



OKDIA NEWSLETTER

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From the Secretary

KEY DATES

2010

NZ OK Dinghy Nationals, Interdominion and Pre World Invitational Regatta

Registration: Saturday 30th January

Dates of racing: Sunday 31st January to Tuesday 2nd February 2010;

World Championship in Wellington, New Zealand

Registration: Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th February 2010

Dates of racing: Practice Friday 5th February; Races 1–10 Saturday 6th – Thursday 11th February; layday Monday 8th February; Prizegiving dinner Friday 12th February.

More information on www.okworlds2010.com

Spring Cup in Medemblik, Holland

Provisionally booked for 1st May 2010 weekend, but yet to be confirmed.

European Championships in Medemblik, Holland

Registration and Measurement: Saturday 24th – 25th July 2010.

Dates of racing: Monday 26th – Friday 30th July 2010

2011

OK Dinghy British National Championship in Largs, Scotland

Dates of racing: 19th – 21st July 2011

World Championship in Largs, Scotland

Registration: 22nd – 23rd July 2011

Dates of racing: 24th – 29th July 2011

More information on www.okworlds2011.org.uk

News updates

Sweden wins the OK Dinghy World Championship – again!

Congratulations to Thomas Hansson-Mild becoming World Champion! He won 4 of the races in a very closely contested series, winning by just 1 point from last year's World Champion Karl Purdie. This is the 17th time a Swedish sailor has taken the title, the most successful of whom is Bo-Staffan Andersson winning 4 times in 1988, 1991, 92 and 93. Bo-Staffan has entered the Hall of Fame, receiving his award during the Championship – and not looking a day older than the photographs in 'Completely OK'!



Thomas wins the Worlds!

We had two more countries participating for the first time in many years. Although sailing under GER 607, the results for Christian Heinze were recorded under the USA Association. We also warmly welcomed two French sailors who were heard to comment that they don't get waves like this on the Seine as wind and sea funnelled between the mainland and Öland! The city of Kalmar had quite an atmosphere at night and most teams could be seen eating and drinking in this very pretty city.

We also warmly welcomed 2 French sailors who were heard to comment that they don't get waves like these on the Seine as wind and sea funnelled between the mainland and Öland! We thank the Swedish Association for all of the planning and preparation they did to make it another memorable Worlds. We were particularly pleased with the number of sailing magazines that published the daily reports – thanks to Robert Deaves for all the marketing he does on behalf of the Class.



Measurement in Kalmar, Sweden



The Technical Committee has been working very hard to ease the process of measurement checking at a World Championship. The competitors supplied their boat hull details on the Worlds entry form, so the Committee was able to identify in advance which hulls they would like to check in the measurement jig. One hull from each commercial boat builder was checked, as were all one-off hulls. The majority of sailors were able to complete the process in less than 1 hour. I know the New Zealand team is planning to adopt a similar procedure, with countries allocated specific time slots.

Alistair Deaves was voted in as our new Technical Committee Chairman on receipt of Christian Hartmann's resignation. We thank Christian for his

dedication and unstinting efforts over the ten years he spent immersed in the rules of the International OK Dinghy. Alistair's new committee is posted on the OKDIA website. They are waiting to be contacted with ideas and thoughts that you may have as an individual or as a Class Association!

President's Report

Hi everyone, firstly I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to become President.

I would also like to thank Greg for a great job over the last 4 years, and I hope I can keep things running as smoothly.

We have just finished the 2009 World Championships in Kalmar Sweden. It was a great regatta, and it was good to see Thomas win after many years in the class, both sailing and in his official capacities.

I would like to thank Mary Reddyhoff for the great Press coverage and reports, which were issued during the regatta. They were done very promptly after the racing, which kept the rest of our members and the world informed on what was happening. I also would like to thank Mary for the great job in organising the OKDIA stuff at the regatta, perpetual trophies, ties etc., as I forgot to thank her on presentation night, sorry Mary. I would also like to thank the Swedish OK Association and the Kalmar Race Week.

The World Championships were run smoothly, and it was great to get ten races completed, without any hiccups. We had a great presentation night with many people dancing, and some singing, (Thomas don't give up your day job). During the regatta, we also introduced two new

people to the Hall of Fame, Bo-Staffan Andersson and Basil Crosby, you can read up on these guys in the book Completely OK, see the www.okdia.org for more details.

At the General meeting we had a great discussion on masts, as there were a few proposals presented for a change to mast weights. None of these proposals were passed, but it was decided that we need to have a quick discussion on this aspect and maybe get some proposals together for the Wellington Worlds. One of the main points discussed was timing, as there are some existing carbon masts that are still on weight, and if we introduced a change this would make some of these masts obsolete. We need to come up with a planned introduction for these mast changes if they are go ahead. One good point about these changes would be the generation of a second hand market for carbon masts!

Andre Blasse
OKDIA President

Administrative preparations for the New Zealand Worlds in Wellington

Place allocations

Country	No. of places	2009 AGM Show of hands
AUS	9	24
BEL	2	
CAN	3	
DEN	9	5
FRA	2	2
GBR	13	6
GER	21	12
IND	0	
NZL	7	24
NOR	1	
POL	5	1
RSA	1	
SWE	6	4
USA	1	
Total	80	78

The number of places allocated for the 2010 World Championship is shown in the middle column, based on the number of paying members of the National Association. A show of hands at the AGM suggested the numbers on the right, which do include past and current World Champions and the Officers of OKDIA who are exempt from the 80 places. Please inform your National Secretary immediately if you are planning to attend the World Championship in New Zealand. The NOR is now published and can be viewed on www.okworlds2010.com under 'latest news'. A link also exists on www.okdia.org 'upcoming events'. Once again, we are grateful to the organising committee for offering Juniors a half price entry fee.

National Secretaries please will you inform me of the number of places your country requires **as soon as possible**. If there are Europeans who are still deciding whether to participate, remember there are boats available for charter if you do not want to ship yours out. Again details of boats can be found on the website www.okworlds2010.com under 'latest news'.

Hall of Fame

Do we have any nominations for the Hall of Fame? The presentations will take place during the Worlds in New Zealand. Again, National Secretaries may I have your nominations soon.

AGM

Apart from the usual reports, are there any items that you would like to raise at the AGM? We had a good discussion, as Andre mentioned, on mast weight during the 2009 AGM, arising from which a suggestion was made that was satisfactory to the majority. The Technical committee will be putting this proposal forward; we hope it will be carried at the AGM in 2010. The idea this time is to discuss other rules that may need re-writing, to agree in principle to a way forward which will then be converted into a firm proposal by the Technical Committee for ratification at the 2011 AGM.

Completely OK

The book is selling well! There is still time to buy a copy as a Christmas present! There is a link on the website www.okdia.org

Mary Reddyhoff OKDIA Secretary