

ISAF Nations Cup 2013 Grand Final – powered by The Triangle Region Media guide

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1. Welcome to the ISAF Nations Cup 2013 Grand Final

Welcome to the ISAF Nations Cup 2013 Grand Final, the World Cup of match racing for both men and women. Welcome to Middelfart, to the Triangle Area, to the Little Belt, to Funen and to Denmark. Welcome to a few days, that we hope will be amazing and exciting!

The ISAF Nations Cup 2013 Grand Final - powered by The Triangle Region, held on 6-10 August 2013 in Middelfart, is organized by Match Racing Denmark on behalf of the sailing clubs in Middelfart, Horsens, Vejle, Fredericia and Kolding. Partners are Middelfart Municipality, Udvikling Fyn A/S and Sport Event Denmark, as well as the companies Middelfart Sparekasse, DONG Energy, Aarsleff, AH Industries, Faurby Yacht, Scanprint, Jyske Bank, Dinex, Bunker Holding, Dalsgaard Pavilloner, TREFOR and Hindsgavl Castle.

We are happy for your interest in the event and have prepared this media guide to give you as easy an access as possible to the information that we reckon you need. As the event's communications team, we look forward to working with you in Middelfart.

Enjoy!

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2. Venue map



During the event, maps will also be available in the information tent on the pier.

3. Event Program

Monday 5 August 2013

Arrival and training

Tuesday 6 August 2013

Arrival and training

20.00: Official opening ceremony, Hindsgavl Castle

Wednesday 7 August 2013

10.00-17.00: Race Round Robin, Middelfart Marina

Thursday 8 August 2013

10.00-17.00: Round Robin Race, Middelfart Marina

Friday 9 August 2013

10.00-17.00: Round Robin Race, Middelfart Marina

17:00 Rescue-demonstration, Middelfart Marina and Fænøsund

Saturday 10 August 2013

10:00-15:00 Match race semi-finals, Middelfart Marina

15.00: Match race finals, Middelfart Marina

19.00: Prize giving and closing ceremony, Hindsgavl Castle

Sunday 11 August 2013

Departure

4. Facts about the ISAF Nations Cup 2013 Grand Final

What is Nations Cup?

Every second year, the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) organizes the Nations Cup match race. It is sort of a world cup with participants from all over the world.

Across the world, 16 men's teams and 16 women's teams could qualify for the Grand Final by ranking among the best in qualifying races from February to June in the year of the Nations Cup.

The contest culminates in the Grand Final, in Middelfart, on 6-10 August. The races take place on the strait of Fænøsund, off Middelfart Marina.

Approximately 100 competitors will attend, and they will stay at the hotel Hindsgavl Castle, situated close to the marina.

Nations Cup - the history:

The inaugural Nations Cup in 1991 saw six regional qualifiers in each of Denmark, Italy, Greece, Brazil, Bermuda and Japan, with the Grand Final in Barcelona, Spain. At that time it was only sailed in an open competition. The title was won by Ed Baird (USA). The 1991 Nations Cup Grand Final was the climax of over 1,000 races sailed by some 50 countries.

In 1993 the women's competition was added. Preceding the Grand Final in Holland, the qualifiers were held in Finland, France, United Arab Emirates, Peru, USA and Singapore. Roy Heiner (NED) won the open title and Helena Strang (SWE) the women's event.

The 1995 event saw San Francisco, USA, host the Grand Final, with the qualifying events in South Africa, Croatia, New Zealand, Ireland, Canada and Chile. The open Event was won by South Africa's Bruce Savage, with the women's title claimed by Susan Walters (AUS).

After an 11-year break, The ISAF Nations Cup was successfully re-launched in 2006 with eight Regional Finals leading to the Grand Final in Cork, Ireland. France completed a double victory with skippers Mathieu Richard and Claire Leroy leading their teams to victory in both the open and the women's division.

In 2009, competitors from more than 40 nations contested the Regional Finals held in Antibes, Auckland, Brindisi, Buenos Aires, Charleston, Kinsale, and Mumbai, whilst Porto Alegre in Brazil played the host of the Grand Final. Brazil saw some of the world's best match racers representing their nation, but France repeated their achievement of 2006 to win both titles again with skippers Claire Leroy and Damien Lehl.

The 2011 ISAF Nations Cup Grand Final was hosted in Sheboygan, USA. Claire Leroy won her third consecutive title for France with Laurie Jury skippering a New Zealand team to victory in the open event.

Racing at the Regional Finals is preceded by an ISAF Match Racing Clinic, aimed to help develop match racing skills and officiating in that region. The winners of each Regional Final progress to the Grand Final, where they are joined by the defending nation and the host nation.

The aim of the event is to broaden the availability of match racing and provide international match racing competition for national authorities and sailors at a reasonable cost, whilst acting as an incentive for national match racing programmes.

5. Facts about match racing and the match racing course

A match race is a race between two competitors, going head-to-head. The ISAF Nations Cup Grand Final starts with a round-robin (or all-race-all) tournament followed by knock-out stages which end in the final to decide first and second and a petit-final to decide third and fourth. There will often be a fifth to eighth place sail off to decide those finishing positions.

With each match lasting approximately 20 minutes, a lot of matches to make up an event. The race committee organize the matches into 'flights'. A flight will see one pair of boats start racing and, a few minutes later, another pair will start their match on the same course area. There will often be four matches in one flight.

