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## Opening shot: Peter McCoy goes mining in Medemblik



### President's Letter

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

I am glad to reflect on the events of the last months since the last edition of Finnfare and the forthcoming Finn events of the season.

The ISAF Mid-Year Meeting was held early May in Copenhagen with the 2013-16 ISAF Council and major committees having their first full meetings since the ISAF elections in November 2012. For the first time, the ISAF Council meeting was streamed live on the internet and thus allowed a wider public to follow the debate and decisions of ISAF's main decision making body. Beside

the items on the meeting agenda there was plenty of thought devoted to the reform of the ISAF Sailing World Cup which is one of the main points of President Croce's agenda. Since Copenhagen the President's Sailing World Cup Forum has met several times to discuss and define strategy and implementation for a revised regatta circuit which shall become the top event for Olympic classes besides the Olympics. A unified organisational structure, support services offered to attending sailors, appropriate media exposure and the introduction of a prize money scheme are planned to make the new series attractive to sailors, coaches, MNAs, sponsor, media and the wider public. I shall give you further details on the work in progress in due time.

Back to the water, IFA celebrated another highly successful Finn World Master this time in La Rochelle with 285 entries. Special thanks go to the organisers and IFA Master Vice President Fons van Gent. As regards to Fons we also thank him for the tremendous and successful work he invested in reforming the organisational structure of the Finn Masters Worlds and the administration of the Masters department of our association. At the same time we welcome Andy Denison from the UK to whom Fons has now handed over the presidency.

This year saw a novelty on our regatta calendar. When sailing as a sport was not included in the programme for the 2013 World University Summer Games in Kazan, the Russian Finn Association

seized the opportunity to create a new sailing event for students – the International University Sailing Cup (Finn). This was held in Moscow and attracted 16 sailors from seven nations. We now plan to hold the International University Sailing Cup in the Finn class every year and thank at the same time Vasily Kravchenko, the Russian Finn Association, and the Moscow Sailing School for the devoted work put into the event and FISU President Mr. Gallien (a Finn sailor himself and Olympian) for supporting the initiative.

Looking ahead, as I am writing these lines our Junior Worlds the Finn Silver Cup – Jorg Bruder Trophy – is about to begin at Lake Garda which will then soon be followed by the 2013 Finn Open & Junior European Championship in Warnemünde (with already 110+ entries) and the 2013 Finn Gold Cup in Tallinn, at the venue for the 1980 Olympic Sailing Regatta.

On behalf of the IFA Executive may I wish you all the best for the sailing season and especially the above major regattas ahead and wish you fair winds.

Kind regards,

Dr. Balazs Hajdu  
HUN-1  
IFA President



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**IFA AGM 2013**

The 2013 IFA AGM is scheduled for the 24th of August in Tallinn during the Finn Gold Cup. The agenda will be published on [www.finnclass.org](http://www.finnclass.org) as soon as it has been finalised.

All current bids for 2015 and 2016 events have already been posted on the IFA website.

**ISAF Worlds 2014**

The 2013 FGC in Tallinn will be used as qualification for the 2014 ISAF Worlds in Santander. As such, this event's entries will be strictly following the quota.

**European Finn Masters 2013**

This year the event is being held at Tihany, Lake Balaton in Hungary from 12-15 September. The organising authority is Tihanyi Hajós Egylet (THE) [www.thesail.hu](http://www.thesail.hu) and the event website is at <http://finnmastersec.org>.

**Helen Coolidge**

Gus Miller writes: Helen Coolidge died on June 26, 2013 in Marblehead, MA at 4am, about when she usually got up – before anyone else. Many Finn sailors from all over the world stayed at her home during Finn regattas in Marblehead. She also arranged much housing for others including the 2001 Finn Gold Cup in Marblehead. Some will remember the sailing parties at her home.

**Open Russian 2013**

The Organising Committee of Open Russian invites you to the international regatta Open Russian 2013, which includes also Open Russian Finn Association Championship 2013 and Open Russian Finn Masters Championship, National Russian Junior Championship and the Championship of Russian Students Sport Union.

The event will be held on Klyazma and Pirogovo Lakes in Moscow on September 3-9, from the Moscow Sailing School. It is expected to have fleet of over 70 boats at the start, including sailors from Russia, Italia, Estonia, Ukraine, Finland, Belarus, Litvania. Kyrgyzstan.

Juniors have free entry and charter boats are available for EUR 40 a day.

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## Andrew 'Bart' Simpson – 17 December 1976 - 9 May 2013

The sailing world paused in disbelief, horror and then grief on May 9, 2013 as one of the sport's most popular characters and greatest competitors lost his life in San Francisco Bay while doing something he loved. Andrew Simpson leaves a wife and young family behind but also a sailing community that showed their affection for him with an amazing number of personal tributes and reflections. The level of esteem and respect that a person invokes sometimes only becomes apparent after their passing, and this was especially true in Bart's case.



Bart joined the Finn class in 2000 and immediately made his mark with a win at the 2000 UK National Championships in Weymouth, which was the training event for the 2000 Finn Gold Cup. His best friend Iain Percy won Olympic gold in Sydney later that year and left Bart as the leading UK contender going towards the 2004 Olympics, where he probably would have medalled. However with Ben Ainslie joining the fleet in 2001, Bart was left in the capacity of training partner to Ben and had to wait until 2008 for his Olympic moment, of course with Iain in the Star.

Bart's greatest success in the Finn was a bronze medal at the 2003 Finn Gold Cup/ISAF Worlds in Cadiz behind Ben and Rafa Trujillo. He was part of the group of British Finn sailors who transformed the UK Finn fleet into the strongest Finn nation in the world. He inspired many and his legacy is ongoing, with many victories this year dedicated to Bart's memory for the inspiration he provided.

He will be missed by many and his passing leaves a huge void in many people's lives,

but he will be remembered by several ongoing projects. As well as a sailing charity in Bart's name to benefit children, there is 'The Bart Project', an initiative to collect stories, photos, videos and memories of Bart so his two sons can learn about their father as they grow up. There are more details on [www.thebartproject.com](http://www.thebartproject.com) as well as a Facebook page.

RIP Andrew 'Bart' Simpson - 17 December 1976 – 9 May 2013



## New Finn Masters President

At the Annual Masters Meeting during the 2013 Finn World Masters in La Rochelle, Fons van Gent stepped down as Masters President. He was replaced by Andy Denison (right) from Great Britain, the former President of the British Finn Association. Fons was presented with a Finn half model and received a very long standing ovation for his work over the past five years.

From all Master Finn sailors, thanks you Fons for your professionalism and commitment to the Finn class and welcome Andy.



## ISAF Silver Medal for Richard Hart

Congratulations to Richard Hart, the Chairman of the Finn Class Technical Committee, who received an ISAF Silver Medal for his contribution to ISAF and to sailing. An ISAF silver medal is awarded to individuals who have contributed, in a significant way, to the success of the Federation.



Richard has sailed Finns for over half a century and the 2013 Finn Gold Cup will mark the 50th anniversary of his first Finn Gold Cup. He became Chairman of the Technical Committee in 1989.

International Classes Committee (ICC) Chairman Jeff Martin said, "It was my pleasure to nominate Richard for an ISAF silver medal. Richard is an individual who has contributed to the success of the Federation by his tireless and ongoing work in technical matters in the Finn class and working within and alongside ISAF technical committees. He pioneered the use of the ISAF standard class rules format by leading the Finn class through a lengthy conversion process a project that took over a year of his time."

Richard said, "For many years submissions about Class Rule amendments were made at the ISAF Annual November Meeting, so when I was appointed Chairman of the Class Technical Committee I had to attend – we seem to need alterations most years."

"In 2004 I was appointed to represent the ICC on the Equipment Control Sub Committee, and vice-versa. I am very proud to have been one of very few people nominated by a Committee, not by a Member National Authority. However, being without MNA support I could not have accepted the posts without the full financial support of the Finn Class. In 2012 I stood down on age grounds."

"Over the years, many Finn sailors and ex-Finn sailors have put something back into our sport through service with ISAF, and I am delighted to be associated with that distinguished group by the award of a medal."



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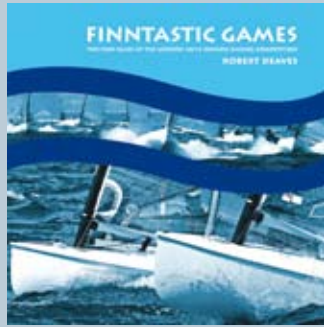
There are a number of Finn Class publications that are only available through Amazon.

## FINNTASTIC Games

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

The book is only available through Amazon.com and the European Amazon sites (UK, Germany, France, Spain and Italy). RRP is £11.99, EUR 14.99 or US\$17.99, though some regions offer discounts on these prices.

It is 64 pages long, full colour throughout; US trade paper; soft cover; perfect bound; ISBN: 9780955900136. In addition the book (with limited photos) is available on Kindle stores worldwide. Current price is around EUR 1.



## FINNatics

FINNatics was first published in 1999, and has been reissued on Amazon. While the content is the same as the original edition, all photos in the new edition are black and white only, it is perfect bound and printed on US trade paper. RRP is £14.95, EUR 18.95 or US\$ 19.95, but again some regions are discounting.



# Editorial

FINNFARE has served many purposes over its more than 50 years of existence, bringing the news and latest developments to Finn sailors across the world. These days news is only really news for 24 hours and then it becomes history. We can now find out results, read reports and look at photos from Finn regattas almost in real time. A lot of people prefer to get their news in this way and some even prefer to read FINNFARE on their tablets rather than receive the hard copy. This is fine, but the printed page will still be around for the foreseeable future.

There have been several suggestions in recent years that FINNFARE should move to a purely electronic version. While electronic data can disappear with a flick of a switch, the printed version is an actual material entity. It is something you can give to a friend or potential sailor and will survive the test of time independent of technological advances.

Since 1961 there have been 144 issues published. Physical distribution peaked in the 1960s and today the print run is about half what it was in those years, even though it is at its highest level for 20 years; in addition each issue is read another 1,000 times per year on our online ebook platform. Over the past 52 years nearly half a million copies of FINNFARE have been printed and distributed all over the world. Many of these still exist in archives and sailors libraries worldwide, and are cherished.

Thus the printed version is not just a communication and marketing tool for the class, it is a real physical archive of the history of the class. That's why the editorial is principally focussed on recording the activities and regattas of the class in as complete a manner as the space available allows. The move to full colour three years ago was the result of technological advances that would have been unthinkable, and unaffordable, even 10 years ago. We try to move with the times even though we remain entrenched in the ancient tradition of the printed page.

Advancing technology also provides us with other options for publishing. An ongoing project for the class is the digitalisation of back issues of FINNFARE, starting with the first issues in 1961. If anyone has originals of the first issues please get in touch. This is a time consuming and hard disc hogging exercise, but how we finally offer this work is still to be decided. Watch this space.

# The best seat in the house

Sometimes it is just better to sit and watch the racing than take part. This 'famous' Dutch Finn sailor picks the prime seat at the windward mark. The best caption, naming the sailor, gets included in the next Finnfare. Photo thanks to Daan Bart. For more of his work see page 29.



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## RYA launches two eBooks

The UK's Royal Yachting Association has released two new eBooks; Rules and Cases 2013-16 and the Handy Guide to Racing Rules.

The Rules and Cases eBook is a revolutionary tool that brings together rules and cases in one location for the first time. It will also help individuals present their case in the protest room as well as providing judges with easy access to the relevant case information.

Within the eBook readers will find a Rules Index and a Cases Index including details of the rules that affect all competitors, appendices that apply to particular kinds of racing and rules affecting only a small number of competitors or officials. The Cases Index has a detailed database that can be accessed by year or case number, as well as a text search facility. There is a video at <http://youtu.be/P52kM0TsxBE>

The Handy Guide eBook extends the hard copy version with video animation and commentary to bring the rules to life. Chris Watts, RYA Race Officials Education Officer (and regular jury member at the Finn World Masters) is the voice of the new eBook. He said, "Turning the handy guide in to an eBook means we can bring a bit of action to the text and help explain the complexities of the rules in an easy to follow fashion. Again there is a video at <http://youtu.be/JVauH1F6dBk>

Both eBooks are available to download via the RYA Books app from both the App Store and Google Play.

## Aleksander Novikov

The Finn class extends its deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Aleksander Novikov, one of the founders and most active members of Russian Finn Association. He



was killed in a road accident on July, 10 in Ukraine. He selflessly and devotedly loved sailing, and invested all his efforts into the development of Finn class in the Rostov area, the education of young sailors, and in the development of Finn Association. Thanks largely to his work a winter training programme in Sochi was maintained and developed. His teaching of enthusiasm, optimism, commitment to goals and culture of yacht handling and maintenance will remain in the souls of many athletes who experienced this with him. He took part in the Christmas regatta in Sochi every year and many international regattas.

## US Sailing Olympic Scholarship

At a celebration in New York, NY on June 4, the US Olympic Committee presented the Jacques Rogge Olympic Pathways Scholarship, which will be administered by US Sailing. Named for International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge, a three-time Olympian in the Finn class, the scholarship will award one young American sailor a full racing course in 2014 at Oakcliff Sailing, a US Sailing Team Training Center in Oyster Bay, NY. The sailor will be selected by US Sailing's Olympic Sailing Committee at the 2013 US Youth Sailing Championships in Corpus Christi, Texas, scheduled for August 12-16.

"During Mr. Rogge's tenure at the International Olympic Committee, he has worked tirelessly for athletes and the ideals of fair sport around the world," said Josh Adams, Managing Director of US Olympic Sailing. "We are proud to support the USOC and pay tribute with this scholarship, which honours his accomplishments as a sailor and an Olympian, and inspire the next generation of sailors with a dream to one day stand on the podium and represent the USA."

The Jacques Rogge Olympic Pathways Scholarship will provide complete tuition at Oakcliff Sailing for one full course, funding that young athlete's development in competitive sailing in a high-standard sailing curriculum. The scholarship winner will be announced September 1, 2013.



Rogge was granted honorary membership in US Sailing and with it, official team gear from the US Sailing Team, the national sailing team comprised of 42 men and women who are campaigning for a berth on the 2016 US Olympic and Paralympic Sailing Teams.

An Olympic Finn dinghy was present at the celebration to symbolise athleticism and competition in the Olympic Games, and was adorned in the colours of the US Sailing Team.

## Half models

Over the last few years there have been Finn half models available through the Finnshop on the IFA website ([www.finnclass.org/shop](http://www.finnclass.org/shop)). These models have now all but sold out, but the Finnshop is now offering a smaller, cheaper version of the same half model.



