



OKDIA NEWSLETTER

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From the Secretary

KEY DATES

2009

Spring Cup in Medemblik, Holland

Thursday 30th April – Sunday 3rd May inclusive

A 4 day regatta to test your mettle both on and off the water!

Information will be available shortly on www.ryc-hollandia.org

World Championship in Kalmar, Sweden

Registration: Friday 24- Saturday 25th July, Measurement: 24-25th July, Dates of racing: Sunday 26- Thursday 30th July, with 31st July as a reserve day.

A map of the sail area, regatta location and camping can be found on

www.raceweek.se

2010

World Championship in Wellington, New Zealand

NZ Nationals: registration Sunday 31st January; racing Monday 1st – Thursday 4th February

NZ Worlds: registration and measurement Friday 5th - Sunday 7th February, racing Monday 8th – Saturday 13th February.

Information about the event, regatta area, accommodation can be found on

www.okworlds2010.com

An update on travel, accommodation, car hire etc. is attached.

News updates

Intermediate Rig

David O'Donnell, an Australian OK Dinghy sailor, did a presentation at the AGM in Germany; I have attached the paper for those who were not in attendance.

Below are extracts from emails received from Bob Chapman and Bill Tyler subsequently:



'You will note from the photos that they have had to use a full length batten in the top of the sail during these early stages in order to get the sail to set. Technically this does not fall within the class rules. They are looking at ways to overcome the need for the full length batten.

The rig is currently being used for the purpose Eddie set out to achieve, which is to allow kids to step up from a junior training class (which they tend to outgrow by the time their weight goes beyond 60.0kg) into a senior class in order to become a more proficient sailor without the obstacle of trying to handle a sail that is too large for their current size and strength. The luff remains as per the standard full rig, while the foot, half height and three quarter height are 80% of standard sail width.'

Bob Chapman



Maximum measurements are:

Foot 2100mm

Half height 1340mm

Three quarter height 840mm

'The two younger O'Donnell boys are only 14 and 13 and they are progressing really well using their rigs. They now sail in the same events as the rest of us and it is quite surprising how close they do finish to the senior fleet. In a scratch start in one of the races last weekend Tom was 5th around the first mark in a 14 boat fleet. They do of course lack some down-wind pace due to the reduced sail area but they hang on well up-wind. Both boys have very good boat handling skills from their sabot training and have had no difficulty moving up to the bigger OK Dinghy using this intermediate rig.

Definitely a worthwhile initiative and should be encouraged for use by smaller juniors. If you have a friendly sailmaker, maybe you can have a sail made locally for further development.'

Bill Tyler

Measurement issues

Terry Curtis was elected Vice Chairman to the Technical Committee at the last AGM. He has volunteered to co-ordinate the steps that are necessary to resolve the measurement issues that arose at Warnemunde.

The Technical Committee members are looking at the following:

- The Measurement form in relation to the current Class rules
- The Measurement Manual in relation to both the Class rules and the Measurement form
- A set of criteria under which Measurement procedures will operate at all World Championships
- Extra information about the hull design and construction to be added to the Entry Form

Andre Blassé is attending an International Measurers' seminar in Australia, followed by a trip to Germany in the New Year to look at the jig.

The Committee is making good progress, and I look forward to updating you with more information in the future. Please do not let the measurement experiences of previous years deter you from attending the Worlds in 2009, the Technical Committee assure me that all will be sorted by then.

Charter boats

New Zealand has generously offered to supply 5 charter boats for the Worlds in 2010. After reading the Minutes, I had an immediate response from the Canadian National Secretary to say they would be very interested in taking up this offer. Still a young Association, they feel it is too early for them to attend the Swedish Worlds. It would be good to see sailors from USA and India joining us at future Worlds events also.

Completely OK

Sales of the book are going extremely well, with over 700 sold. Robert is experiencing a very high level of orders with Christmas approaching. If National Secretaries need to replenish stocks and they buy in bulk, they can attract a substantial discount. Smaller orders of books may be bought from National Secretaries or from Robert Deaves direct, robertdeaves@yahoo.co.uk It is an excellent history of the Class to date, with lots of photographs and interesting facts – I thoroughly enjoyed reading it!

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