As soon as they enter the starting area the boats will engage in a pre-start battle as each one tries to gain an advantage over the other. They will both be trying to cause the other boat to infringe a rule and so receive a penalty or to simply get the most advantageous position on the starting line so they are in control of the race.

Match racing is officiated by umpires on the water who follow the boats and make instant on-course decisions about whether a penalty is given. The umpire boat will use yellow and blue flags to indicate which boat has been given a penalty or a green flag if no penalty is given.

When a boat is penalized it must complete a full circle penalty turn. Unless there is a red flag indicating that the turn must be made immediately, this can be done at any time during the race before the finish line. If one boat has a penalty and the other also gets one before the first has taken theirs then they are cancelled out. If a boat receives three penalties then it is disqualified.

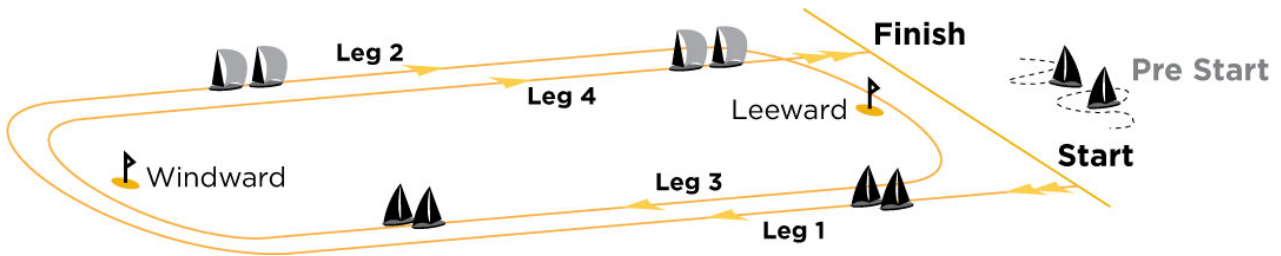
The match racing course has a very simple setup in comparison to fleet racing. In match racing you will always have four legs and four only, never less and never more. Two of the legs are upwind, or sailing against the wind, and the other two legs are downwind, or sailing with the wind.

In the first leg, the boats are tacking against the wind in order to get to the windward mark the fastest without being penalized while also trying to get the other boats penalized. As their boats and crew get to the windward mark they round it leaving it to starboard, or the right side of the boat. As they go around the mark they cannot touch it, and then they go on to the second leg.

On the second leg the boats are going downwind, so they hoist their downwind sails (spinnaker) and go for what is called a gate in sailing, once again trying to get to the gate the fastest by gybing away from the other boat for clear wind or gybing toward another boat to take the opponents wind, without getting penalized.

A gate in is when there are two marks (buoys) and it is the crew's choice as to which one they will go around.

When the boats go through the gate they are then on the third leg of the race. The third leg is a repeat of the first leg where they beat upwind going towards the windward mark. Once the boats round the windward mark again they are on the fourth and final leg - the home straight - where they race downwind towards the finish in hope of winning.



6. Information about the match racing boats

Most match racing events use equipment that is supplied by the event organizers, who ensure that they are as equal as possible. In order to ensure fair play, a random draw is conducted to decide which team sails in which boat each day and during a round robin stage the crews will swap boats between their pairings after each odd numbered match.

At the Nations Cup 2013 Grand Final the crews will be sailing two different boat types: Open (Men) on DS37s and Match28s and Women on Match28s.

DS37: The DS 37 One-Design Match-Racer is considered a next-to-perfect boat for match racing. It is a powerful boat, sailed by a crew of 5. The boat is incredibly manoeuvrable for its size.

Sails:

1 main sail (39 sqm.), 1 jib light (24 sqm.),
1 jib heavy (31 sqm.), 1 spinnaker (87 sqm.)

Elvstrøm Sails are supplying the sails for the DS37s for the ISAF Nations Cup 2013 Grand Final.



Match28: The Match28 is a modern keel-boat, which ideally can be used by elite sailors as well as less experienced sailors. It has the perfect size for a 5 person crew.

Sails:

In cooperation with Elvstrøm Sails Match Racing Denmark have developed the perfect sails for the Match28 consisting of:
1 main sail (23.7 sqm.), 1 jib light, (19.4 sqm.), 1 jib heavy (12.6 sqm.) and 1 spinnaker (57.4 sqm.)

Elvstrøm Sails are supplying the sails for the Match28s for the ISAF Nations Cup 2013 Grand Final.



Nice to know about the Triangle Region

Big win for the Triangle Region

The Triangle Region with only 180.000 people beat some of the world's top sailing locations and biggest cities to become the host of the ISAF Nations Cup 2013 Grand Final. In the race for the win was New York City, Vancouver in Canada and Helsinki, the capital of Finland.

Getting the ISAF Nations Cup 2013 Grand Final to Middelfart in Denmark has not been the only big win for The Triangle Region during the past years.

Last summer, local Fredericia Theater was given the European premiere of the latest Disney musical "Aladdin" - beating well-known musical cities such as London and Paris. This summer the musical opens at the Royal Opera House in capital Copenhagen.

Yet another large annual event has beaten some of the world's largest. A half marathon across The Little Belt - the strait between mainland Jutland and island Funen - was the fastest selling half marathon in the world.

With the ISAF Nations Cup 2013 Grand Final taking place at the world's largest match racing center the event is already full of world champions.