These new models are 340 mm by 170 mm in size (the hull itself is 260 mm long). The hulls are now a solid resin construction on a mahogany backing board. Other sizes and configurations available on request. They are in stock now and are priced at £70 plus shipping at cost.

They also make idea prizes (see NA Championship) and bulk orders are welcome with discounts available.

## Polish Finn History

'Klasa Finn - An important chapter in the history of Polish sailing' was published in October 2012 by the Polish Yachting Association and was authored and compiled by Apolinary Pastuszko, who also contributed a chapter to 'Photo FINNish' on the history of Finn sailing in Poland.



His book is a truly remarkable and wonderful history of the class in Poland and spans some 460 pages and includes more than 1,000 photographs, hundreds of which are from the 1950s and 1960s and have rarely been seen.

The book is written all in Polish but holds a great deal of interest for Finn sailors worldwide. There are more details and ordering information on the Polish Finn Class page at [http://www.finnclass.pl/ksiazka\\_finn\\_apastuszko.html](http://www.finnclass.pl/ksiazka_finn_apastuszko.html)





# ISAF Sailing World Cup 2012-13



The fifth edition of the ISAF Sailing World Cup brings many changes to the format. There were just four events this time, in Melbourne, Miami, Palma and Hyeres. At each event a different scoring format was used to trial various ideas for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

## 3. ISAF Sailing World Cup Palma

### Final results - Palma 2013

			1q	2q	3q	4q	5q	6q	c/f	f2	f3	f4	f5	f6	mr	mr	Tot
1	GBR 41	Giles Scott	0	2	5	5	16	5	0	0	3	0	2	8	6	6	17
2	NED 842	Pieter Jan Postma	2	3	8	7	9	16	5	3	0	3	0	2	4	10	22
3	SLO 573	Vasilij Zbogor	8	4	2	2	8	2	2	4	11	10	6	9	10	4	45
4	FRA 112	Jonathan Lobert	6	0	0	6	17	12	4	6	5	7	10	4	8	14	48
5	GBR 85	Andrew Mills	3	7	3	3	38	3	3	2	10	4	32	18	14	0	51
6	GBR 88	Mark Andrews	15	5	14	0	12	7	6	15	6	2	16	13	0	16	58
7	NZL 16	Andrew Murdoch	9	18	7	30	23	21	15	5	2	13	21	6	16	8	65
8	NZL 24	Josh Junior	7	26	4	4	5	28	8	14	4	5	12	11	12	18	70
9	AUS 1	Brendan Casey	4	9	16	18	27	32	12	7	9	18	17	0	ocs	12	79
10	POL 17	Piotr Kula	5	15	11	19	10	11	10	11	14	6	7	10	18	20	82

q=qualification series; c/f=carry forward score; f=finals series; mr=medal race

11	USA 6	Caleb Paine	73	26	POR 5	Frederico Melo	148
12	ESP 7	Alejandro Muscat	79	27	EST 11	Lauri Vainsalu	154
13	SWE 6	Bjorn Allansson	76	28	RUS 57	Egor Terpigorev	150
14	ITA 146	Michele Paoletti	92	29	ESP 669	Pablo Guitian	160
15	ITA 11	Giorgio Poggi	93	30	CZE 1	Michael Maier	158
16	SWE 33	Max Salminen	103	31	AUS 41	Jake Lilley	160
17	TUR 21	Alican Kaynar	123	32	ESP 161	Miguel Fernandez Vasco	164
18	HUN 40	Zsombor Berecz	126	33	ITA 117	Enrico Voltolini	171
19	UKR 5	A Gusenko	119	34	GBR 29	Peter McCoy	175
20	RUS 9	Eduard Skorniyakov	132	35	NED 83	Timo Hagoort	185
21	CZE 85	Tomas Vika	136	36	BRA 109	Jorge Zarif	216
22	RUS 1	Alexey Selivanov	136	37	POL 1	Milosz Wojewski	39
23	CRO 69	Milan Vujasinovic	135	38	GBR 18	James Hadden	30
24	UKR 1	Oleksiy Borysov	135	39	RUS 111	Anrei Ianitski	41
25	BRA 1	Bruno Prada	138	40	RUS 5	Viktor Filippov	44

41	RUS 6	Arkadiy Kistanov	49
42	POL 8	Lukasz Lesinski	46
43	TUR 1	Cem Gozen	48
44	USA 21	Gordon Lamphere	54
45	POL 13	Michal Jodlowski	56
46	UKR 9	Anton Sadchykov	51
47	ESP 500	Alejandro Aranzueque	76
48	TUR 211	Alican Basegmez	58
49	CZE 5	Ondrej Teplý	58
50	GBR 87	Paul Childs	73
51	POL 7	Jakub Marciniak	99
52	RUS 777	Ivan Izmestyev	81
53	ARG 2	Agust Zabalúa	92
54	SUI 86	Piet Eckert	109
55	FRA 99	Marc Allain Des Beauvais	127
56	CZE 11	Patrick Deutscher	118
57	RUS 27	Denis Kotlyarov	134
58	SUI 63	Thomas Gautschi	141
59	ESP 313	Antonio Parra Arrondo	144
60	SUI 85	Jan Eckert	155
61	RUS 34	Alexandr Kasatov	147
62	RUS 69	Denis Kharitonov	150
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66	RUS 142	Yury Polovinkin	172
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70	AUS 261	Oliver Tweddell	205
71	SUI 83	Beat Steffen	216
72	URU 301	Alejandro Foglia	221



Giles Scott took a narrow victory over Pieter-Jan Postma in the double medal race finale to the Trofeo S.A.R. Princesa Sofía MAPFRE in Palma de Mallorca as ISAF trialled another new scoring and race format for the week. An opening series of six races was only really relevant to the few that performed well as many used the carry forward score as their discard. There was a five race finals series with gold and silver fleets before the two double-points medal races.

Scott dominated early on only to have Postma close the gap in the final two races, having discarded his opening series score. In the end Scott outscored Postma in the medal races to take the win while his teammates Andrew Mills and Mark Andrews won a medal race apiece.

In general the sailors were unhappy with the scoring format as they felt it placed more emphasis on conditions than consistency.



## 4. ISAF Sailing World Cup Hyeres

### Final results - Hyeres 2013

			c/f	r2	r3	r4	r5	r6	r7	mr1	mr2	Tot
1	GBR 85	Andrew Mills	7	3	3	7	1	2	2	1	3	23
2	GBR 41	Giles Scott	2	9	4	1	2	1	3	2	10	35
3	NZL 24	Josh Junior	4	8	5	3	6	9	25	3	4	49
4	NED 842	Pieter Jan Postma	3	2	7	6	bfd	16	1	9	2	56
5	FRA 29	Thomas Le Breton	15	10	9	8	4	3	8	6	1	59
6	FRA 112	Jonathan Lobert	13	1	2	9	bfd	7	12	4	8	67
7	GBR 11	Edward Wright	10	13	1	4	7	14	14	5	7	72
8	SLO 573	Vasilij Zbogar	1	12	6	12	bfd	6	6	7	9	74
9	GBR 88	Mark Andrews	28	4	12	2	5	11	10	8	5	86
10	AUS 261	Oliver Tweddell	8	11	31	10	19	4	7	10	6	91

c/f=carry forward from opening series; mr=medal race

11	FIN 218	Tapio Nirrko	62	40	CHN 1227	Peng Zhang	54
12	CHN 1226	Lei Gong	64	41	USA 21	Gordon Lamphere	56
13	NZL 16	Andrew Murdoch	73	42	RUS 777	Ivan Izmestyev	65
14	ITA 123	Filippo Baldassari	74	43	POL 8	Lukasz Lesinski	66
15	ITA 11	Giorgio Poggi	78	44	ITA 117	Enrico Voltolini	66
16	SWE 6	Bjorn Allansson	101	45	UKR 9	Anton Sadchykov	74
17	EST 2	Deniss Karpak	102	46	GBR 18	James Hadden	77
18	CZE 85	Tomas Vika	108	47	FRA 75	Laurent Hay	78
19	USA 6	Caleb Paine	110	48	TUR 1	Cem Gozen	79
20	CRO 69	Milan Vujasinovic	118	49	CHN 1225	Chen He	80
21	AUS 1	Brendan Casey	121	50	ARG 2	Agustin Zabalua	83
22	RUS 1	Aleksey Selivanov	122	51	FRA 89	Benjamin Montagut	89
23	UKR 5	Andrii Gusenko	126	52	GBR 87	Paul Childs	91
24	NED 83	Timo Hagoort	127	53	RUS 57	Egor Terpigorev	98
25	ESP 669	Pablo Guitian Sarria	134	54	TUR 211	Alican Besegmez	108
26	CZE 1	Michael Maier	136	55	RUS 111	Andrei Ianitckii	115
27	HUN 40	Zsombor Berecz	143	56	FRA 114	Thomas Morel	118
28	CHN 1224	Luwen Shen	144	57	ITA 975	Alessandro Vongher	119
29	GER 64	Lennart Luttkus	144	58	RUS 5	Viktor Filippov	121
30	RUS 6	Arkadiy Kistanov	145	59	NED 972	Tobias Kirschbaum	129
31	RUS 9	Eduard Skorniyakov	151	60	AUS 2	Rob McMillan	133
32	AUS 41	Jake Lilley	152	61	FRA 99	Marc Alain Des Beauvais	134
33	CZE 5	Ondrej Teply	160	62	FRA 177	Fabian Pic	134
34	ESP 500	Alejandro Aranzueque	184	63	CZE 11	Patrik Deutscher	141
35	EST 11	Lauri Vainsalu	23	64	FRA 51	Alec Leleu	146
36	TUR 21	Alican Kaynar	25	65	SUI 63	Thomas Gautschi	152
37	UKR 1	Oleksiy Borysov	30	66	BUL 8	Anastas Petrov	162
38	CRO 7	Tudor Bilic	44	67	NED 100	Arend Van Der Sluis	168
39	BRA 1	Bruno Prada	52	68	SWE 801	David Berg	186

A similar scoring system to Palma was used in Hyeres except that the two day opening series carry forward position became a non-discardable race score in the seven race final series.

Vasilij Zbogar sailed the best opening series in generally light winds but his 10 point lead evaporated to just 1 point as the final series began. Then the wind increased and the others made their gains as he fell down the table.

Giles Scott took a six point lead into the medal race from Andrew Mills, but with 40 points on offer, anyone in the top eight could theoretically have taken the win. That was more than the total points they had amassed over the first 10 races.

A mixed week of conditions ended with light wind and light rain, with two tricky races to decide the title. It was always going to be a day of two battles on the water. Scott and Mills were always going to be fighting for the top spot while the rest of the fleet could theoretically take bronze.

Mills took first blood in the opening race with a confidence boosting win from Scott and Josh Junior. Thomas Le Breton won the final race and while Mills won his first ever major ever with a third, Scott got it all wrong to slip to 10th and had to settle for the silver. A consistent week for Junior left him with the bronze.

The scoring format was again unpopular with the sailors, though some who sailed a poor opening series benefited from the two part regatta. Meanwhile, Mills' victory earned him a nomination for Seahorse Magazine Sailor of the Month award for June, which he ended up winning as well.







# EUROSAF Champions Sailing Cup 2013

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## 1. Fraglia Vela Garda, Italy

### Final results - Garda

	r1	r2	r3	r4	r5	r6	r7	r8	r9	r10	r11	r12	rm1	rm2	Tot
1 GBR 11 Edward Wright	(16)	2	6	6	7	2	2	9	3	2	4	7	1	3	4
2 CRO 524 Ivan Gaspic Kljakovic	(ocs)	4	4	24	1	8	1	5	8	1	10	5	6	2	5
3 POL 17 Piotr Kula	7	5	(40)	1	38	15	3	2	5	7	12	19	4	1	5
4 EST 2 Deniss Karpak	2	8	1	11	2	(34)	11	8	11	5	5	1	3	5	7
5 GRE 77 Ioannis Mitakis	44	1	5	4	20	6	(dnf)	11	2	3	7	3	5	4	7
6 ITA 123 Filippo Baldassari	1	9	7	15	5	9	7	4	4	(18)	14	8	2	6	10
7 CRO 69 Milan Vujasinovic	117	34	DEN 5	Jacob Stachelhaus	360										
8 CZE 1 Michael Maier	118	35	GER 595	Simon Gorgels	361										
9 ITA 11 Giorgio Poggi	122	36	ITA 975	Alessandro Vongher	367										
10 GBR 85 Andrew Mills	124	37	NZL 2	Raymond Hall	376										
11 AUS 261 Oliver Tweddell	127	38	POL 7	Mikolaj Lahn	377										
12 GER 771 Jan Kurfeld	158	39	CZE 11	Patrik Deutscher	385.3										
13 NED 83 Timo Hagoort	168	40	RUS 17	Vasiliy Kravchenko	388										
14 ITA 117 Enrico Voltolini	171	41	GER 713	Lars Haverland	401										
15 BRA 1 Bruno Prada	179	42	RUS 41	Felix Denikaev	412										
16 CRO 3 Josip Olujic	179	43	HUN 127	Peter Haidekker	424										
17 TUR 21 Alican Kaynar	182	44	GER 141	Lars Stöckmann	431										
18 EST 11 Lauri Väinsalu	202	45	POL 11	Maciej Malag	433										
19 POL 1 Milosz Wojewski	206	46	GER 188	Michael Kluegel	450										
20 AUS 41 Jake Lilley	214	47	AUT 400	Bernhard Klingler	452										
21 HUN 8 Márton Beliczay	239	48	NZL 10	David Hoogenboom	453										
22 CRO 7 Tudor Bilic	239	49	RUS 51	Mikhail Petriga	458										
23 CZE 5 Ondrej Tepy	268	50	GER 27	Matthias Wolff	482										
24 USA 21 Gordon Lamphere	278	51	AUS 8	Dirk Seret	496										
25 GBR 18 James Hadden	287	52	FRA 73	Jean Michel Castillon	503										
26 FRA 114 Thomas Morel	293	53	RUS 69	Denis Kharitonov	505										
27 NZL 111 Karl Purdie	316	54	RUS 25	Anatoly Voshchennikov	508										
28 GBR 87 Paul Childs	320	55	ITA 917	Ettore Thermes	523										
29 RUS 21 Vladimir Butenko	322	56	FRA 817	Bertrand Baumann	531										
30 GER 64 Lennart Luttkus	323	57	HUN 972	Gyula Monus	533										
31 POL 13 Michal Jodlowski	330	58	RUS 142	Yury Polovinkin	534										
32 NED 841 Hein Van Egmond	331	59	RUS 71	Leonid Klyayman	590										
33 GER 772 Ulli Kurfeld	333	60	FRA 888	Mathieu Denonnet	620										



The scoring experiments continued into the new Eurosaf series, with the first event at Garda, where the top six sailors took their place in the 12 race opening series into the final race.

