck	4
2	78	Andrew Kern	9
3	7	Adam Nicholson	16
4	74	Henry Sprague	19
5	2012	Keith Ives	19
6	30	Forrest Gay	21
7	8	Scott Mason	25
8	18	Erik Lidecis	28
9	112	Stephen Landeau	34
10	47	Robert Kinney	40
11	1214	Peter Connally	41
12	32	Charles Heimler	44
13	92	Peter Macdonald	47.5
14	35	Stephen Hutchison	52
15	48	John Harrop	53
16	12	Jeffrey Allen	59
17	37	Matt Patterson	60.5
18	315	Santiago Reyero	65
19	1066	Glenn Selvin	69
20	132	Mike Dorgan	84





IFA AGM 2009

Annual General Meeting of the International Finn Association

Vallensbæk, 3 July 2009

The 2009 International Finn Association AGM was held at Vallensbæk Sailing Club, Denmark on Friday 3 July. The President opened the meeting at 18.00

1. National Class Associations

22 countries were voting; representing a total of 30 votes (including the executive members), out of a possible 49.

2. Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes of the 2008 AGM were approved.

3. Accounts

Treasurer's report was presented to the meeting. The Treasurer proposed a EUR 4 increase to EUR 24. The meeting proposed to increase subscriptions to EUR 25. The 2008 Accounts and Budget to 2012 were approved. The motion to increase subs to EUR 25 was approved.

5. EC reports

The Executive Committee presented their reports. (See www.finnclass.org for full reports)

- (i) President (see page 3)
- (ii) Vice-President Sailing
- (iii) Vice President Development
- (iv) Vice President Masters

In addition, it was noted that Dan Slater had been re-appointed as the Finn Class Representative on the ISAF Athlete's Commission. He mentioned the topics currently under discussion and requested that all comments should be directed through him.

Henk de Jaeger, representing the Vice-President – Masters Fons vans Gent, reported on the overwhelming success of the 2009 Masters which attracted 264 entries as well as on how the Dutch Masters have been encouraging Junior development in Holland.

4. Election of Members.

All members of the Executive, Marketing and Technical Committee were re-elected with the addition of Alain Bugeaud to the Technical committee.

6. IFA Championships

6a Presentations were received from

Falmouth, UK, Scarlino, Italy and Moscow Sailing School, Russia.

2011 Finn Silver Cup will be in Moscow, Russia in August

2012 Finn Gold Cup will be in Falmouth UK in early May

2012 Finn Europeans will be in Scarlino, Italy. Proposed dates were 16-24 March, though the EC will look into holding it after Falmouth to give time to get boats back from the 2011 FGC in Perth Australia

6b Zach Railey updated the meeting on the 2010 Finn Gold Cup in San Francisco, USA

The event will be at the St Francis YC and sailing in the 'Triangle' (Alcatraz, Bay Bridge and Treasure Island). Assistance will be available in shipping boats either after Kiel or to the Miami OCR. It was recommended to ship boats to the East Coast and send to SF by rail. The Silver Cup will precede the FGC and about 25 boats are hoped to be arranged for use by Junior in the FGC and by Juniors and developing nations in the FGC. Proposed start dates are 18 August for FSC and 29 August for FGC.

6c It was proposed to add EUR 50 to the entry fee for FGC to be used for TV coverage of the event. The meeting was not in favour of this proposal and asked EC to find future venues which provide free media coverage or other ways to generate revenues to cover TV coverage expenses.

7a FIDeS

This year had been quiet for FIDes programme though a request was made for old gear to be donated by sailors to be given to developing nations, many of who still use Vanguard's and metal masts.

7b Soup to Nuts – No report had been received from Gus Miller. However the VP Development will brief the EC after getting in touch with Gus Miller.