Collaboration is the key

Without sailors working together the ship will not race forward. The same thing accounts for ISAF Nations Cup 2013 Grand Final.

Without a great deal of collaboration in the region surrounding The Little Belt in which ISAF Nations Cup 2013 Grand Final will find its champions this world class match race would not happen.

The public bodies like the municipality and the Triangle Region, the local businesses and the sailing clubs have a long history of working together turning a leisure activity as sailing into a business with international events.

The joint venture started in the 1980s when sailors wanted to explore match racing but didn't have similar suited boats. Working with local business the first boats soon sailed in The Little Belt. In 2004 Match Racing Denmark started to make money of the in total 17 match racing boats by offering teambuilding at sea to national businesses.

All along the public bodies has supported the journey from leisure activities to business. This partnership is so unique to Denmark that it has got a name - The Triangle Model.

Without this model ISAF Nations Cup 2013 Grand Final would not take place in Middelfart in august.

Geeks love The Triangle Region

When the competitors of ISAF Nations Cup 2013 Grand Final will be sailing The Little Belt they will be far from the only geeks loving the strait and the surrounding Triangle Region.

The Little Belt is an extremely interesting spot for sailing. It's narrow, different strong currents and local winds make it unique and somewhat challenging for the match race crews. At the same

time the audience are always able to get good insights of the sailing from the marina because the depth of the water will make it possible to match race very close to shore.

Also, divers from all over Scandinavia come to The Little Belt to do spectacular dives. Some even describes the very narrow and deep belt as one of the world's best dive spots. The belt is in some places 80 meters deep, which is very deep for the shallow Danish waters.

Geeks interested in history also love The Triangle Region. The small town of Christianfeld is famous for its history and for the very historic feel in the modern day town.

Christianfeld was build by the Moravian Church. The church had a special financial status and the king gave money to found the town. Much of the buildings from the 1700s and 1800s are still well preserved in Christiansfeld - a fact that nominated Christiansfeld as a tentative Unesco World Heritage Site in 1993.

7. Info on each skipper

OPEN (men):

Australia - David Gilmour:



Name: David
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Age: 22
Nationality: Australian
Qualified through: Wildcard

Position aboard the match racer: Skipper

Goal for the ISAF Nations Cup Grand Final 2013: We know it will be tough but our goal is to win!

Sponsors: Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, Zhik

Best result with current match racing crew: 7th Monsoon Cup

Best result ever in match racing: 7th Monsoon Cup

Best sailing result ever: 7th Monsoon Cup

Best sailing results in 2011, 2012 and 2013:

2011: 2nd Warren Jones Youth Regatta, 1st Australian Youth Nationals

2012: 2nd Warren Jones Youth Regatta, 1st Hardy Cup, 3rd Detroit Match Cup, 7th Monsoon Cup

2013: 1st Warren Jones Youth Regatta, 2nd Hardy Cup, 1st Korea Match Cup Qualifier, 7th Korea Match Cup, 2nd Vaasa Midsummer Match

Who's your sailing hero? Russel Coutts

Earliest sailing memory/ how did you get into sailing? Sailing in Optimists in Seattle!

What do you enjoy the most besides sailing? Fishing, gardening, cruising, general workshop activities, Kitesurfing, Drinking miso soup, reading, forex trading, volunteer work.

Crew:

Luke Payne - pitman/trimmer

Peter Nicholas - Trimmer

Ed Powys - Macintosh

Alistair Marhesi - Bow

Australia - Ashlen Rooklyn:



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Age: 21
Nationality: Australian
Qualified through: Wildcard

Position aboard the match racer: Skipper

Goal for the ISAF Nations Cup Grand Final 2013: Goal for the Nations Cup is to be on the podium

Best result with current match racing crew: -

Best result ever in match racing: 2012 Australian Match Racing Champion

Best sailing result ever: 2012 Australian Match Racing Champion

Best sailing results in 2011, 2012 and 2013: 2010/11: 29er World Championships, (Mar Del Plata, Argentina) - 8th 2011 Australian Match Racing Champion - 1st 2012: Australian Match Racing Champion - 1st, Governors Cup (Newport, California) - 3rd 2013: Centreport Youth International (Wellington, New Zealand)- 2nd

Who's your sailing hero? Francesco Bruni

Earliest sailing memory/ how did you get into sailing? Started sailing Sabots when I was 12 years old at my local sailing club which was Vaucluse 12ft Skiff club. I was introduced to sailing by my father; the sport runs deep into my family history.

What do you enjoy the most besides sailing? Riding my Dirt bike

Crew:

Torvar Mirsky - Mainsheet/Tactician
Jay Halligan - Bowman
Jeronimo Harrison - Trimmer
Sam Ellis - Bowman

Brazil - Henrique Haddad:



Name: Henrique

Last: Haddad

Email:

Age:

Nationality: Brazilian

Qualified through: REGIONAL FINAL SOUTH AMERICA, Mar de Plata, Argentina

Position aboard the match racer: Skipper

Goal for the ISAF Nations Cup Grand Final 2013: To win

Sponsors: Marinha do Brasil

Best result with current match racing crew: 2 Nations Cup 2009

Best result ever in match racing: 2 Nations Cup 2009

Best sailing result ever: 2 Nations Cup 2009

Best sailing results in 2011, 2012 and 2013:

Who's your sailing hero? Bernardo Assis

Earliest sailing memory/ how did you get into sailing?