The final race lasted around 20 minutes with winds from the south from 9-10 knots. Ed Wright went into the race having amassed a 15 point lead over Deniss Karpak, but with the new scoring only had a one point advantage. Karpak, meanwhile had a 49 point lead over Piotr Kula, but with Kula winning the final race and Karpak in fifth, Kula moved up from sixth overall to third. Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic also benefited from this and moved up one place to second after the final race. Needless to say, the scoring system was not very popular with most of the sailors





## 2. Delta Lloyd Regatta, Medemblik, Netherlands

### Final results - Delta Lloyd Regatta 2013

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	IRS	MR	Tot
1 GBR 88 Mark Andrews	3	(ocs)	7	4	3	7	4	5	3	3	3	6		3	2	5
2 NED 842 Pieter-Jan Postma	5	6	6	1	1	(10)	1	1	1	1	7	1		1	4	5
3 GBR 85 Andrew Mills	1	(ocs)	2	5	2	3	5	4	bfd	7	1	2		6	1	7
4 USA 6 Caleb Paine	7	3	5	3	4	1	2	8	6	2	(11)	5		2	5	7
5 SWE 33 Max Salminen	(11)	1	10	2	6	2	7	2	8	11	2	3		5	3	8
6 POL 17 Piotr Kula	6	4	4	(8)	5	6	6	3	2	6	4	4		4	6	10
7 CAN 5 Greg Douglas	2	2	1	9	(12)	5	3	10	7	4	5	8	1			57
8 SWE 6 Bjorn Allansson	4	5	(16)	7	7	11	10	6	5	8	6	9	3			81
9 CAN 110 Martin Robitaille	10	10	8	6	8	8	11	7	(bfd)	9	9	7	6			99
10 GBR 29 Peter McCoy	9	9	3	11	9	4	13	13	(dnf)	10	12	12	2			107

IRS = Initial race score, MR = Medal race

11 CRO 11 Josip Olujic	125
12 GBR 23 Harry Briddon	156
13 GBR 18 James Hadden	160
14 USA 21 Gordon Lamphere	162
15 CAN 9 Rob Hemming	167
16 GBR 87 Paul Childs	181
17 NED 972 Tobias Kirschbaum	186
18 CAN 17 Jeff Roney	193
19 POL 1 Milosz Wojewski	227
20 NED 94 Tijmen v Rootselaar	233
21 AUS 261 Oliver Tweddell	264

The second Eurosaf event took place in Medemblik with again the top six going into the final race with their opening series points advantage reduced to their finishing place in the series. Pieter-Jan Postma was clearly the best sailor of the opening series, winning seven out of the 12 races to lead Mark Andrews by 17 points.

However after a heart breaking medal race where the overall lead changed hands

several times, Andrews took his first ever major event. He said, "It was down to the wire. I was able to make up some places and in the end it turned my way." Postma said, "I was not aggressive enough in this race. I should have followed my own line without worrying about the other sailors." Andrew Mills won the medal race with an impressive lead and narrowly took bronze after going into the race in sixth, in spite of counting a black flag disqualification score.



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## 3. Sail for Gold, Weymouth, UK

### Final Results - Sail for Gold 2013

	r1	r2	r3	r4	r5	r6	r7	r8	m	tot
1 GBR 88 Mark Andrews	3	1	3	1	2	2	(4)	1	2	15
2 GBR 85 Andrew Mills	1	3	1	(ocs)	1	1	2	2	4	15
3 GBR 29 Peter McCoy	(6)	5	2	2	3	3	1	4	8	28
4 GBR 87 Paul Childs	2	4	5	3	5	5	(6)	5	6	35
5 GBR 18 James Hadden	(5)	2	4	4	4	4	3	3	12	26
6 GBR 23 Harry Briddon	4	6	6	(ocs)	6	6	5	6	10	49



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Mark Andrews took his second gold in a row at the Sail for Gold Regatta in Weymouth in a very small all British fleet. The battle went right down to the wire between Andrews and Andrew Mills with two points between them. With Mills capsizing within the first 30 seconds of the medal race, Andrews sailed to an easy victory.

He said, "It's been close between me and Andrew all week and it was just down to whoever did the best today in the final medal race. It was a bit disappointing to see him capsize early on in the race as it would have been good to have a good 'ding dong' battle all the way down to the final pump on the last wave but a win is a win."

"The key has just been consistency and to just keep chipping away. I keep on talking about Bart being an inspiration but that was what he always said, to just keep chipping away and to never let your head drop, and to just continue to go for it which is what I have been doing."



## 4. Kiel Week, Germany

### Final results - Kiel Week 2013

		r1	r2	r3	r4	r5	r6	f0	f1	f2	f3	f4	f5	f6	m0	m1	Tot
1	GBR 88 Mark Andrews	1	1	1	1	(3)	2	1	3	(8)	1	3	1	1	1	1	2
2	EST 2 Deniss Karpak	8	5	5	(dnf)	16	4	6	(19)	3	6	2	3	2	3	3	6
3	POL 17 Piotr Kula	(17)	11	12	9	4	3	7	2	5	(17)	1	2	5	2	4	6
4	CZE 85 Tomas Vika	16	(29)	15	6	13	21	17	7	2	(10)	7	8	3	6	2	8
5	GBR 85 Andrew Mills	3	2	2	(5)	1	1	2	1	4	7	(11)	4	8	4	5	9
6	CAN 5 Greg Douglas	2	13	(bfd)	4	5	6	4	5	(17)	11	8	7	7	5	6	11
7	SWE 33 Max Salminen	4	(10)	3	3	7	9	3	8	(16)	13	9	10	4			47
8	EST 11 Lauri Väinsalu	11	8	19	(23)	15	16	16	6	6	2	13	(15)	12			55
9	BRA 1 Bruno Prada	10	16	10	(24)	8	15	12	12	7	(21)	6	6	6	15		58
10	SWE 6 Björn Allansson	5	(20)	7	2	10	7	5	(22)	19	3	10	5	18			60
11	USA 6 Caleb Paine			64		26		EST 12 Martti Kinkar									10
12	POL 1 Milosz Wojewski			66		27		AUT 5 Nikolaus Lehner									22
13	RUS 1 Alexey Selivanov			73		28		DEN 23 Martin Boidin									25
14	NOR 1 Anders Pedersen			73		29		GER 27 Matthias Wolff									26
15	USA 21 Gordon Lamphere			80		30		RUS 161 Aleksandr Kuliukin									29
16	GBR 18 James Hadden			81		31		POL 22 Jeremi Zimny									32
17	DEN 2 Mads Bendix			84		32		GER 713 Lars Haverland									34
18	GBR 29 Peter McCoy			89		33		GER 183 Kai Falkenthal									36
19	GER 707 Uli Breuer			96		34		GER 188 Kluegel Michael									51
20	POL 13 Michal Jodlowski			99		35		GER 165 Dirk Meidschl									55
21	AUT 3 Florian Raudaschl			105		36		AUS 8 Dirk Seret									55
22	GER 64 Lennart Luttkus			116		37		GER 81 Jan-Dietmar Dellas									56
23	POL 9 Tomasz Kosmicki			118		38		EST 1 Juhan Idnurm									73
24	IRL 4 Ross Hamilton			124		39		GER 203 Hartmut Duisberg									88
25	GBR 87 Paul Childs			131													



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The fourth event of the Eurosaf Champions Cup was another former ISAF World Cup venue. Kiel Week attracted the second largest attendance out of the Eurosaf events so far, but with many of the big names still missing. The high point of the week was undoubtedly 27 year old Mark Andrews winning his third gold medal in a row. This time he did it in style, winning the first four races to lead from start to finish. He wrapped up a great week with a medal race win. Having not won a major event before this year, he has now taken three and while there will be much harder competition at the Europeans and Finn Gold Cup later in the year, the confidence that winning an event produces must have some knock on effect in the bigger events.

He said, "We had good breeze all week with 10-20 knots. It's been quite shifty which has meant the fleet has been up and down all

week so it has been really good to keep consistent and to be in the top three all but one race. The key has definitely been my boat speed, I have been sailing really quick which is nice to see. The medal race was the windiest day of the regatta and I would always back myself in the breeze. It was quite shifty though and a very short course, so quite tough but I was happy to cap of the regatta with a win and the gold medal.'

He admitted that the boost in confidence from winning regattas has been a fundamental factor in his recent run of success. "I think that has been the key really over the past few regattas, you win one or two events and your confidence is sky high, you're going quick in the boat and you don't necessarily take notice of the other sailors as you're happy knowing that you're fast and therefore you start to believe in yourself. You start to concentrate on the

sailing rather than watching everyone else and start extending at the front – it's then pretty easy from there on in really."

"I'm definitely getting better and better as the year goes on and it's nice to be peaking just time in time for the two key events of the year - the Europeans and Worlds. There have been a few people missing from the events so I wouldn't count my chickens too much at the moment, but you can only beat the people who turn up to the regattas and to win three golds in a row is pretty good."

The Eurosaf series concludes with the Semaine Olympique Française at La Rochelle in October. In spite of three regatta wins, Andrews only holds a one point series advantage over Andrew Mills, who is the only sailor to have picked up points in every regatta so far. Piotr Kula is third, eight points behind Mills.





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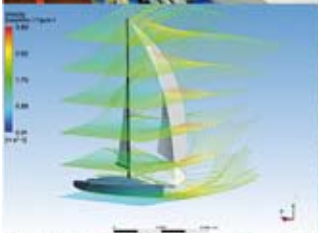


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The 2013 Finn World Masters in La Rochelle, France attracted the largest entry ever for a Finn event. There were 285 registered Finns entered with the massive fleet split into two starts of around 140 boats each. The other major factor of the week was the bad weather. The sunshine of the training days disappeared in strong winds, low temperatures and continuous rain for most of the week. However the racing was fantastic with most sailors enjoying the great sailing conditions off La Rochelle.

**Day one**

The wind was 12-14 knots and a big swing in the wind on the first upwind for yellow fleet came back just in time for Erik Lidecis to lead round the top mark and extend to win. He was followed across the finish by Lars Hall and defending champion Michael Maier. Lidecis then led the second race from start to finish again, this time with Marc Allain des Beauvais in second and Maier again in third.

Both races in the Blue fleet were won by Budzien, though he had a harder time than Lidecis. In the first race Tauras Rymonis led at the first mark with Budzien in third. Budzien pulled through downwind to take the win. In the second race he rounded the top mark in 30th but with Oscar up for free pumping, he surged through to the lead. He lost two on the next upwind but retook the lead on the final downwind to win his second race of the day.

After the first two races, three times champion Andre Budzien shared the lead with Erik Lidecis, who was sailing his first Masters. Karl Purdie, also in his first year in the Finn, was in third after a 4, 2. It was a big bay for the black flag with 39 disqualifications across both fleets in the second race.

**Day two**

Tuesday opened bleak in with strong winds, rain and low temperatures. By race time, things were marginally better. The rain

had stopped and the breeze had stabilised at 10-12 knots. The sun almost showed its face between races, but then the wind kicked back in for the windiest race so far. In spite of all this it was another great day's sailing, ending with a fantastic reach back to La Rochelle as the wind peaked at 15-16 knots

The groups were decided using Monday's overall results. Regatta leaders Budzien and Lidecis were split, with Budzien having a slightly better day to stay at the top, while Lidecis slipped one place, but just one point behind. Four times champion Michael Maier moved up to third, just four points off the lead, but with a win in race four, he matched Budzien's points for the day.

The yellow group got away first with the left side proving favoured. The leading group included Ray Hall and Rymonis who crossed in second and third, but it was Budzien who took the win. Towards the end the wind

# Finn World Masters – La Rochelle, France



Top three overall: 1. Michael Maier (CZE), 2 Andre Budzien (GER), 3 Erik Lidecis (USA)

Photos Claire ADB and Robert Deaves



### Final Results - Finn World Masters 2013

			1	2	3	4	5	MR/6	
1	CZE 1	Michael Maier	3	3	8	1	1	1	9
2	GER 711	Andre Budzien	1	1	1	8	29	3	14
3	USA 505	Erik Lidecis	1	1	7	3	7	4	16
4	LTU 7	Tauras Rymonis	3	6	3	3	10	5	20
5	NED 41	Van Hellemond Karel	dsq	12	6	2	10	2	34
6	GER 193	Thomas Schmidt	27	5	8	4	1	8	34
7	GBR 2	Allen Burrell	10	4	9	31	3	6	38
8	FRA 75	Laurent Hay	11	3	22	7	3	7	38
9	DEN 80	Michael Staal	6	22	9	10	4	9	47
10	GBR 642	Adrian Brunton	28	8	5	15	11	10	59
11	NZL 2	Raymond Hall	8	14	2	19	45	1	44
12	SUI 85	Jan Eckert	5	bfd	10	22	9	2	48
13	FRA 99	Marc Allain Des Beauvais	39	2	11	25	4	10	52
14	NED 881	Thierry Van Vierssen	7	17	29	5	20	4	53
15	ITA 4	Francesco Faggiani	18	bfd	4	18	13	3	56
16	SUI 86	Piet Eckert	20	10	18	11	14	4	57
17	SWE 22	Stefan Fagerlund	6	5	23	21	12	13	57
18	GBR 17	Paul Blowers	36	12	1	12	28	5	58
19	NZL 9	Rob Coutts	12	13	18	10	27	7	60
20	ITA 2	Marco Buglielli	5	16	3	27	16	21	61
21	GBR 665	Julian Smith	ocs	24	17	4	7	11	63
22	GER 8	Juergen Eiermann	21	14	19	8	19	5	65
23	DEN 249	Svend Vogt Andersen	23	27	2	14	21	8	68
24	GER 65	Stefan Kreiss	12	bfd	5	29	5	19	70
25	NED 60	Luuk Kuijper	15	bfd	16	13	15	11	70
26	NZL 10	David Hoogenboom	13	9	12	12	67	27	73
27	GBR 679	Neil Robinson	36	11	6	26	2	32	77
28	RSA 001	Greg Davis	38	7	51	17	12	6	80
29	NED 29	Bas De Waal	16	19	12	15	24	20	82
30	RUS 31	Igor Frolov	71	15	15	16	6	33	85
31	RUS 41	Felix Denikaev	13	28	7	35	41	10	93
32	FRA 84	Jean-Pierre Lostis	11	29	35	16	18	22	96
33	ESP 313	Antonio Parra	20	18	42	72	11	18	109
34	GBR 86	Allan Fergus	24	32	35	26	6	23	111
35	SUI 55	Beat Heinz	4	25	20	49	67	14	112
36	NED 7	Cees Scheurwater	28	10	62	9	76	7	116
37	GER 997	Jochen Dauber	29	32	26	13	24	24	116
38	RUS 51	Mikhail Petriga	8	20	68	34	29	27	118
39	SWE 14	Stefan Nordstrom	18	6	14	46	59	36	120
40	GER 206	Klaus Reffelmann	25	39	30	79	8	19	121
41	GBR 6	John Mackie	23	9	20	85	33	38	123
42	NED 780	Jan Willem Kok	35	24	65	9	40	16	124
43	GBR 708	Michael De Courcy	49	16	90	20	13	26	124
44	GBR 635	Simon Percival	41	7	16	37	dnf	25	126
45	NED 11	Henk De Jager	10	31	25	40	22	46	128
46	FRA 66	Philippe Lobert	9	37	80	33	15	rdg	128.8
47	AUS 10	John Condie	26	52	41	6	43	16	132
48	NED 54	Joos Bos	19	bfd	39	18	21	35	132
49	GBR 10	Robert Deaves	34	52	29	23	25	21	132
50	GER 212	Rainer Wolff	31	bfd	19	51	2	30	133

really faded away and it almost warmed up, but then a solid and increasing 10-12 knots kicked in for the fourth race which started at the third attempt under black flag. After a big left shift just before the start, which left a lot struggling on the right, Rymonis was again up the front, this time with Uli Breuer ahead and Maier chasing hard. Maier worked his way through to take the lead for his first win with Breuer second and Rymonis third. Between them Breuer and Rymonis had the best day across both fleets.