8. Technical Committee

8a Richard Hart presented his report (see page 7)

8b No changes were proposed, though some cleaning up of words may be required over the next year

8c The submission regarding equipment building development control was widely discussed. The meeting agreed with the wording of the proposal but requested the EC to come back with a more detailed proposal

by the 2010 AGM regarding guidelines according to which the commission will take its decisions. The Chairman of the Technical committee, presented views from some members of the TC who had reservations about the proposal including any effective way to control it. The meeting then voted in favour (29 for, 4 abstentions) to establish an Olympic Gear Commission. Sailors were encouraged to provide input into this over the coming year.

8d. An additional item to the agenda was proposed by Gasper Vincec who requested changes to the free pumping rule to make judging more consistent. He proposed to reduce the wind limit to 8/10 knots and perhaps remove the elastic JC strap or limit sail trimming through the floor block before free pumping is allowed. The meeting agreed to experiments at regattas and for further thought during the coming year. The wind limit reduction for free pumping could be tested as early as the 209 Europeans in Varna.

9. Olympic selection campaign

The Executive Director updated the meeting on last year's successful meetings in Madrid where the Finn was selected for the 2012 OG in Weymouth and stressed that the challenges ahead were likely to be the toughest yet. The ED encouraged all sailors to maintain contact with their Council reps and promote the Finn.

The meeting closed at 21.50

Full Executive Committee reports and account can be found at www.finnclass.org

Report - VP Sailing (main points)

Daniel Birgmark

Championships and format of racing

At the 2008 AGM in Scarlino, the courses and number of races sailed on the IFA Championships were on the agenda. The meeting decided to have 2 races each day except on the last racing day when one race is sailed. This new format of racing will be used at the 2009 FGC.

The number of Finn sailors under the age of 22 is increasing and the IFA Silver Cup has become a success. The recommendation of the juniors is that the Silver Cup is held every year. This would help to make the Class even more attractive for juniors.

During the ISAF meeting in Madrid John Craig, competition manager at St. Francis Yacht Club, informed the IFA about the venue for the 2010 FGC. It promises to be a great event. IFA will follow up the preparations and post the details on the website. Dates for the Championship were proposed to be in late August with the Silver Cup prior to the Gold Cup.

Judging

Interpretations of the RRS 42 are often discussed among sailors. During the past year the Class has had a number of meetings between sailors and International Judges where the RRS 42 has been discussed and explained. This has been very valuable to get fair and good competition at our Championships. Furthermore it's important that the Class continues to work with the best Int. judges on our Championships to secure the high level of judging and fair racing.

Championship Manual

An extended Championship Manual has been composed by our President, the 2008 edition Championship Manual. This will help organizers in the future to improve the level of race management even further.

VP Development Report (main points)

Zach Railey

This has been a very busy year with a lot of different ideas being implemented with the Finn Class Development program. One of the largest positives is the number of Junior sailors who are starting in the class with a good number of them becoming very competitive in short time.

At the beginning of the year there were a few major areas that the Development Program wanted to focus on:

GPS and Video Tracking System

- After a lot of work and consideration a full "class" tracking system was just not cost effective.
- Given the fact that all the SWC events were having GPS tracking we felt that we should focus our attention on the on-board camera footage and are going to look at options this coming year for each medal race of SWC events in 2010.
- The biggest step forward in this was the start of the YouTube Finn Channel which has been very successful. Michele was a huge help in getting this started and ISAF recently contacted the Finn Class for help starting its own YouTube Channel for the SWC Events. This was a huge step in showing that the Finn Class is forward thinking in getting sailing out to the larger audiences around the World.
- Stats for the Channel so far are: In six months we had 20,000 hits, 98 subscribers and 78 videos loaded, from National Championships, to masters, to World Cup and Olympic Regattas.

Fides

- We have many sailors in the class that are looking for equipment to use that can be donated to the class to distribute. We will be working this coming year in making contacts in the Master Fleet to help us find more equipment for sailors to use.
- For the 2010 Worlds we are working with the large masters fleet in the USA to have available boats for sailors interested in sailing the Silver Cup in 2010 or the FGC 2010. Our goal is to have 25 boats available for sailors to use for free or a very low charter fee.
- The junior fleet is expanding at a very fast rate and we are looking to get a system developed for them to register with the International Class and let us know of their desire to compete on the circuit. We will then be able to coordinate with other sailors that could offer a boat for use at events.