What do you enjoy the most besides sailing? Flamengo

Crew:

Daniel Glomb - Main trimmer

Bernardo Assis - Bow

Mario Trindade - Trimmer

Canada - Peter Wickwire:



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Age: 41

Nationality: Canadian

Qualified through: REGIONAL FINAL NORTH AMERICA & CARIBBEAN, Bridgetown, Barbados (wildcard)

Position aboard the match racer: Skipper

Goal for the ISAF Nations Cup Grand Final 2013: To improve on 2011 Nations Cup finish

Sponsors: Royal Canadian Yacht Club

Best result with current match racing crew:

Best result ever in match racing:

Best sailing result ever:

Best sailing results in 2011, 2012 and 2013: Current Canadian Yachting Association Canadian Match Racing Champion First Canadian to be in the top 100 of the modern ISAF Open match race rankings.

Who's your sailing hero? Joshua Slocum and Captain Angus Walters

Earliest sailing memory/ how did you get into sailing? Jr. sailing - Canadian Yachting Association learn to sail program. Was 9 years old from a non-sailing family, was immediately hooked and the rest is history.

What do you enjoy the most besides sailing? The cottage with my wife and son, skiing and running (15 marathons)

Crew:

Drew Sutherland - Main

Hamish Matthew - Trim

Ali Matthew - Pit

Peter Dixon - Bow

Denmark - Nicolai Sehested:



Name: Nicolai
Last: Sehested
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Age: 23
Nationality: Danish
Qualified through: Wildcard

Position aboard the match racer: Skipper

Goal for the ISAF Nations Cup Grand Final 2013: Put in a great performance at the event, and hopefully finish on the podium.

Sponsors: TREFOR

Best result with current match racing crew: Grade 2 win

Best result ever in match racing: Grade 2 win

Best sailing result ever: Danish Championship

Best sailing results in 2011, 2012 and 2013: 2 times silver at the Grand Slam series in USA. Win at lake Ledro. Win at Berlin Match Race

Who's your sailing hero? Ellen MacArthur and Paul Elvstrøm

Earliest sailing memory/ how did you get into sailing? Too old to remember, something with an optimist in very windy and much fun. My parents bought a boat and thought that I should learn how to sail.

What do you enjoy the most besides sailing? Gardening and relaxing with friends and family.

Crew:

Thomas Hedegaard - Bow
Jesper Blom - Trimmer
Søren Secher - Pit
Peter Popp Wibroe - Main

Denmark - Rasmus Viltoft:



Name: Rasmus

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Age: 37

Nationality: Danish

Qualified through: NATIONAL QUALIFIERS - HOST NATION, Skovshoved, Denmark

Position aboard the match racer: Helmsman

Goal for the ISAF Nations Cup Grand Final 2013: To win.

Sponsors: the wind and the sun;-)

Best result with current match racing crew: Danish Champion 2010, 2012, 2nd Danish Open 2012, 1st GKSS Spring Cup 2010

Best result ever in match racing: 2nd Danish Open 2012

Best sailing result ever: Danish Champion 2010, 2012, 2nd DO 2012

Best sailing results in 2011, 2012 and 2013: 2011: 3rd RMC Spring Cup 1st GKSS Spring Cup (Match Cup Sweden qualifier) 1st Aker Brygge Match 13th Stena Match Cup Sweden 2012: 1st RMC Spring Cup 8th Copenhagen May Days 4th GKSS Spring Cup (Match Cup Sweden qualifier) 2nd Danish Open 1st Danish Match Race Championship 2013: 1st Training Race (Danish Nations Cup qualifier) 3rd RMC Spring Cup 4th GKSS Spring Cup (Match Cup Sweden qualifier)

Who's your sailing hero? Poul Elvstrøm, Jesper Bank

Earliest sailing memory/ how did you get into sailing? My family had a dinghy on the beach which we went sailing in since I was born. Later when I was 7 years old I started in optimist. I continued till I was 14 and sailed in a flipper dinghy for a couple of years where I won the Danish Championship. I started Match Racing in 1999.

What do you enjoy the most besides sailing? Being with my family, singing and playing music, skiing, travelling.

Crew:

Emil Wester - Trimmer

Alexander Niels August Hermann - Bow

Michael Hestbæk - Tactic

France - Arthur Herreman:



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Age:
Nationality: French
Qualified through: Wildcard

Position aboard the match racer: Skipper

Goal for the ISAF Nations Cup Grand Final 2013: To win.

Sponsors: FFVOILE

Best result with current match racing crew: French champion

Best result ever in match racing: French champion

Best sailing result ever: French champion

Best sailing results in 2011, 2012 and 2013:

Who's your sailing hero? Robert Scheidt

Earliest sailing memory/ how did you get into sailing? My father was fond of sailing

What do you enjoy the most besides sailing?

Crew:

Romain Bethune - Tactician
Pierre Laouenan - Pitman
Julien FALXA - Trimme

Great Britain - Philip Bendon:



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Age: 19
Nationality: British
Qualified through: Wildcard

Position aboard the match racer: Skipper

Goal for the ISAF Nations Cup Grand Final 2013: To be on the podium

Sponsors: Virtual Rigger

Best result with current match racing crew: British University Match Racing champions.

Best result ever in match racing: British University Match racing champions 2013.

Best sailing result ever:

Best sailing results in 2011, 2012 and 2013: 2011-Qualifying for the Laser Radial World youth championships for team RSA, 2012- 3rd at the British under 25 national match racing championships with a new team. 2013- British univeristy match racing champions and being selected for the ISAF nations cup!