In the blue fleet a lot of the favourites were struggling in the first race, but Paul Blowers took a great win after rounding the top mark in fifth. He crossed the finish just ahead of Svend Vogt Andersen with Marco Buglielli

in third. Lidecis crossed in seventh to lose the overall lead. The fourth blue fleet race also had problems getting away. With the wind increasing Purdie found his way to the front to take the win from Karel van Hellemond and Lidecis. However it was not to be Purdie's day as he picked up a DNE in the first race of the day after failing to retire from the race following a second yellow flag Rule 42 penalty.

#### Day three

The third day was moving day with many changes at the top and several favourites picking up high scores after only one race was sailed. The day had started with the Annual Masters Meeting where Andy Denison replaced Fons van Gent as



Masters: 1. Michael Maier (CZE),  
2. Erik Lidecis (USA), 3. Tauras Rymonis (LTU)



Grand Masters: 1. Andre Budzien (GER),  
2. Thomas Schmidt (GER), 3. Michael Staal (DEN)



Grand Grand Masters: 1. Henk de Jager (NED),  
2. Seppo Ajanko (FIN), 3. Dirk Seret (AUS)



Legends: 1. Friedrich Muller (GER), 2. [missing]  
Minski Fabris (CRO), 3. Howard Sellars (GBR)



The top 10 getting ready for the medal race





Masters President and Kavala in Greece was chosen as the venue for 2015.

Maier sailed a flawless race to claim his second race win and take the overall lead. Budzien sailed one he would probably prefer to forget and dropped to second, while Lidecis placed seventh to end the day on equal points with Budzien.

The forecast for the day was not good. The weather chart showed just 4-6 knots of wind, though as the sun was trying to break through the grey cloud and for the first time in the week it was starting to feel warm. The sailors set out for the race area in just a few knots of wind and it looked like a different place from the last few days.

However as it got closer to the start the wind picked up to 8-10 knots with complete cloud cover and a distinct drop in temperature. The races were characterised by a gradual shift in the breeze to the right with those who chose the right side looking very pleased with themselves at the top mark.

In the Yellow fleet, Rainer Wolff was first round the top mark from Thomas Schmidt, the 1998 Finn Gold Cup winner. Schmidt had taken the lead by the next leg and extended on the fleet for a nice win. Wolff maintained second place, while Allen Burrell moved through to take third at the bottom of the second downwind and held it until the finish.

Maier dominated Blue fleet, leading from start to finish after also starting on the right and benefiting from a sizeable right shift that left those further right footing off to lay the mark. Second placed Neil Robinson rounded the top mark about fifth and worked through the boats while the French battle for third was won by Laurent Hay from Marc Allain des Beauvais. Lidecis lost some places on the final downwind to cross in seventh, leaving Maier in the overall lead from Budzien (who finished 29th in Yellow fleet) and Lidecis.

**Day four**

Too much wind spoiled the show on Thursday. With the wind whistling through the rigging all morning the sailors waited ashore under postponement for a final announcement at 14.30. By this time the wind afloat had moderated to 14-16 knots and the first fleet was sent out. However by the time they got there it was a solid 24-26 knots and the fleet was turned around and sent straight back in.

**Day five**

The final day of the was made more difficult by the strong winds and early rain showers that swept through the area. The day began with the first final colour grouping races for all but the top 10. A much reduced fleet headed out into a solid 15-16 knot very cold breeze and were met by an approaching rainstorm.

Yellow fleet's start featured a large left hand shift just minutes before the gun with those at the pin almost laying the top mark on port tack. The wind was around 10-12 knots so it was fantastic sailing conditions with nice long waves downwind. Ray Hall led all the way to secure the 11th overall place, while in the Blue fleet Karl Purdie made it a Kiwi double by winning his second race of the series, leading from start to finish.

The medal race was held much later at 15.30 after one general recall in well in excess of 20 knots. Sailed in the narrow channel just off the marina it was a gusty, shifty race that generally favoured the right side under the town. Maier escaped from a poor start on the first attempt but made the best of the second start to lead round the entire race.

Karel van Hellemond was flagged out of the start for infringing another boat's water and started last. However he was back in contention at the top mark and moved into a comfortable second place on the second upwind. Third place in the race finally went to Budzien after a close battle with the chasing pack.

This all meant no overall change in the leading three boats with Maier taking a well deserved and record equalling fifth World Masters title after undoubtedly the toughest of all his five Masters titles. Budzien, the three times champion, took the silver while newcomer Lidecis took the bronze.

And as if the sailors had not had enough of the bad weather, the rain returned briefly during the prizegiving ceremony outside the Société des Régates Rochelaises. It was a fitting ending to the regatta. Next year the Finn World Masters heads to Sopot in Poland.



51	DEN 6	Lars Hall	134	132	GER 62	Uwe Barthel	304	213	HUN 81	Solymosi Imre	490
52	GRE 71	Panagiotis Davourlis	135	133	NZL 19	Denis Mowbray	305	214	FRA 102	Jacques Fauroux	493
53	ITA 67	Gino Bucciarelli	136	134	FRA 13	Henry De Maublanc	307	215	SUI 12	Franz Buergi	496
54	SUI 63	Thomas Gautschi	139	135	GER 998	Guido Halterbeck	309	216	USA 2	Charles Heimler	499
55	GER 194	Axel Schroeder	144	136	GER 202	Rolf Elsaesser	309	217	NED 13	Harold Lensing	502
56	AUS 3	Jake Gunther	147	137	DEN 258	Christian Qvist	309	218	NED 32	Peter Verhoef	502
57	RUS 69	Denis Kharitonov	149	138	GER 19	Andreas Bollongino	310	219	DEN 14	Jan Verner Nielsen	502
58	GER 165	Dirk Meid	150	139	RUS 205	Sergei Stepanov	311	220	GER 55	Herbert Sondermann	503
59	NZL 111	Karl Purdie	152	140	NED 1	Jan Van Der Horst	316	221	NED 749	Dirk Hooijer	505
60	GBR 65	David Potter	153	141	NED 47	Auke Woerdeman	318	222	FRA 111	Pierre Chaubard	507
61	FIN 112	Seppo Ajanko	154	142	GBR 656	Graeme MacDonald	318	223	AUS 242	Bob Buchanan	510
62	GER 707	Uli Breuer	156	143	SWE 57	Edwall Lars	322	224	DEN 77	Jensen Flemming Bender	512
63	AUS 8	Dirk Seret	162	144	FRA 800	Yves Zoccola	326	225	NED 9	Jobs Isselmann	515
64	NED 27	Paul Kamphorst	162	145	GBR 1	Sander Kooij	327	226	GER 89	Günter Kellermann	515
65	GER 146	Friedrich Muller	164	146	ITA 212	Cirillo Lanfranco	327	227	GER 172	Andreas Siggelkow	518
66	GBR 40	Nick Daniels	168	147	FRA 777	Alain Keraudy	328	228	FRA 86	Christophe Jean	521
67	AUS 231	James Mayor	171	148	ESP 315	Santiago Reyero	329	229	NED 6	Rob De Cocq	521
68	GBR 707	Simon Childs	174	149	RUS 71	Leonid Klyayman	329	230	DEN 33	Christian Poulsen	522
69	NED 49	Jan-Mark Meeuwisse	175	150	ITA 938	Giorgio Ricci	331	231	NED 708	Bert Veerkamp	523
70	CZE 8	Jiri Outrata	175	151	GBR 80	Ray New	333	232	NED 81	Gerko Visser	524
71	NED 962	Jan Bart	177	152	GBR 595	Edward Thorburn	334	233	GBR 55	Mike Till	524
72	NED 2	Wouter Molenaar	180	153	FRA 150	Pascal Tetard	336	234	NED 848	Pax Van De Griend	530
73	ITA 23	Umberto Grumelli	181	154	NED 4	Ruurd Baerends	338	235	FRA 37	Alain Guillou	535
74	GBR 711	Simon Petit	190	155	NZL 213	Maurice Duncan	342	236	SUI 4	Jiri Huracek	536
75	CRO 1	Fabris Minski	197	156	SUI 13	Peter Kilchenmann	343	237	DEN 205	Mogens Petersson	538
76	AUT 350	Peter Grdell	203	157	SUI 83	Beat Steffen	345	238	GER 75	Christian Rupp	540
77	FRA 38	Michel Audoin	204	158	ITA 1022	Filippo Petella	345	239	GER 26	Willi Meister	543
78	AUT 11	Bernd Moser	204	159	SUI 11	Hans Fatzer	346	240	AUS 198	James Ley	543
79	GBR 77	Howard Sellars	208	160	NED 100	Arend Vanderdsluis	348	241	FRA 999	Jerome Ledoyen	546
80	GER 175	Michael Mackel	209	161	DEN 700	Jon Voetmann	355	242	GRE 5	Ioannis Giaramanis	549
81	GER 84	Michael Huellenkremer	217	162	GER 59	Detlef Stock	356	243	ITA 920	Alberto Romano	551
82	ITA 11	Paolo Cisbani	218	163	SUI 25	Till Klammer	359	244	FRA 93	Jean Claude Montesinos	551
83	RSA 571	Andreas Bonhnsack	218	164	HUN 69	Csaba Stadler	361	245	RUS 14	Vladimir Gorbachev	552
84	FRA 880	Cedric Hollier	218	165	ITA 7	Antonio Pitini	361	246	NED 39	Hans Zomer	554
85	NED 88	Chiel Barends	219	166	FRA 24	Philippe Hourez	362	247	ESP 316	Javie Garcia M Francisco	559
86	GBR 61	John Heyes	221	167	FRA 897	Bruno Regout	362	248	LUX 35	Jean-Paul Goedert	562
87	NED 95	Wobbe De Schiffart	222	168	RUS 7	Alexander Novikov	364	249	DEN 112	Svend Jakobsen	562
88	FIN 22	Ville Valtonen	224	169	USA 975	August Miller	365	250	GBR 611	Tony Lock	563
89	RSA 51	Philip Baum	224	170	ITA 80	Martin Atzwanger	365	251	ITA 881	Fabio Panaro	564
90	NED 50	Jan Zetzema	229	171	NED 963	Paul Douze	366	252	SUI 3	Carlo Lazzari	567
91	CZE 67	Josef Jochoviak	233	172	AUS 7	Greg Clark	369	253	FRA 108	Giovanni Bocelli	567
92	FRA 44	Christophe Deseilligny	235	173	GER 293	Georg Siebeck	371	254	ESP 21	Mauricio Luque Diaz	574
93	DEN 210	Henrik Elmer Nielsen	237	174	NED 10	Nanne Boot	374	255	NED 42	Ronald De Haan	577
94	NZL 43	Nick Winters	237	175	FRA 40	Joseph Rochet	375	256	NED 93	Peeters Gelmus	580
95	POL 691	Andre Skarka	240	176	GER 158	Stefan Meid	376	257	FRA 90	Vincent Lesage	583
96	DEN 1	Franck Hansen	240	177	GBR 564	Peter Vinton	379	258	GER 161	Ralf Kratz	587
97	CRO 110	Luksa Cicarelli	244	178	NED 52	Henk Meijer	382	259	GBR 99	John Torrance	597
98	RUS 1117	Andrew Bill	245	179	FRA 100	Laurent Camusson	389	260	FRA 83	Joel Godefroy	597
99	POR 10	Jorge Pinheiro De Melo	246	180	ESP 333	Miguel Jimenez Galeote	391	261	GER 225	Lothar Schmidt	598
100	GBR 631	Richard Hart	246	181	NED 895	Jan Tjeerd V D Meulen	394	262	CAN 3	Ian Bostock	600
101	NED 823	Nico Van Wirdum	246	182	SUI 28	Boris Kulpe	396	263	RSA 5	Robin Greaves	603
102	NED 35	Bas Proper	253	183	DEN 192	Blichfedt Madsen Ole	404	264	SUI 29	Hans Althaus	615
103	GBR 20	Andrew Denison	257	184	NZL 3	Ben Winters	405	265	NED 38	Olaf Van Heusden	616
104	HUN 41	Zoltan Bartos	257	185	RUS 23	Alexander Makogonov	410	266	NED 748	Fons Van Gent	621
105	RUS 142	Yury Polovinkin	258	186	FRA 17	Franck Derouen	411	267	FRA 48	Patrick Huynh	623
106	RUS 34	Alexander Kasatov	259	187	SUI 9	Andrea Roost	412	268	NED 943	Roel Lubberts	627
107	GER 122	Holger Krasmann	260	188	FRA 11	Eric Bognar	414	269	SUI 8	Bruno Marti	632
108	RUS 21	Vladimir Butenko	262	189	GER 116	Jan-Christoph Maiwaldt	414	270	NED 786	Johan De Schiffart	640
109	CZE 222	Petr Vinkl	265	190	FRA 202	Antoine Ponsar	424	271	NOR 3	Ola M Johannessen	660
110	GBR 19	Simon Hoult	267	191	FRA 63	Alain Renoux	425	272	NED 56	Hermus Ad	664
111	POL 26	Boguslaw Nowakowski	267	192	FRA 50	Michel Baudin	437	273	RSA 540	Alan Tucker	670
112	ITA 73	Luca Taruschio	269	193	NED 36	Gregory De Ruiter	440	274	RSA 539	Klaus Weixelbaumer	676
113	FRA 28	Sebastien Grall	270	194	USA 1214	Peter Connally	441	275	GBR 14	Stephen Sampson	680
114	NED 888	Bas De Regt	270	195	SWE 111	Torsten Jarnstam	444	276	POL 3	Jan Okulicz-Kozaryn	690
115	GER 909	Udo Murek	271	196	FRA 79	Michel Bohe	446	277	RSA 570	Gerd Bohnsack	694
116	FRA 2	Pierre Mondeteguy	272	197	SVK 101	Dusan Vanicky	452	278	NED 51	Maarten Oberman	700
117	FRA 77	Jean Duru	276	198	GER 101	Marco Polono	453	279	SUI 002	Helmut Klammer	702
118	RUS 16	Oleg Khudiakov	278	199	RUS 25	Anatoly Voshchennikov	458	---	FRA 7	Stephane Alexis	720
119	NED 8	Rodrick Casander	279	200	GBR 22	Andrew Wylam	458	---	FRA 26	Gilles Malservet	720
120	FRA 4	Renaud De Saint Mars	280	201	SUI 44	Thomas Roost	459	---	FRA 58	Bruno Rossignol	720
121	CZE 318	Martin Plecity	280	202	AUS 68	Jay Harrison	462	---	BEL 169	Philippe Devillers	720
122	CZE 75	Vladimir Skalickak	281	203	GBR 58	Paul Brown	465	---	NED 14	Hans Willekes	720
123	GER 60	Thilo Durach	281	204	NED 22	Peter Hubregtsen	469	---	GBR 4	Russell Ward	720
124	FRA 869	Regis Baumgarten	282	205	GER 143	Bernd Neumann	470				
125	RUS 169	Dimitri Akhramenko	282	206	FRA 113	Sylvain Dadure	472				
126	GER 28	Christian Kayhlwein	288	207	FRA 822	Alexandre Lesage	475				
127	SUI 57	Rudolf Baumann	289	208	RUS 22	Roman Kopylov	476				
128	GER 142	Jonny Paech	290	209	NED 814	Martin Tas	476				
129	NED 43	Ronald Van Klooster	294	210	GER 1000	Ulrich Heinemann	480				
130	NED 703	Eric Bakker	294	211	HUN 972	Monus Gyula	481				
131	FRA 117	Francois Richard	297	212	FRA 74	Jean Louis Duret	489				