Soup to Nuts

Expecting update from Gus Miller

Cost of Class and Gear Development

There is a submission being put forward that details an Olympic Gear Commission. This is aimed at keeping development cost within reason so that all sailors have access to the ability of purchasing the best gear at a fair price. We find it very important, on the development side, that the costs remain affordable to any sailor and that the emphasis is on the sport and not solely on the technological challenge.

Pilot Program in the USA

This year (2009) the USA Finn Class headed a program to get more junior sailors involved in the Finn Class. At the USA AGM, the class voted to allocate \$5,000 USD to buy a boat to be class owned. We then put out a set application deadline for anyone under the age of 21 to apply to use the boat.

The goal of the program was to increase the number of Junior sailors in the class, by giving them a cheap entry level into the Finn Class. We selected Caleb Paine, from San Diego, California as the sailor for 2009. Caleb was given the Finn we purchased with USA Class money and he has now competed in many of the national regattas. He has also been at Kiel with a top 20 finish and is currently here racing at the FGC.

The goal of the Developmental committee is to seek 5 additional nations to introduce the same program in 2010 for their home countries. If other nations are interested please contact us directly, but we do want to make sure that the resources are available and that there is a committed person to help run the program in the country. All the details and information from our Pilot Year in the USA will be used to help facilitate a smooth transition. Now all we need is volunteers to help!

Major Finn regattas 2009-12

30/7-6/8/2009	FINN SILVER CUP - JUNIOR WORLDS	Hungary
		www.finnclass.org
20-23/8/2009	North American Championship	Canada
21-29/8/2009	EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP	Bulgaria
		http://2009finneuropeans.org
27-30/8/2009	Djerdapa Cup	Serbia
2-7/9/2009	Balkan Sailing Championships	Serbia
3-6/9/2009	Lipno Regatta	Czech Republic
11-13/9/2009	Finn US Nationals	USA
14-19/9/2009	Skandia Sail For Gold Regatta (SWC)	UK
21-27/9/2009	Open Russian Championship	Russia
2-4/10/09	International Finn Cup, Malcesine	Italy
20-22/11/2009	Cup Opatija	Croatia
26-29/11/2009	Sail Brisbane	Australia
4-8/12/2009	Canarian Sailing Olympic Week	Spain
5-9/12/2009	Sydney International Regatta	Australia
14-19/12/2009	Sail Melbourne (SWC)	Australia
17-22/12/2009	Christmas Race	Spain

SWC = ISAF Sailing World Cup event

More details and regatta links can be found on www.sailing.org or on www.finnclass.org

Future Championhips

2010		
7-15/5	Europeans	Split, Croatia
23-28/5	Finn World Masters	Split, Croatia
14-21/8	Silver Cup	San Francisco, USA
27/8-4/9	Finn Gold Cup	San Francisco, USA
2011		
12-17/6	Finn World Masters	Punta Ala, Italy
30/6-17/7	Europeans	Helsinki, Finland
August	Silver Cup	Moscow, Russia
3-18/12	Finn Gold Cup	Perth Australia
2012		
tbc in 2011	Finn World Masters	to be decided
May	Finn Gold Cup	Falmouth, UK
tbc	Europeans	Scarino, Italy

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Budzien...*

*Michael
Maier...*

*Ivan
Kljakovic
Gaspic...*

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European Championship Silver medal 2008
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DESIGN

- Qingdao **1,2,3**
- Worlос **1st**
- World Masters **1st**
- World Juniors **1st**
- Europeans **1st**
- Hyeres **1st**
- Sail Melbourne **1st**
- Princess Sophia **1st**
- Delta Lloyd **1st**
- Miami OCR **1st**
- UK Nationals **1st**
- New Zealand Nationals **1st**
- French Nationals **1st**
- Sail for Gold **1st**
- Kiel Week **1st**



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