Who's your sailing hero? Lawrie Smith

Earliest sailing memory/ how did you get into sailing? Sailing with my Dad on a Dragon class boat in 20 knots and being nervous as hell! and then my dad got taken out by the boom!

What do you enjoy the most besides sailing? Travelling, being with friends and family and most water sports.

Crew:
Stephen Aiken - Trimmer
Christopher Tiernan - Pit and Tactician
Sam Mason - Main

Japan - Wataru Sakamoto:



Name: Wataru

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Age: 32

Nationality: Japanese

Qualified through: REGIONAL FINAL ASIA, Vladivostok, Russia

Position aboard the match racer: Skipper

Goal for the ISAF Nations Cup Grand Final 2013: I will do my best and finalist.

Sponsors: Team Siesta, Hiyoshisengyou Co.Ltd.

Best result with current match racing crew: Ficker Cup G2 2013,3rd/Yasuhiro Okamoto/Nobuyuki Imai/Keisuke Kawabuchi/Laurie Jury(NZ)/Michael Edmonds(NZ)

Best result ever in match racing: Nations Cup Regional final Asia 2013,1st/Asian Games 2010, Gold Medal.

Best sailing result ever: J24 World Championship 2006,2nd/Korea Match cup 2008,10th.

Best sailing results in 2011, 2012 and 2013: All Japan Match Race Championship 2012,1st Chicago Autumn Open G3 2012,2nd Ficker Cup G2 USA 2013,3rd .

Who's your sailing hero? Takao Ninomiya (JAPAN)

Earliest sailing memory/ how did you get into sailing? I sailed Optimist class. My father sailed 30 feet boat with me.

What do you enjoy the most besides sailing? I enjoy with family on the beach.

Crew:

Daichi Wada - Tailer

Vasuhiro Okamoto - Trimmer

Norway - Magnus Brun:



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Age: 25
Nationality: Norwegian
Qualified through: Wildcard

Position aboard the match racer: Skipper

Goal for the ISAF Nations Cup Grand Final 2013: To gain experience in racing at grade 1 event

Best result with current match racing crew: 5th November match race Scarlino (very close being 3rd)

Best result ever in match racing: 5th November match race Scarlino (very close being 3rd)

Best sailing result ever: 5th student world championship

Best sailing results in 2011, 2012 and 2013:

Who's your sailing hero? Ben Ainslie

Earliest sailing memory/ how did you get into sailing? Sailing with my dad in his keelboat

What do you enjoy the most besides sailing? Kiting, windsurfing, hiking

Crew:

Arne David-Andersen - Tactics

Thomas Elvik - TBA

Øisten Sabel Christophersen - TBA

Håkon Vestby - TBA

Singapore - Maximilian Soh:



Name: Maximilian

Last: Soh

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Age: 24

Nationality: Singaporean

Qualified through: REGIONAL FINAL ASIA, Vladivostok, Russia (wildcard)

Position aboard the match racer: Skipper

Goal for the ISAF Nations Cup Grand Final 2013: Make the knock out rounds, hopefully Semi Finals

Sponsors: NIL

Best result with current match racing crew: 2nd ISAF Nations Cup Asia Qualifiers

Best result ever in match racing: 1st Thailand National Match Racing Champs 2011

Best sailing result ever: 2006 Asian Games Gold

Best sailing results in 2011, 2012 and 2013: 1st - Thailand National Match Racing Champs 2011 1st - Top of the Gulf Regatta/Platu Coronation Cup 2011 2nd - ISAF Nations Cup Asia Qualifiers 2011 4th - Asian Sailing Championships 2012 2nd - Thailand National Match Racing Champs 2013 4th - 1010 4G Hong Kong International Match Racing Champs 2013 2nd - ISAF Nations Cup Asia Qualifiers 2013

Who's your sailing hero? Brett Beyer

Earliest sailing memory/ how did you get into sailing? Introduced to the sport by my Aunt when I was 9, she was an avid sailor who signed my brother and me up for basic class.

What do you enjoy the most besides sailing? Playing and watching sports

Crew:

Russel Kan Tsung Liang - TBA

Christopher Lim Zi Jie - TBA

Andrew Paul Chan Li Jian - TBA

Justin Wong Ming Ho - TBA

Sweden - Viktor Ogeman:



Name: Viktor

Last: Ogeman

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Age: 25

Nationality: Swedish

Qualified through: REGIONAL FINAL EUROPE II, Lelystad, Netherlands

Position aboard the match racer: Skipper/helmsman

Goal for the ISAF Nations Cup Grand Final 2013: We are of course travelling to Middelfart with the intention of doing our best to win! Apart from that my personal goal is that we manage to sail at our best and keep improving our sailing.

Sponsors: Accure

Best result with current match racing crew: Winning Nation's Cup qualifier

Best result ever in match racing: Winning Nation's Cup qualifier

Best sailing result ever: Proudest moment probably was the first time I qualified for Swedish Nationals in optimist!

Best sailing results in 2011, 2012 and 2013: 2011: 1st Swedish Youth Championship. 2012: 2nd Slovenia Match Race cup 2012, 2nd Scandinavian Championship 2012, 1st Open Norwegian Championship 2012. 2013: 1st Nations' Cup regional Qualifier

Who's your sailing hero? No one in particular

Earliest sailing memory/ how did you get into sailing? My first real memory from racing sailing is probably a Thursday evening race in an optimist at my local club, no wind and three boats in my start! I got into sailing thanks to my parents, spending large part of our summer holidays either on a yacht or close to the ocean at the west coast of Sweden when I was small.