## Egor Terpigorev wins first International University Sailing Cup

Moscow hosted first the International University Sailing Cup, which was held under endorsement of the International University Sports Federation (FISU) prior to the World University Summer Games - Universiade "Kazan 2013" – from May 28 to June 2. The event was organised by Russian Finn Association and Russian Sports Students Union.

Sixteen sailors (including two women) from seven nations (Great Britain, France, Italy, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine and Russia) were fighting for the first International Cup for students in the Finn class.

The Race Committee was headed by experienced PRO Pierluigi De Luise, and the jury was international: with representatives from Italy, Greece, Romania and Russia; Thanks to their competence, but also to their friendly attitude, the regatta was a great sailing event.

The regatta started with light winds so the race committee only managed to carry out only two races on the first day. Peter McCoy, a British student from Plymouth University, England, won the first race, while the second race was won by Egor Terpigorev from the Moscow sailing school Khlevnikovo.

After the first race Peter McCoy commented, "Today was a difficult start to the regatta. We had two light and shifty races. The first race was good for me. I managed to stay in



### Final Results - University Cup 2013

			r1	r2	r3	r4	r5	r6	MR	Tot
1	RUS 57	Egor Terpigorev	4	1	2	(6)	1	2	1	11
2	RUS 5	Viktor Filippov	2	3	1	1	(4)	3	2	12
3	RUS 6	Arkadiy Kistanov	(10)	2	6	7	3	1	5	24
4	KGZ 5	Ilya Ignatiev	3	(11)	3	2	6	7	3	24
5	BLR 18	Konstantin Lashuk	(7)	4	7	3	2	5	4	25
6	GBR 29	Peter McCoy	1	(10)	10	5	5	4	6	31
7	RUS 23	Sergey Akulinichev	30							
8	RUS 61	Vadim Volovik	33							
9	RUS 77	Alisa Kirilyuk	46							
10	ITA 191	Alessandro Cattaneo	55							
11	RUS 45	Artem Kalganov	56							
	12	RUS 55	Ivan Zabotin							59
	13	RUS 411	Yury Bogdanov							64
	14	UKR	Vadim Vorobyov							64
	15	RUS 49	Ilya Vorontsov							64
	16	FRA 35	Coline Rohart							91

phase with the shifts upwind and had good speed downwind. This enabled me to win the first race. The second race was again shifty and difficult. Unfortunately, I sailed into a wind hole on the last downwind and lost a few places. But overall I'm happy with the first day, and tomorrow is another day. All the competitors are very competitive and welcoming. It's a good first experience in Moscow."

The next two days passed without any races taking place. Making the most of the time, the head of the International Jury Piero Occhetto carried out mini Rule 42 seminar for the sailors.

On June 1, the wind came back to Moscow and another two races were held. Actually there were three races, but the last one was abandoned due to very shifty conditions. Victor Filippov won both races that day and took the lead of the regatta, followed by Egor Terpigorev, the previous regatta, and Ilya Ignatiev.

On the last day, it was planned to carry out one medal race and one final race in the front of the Moscow Sailing School. But the good wind conditions of that day and strong desire of all sailors to continue the battle on the water moved organisers to keep the



racing area at the same place as before and to carry out another two fleet races before the medal race.

The Principal Race Officer commented, "The last day of the races has wiped out the impression of Moscow as of the lake without wind. Moscow can really have good winds and we are able to make the good races."

The first race of the last day was won by Arkadiy Kistanov with Terpigorev in second. The second race of that day went to Terpigorev. He approached on the leader, Filippov, both on equal points before the medal race, while Kistanov was in third with Ignatiev and Konstantin Lashuk very close behind.





The medal race decided the final order of the leaders. Terpigorev managed to win the duel with Filippov, while Kistanov saved his third place, although it was done with zero margin right to the end.

The prizegiving ceremony was held in very warm and friendly atmosphere - each participant received a diploma of the regatta. The Russian Finn Association prepared special gifts for foreign guests (sailors and judges) - unique copies of the Finn boat, which were made in Gzhel style (the famous Russian national handicraft).

The famous Russian Finn sailors Oleg Khoperskiy and Victor Potapov awarded top three young sailors. It was more pleasant for Khoperskiy since all three top sailors were coached by him during last year.

The guest of the regatta – the executive director of the Russian Students Sport Union Oleg Khramtsov spoke of the high level of the regatta. He said, “We see growing interest in the students sailing sport and the good organisation skills of the Russian Finn Association as well as the perfect venue of the Moscow Sailing School for the events of such level. It is very important to continue carrying out this regatta annually and to make it traditional.”

The president of Russian Finn Association Vasiliy Kravchenko commented, “There is an idea to hold the International University Sailing Cup (Finn) annually at the end of August, since that time is always windy in Moscow as well as that time is more convenient for students. We congratulate all students and Finn sailors with a good international event as well as first international event for students in the Finn class and hope to see you in Moscow again at Open Russian (September 2-9).”



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Top: Winner of race 1 Peter McCoy

Far left: Viktor Filippov

Top left: (l-r): Oleg Khoperskiy, Viktor Filippov,

Vasiliy Kravchenko (kneeling), Egor Terpigorev, Arkady Kistanov,

Stanislav Oreshkin Victor Potapov, and

Anton Khramtsov (Executive Director of Russian Students Sport Union)

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## Finn Class partners Dinghy Academy to train next Olympians

Earlier this year the Finn class announced a co-operation agreement with the Dinghy Academy in Valencia to fund and train aspiring Olympians from developing Finn nations. The class committed to part fund the training of four sailors at the Dinghy Academy in 2013, with the intention this will continue through to 2016. The hope is that at least some of the recipients will qualify for the 2016 Olympic sailing regatta.

As well as providing coaching, boats, logistics and a training base, the agreement includes the opportunity for sailors who are considering joining the toughest of all Olympics classes to have five days free use of the equipment and facilities in Valencia. Interested sailors should contact the class and those from new countries to the class would be especially welcome.

This new scheme comes under the auspices of the FIDeS programme (Finn International DEvelopment Support), created in 2006 as a way to channel funds and expertise within the class towards sailors from nations trying to develop Finn sailing.

The Dinghy Academy is the brainchild of Luca Devoti, the 2000 Olympic silver medalist and long-term builder of the Finn through Devoti Sailing. He explained the concept of the Academy. "We have put together a well-assorted team of Olympic champions from various countries in one high-level training centre under the guidance of some of the world's top specialists."

"We offer top coaching, charter Finns and a team of dedicated sailors led by Vasilij Zbogar showing how to get better at Finn sailing and how to get to know your inner being to master it and to have a real chance at winning."

"The joint venture with the Finn class is working at further internationalising the sport, attracting new countries to the ultimate sailing challenge, the Finn."

### Valencia

Valencia has proved a popular training venue for Finn sailors for many years because of its excellent conditions afloat and great facilities ashore. This began in the lead up to the 2007 America's Cup where sailors from various teams sailed Finns in their spare time, so it was a natural choice for the Academy.

A large number of sailors have already used the Academy for their winter training, while the first two recipients of the Finn class grants were Alejandro Foglia, and Agustín Zabalua. Foglia is a three-time Olympian in the Laser class, while Zabalua is a highly experienced dinghy and keelboat sailor.

All Finn sailors are welcome to join the programme. Historically Finn sailors have always been a strong community, a group of friends sharing the same passion. The vision for the Academy is to become a centre to meet, exchange experiences and get better at the game. In return, the sailors receiving



grants are expected to commit to specified training and a limited event programme.

If recipients of the grants do not have their own boats, the Dinghy Academy can also help. Devoti said, "We provide them with boats, as we are doing for Zabalua and Foglia, and we can also take their boats to regattas."

International Finn Association (IFA) president Balazs Hajdu explains how this programme fits in with the Finn class development policy. "Sailors from nations that are developing Finn sailing mostly experience a lack of technical knowledge, such as tuning and boat handling skills. The Dinghy Academy and its coaches provides this know-how in addition to providing a training camp opportunity and regatta logistics, as well as of course the camaraderie among sailors. There is also an economies of scale factor in the project which is vital for sailors with low funding."

"IFA is keen on further globalising Finn sailing and therefore supports projects which enable sailors to experience these advantages. The project is run in the framework of FIDeS which has been in operation for the last seven years and enabled Finn sailors from India, Venezuela and Cyprus to sail in the Olympics."

If you are an aspiring Finn sailor from a developing Finn nation and wish to take advantage of the opportunities of this programme then please email Finn class executive director Corinne McKenzie at [corinne.mckenzie@orange.fr](mailto:corinne.mckenzie@orange.fr).

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## Reflection

**On his way to the Finn World Masters in La Rochelle Gus Miller spent a few days at the Dinghy Academy training and preparing. Here are his reflections of the experience.**

There is a new professional sailing school for racing in Valencia, Spain called the Dinghy Academy. Based on the seven training sessions I took part in, Luca Devoti has something powerful going with this Dinghy Academy he has created. In the next couple of years, the potential is that this Academy is going to raise the level in the Finn Class yet further.



While I was there, the levels went from lowest - me, who aspired to complete all races at the Masters to medium - Karim from Tunisia, who aspires to qualify for Rio to highest - Vasilij Zbogor from Slovenia who aspires to improve on his Laser Bronze and Silver medals, to Gold in Rio. There was refinement and improvement going on at all these levels.

There have been a few exceptional coaches I have worked with during my eight Olympics coaching career including David Howlett (United Kingdom), Victor Kovalenko (Ukraine), Mike Fletcher (Australia) and Andrzej Zawieja (Poland). While each has multiple medalists in multiple classes, it is their unique human qualities that set them apart as anyone who knows them will agree. Luca has the potential to join this group. He has the extensive technical knowledge, the eye for seeing tiny detail, the ability to explain something simply and to the point and most importantly the

ability to make a very high standard be fun for those he is working with. Additionally, Luca can coach fluently in Italian, Spanish, French, Portuguese, German, English and is presently adding Russian.

It is also a good deal because the Academy is complete for a reasonable fee. For 120 Euro a day the Academy provides a boat, rig, lodging, physical training in a gym and pool with an excellent trainer, physio support including an outside masseuse, close up video of each training session, and the psychological support of like minded people - a group serious about helping each other improve. You also have the option of bringing your own familiar boats, rigs and gear for evaluation and refinement as you train.

Air, rail and road transportation to Valencia is easy. The fast train from Madrid to Valencia goes faster than a jet airliner at takeoff rotation. The happy logistics master of the Academy is Gabriele Uboldi who ran the logistics for the five year +39 America's Cup campaign. Gabriele can solve almost any problem as if by magic as I found out during two weeks of travelling Valencia - La Rochelle and campaigning with him.

The day begins with a short brief of the day's planned objectives and then everyone heads to the gym for a well guided 90 minutes physical training. This is followed by a rest and something to eat. On the water sessions are on the open ocean just a short 700 meter sail from the very protected launching ramp. The air and sea are warm and comfortable. Training starts in lighter air and flatter water and then changes as the famous sea breeze and waves build. Each training evolution is intense with no wasted time getting organised. There is a stream of comments from Luca that include a conversation about what he is seeing, critiques, encouragement and his ever present joyful humour. The attention is close in and personal. Boats can be equipped with GoPro stern cameras and video is taken from the coach boat also for after-session debrief, analysis and comparison with videos of Finns being sailed to near perfection. The group is diverse but there is a real sense of being part of a team. Rest time and rest days are included in the programme so that tired bodies and minds can recover to grow properly.