What do you enjoy the most besides sailing? Travelling, exploring new things, family and friends, reading a good book.

Crew:

Erik Larsson - Bow

Herman Andersson - Pit

Patrik Stuesson - Trim

Oscar Jönsson - Main/Tactics

USA - Dustin Durant:



Name: Dustin

Last: Durant

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Age: 25

Nationality: American

Qualified through: REGIONAL FINAL NORTH AMERICA & CARIBBEAN, Bridgetown, Barbados

Position aboard the match racer: Skipper

Goal for the ISAF Nations Cup Grand Final 2013: Our goal is to make it to the Semifinals of the Grand Final. The goal is to have fun, work together, learn from our mistakes and set the pace for the next 4 regattas in the US this coming August.

Sponsors: Long Beach Yacht Club, Anchor Glove Co.

Best result with current match racing crew: 1st 2012 Ficker Cup

Best result ever in match racing: 1st 2012 Ficker Cup

Best sailing result ever: 1st 2012 Ficker Cup

Best sailing results in 2011, 2012 and 2013: 8th 2013 Congressional Cup, Grade 1, Main Trimmer; 4th 2013 Ficker Cup, Grade 2, Skipper; 1st 2013 Butler Cup, Grade 3, Skipper; 1st 2013 Nations Cup regional Barbados, Grade 2, Skipper; 1st 2013 San Diego Match Grade 3, Skipper; 1st 2013 California Dreamin' Series, Grade 3, Skipper; 1st 2012 Butler Cup Grade 3, Skipper; 5th 2012 USMRC, Grade 3, Skipper; 10th 2012 Detroit Cup, Grade 2, Skipper; 5th Eurex Match Cup, Grade 2, Skipper; 10th 2012 Congressional Cup, Grade 1, Skipper; 1st 2012 Ficker Cup, Grade 2, Skipper; 1st 2012 Butler Cup March, Grade 3, Skipper; 2nd 2012 California Dreamin Series.

Who's your sailing hero? Roy Dickson

Earliest sailing memory/ how did you get into sailing? I got a Naple Sabot for Christmas when I was 4 years old. My dad took me down to the yacht club and rigged the boat. He told me to get in, then he pushed me out downwind. To get back to the dock was upwind and I had to clue. He stood up on the basin wall yelling at me while I was doing circles. I finally got the idea and made it back after 2 hours. I got into sailing by my family. My family goes back 5 generations into sailing so it was assumed I would be involved.

What do you enjoy the most besides sailing? I enjoy doing construction. Building and engineering things.

Crew:

Shane Young - Main Trim

Steven Natvig - Trimmer

Ben Wheatley - Bow

Alex Jacobs - Trimmer

WOMEN:

Brazil - Juliana Senfft:



Name: Juliana

Last: Senfft

Email: julianasenfft@gmail.com

Age: 25

Nationality: Brazilian

Qualified through: REGIONAL FINAL SOUTH AMERICA, Mar de Plata, Argentina

Position aboard the match racer: Skipper

Goal for the ISAF Nations Cup Grand Final 2013: Win the Nations Cup!

Sponsors:

Best result with current match racing crew: 2nd in University Worlds

Best result ever in match racing: 2nd in University Worlds

Best sailing result ever: 2nd in University Worlds

Best sailing results in 2011, 2012 and 2013: 2011 - 2nd in Ibero Americano, 2012 - National Champion, 2nd in University Worlds, 2013 - Winner of the Nations Cup Regional Finals.

Who's your sailing hero? Ronaldo Senfft

Earliest sailing memory/ how did you get into sailing? I started sailing Optimist at the age of 3.

What do you enjoy the most besides sailing? Reading and being outdoors.

Crew:

Gabriela Nicolino - Trimmer and tactics

Larissa Juk - Bow woman

Marina Jardim - Main sail

Luciana Kopschitz - Pit

Denmark - Lotte Meldgaard:



Name: Lotte
Last: Meldgaard
Email: lotte@matchraceteam.dk
Age: 40
Nationality: Danish
Qualified through: Wildcard

Position aboard the match racer: Skipper

Goal for the ISAF Nations Cup Grand Final 2013: To win!

Sponsors: Will be added!

Best result with current match racing crew: N/A - will be first event together.

Best result ever in match racing: world ranking 1 in 2006, Olympics 2012: 10th, world champ silver, european champ.

Best sailing result ever: Same as above.

Best sailing results in 2011, 2012 and 2013: 2nd Olympic qualifier Feb 2012: 3 Olympic Games London 2012: 10 Focus on the Olympics so not a lot of events during these years.

Who's your sailing hero? Ellen MacArthur and Paul Elvstrøm.

Earliest sailing memory/ how did you get into sailing? Too old to remember, something with an optimist in very windy and much fun. My parents bought a boat and thought that I should learn how to sail.

What do you enjoy the most besides sailing? Gardening and relaxing with friends and family.