For decades, multi national groups of Finn sailors have set up training camps that lasted



from a week to a few months in many parts of the world. With the professionalisation of the top level it was time for the kind of professional academy Luca has created. Sailors who are on extended campaigns can effectively use the Academy as a training base for a World Cup / Olympic effort.

The Academy fits perfectly with the IFA's Finn International Development Support (FIDeS) programme. FIDeS sailors at the Academy should be supported by ISAF Olympic Solidarity money so that deserving sailors from developing nations have a good chance to qualify. Whether or not they do qualify in the end would then depend on their character and effort and not by the financial, knowledge and logistical barriers that now exist. This is a tradition that has been part of the IFA since the late 1970s.

It is strongly recommend that teams spend repeated sessions at the Academy. One would also recommend the Academy to groups of Masters as many are serious competitors with first class gear. These groups would really enjoy and benefit from sessions at the Academy.

An additional attraction is that Valencia is a fascinating global city with a mixture of old and modern. One can spend an enjoyable day exploring the Santiago Calatrava and Félix Candela designed City of Arts and Sciences which is close to the Dinghy Academy. It is a fascinating park and science/entertainment centre that occupies the old river bed left when the river was diverted to prevent serious flooding of low lying human habitation centres.







## 2013 Silver Cup – Malcesine, Italy

The 2013 Finn Silver Cup for the Jorg Bruder Trophy, the Finn class Junior World Championship was held at Fraglia Vela Malcesine, on Lake Garda in Italy. There were 28 entries from 13 countries and four continents making it one of the most international Junior Finn fleets ever.

### Sunday

The sailors went out to race but the wind wasn't ready for them just yet and the fleet had to wait another day to begin their championship.

### Monday

A beautiful breeze welcomed the sailors for two early morning races. The young Finn sailors were on the water and ready at 7.30 am. The northerly breeze had reached 14 knots when the start of the first race was given at 8 am. The course and the building wind was favouring the left side of the lake with a clear start at the crowded pin end.

The lead was quickly taken by Norwegian Anders Pedersen who was hard to catch on the water. However Jorge Zarif didn't leave any opportunity unturned and finally stole the lead on the last run. Not far behind, Jake Lilley, Arkadiy Kistanov and Peter McCoy enjoyed the free pumping. McCoy who was among the leaders at the first top mark sailed the wrong course around the gybe mark, but didn't lose any positions, catching up on the downwind legs. Defending Champion Martin Robitaille didn't race at his

best, missing the pressure under the cliffs but still finished in seventh place.

The second race had less wind and the Oscar flag was removed. Lilley secured a good start down from the committee boat



### 2013 Finn Silver Cup - Final results

1	BRA 109	Jorge Zarif	1	(4)	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	2	1	17
2	AUS 41	Jake Lilley	3	2	2	2	(dsq)	6	7	7	1	1	5	36
3	CAN 110	Martin Robitaille	7	7	1	4	3	1	3	5	6	4	(11)	41
4	GBR 29	Peter McCoy	5	5	(10)	3	2	2	8	9	2	3	7	46
5	RUS 6	Arkadiy Kistanov	4	3	5	10	4	4	9	3	9	6	(16)	57
6	NOR 1	Anders Pedersen	2	1	4	5	8	5	(18)	13	4	5	15	62
7	POL 7	Jakub Marciniak	(18)	6	7	12	11	7	2	4	11	8	2	70
8	ITA 213	Umberto De Luca	6	9	8	6	7	(ocs)	5	10	8	10	10	79
9	GER 64	Lennart Luttkus	14	16	6	7	5	10	13	(18)	5	7	6	89
10	ITA 214	Riccardo Bevilacqua	12	10	9	11	9	12	6	(20)	7	13	18	107
11	GER 595	Simon Gorgels	8	8	14	9	6	13	11	24	10	11	(ocs)	114
12	POL 16	Mikolaj Lahn	13	(22)	15	14	13	15	10	14	14	14	4	126
13	CZE 5	Ondrej Tepy	9	23	18	8	10	(ocs)	4	2	16	12	dnc	131
14	NED 972	Tobias Kirschbaum	16	(26)	12	17	17	9	12	21	15	16	8	143
15	FRA 114	Thomas Morel	10	19	13	15	14	11	(27)	23	19	9	12	145
16	RUS 212	Kirill Luzan	20	(24)	16	24	12	16	17	11	12	17	3	148
17	BUL 855	Dimitar Vangelov	19	14	22	18	15	14	14	(dnf)	17	15	14	162
18	RUS 8	Anatoliy Korshikov	15	18	11	16	18	8	23	22	13	20	(dnf)	164
19	NED 94	Tijmen Van Rootselaar	21	11	21	21	20	17	16	6	(23)	22	19	174
20	RUS 61	Vadim Volovik	17	20	23	25	22	18	21	12	18	(26)	9	185
21	AUT 5	Nikolaus Lehner	24	12	20	19	19	(ocs)	26	17	21	18	17	193
22	ITA 988	Matteo Savio	23	15	19	22	21	23	15	16	20	(25)	21	195
23	POL 22	Jeremy Zimny	22	21	(dnf)	23	16	20	19	25	24	23	13	206
24	RUS 27	Denis Kotlyarov	27	13	26	26	23	(dsq)	22	8	22	19	dnc	215
25	FRA 51	Alec Leleu	26	25	24	(27)	24	21	20	15	25	21	22	223
26	RUS 28	Artur Kotlyarov	25	(27)	25	20	26	19	24	19	26	24	20	228
27	FRA 177	Fabian Pic	11	17	17	13	(dnf)	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	232
28	RUS 88	Alexander Ananyev	(28)	28	27	28	25	22	25	26	27	27	23	258



to lead the fleet until the last run where Pedersen took his revenge from the first race and the bullet. Lilley settled for second in front of a very consistent Kistanov. Zarif who had totally missed the start in third row, caught up steadily to finish fourth.

At 10.30 all sailors were back ashore for some rest and breakfast. A third race was attempted but the wind made them wait again and the fleet was sent back to shore.

### Tuesday

At 7.00 am the boat park was already buzzing with sailors, coaches and race committee getting ready for the third day of racing. When the gun for race 3 went at 8.00 am the wind was as strong as ever with a 24 knots northerly breeze and waves.





With free pumping on the downwind legs and a triangle course, the morning was survival of the fittest. Racing was more physical than tactical with the course a one way track close to the cliff. The fastest sailors secured a place at the top and often despite an average start. In the day's first race, Zarif and Lilley got bad starts with the Brazilian starting in the third row while the Australian touched the pin end mark. The pair showed their great speed but it was not enough though to catch up with Robitaille who took an early lead, and was untouchable in the strong breeze.

Zarif took a good start in the two last races to take the overall lead. He took the bullet in race 4 after a dual with Lilley. In the last race Lilley crossed the line just ahead of the Brazilian, however, an earlier starboard incident between the two was settled in the Jury room with a disqualification for Lilley and another race win for Zarif.

### Wednesday

It was a day of snakes and ladders on Wednesday with another early start in the same solid north wind. The difference was that light rain greeted the sailors.

The first race started with 15 knots of wind and the usual pin end favoured line and the race to the cliffs on the left was popular. So popular that several boats started early and three boats were scored as OCS, while one other disqualified for touching the pin mark. Robitaille and McCoy had the best starts and were first to the cliffs and first at mark 1. They sailed well to hold their positions and take first and second respectively.

Race 6 began much the usual way, but had a few more twists and turns. After starting in 10 to 12 knots the wind died gradually on the first run and on the second beat temporarily stopped on the far left, before filling in again from the north. This was the first time the right side of the course paid all week, but the sailors that returned left further up the course gained the most. Zarif and Jakub Marciniak mastered the conditions best and moved through the fleet to finish first and second, with Robitaille in third.

Race 7 was the most difficult of all. The wind had dropped to under 5 knots for the start and a big left windshift made starting on starboard difficult. The boats that started at the committee boat had much more wind and took a big advantage immediately.

This group of 12 boats managed to stay in pressure for the first beat and eventually the pressure returned evenly over the race course. From this group Zarif, Ondrej Tepy and Kistanov emerged to finish top three.

With a 3, 1, 1 Jorge Zarif took a solid 13 point lead while Robitaille moved into second, five points ahead of Lilley.

### Thursday

As usual, racing started at 8 am. The leaders gathered in the middle of the starting line and sailed upwind to the cliff. McCoy after a great start and a good speed up the beat, rounded the top mark in first place, trailed by Lilley and Zarif. The Australian passed the British on the run and remained in the lead until the finish. The start of the second race was evenly spread on the line but it took three attempts to have a clear start. The wind was stable and around 14 knots, providing another great race. Lilley took a good start and was first at the cliff followed by most of the fleet. Closely followed by 2009 Junior World Champion Zarif, Lilley increased his lead steadily to win a second race.

Zarif had now made sure of his second Junior world title while the final race would decide silver and bronze.

### Friday

The morning start was again scheduled early at 8.00 am, with the race committee expecting the north wind but the lake was glassy with not a breath of wind. After a couple of hours, the Bora filled the lake and provided a beautiful final race. With a south wind around 8 to 12 knots, the racing was more tactical even if the left side along the beach was the favoured option of most of the fleet. Zarif followed his plan, starting at the left of the fleet and aiming straight for the left side. With a comfortable lead at the top mark, Zarif was never troubled and added a sixth victory to his impressive score.

Lilley was fast again around the course conserving his second place after finishing in fifth while Robitaille's last race didn't go according to plan. The defending World Champion couldn't make his way around the top mark, losing many places. With no pumping allowed on the downwind, it was harder to catch up places and the Canadian crossed the line in 11th but kept third place overall and the Bronze.

The Finn Junior World Championship was a real display of athleticism and endurance for these young sailors who raced nearly every day from 8 am in a very fresh breeze. With four continents represented with the top four sailors and nine countries in the top ten, it was a well disputed regatta of the highest level. The future Finn stars were in Malcesine.



Top down: Jorge Zarif, Jake Lilley, Martin Robitaille, Peter McCoy, Arcady Kistanov, Anders Pedersen





## Jorge Zarif interview

The 2013 Finn Silver Cup is the third Junior Worlds for Jorge Zarif. In 2009, and at the young age of 17, he took the title in Balaton. In 2010, he finished fifth in a borrowed boat in San Francisco.

This is the last year in the Juniors for Jorge who competed for Brazil in the last Olympic Games. After some problems with his back in Palma, Zarif took a break and got back to top form to win the Junior World title.

"I have prepared well for this regatta. Because of my back problems, I took a physical coach and started training differently at the gym. I have also the great help of Bruno Prada as training partner and Rafa (Trujillo) as coach. We spent 10 days training in Malcesine with Ed Wright and I learned a lot."

"The fleet is changing a lot in the Juniors, the guys are all well trained and prepared for the event. They are also bigger than before."

After a rest in Brazil, Jorge will come back for the Gold Cup in Tallinn in August. "My objective there is to be in the top 15. In the last four years I haven't improved much but now with the help of Bruno and Rafa, I can see the progress. They are both World Champions and Olympic medallists, they are setting high objectives and it helps me to set the highest goals as well. I think that it is what it takes to get there."

When asked about the future and the Games in Brazil he said "After last year's Olympic Games, Bruno asked me if my goal was to compete again in the Olympic Games or to go for a medal? He offered to train with him so that together we can achieve a medal, whoever is selected. I was very happy with his proposition and we both train well and progress together. I will worry about the Olympic selection in 2016."



## Masters News – change at the top

Dear Finn Master Friends,

As announced earlier, I resigned during the Annual Masters Meeting on last May 22nd in La Rochelle and Andy Denison has been elected as the New Masters President.

In the Annual Masters Meeting 2012, in Pwllheli, I announced I would resign in 2014, in Sopot, Poland, but I have a recalcitrant left shoulder with arthritis and even after surgery it keeps me from sailing my Finn in stronger winds than 3 Bf. And now the other shoulder has started as well. This could keep me from being a competitor in the Masters in the coming years. I always stated that, for me, it is not a good idea to be the Masters President without competing. So I decided to resign earlier. Andy Denison already was the candidate to succeed me in 2014 and I asked him if he was willing to step in one year earlier and so he was.

I was really touched by the standing ovation, the Finn half model and the kind words from many Masters during the rest of the event. Guys, it was only a five years period. But I understand that many Finn Masters found that the mission I had when I was appointed in 2008, was accomplished. The plan to bring structure to this big event has been successful and I am honoured at having been chosen to lead this process.

I thank the members of the Masters Committee for their support during the past years and I would like to write a special word of thanks to the webmaster of [www.finnworldmaster.com](http://www.finnworldmaster.com), Jan Kingma, for his tremendous work and support. Thank you all very much!

In the AMM 2013 I announced that, in the next AGM, Andy Denison will be proposed to be the new Vice-President Masters in the IFA Executive Committee. I am sure Andy is the right person as Masters President and I wish him a pleasant and constructive period in this position. I will support him during the next months as far as necessary for him.

Last but not least I thank all members of the IFA Executive Committee for the good discussions we had about several subjects. It has been a great pleasure working with all of you.

The Finn will always be in my heart, whatever happens to my sailing career.

I wish all of you happy sailing in good winds, in good health and I hope I will meet you again, somewhere and whenever.

**Fons van Gent**  
NED 748

On New Years Eve 2012, I received an email from Fons asking if I would consider taking over the presidency of the Finn World Masters. There was a part of me that was apprehensive, but equally a part of me that was looking forward to the role, so after a few early ones, I gladly accepted.

Like most people I woke up on New Year's Day with a thick head, but thankfully not regretting my actions the night before.

The Masters Gold Cup came and went very quickly this year, sadly not the best year for weather, together with a few issues on the running of the event, which may have been highlighted, by the fact that we were wet and cold. That said it has enabled me to focus on a number of areas where I feel we could be leaving ourselves open and these are my first port of call to address.

It's early in the day for me to comment much more, however I would like to thank Fons again, for an admirable job in bringing order and structure to the Masters fleet, which will enable me to take this association forward for the foreseeable future.

If you are a Finn master reading this then keep your eyes on the website and make sure you 'like' us on Facebook.

My thoughts are already with Sopot Poland 2014 and Kavala Greece 2015.

**Andy Denison**  
President Finn World Masters



# Finn sailing from across the world

## CANADA



Jean Levac writes: The Canadian Finn Association (CFA) has seen a resurgence in the last couple of years. We now have a website [www.finncanada.org](http://www.finncanada.org) and our Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/CanadianFinnClass>) is active.

Greg Douglas, Martin Robitaille, Jeff Roney and Rob Hemming are members of the Canadian Sailing Team led by popular Finnster Chris Cook. On the local scene, Jean Levac is the new Canadian President and will be trying to get the non-Olympic hopefuls out to regattas.

Here is our 2013 Fall regatta list.  
 CORK – Kingston, August 17-21  
 Fall Cork – Kingston, September 21-22  
 Coaches Regatta – TS&CC Toronto, Oct 11-13  
 Canadians – RCYC Toronto, October 25-27

Below: Greg Douglas in Medemblik



Photo: Sander van der Borch

## CROATIA



### Spilt Olympic Week

Local favourite Ivan Kljakovic Gaspic again won Split Olympic Week in a smaller than usual fleet. He took three races with the two race wins going to Josip Olujic and one to Deniss Karpak. Only six races were possible in the shortened series.

1	CRO 524	Ivan Kljaković Gašpić	4
2	CRO 11	Josip Olujčić	9
3	CRO 69	Milan Vujasinović	12
4	ITA 123	Filippo Baldassari	21
5	EST 2	Deniss Karpak	23
6	CRO 7	Tudor Bilić	26
7	HUN 6	Márton Beliczay	29

## DENMARK



The 2013 season started very well, with four regattas sailed so far.

### Polyester Cup

The last weekend of April, 20 Finns and 11 Wayfarers raced in the Polyester Cup arranged by Kastrup Sejlklub. The regatta was dominated by sunshine and light and extremely shifty winds, spiced with a nice current. The ones who make could make the most of whatever wind was present, would very soon find themselves in the lead, only to realise that moments later the other side of the course was favoured by a new header or lift.



The good part was that everybody got to lead at one point. The bad part was that it was once again proven that the same handful of sailors is always lucky and winning the races. Added to the shifty wind, the current made rounding the marks in dying and shifty conditions into real win or lose situations.

Despite the tricky conditions we had a great weekend with seven races in the bag. The winner was one of our young newcomers, Jacob Stachelhaus.

1	Jacob Stachelhaus (above)	26
2	Michael Staal	27
3	Lars Hall	28
4	Frank Hansen	31
5	Michael Bæk	32
6	Martin Boidin	39

7	Kenneth Bøggild	40
8	Svend Vogt Andersen	40
9	Jens Kristian Andersen	41
10	Allan Giørtz Hansen	50

### Dragør Cup

The second regatta was a one-day session in picturesque Dragør, where the "Finnmafia from Dragør" had arranged a very nice regatta on 5 May 2013. Once again we were blessed with sunshine. The wind was stable 8-14 knots from SSW the entire day. The current was also very stable 2-3 knots from NNE the entire day. This created some interesting starts, where the fleet would be tacking upwind 150 meters behind the line 1 minute before the gun, and be on the line at the gun. The beats to windward were quickly dealt with and the downwind legs were quite long. Needless to say, that the mark roundings were quite interesting.

Unfortunately, we only got four races in, as another young newcomer, Martin Boidin, ended up with some serious back problems during the race. Despite Martin being unable to move, the officials managed to get him into a RIP safely back to shore. Latest news from Martin is that he is mending fast and has begun practising again. With all Finns back on dry land, the BBQ was lit, the beers passed around and the rest of the afternoon was enjoyed at the club house. What's not to like?

1	Thomas Mørup Petersen	3
2	Lars Hall	6
3	Svend Vogt Andersen	12
4	Kenneth Bøggild	12
5	Martin Boidin (right)	13
6	Michael Staal	13
7	Henrik Thomsen	14

### Stark VSK Grand Prix

The third regatta was the Stark VSK Grand Prix 2013, held in the same location as the 2009 Gold Cup, Vallensbæk, 9 May 2013. Optimis, Teras, Europas, OKs and Finns were invited to this regatta, where the Finns were the second largest fleet with 12 boats on the line, only triumphed by the OK fleet with 13 boats, including good old Jørgen Lindhardtzen, who has unfortunately sold his Finn.

As always when the venue is set in Vallensbæk everything is under control and nothing left to circumstances, so the sailors can enjoy some hassle free racing. This author was not racing, so the in-depth report is missing.

1	Thomas Mørup Petersen	6
2	Jørgen Svendsen	8
3	Frank Hansen	13
4	Kenneth Bøggild	21
5	Jens Christian Andersen	30
6	Svend Vogt Andersen	31
7	Jan Verner Nielsen	32
8	Lars Hall	33
9	Matti Lintunen	42
10	Svend "Bongo" Jakobsen	45







### Helly Hansen Cup

Fourth regatta was the Helly Hansen Cup hosted by Royal Danish Yacht Club in Rungsted, 8-9 June 2013.

This regatta was held together with 470s, 505s, Hobie 16s, Lasers and OKs. This time the Finn fleet was by far the largest with 21 boats on the line. The races were conducted very close to land, with the weather mark less than 100 meters from land. In sunny conditions and light to medium strength off-shore winds, combined with a light current not being equally present all over the course, the grounds were laid for some exciting racing. This proved to be the type of regatta, where even the best starting plan or the control of the fleet could shatter in an instant. At times boats going almost half wind to either side of the course could look completely lost, only to come steaming in from the sides and top of the rest of the fleet. At other times this kind of plan was utter suicide. Again, it is astonishing to see how the same handful of skippers gets all the luck.

The first day we had free pumping conditions all day, even though the actual wind speed

did not justify this all day. However, if the flag is up, it is legal. Onshore this led to some friendly discussions during the free beer and sausages.

The second day was almost similar to the first, except for no-pumping. The no-pumping regime led to further discussions on land, as the interpretations of what is allowed and can be done are very different within the fleet. In the Danish fleet we have some young and promising newcomers, who have been really good in Lasers, being trained by some of the best trainers in the world. The newcomers know the rules inside out, so they will sail right to the edge without breaking the rules. This is truly a learning experience for the "old-timers" in the fleet, who have the tendency to interpret no-pumping to no-moving at all. Speaking of old-timers; no. 4 overall sailed a beaten-up 1977 Vanguard, with the right mast and sail (in this case a Concept mast made for the Olympics 2012 and a sail made for the mast). Another old Vanguard which had been restored almost to perfection by Henrik Elmer showed some very good boat speed as well. This particular boat had been the boat used by Lasse Hjortnæs for some of his Olympic campaigns.

The series was won by the current no. 1 on the OK World Ranking, Jørgen Svendsen.

1	Jørgen Svendsen (top right)	23
2	Mads Bendix (top left)	24
3	Michael Staal	28
4	Otto Strandvig	33
5	Kenneth Bøggild	34



6	Lars Hall	43
7	Frank Hansen	45
8	Svend Vogt Andersen	47
9	Nikolai Ratzlaff	56
10	Henrik Elmer	59

This spring has seen three young newcomers to the Danish Finn venue. They are Jacob Stachelhaus, who won the first regatta. Martin Boidin, who took sixth overall at the Polyester Cup and had to withdraw from the next regatta with a back-injury and finally Mads Bendix who finished second in the Helly Hansen Cup. Mads Bendix has been head hunted for the Finn by the Danish Sailing Federation as a possible replacement for the Danish Olympic silver medalist Jonas Høgh-Christensen.

Mads is 25 years old, 1.88 meters tall and very fit and athletic. Danish head coach, Kristian Kjærgaard, who also coached Jonas to his win in the 2009 Gold Cup and 2012 Olympic silver medal, sees a huge potential in Mads. Coming from the Laser, Mads has a pedigree racing background with several Danish championships in the Laser under his belt. He lives and trains in Århus, where he is seen training everyday with Jacob Stachelhaus.

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## ITALY

### Coppa Italia 2013

The 2013 edition of Coppa Italia Finn is now well under way and started gloriously in Scarlino in March, with two nice days in very different conditions. The first day was warm with light winds, while on the second day the wind blew up to 25 knots with rainy and cold weather. Michele Paoletti dominated the event with five bullets, followed by the newcomer Giacomo Giovanelli and from the Junior Umberto De Luca.

The second event was in Anzio at mid April and was sailed in light medium conditions and nice weather. Enrico Passoni started showing his form winning three races and the event, while Emanuele Vaccari was second and the Junior Riccardo Bevilacqua came third at his first Finn race.

At the end of April the Dr. Schaer Cup was sailed in Caldaro Lake, and this event was valid also for the Finn Alpen Cup, attracting 64 Finn sailors from six countries (Italy, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Finland and Russia). Only two races were sailed because a cold front brought rain and clouds preventing the development of the typical thermal breeze. The strong Austrian

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# GERMANY



## Pirker Finntage 2013

Michael Kästner writes: The Pirker Finntage, was an traditional Finn event on Talsperre Pirk, a small dam in the south of Saxony. This event has a long history in our club and many different sailors were here over time. In the 1970s for example the young Jochen Schümann was here, when he started to sail the Finn. After a long break, we started this event again in 2005.

This year we had 28 sailors at the start. With great weather conditions we had four fantastic races. Thomas Fleischmann was the best sailer winning the event for the second time. Next year the Pirker Finntage will again fix a date in our club. On [www.pirker-finntage.de](http://www.pirker-finntage.de) you will find all information. Also YOU are welcome.

1	GER 255	Thomas Fleischmann	10
2	GER 811	Michael Knoll	13
3	GER 222	Ulf-Peter Pestel	16
4	GER 30	Ralf Heim	20
5	GER 171	Volker Tetzlaff	26
6	GER 42	Jürgen Kraft	29
7	GER 911	Patrick Frind	33
8	GER 25	Alexander Leidholdt	37
9	GER 31	Andreas Pfalzgraf	40
10	GER 34	Dieter Borges	44
11	GER 58	Thomas Schulz	46
12	GER 46	Peter Truhm	52
13	GER 311	Bernd Fischer	54
14	GER 3107	Jens Leuchte	57
15	GER 16	Uwe Hand	72
16	GER 109	Manfred Tomaschewski	72
17	GER 4321	Jochen Egelkraut	75



18	GER 91	Johann Schengber	77
19	GER 1589	Robert Mühlner	78
20	GER 11	Anja Weller	79
21	GER 2105	Dieter Zimmermann	82
22	GER 546	Stefan Wormstall	83
23	GER 186	Detlef Blaschkowski	87
24	GER 151	Uwe Müller	89
25	GER 345	Günther Smykalla	90
26	GER 65	Stefan Kreiß	99
27	GER 173	Karsten Nowitzki	103
28	GER 123	Udo Bengsch	107
29	GER 97	Christian Deutschmann	128
29	GER 130	Alfred Blum	128
29	GER 432	Michael Kästner	128



Michael Gubi came first on even points with the local Peter Stuffer.

During the month of June two more events were sailed in Grado (where a large group of Austrian sailors showed up) and Forte dei Marmi. In Grado Michele Paoletti won easily the HiTechSailing Trophy followed by Enrico Passoni and in Forte dei Marmi at the Aldo Ferrari Memorial Enrico extended his lead in the provisional Coppa Italia scoreboard with a second event win.

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1	ITA 6	Enrico Passoni	303
2	ITA 202	Giacomo Giovannelli	292
3	ITA 2	Marco Buglielli	288
4	ITA 4	Francesco Faggiani	281
5	ITA 214	Riccardo Bevilacqua	276
6	ITA 146	Michele Paoletti	261
7	ITA 52	Franco Martinelli	250
8	ITA 1000	Francesco Grigolon	246
9	ITA 988	Matteo Savio	243
10	ITA 90	Emanuele Vaccari	220





## NETHERLANDS



### A sailing report from sunny Holland

Ronald Ruiter writes: From some Finn colleagues in Europe, we understood that they experienced a spring with bad weather and lots of rain. Strange, we had one of the best starts of the season ever. Wind, large lists of competitors and sometimes even some sun. Just brilliant.

It was a busy period with more than enough to report, but we will be brief. Otherwise Robert should double the pages of this edition of Finnfare. And we Dutch like to be noticed, but this year we try to achieve that on the water. So you all are warned!



### International Easter Regatta

After a good start with four great training days, the serious stuff started with our traditional Easter Regatta. With ice on the water and snow in the air, we couldn't wish for a better start of Finn sailing this season. After seven good races, Stefan de Vries proved that he can really make a great comeback. Karel van Hellemond was steady as always. He was followed by Robert Thole who also made a great impression.



Top three at the Easter Regatta  
(Photos by Karin de Fraiture)

### Results (24 entries)

1	NED 51	Stefan de Vries (left)	11
2	NED 41	Karel van Hellemond	21
3	NED 965	Robert Thole	23
4	NED 42	Martijn van Muyden	30
5	NED 972	Tobias Kirschbaum	33
6	NED 881	Thierry van Vierssen	37
7	NED 11	Henk de Jager	38
8	NED 963	Paul Douze	51
9	NED 101	Chris Frijdal	54
10	NED 35	Bas Proper	59

### Tuliprace

Our fleet stayed in Loosdrecht for the second regatta of the year, the Tulpenrace. This regatta had everything that Loosdrecht is famous for. People hiking their pants off, others on the same tack sitting on their travellers, wind shifts that make you think that you just turned round a buoy. Interesting, frustrating and fascinating. In soccer we often say: .....and at the end of the day, the Germans win. But here it was:.....and at the end of the day, Karel wins. Unfortunately the lakes of Loosdrecht were a beautiful mirror on Sunday. So this was a one day event.

### Results (53 entries)

1	NED 41	Karel van Hellemond (right)	4
2	NED 841	Hein v Egmond	9
3	NED 42	Martijn van Muyden	11
4	NED 29	Bas de Waal	21
5	NED 2	Wouter Molenaar	24
6	NED 60	Luuk Kuijper	24
7	NED 881	Thierry van Vierssen	25
8	NED 81	Gerko Visser	29
9	NED 963	Paul Douze	40
10	NED 7	Cees Scheurwater	41

11	NED 972	Tobias Kirschbaum	42
12	NED 703	Eric Bakker	43
13	NED 88	Chiel Barends	48
14	NED 54	G Bos	48
15	NED 86	Stefan Marechal	55
16	NED 962	Jan Bart	61
17	NED 47	Auke Woerdeman	63
18	NED 49	Jan Mark Meeuwisse	64
19	NED 27	Paul Kamphorst	65
20	NED 35	Bas Proper	65

### Finnale

Then it was time to pack our gear and drive to Monnickendam. The Finnale is one of the best hosted events of the year. Host and competitor Jan Zetzema and his dedicated team made the weekend memorable again. But not only onshore it was good, on the water we had great races to. With a first day with strong winds, followed by a light wind Sunday, everybody had a chance to reach his goals for this weekend. 18 year old Tijmen van Rootselaar (only 78 kg) won the Finnale and made clear that he is one of the talents to follow the coming years. He was followed by Tobias Kirchbaum, also a Junior. We are very happy with these youngsters on top of our results.