Crew:

Henriette Koch - Main sheet
Helle Ørum - Trimmer
Vivi Møller - Trim
Lene Sommer - Bow

Norway - Anne Marit Hansen:

**** PHOTO Anne Marit Hansen ****

Name: Anne Marit

Last: Hansen

Email: anmha@statoil.com

Age:

Nationality: Norwegian

Qualified through: Wildcard

Position aboard the match racer: Skipper

Goal for the ISAF Nations Cup Grand Final 2013:

Sponsors:

Best result with current match racing crew:

Best result ever in match racing:

Best sailing result ever:

Best sailing results in 2011, 2012 and 2013:

Who's your sailing hero?

Earliest sailing memory/ how did you get into sailing?

What do you enjoy the most besides sailing?

Crew:

Pia Glæserud - TBA

Hanne Cathrine Gulbrandsen - TBA

Tine Kjær - TBA

Catharina Frostad - TBA

USA:



Name: Sandy
Last: Hayes
Email: shayes@icfi.com
Age: 55
Nationality: American
Qualified through: Wildcard

Position aboard the match racer: Skipper

Goal for the ISAF Nations Cup Grand Final 2013: To sail the best that I can.

Sponsors: -

Best result with current match racing crew: 4th at 2013 US Women's Match Race Championship.

Best result ever in match racing: First at the 2008 Rolex Women's Match.

Best sailing result ever: 2nd at the 2005 ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship. Sailing as bow person for Betsy Alison.

Best sailing results in 2011, 2012 and 2013: 4th at the 2013 US Women's Match Race Championship
1st at the BVI Spring Regatta on Equation, STP 65.

Who's your sailing hero? -

Earliest sailing memory/ how did you get into sailing? -

What do you enjoy the most besides sailing? golf

Crew:

Marcy Lake - Foredeck
Amanda Callahan - Trim-tactics
Cyntyia Olsen - Main and Spin trim
Martha Parker - Trimmer

8. Contacts: Press and organizers

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9. Info on TV/video, web and how-to follow

The ISAF Nations Cup 2013 Grand Final is also about putting Middelfart and the Triangle Region on the world map. Through cooperation with the Triangle Region Denmark and Destination Little Belt, Match Racing Denmark has been given the opportunity to promote the region. The concept is based on the following elements:

Live streaming: Every day we are broadcasting live from the event. This means that not only people on the Marina, but people from all over the world can watch the event live. The live-streaming is handled by StreamFactory.

TV and highlight clips: A daily news rough cut with script and shot list will be made available in HD and SD formats each day from August 7-10. A fully edited and voiced highlight video clip will be made available on the [event YouTube channel](#) each day, August 7-10. The embed code will be available at the site. For special requests regarding the highlight clips, please contact the press officer. Video is produced by Big Sexy Pictures.

Distribution: Our video news release is distributed via the Eurovision Sports Exchange, Reuters, SNTV and ENEX and summaries to a global network of online media. We also handle enquiries from specific media. Distribution is handled by Tillmanns Visual Communication.

Pictures: We have pictures of every day of racing. The images are available online and can be used in all relevant resolutions by everyone involved in communicating this event. Photography is handled by Jess Anderson.

Images can be freely downloaded here <http://bit.ly/19QFG8g> and used without accreditation for the ISAF Nations Cup 2013 Grand Final.

National press: We will provide regular press releases and photos leading up to the event and each day during the event. The national press officer is Signe Jepsen Media.

International press: We will provide regular press releases and photos leading up to the event and each day during the event. The international press officer is Matthew Pryor.

Please see more on how to follow on: <http://www.nationscup2013.dk/press/how-to-follow>

10. Information about access to images

All photos are RIGHTS FREE, which means they can be used for anything (any media, no attribution needed) in conjunction with the event without restriction.

11. Information about the match race with "HRH Crown Prince Frederik and The Olympic Kings" against Middelfart's "Homegrown Heroes"

Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark will be contesting an exhibition match on Thursday, August 8 at 1030hrs. As an international class sailor who finished fourth in the Dragon-class boat at the 2003 European Championships and a former Danish navy seal, the Crown Prince is at home on the water. He will need to be because he is up against Denmark's latest match racing young gun, the 23-year-old Nicholas Sehested, who is ranked 12th in the world.

The Crown Prince is skippering a crew of Denmark's past and present Olympic greats; Jesper Bank (Olympic gold medallist, match racing, in Barcelona 1992 and soling in Sydney 2000), Thomas Jacobsen (Olympic gold in soling in 2000), Henrik Blakskjær (Olympic gold medal in the soling in 2000) and Peter Lang (Olympic bronze medal in London in 2012). The last time the Crown Prince and Jesper Bank raced an exhibition match was back in 2004, when Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary, with an Australian team, won a match race between the two future spouses a few days before the Royal Couple's Wedding - a race also known as the "wedding waltz of the sea".

The Hometown Talent:

Skipper: Nicolai Sehested, 23 years old, sails on four teams and is working very hard to become one of the world's best sailors. His team is currently no.12 on the world ranking list. Raised in Kolding, began sailing match race at Match Racing Denmark, which hosts the ISAF Nations Cup 2013 Grand Final. Also involved in the Extreme Sailing Series with SAP Extreme Sailing Team and the Melges 32 with Team SWING. Studying finance at CBS in Copenhagen.

Thomas Hedegaard: 26 years old, grew up in Kolding, studying engineering at DTU.

Jesper Blom: 25 years old, grew up in Kolding. In addition to sailing match race he studies American studies at CBS in Copenhagen. He is also sailing Melges 32.

Søren Secher: 25 years old, grew up in Kolding, also sailing X-35 and Melges 32.