1	NED 94	Tijmen van Rootselaar	21
2	NED 972	Tobias Kirschbaum	23
3	NED 88	Chiel Barends	27
4	NED 86	Stefan Marechal	30
5	NED 54	Joos Bos	30
6	NED 84	Peter Aukema	33
7	NED 67	Ronald Ruiter	35
8	NED 101	Chris Frijdal	37
9	NED 962	Jan Bart	38
10	NED 27	Paul Kamphorst	46
11	NED 35	Bas Proper	56







Tijmen van Rootselaar, winning the Finnacle

12	NED 50	Jan Zetzema	67
13	NED 704	Erik Verboom	71
14	NED 126	Maarten Godschalx	72
15	NED 2	Wout Molenaar	73
16	NED 76	Klaas Bood	76
17	NED 45	Bas Weijman	78
18	NED 942	Maarten Bart	81
19	NED 62	Tim van Rootselaar	85
20	NED 56	Ad Hermus	86

### Ascension Regatta

So back to Loosdrecht for the Ascension regatta. Four days of great sailing with good winds and strong conditions. Robert Thole proved again that only a few years of Finn sailing and a lot of training is enough for him to win races. He won two of the six races and won the series. He was followed by our very experienced grand grand master Chris Frijdal, who also won a race.

### Results (21 entries)

1	NED 965	Robert Thole	10
2	NED 101	Chris Frijdal	16
3	NED 777	Albert Kroon	16
4	NED 2	Wouter Molenaar	21
5	NED 88	Chiel Barends	22
6	NED 963	Paul Douze	25
7	NED 770	Hein Bloemers	36
8	NED 60	Luuk Kuijper	52
9	NED 47	Auke Woerdeman	56
10	NED 119	Steven Voorn	65

### Masters

Of course we want to say something about the Masters in La Rochelle. There is much more about this in this Finnfare, so we limit ourselves to just congratulating Karel van Hellemond with his fifth place overall, but even more Henk de Jager, our new Grand Grand Masters World Champion. We are very proud of them.

### Delta Lloyd Regatta Medemblik

From 21–25 May it was time for our ISAF grade one event, The Delta Lloyd Regatta, part of the Eurosaf Champions Sailing Cup. A very impressive entry list promised great competitive sailing. The organisation tried something new: The medal race counts for (more than) half of the results. Pieter-Jan Postma had already won seven races and won the series. But he was fourth in the medal race, which even cost him the victory. Mark Andrews was second in the medal race and he won the Delta Lloyd Regatta. Sometimes new is not better...

### Great training in Hellevoetsluis

We would like to end this report with these great pictures of our south fleet in Hellevoetsluis. They already had proven they were the strong wind specialists, but this weekend they really outperformed themselves. With over 35 knots they had the time of their lives. Sailing as sailing was meant to be...Photos by Daan Bart

We have a lot of regattas to go and we invite you to join us. Especially our Dutch Championships in September in Medemblik and our Dutch Master Championship in Harderwijk can really be recommended. We hope to see all of you soon.







## Capman Cup

Lake Thun, April 13 - 14, 2013

Warm weather and four races in challenging light wind conditions marked the first regatta of the year. It was no big surprise that reigning Swiss champion Christoph Burger controlled the fleet and marked four bullets. In second place however, Rolf Megert with much less Finn experience than most of the other competitors, showed a stunning performance with good speed and wise tactical decisions. The result was an excellent second place overall followed by Carlo Lazzari in third.

1	SUI 7	Christoph Burger	3
2	SUI 23	Rolf Megert	10
3	SUI 3	Carlo Lazzari	11
4	SUI 18	Peter Rösti	12
5	SUI 12	Franz Bürgi	13
6	SUI 94	Andreas Friedrich	14
7	GER 842	G Geyer	16
8	FRA 40	Joseph Rochet	20
9	SUI 77	Robert Rösti	24
10	SUI 80	Jan Fischer	30

## Mammern Frühlingscup

Lake Constance, April 20 - 21, 2013

Tough conditions at Mammern with two long races in cold weather and a 10-15 knot easterly wind. Internal reports even talked about some early season capsizes. The three sailors who had trained hard in Palma over the winter made it clear that there is no substitute for hard work. The Eckert brothers and Beat Steffen dominated the racing with Piet Eckert finally winning with two bullets ahead of brother Jan and Beat Steffen.

1	SUI 86	Piet Eckert	2
2	SUI 85	Jan Eckert	5
3	SUI 83	Beat Steffen	9
4	SUI 18	Peter Rösti	10
5	SUI 11	Hans Fatzer	10
6	FRA 40	Joseph Rochet	11
7	SUI 32	Urs Huber	13
8	SUI 57	Rudolf Baumann	13
9	SUI 69	Jean Pierre Weber	17
10	SUI 82	Lukas Schenk	20

## Rietli Jollenregatta

Lake Constance, April 27 - 28, 2013

No longer a national regatta, the Rietli Jollenregatta was sailed by a very small fleet.



Five races were sailed over the weekend with Hans Fatzer scoring five bullets.

1	SUI 11	Hans Fatzer	4
2	SUI 22	Stadler/Geisser	9
3	FRA 40	Joseph Rochet	11

## Hallwil Frühlingscup

Lake Hallwil, May 4-5

Six races were sailed over the weekend. As usual Lake Hallwil was a real challenge with its unpredictable wind shifts.

1	SUI 28	Boris Kulpe	11
2	SUI 55	Beat Heinz	15
3	FRA 40	Joseph Rochet	17
4	SUI 63	Thomas Gautschi	20
5	SUI 69	Jean Pierre Weber	23

## Rabbit Cup

Lake Thun, June 5/12/19/26,

The traditional Rabbit Cup is a must for every Finn sailor on Lake Thun. Sailed during four Wednesday evenings in June with the special format of a rabbit start followed by one beat up to the finishing line. Up to five rabbit races were sailed every evening, mostly in perfect conditions. 23 sailors participated in this year's edition. After 15 races three sailors dominated the ranking with Peter Rösti in first place closely followed by John Ulbrich and Andreas Friderich. As usual the prizegiving was accompanied by a delicious rabbit dish.

1	SUI 18	Peter Rösti	63
2	SUI 60	John Ulbrich	64
3	SUI 94	Andreas Friderich	69
4	SUI 19	Urs Schürch	87
5	SUI 3	Carlo Lazzari	94
6	SUI 12	Franz Bürgi	95
7	SUI 9	Andrea Roost	104
8	SUI 50	Pädu Zaugg	111
9	SUI 13	Peter Kilchenmann	111
10	SUI 23	Rolf Megert	124

## Bergluftwoche

Lake Biel, June 10 - 14, 2013

The Bergluftwoche on Lake Biel attracted a record breaking fleet of 12 Finns. The plan to sail one race every evening during a full week failed due to lack of wind on Wednesday and due to an extremely powerful Bergluft – a strong wind dropping down from the mountains on the northern shore of Lake Biel – on Thursday. The winner after three races was Peter Theurer followed by Eddy Röthlisberger and Thomas Gautschi.

1	SUI 67	Peter Theurer	8
2	SUI 100	Eddy Röthlisberger	10
3	SUI 63	Thomas Gautschi	13
4	SUI 5	Christoph Christen	16
5	SUI 63+	Emanuel Müller	17
6	SUI 80	Jan Fischer	18
7	SUI 541	Konrad Schüpbach	23
8	SUI 46	Markus Römer	23
9	SUI 50	Daniel Müller	24
10	SUI 48	François Himmelpach	30



## Segelwoche

Lake Thun, June 29 - 30, 2013

A perfect weekend on Lake Thun with six great races. A rather windy Saturday with four races in rain and fog followed by a warm Sunday with two more races in light winds. The battle was on from the beginning between Christoph Christen and Christoph Burger. Christen kept control at all times and won the regatta in style. No other sailor was able to keep up with the two top guys in front. A group of three fought for third place with Peter Kilchenmann finally making it to the podium followed by Carlo Lazzari and Franz Bürgi. A great regatta with a special race committee consisting of all the junior sailors of the club – and they did a great job.



1	SUI 5	Christoph Christen	7
2	SUI 7	Christoph Burger	13
3	SUI 13	Peter Kilchenmann	26
4	SUI 71	Carlo Lazzari	27
5	SUI 12	Franz Bürgi	27
6	SUI 80	Jan Fischer	37
7	SUI 57	Rudolf Baumann	40
8	SUI 94	Andreas Friedrich	40
9	SUI 18	Peter Rösti	41
10	SUI 60	Ulbrich John	44



## USA



Steve Fuccillo writes: The year started off well for the USA Finn Association as one of our members Caleb Paine from San Diego won the Miami OCR. Also in the top ten was Erik Lidecis, his fine performance earned him a spot on the US Sailing Development Team. Erik now joins Caleb Paine, Zach Railey and Gordon Lamphere on Team USA.

Also in Florida this winter was a new regatta, The 2013 Olympic Class Ocean Race Regatta sailed at LYC. The regatta had an international flair and was won by Brendan Casey. Several USAFA members finished in the top ten. Caleb Paine (2) Gordon Lamphere (4) and John Dane (7).

In March the LYC also was host to the Finn Masters North American Regatta. Class President Rob Coutts won this regatta sailed in big seas and swells. Henry Sprague came in second and Vladimir Butenko came in third. A special thanks goes out to Craig Johnson (Class Treasurer) and Sharon Johnson of the LYC for organising this event. Also a special thanks to Karla Coutts Linda Fuccillo and Darrell Peck.

In April the Buccaneer Yacht Club in Mobile, AL. hosted the Seaflight RIB North Americans. Darrell Peck on a break from coaching Finn sailors from around the world sailed to a well-deserved victory. Darrell has won the NAs several times. He was followed by John Dane and Henry Sprague. Also in the hunt was young gun Josh Revkin, an up and coming Finn sailor. The regatta had a wonderful turnout with 26 sailors of all ages. Gus Miller was the oldest along with another Finn sailing legend Louie Nady. The youngest

sailor was 18-year-old Adrian Pereira from Mobile. Adrian is a top Laser sailor.

Mobile, AL. continues to be a hot bed for Finn sailing. A special thanks goes out to all the Mobile, AL. Finn sailors, as without you guys the regatta would not have been such a grand success.

Our next major regatta is the 2013 US Finn Nationals to be sailed at Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club in San Pedro, CA. on July 12-14. We will also hold a clinic at this regatta and the AGM. The 2013 Nationals will be sponsored by Seafight RIBS (thanks Terry Greenfield) along with United States Marine (thanks John Dane) and L.J Fuccillo & Sons Real Estate LLC. M'iz Callender from CBYC has been working hard to make this regatta a great event.

It was great that the USAFA had such a big turnout of members at the largest Finn regatta ever sailed. The Finn World Masters event in France had a unbelievable number of boats. Congratulations to Erik Lidecis for coming in third in the world.



Photos by Danny Robertson



## Major Finn regattas 2013-2016

More details and regatta links can be found on [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org) or on [www.finnclass.org](http://www.finnclass.org). Please check all details before travelling as dates can change at short notice.

12-14/7	Warnemunde Week	Warnemunde, Germany	tbc	<b>EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>La Rochelle, France</b>
19-27/7	<b>EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>Warnemunde, Germany</b>	20-24/5	Delta Lloyd Regatta	Medemblik, Netherlands
23-31/8	<b>FINN GOLD CUP</b>	<b>Tallinn, Estonia</b>	6-13/6	<b>FINN WORLD MASTERS</b>	<b>Sopot, Poland</b>
23-25/8	Olympic Classes Regatta	Balaton-Tihany, Hungary	7-12/6	Sail for Gold	Weymouth & Portland, UK
29/8/-1/9	Lipno Regatta	Lake Lipno, Czech Republic	21-25/6	Kieler Woche	Kiel, Germany
30/8-2/9	Aarhus Sailing Week	Aarhus, Denmark	18-27/7	Travemunder Woche	Travemunde, Germany
2-8/9	Balkan & Open Balkan Championships	Bourgas, Bulgaria	8-21/9	<b>2014 ISAF Sailing World Championships</b>	<b>Santander, Spain</b>
3-9/9	International Regatta Open Russian	Moscow, Russia	22-25/9	Semaine Olympique Francaise	Hyeres, France
4-8/9	Finn Master's Europa Cup	Tihany, Hungary	18-23/12	Palamos Christmas Race	Palamos, Spain
7-8/9	Belgian Championship	Plate-Taille Lake, Belgium			
9-15/9	ISAF Sailing World Championships Test Event	Santander, Spain	<b>2015</b>		
18-22/9	International Swiss Finn Championship	Zug, Switzerland	22-29/5	<b>FINN WORLD MASTERS</b>	<b>Kavala, Greece</b>
18-22/9	Hungarian Finn Championship	Balatonfured, Hungary			
27-09	Zemun Cup	Zemun, Serbia	<b>2016</b>		
4-6/10	International Finn Cup	Malcesine, Italy	5-21/8	<b>2016 Rio Olympic Games</b>	<b>Rio de Janeiro, Brazil</b>
9-13/10	Semaine Olympique Française	La Rochelle, France			
12-14/10	Semana de Buenos Aires	Buenos Aires, Argentina			
19-20/10	Hungarian Autumn Regatta	Balatonfured, Hungary			
1-7/12	ISAF Sailing World Cup Melbourne	Melbourne, Australia			
12-15/12	Sail Sydney	Woolahra, Australia			
18-23/12	Palamos Christmas Race	Palamos, Spain			
<b>2014</b>				<b>Future Championships</b>	
25/01-1/2	ISAF Sailing World Cup Miami	Miami, USA		<b>2015</b>	
29/3-5/4	ISAF Sailing World Cup Palma	Palma de Majorca, Spain		Europeans – possible combined Olympic classes championship.	
19-26/4	ISAF Sailing World Cup Hyeres	Hyeres, France		Finns – possible combined Olympic classes championship.	
7-11/5	Garda And Trentino Olympic Week	Riva del Garda, Italy		Finns Gold Cup – Bids received from Croatia, France and New Zealand.	





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