Peter Popp Wiibroe: 27 years, has won the European Championship in match racing, also sailing Melges 24.

For more info on the team please see: www.treformatracing.com

Nicolai Sehested and crew are also participating in the ISAF Nations Cup 2013 Grand Final.

12. Info on the organizing partners

Match Racing Denmark:

Won the right to host the ISAF Nations Cup 2013 Grand Final after submission of tender material for ISAF. With 17 match racing boats and more than 5,000 sailing guests annually, Match Racing Denmark is today a leading match racing centre with more than 30,000 sailing guests since 2005. The centre was established as a close cooperation between the sailing clubs in Horsens, Vejle, Fredericia, Middelfart and Kolding with the aim to strengthen Danish yachting.

Match Racing Denmark was established in 1996 and has done hundreds of events and regattas, including approximately 100 teambuilding events each year with employees and customers from a large variety of Danish companies. Match Racing Denmark has held many great match racing events such as the European Championships in 2009. For more information: www.m-r-d.dk

Triangle Region Denmark:

The Triangle Region Denmark is formed by the six municipalities in the area: Billund, Fredericia, Kolding, Middelfart, Vejen and Vejle. It was designed to strengthen cooperation between the municipalities to make the Triangle area a great place to live and do business. This is done through projects where municipalities are working together with industry and educational institutions to make the overall conditions for enterprises and the public better. The projects are within business, education, transport, planning, environment and culture. The Association is managed by a board consisting of the six mayors. www.trekantomraadet.dk

Middelfart Municipality:

Middelfart Municipality focuses on green growth. This means that the municipality will attract new residents and businesses that want to live in a green environment in a central location in Denmark. The focus is on a healthy life with access to both green and blue nature. The municipality supports the companies that choose to use new green technology that create growth and profits and develops new markets. Middelfart Municipality promises no pointing of fingers, but rather helps citizens, associations and businesses that will contribute to green growth. www.middelfart.dk

Developing Fyn Minicipal Ltd

Udvikling Fyn A/S (Developing Fyn Municipal Ltd) aims to unite Fyn in order to create growth and development. In close cooperation with businesses, organisations and authorities, Udvikling Fyn A/S wishes to inspire and challenge industries as well as the tourism trade with the purpose of creating growth on Funen. Udvikling Fyn A/S assists in all phases and offers consultancy for both entrepreneurs and established businesses, stimulates cooperation between educational institutions and the industry, disseminates knowledge on trade development and facilitates binding business partnerships. Operating at a high level of professionalism, Udvikling Fyn A/S offers business service, promoting innovation as well as tourism and project development for enterprises and attractions that wish to further develop their trade or are considering expanding to Funen.

They support all areas of industry relating to commerce and tourism, including sustainable construction, CSR, destination management, energy efficiency, events, food production, information technology, mechatronics, the environment and sports.

Udvikling Fyn A/S employs a staff of approx. 100, situated in Assens, Faaborg-Midtfyn, Nyborg, Odense and Svendborg, comprising the five participating municipalities.

Udvikling Fyn A/S was founded January 1, 2012. www.udviklingfyn.dk

Sport Event Denmark

Sport Event Denmark's aim is to attract, organize and develop large international spectator and participant events in order to:

- Help develop sport in Denmark
- Market Denmark internationally and get Denmark on the world map of sports
- Boost tourism in the cities that host the sport event

Previously Denmark has hosted the IOC Session & Olympic Congress 2009, UEFA Under-21 European Championship and UCI Road World Championships 2011, with fantastic success. Denmark will host the following great events within the next few years; Men's European Handball Championship 2014, Badminton World Championship 2014 and World Half Marathon Championships 2014 which will include a large public recreational race.

www.sporteventdenmark.com

Destination Lillebælt

Fredericia, Kolding and Middelfart municipalities have established a close cooperation within tourism and leisure development, which has been named Destination Lillebælt. The aim is to create growth within the tourism and leisure industry based in the area's exceptional strengths and characteristics, including the unique natural and cultural values, the stunning location and the great willingness to cooperate among the many tourism and adventure companies.

www.lillebaelt.dk

13. Info about the Middelfart Marina

Middelfart Marina is located in Fænøsund in beautiful surroundings. The marina has recently been renovated and refurbished. It offers a service centre, mini golf, fresh and free herbs for those who want to have a BBQ, a pumping station for sewage tanks and slop sink for chemistry toilets.

At the service centre you can find complete bathrooms of different sizes to accommodate everyone's needs. Most bathrooms include both bath and toilet. There are also three large family bathrooms. There are laundry facilities and there is also room to do the dishes. The water in the service center is heated by a large solar panel.

They have also established [seven motor home pitches](#) with access to 230V and fresh water. There is a bus service directly from the marina to downtown Middelfart (distance 1.5 km). The Blue Flag beach is very family friendly and is close to the marina, as is a new playground for the children.

Right next to the marina you can find the local golf club with an 18-hole course and a pitch-and-putt course. <http://lystbaadehavne.middelfart.dk>

14. Useful links

ISAF Nations Cup 2013 Grand Final official site	www.nationscup2013.dk
Match Racing Denmark	www.m-r-d.dk
Middelfart Marina	http://lystbaadehavne.middelfart.dk
Middelfart Municipality	www.middelfart.dk
The Triangle Region	www.trekantomraadet.dk
Hindsgavl Castle (eventhotel)	www.hindsgavl.dk