



OKDIA NEWSLETTER

May 2010

From the Secretary

KEY DATES

European Championships in Medemblik, Holland

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

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

The NOR can be found here: www.ryc-hollandia.org

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

2012

OK Dinghy World Championships – host country Denmark

Venue to be confirmed.

2013

OK Dinghy World Championships – host country Thailand

Venue to be confirmed. We are looking at Easter holiday time, so families can come too.

2014

OK Dinghy World Championships – host country Melbourne, Australia

News updates

Karl Purdie regains his World Championship title!

Karl again showed total commitment in his preparations for the World Championship. He had to work hard to regain the title; a 4 and a 6 on day 1 was followed by a DSQ in race 3! Fortunately winning ways returned for races 4 and 5, though an 18th in race 6 had to be added to his overall score which totalled 49. A worthy second overall was Australian Michael Williams, 13 points behind Karl, with Junior Champion Matt Steven coming third, a further 6 points behind. Six New Zealanders sailed into the top 10 places, with another seven appearing in positions 11 to 20. Our heartiest congratulations go to them all – we hope to see a container full at Largs! The race winner trophies were well distributed amongst the nations and we congratulate every one of the sailors listed below:

- Race 1 Ben Morrison (NZL)
- Race 2 Paul Rhodes (NZL)
- Race 3 Andre Blasse (AUS)
- Race 4 Karl Purdie (NZL)



Race 5 Karl Purdie (NZL)
 Race 6 Andre Blasse (AUS)
 Race 7 Thomas Hansson-Mild (SWE)
 Race 8 Paul Rhodes (NZL)
 Race 9 Nick Craig (GBR)
 Race 10 Greg Wilcox (NZL)

With the nickname 'Windy Wellington' there was some concern that 10 races would not get sailed – in the event the weather was benign – only showing its true colours on the Saturday after the event when a brisk 40 knots of breeze whipped up the dust on the now empty boat park – all dinghies packed away in containers or towed home.



Michael Williams



Matt Steven

President's Report



The 2010 OK Dinghy World Championships held in Wellington New Zealand, are now a distant memory.

As expected it was very well run regatta, with long time OK Dinghy sailor and recently retired Vice President, Joe Porebski at the helm, what else would you expect. There are many people who helped put the regatta together; (the first Sailing World Championship to be sailed in Wellington).

Firstly we need to thank all the sailors who made the time and effort to go to Wellington, it is not an easy exercise, and without the sailors there would not be a World Championship.

All photographs: oceanphotography.co.nz

We also have to thank:



- Race Management Team – John & Linda Parrish, and Ken Burt.
- Race Committee and the Jury
- Race Secretary Paul Davies
- RPNYC Rear Commodore, Mandy Burt, who organised the media and events.
- Royal Port Nicholson Yacht club, Louise and her staff at the bar, and for preparing the lunches etc.
- All the Boat Park personnel
- John Olds, who was on hand to help fix any boat problems, he was regularly seen mixing epoxy after racing. I think this was a great initiative and hope that we can see this happen at some other world championships.
- All the volunteers on and off the water.
- Especially all the family members who helped out.
- NZ OK Dinghy Association and the organising committee.
- OKDIA secretary, Mary Reddyhoff.
- The Wellington City Council for the behind the scenes facilitation
- All the sponsors.
- Doug Wood and his measurement team
- Bernard International for their help with all to do with shipping.
- Matt and Megan Stechmann

I have to say that the weather was not what I expected, but I think this made a great regatta, as nobody had any special gear for these conditions.

Congratulations to Karl on this second world championship. He sailed a very consistent regatta but was always chased by a number of other sailors.

Looking forward we have the Europeans next month, and the 2011 World Championships in Largs Scotland.

We have had some contact with Thailand, which is willing to run a World Championship for us, probably in March some time. The Club would be Royal Varuna Yacht Club (RVYC), in Pattaya, Thailand. Club website: <http://www.varuna.org/>
They organised the Fireball World in 2000 and 2008, they have just run the Laser Asia Pacific / Master and Laser 4.7 Worlds in March-April this year. Please have a think about this, as it would be fun and the living coats would be quite cheap.

Wishing everyone great sailing
Andre Blasse
OKDIA President

Secretarial matters

Congratulations Thomas!



In recognition of winning the World Championships in Kalmar last year, Thomas Hansson-Mild was awarded the Vinge's Jug at the Sailing Awards for the outstanding sailors of the year by the Swedish Sailing Federation. *"As Thomas lives in Obbola outside Umeå, he has thus shown that it is possible to sail a dinghy at a really high level even in the northern parts of Sweden. He is therefore a great inspiration to dinghy sailors in northern Sweden."*

2010 Rules

The newest set of rules can be found on the OKDIA and ISAF websites. Our thanks go to Alistair Deaves, Chair of Technical Committee, and his team for their work on these. A new measurement form will be published shortly.

Weight and COG of masts – OKDIA recommendation

1. The mast should be dry.
2. The boom pin and any non fixed fittings should be removed.
3. The halyard should be in its sailing position. ie pulled up and the tail secured (or wound) around the mast between the deck ring and the gooseneck.
4. Correctors of up to 1.5kg of any material shall be attached to the mast so that they cannot be easily removed and may be at any position on the mast.

It is expected that a Worlds measurement will ask for the mast to be presented in the same way.

R-plaques

A few members are finding their ISAF stickers are coming detached from their hulls. If re-sticking is not an option, a replacement may be purchased directly from ISAF www.sailing.org at a cost of £11.00.

European Championships at Medemblik

As of today we have 34 entries, which is looking very promising. The entry closing date is 14th July, after that it will cost you a further €50. Everyone is free to enter as an individual, there being no qualification series.

The NOR can be found here: www.ryc-hollandia.org

Wooden boat kits

As a result of the resurgence of interest in the USA and Canada, I have several enquiries from sailors interested in building their own OKs. In consequence, building plans have been winging their way over the Atlantic. Carl Cramer is one of the lucky recipients! He has written a magnificent article in his weekly magazine <http://woodenboat.com/boat/> which is well worth a read. Thanks Carl.

Australia has also been pursuing kit boats. Bill Tyler writes:

So far, Damien Smith www.damiensmithdesign.com.au has produced a computer programme and his CD for laser cutting the plywood materials for the boat. Damien is located in Western

Australia and the plywood was laser cut from his computer by a local Sydney firm, Laser Wizard Pty Ltd. on the east coast of Australia. We have had 2 sheets of 4mm gaboony plywood, 4 sheets of 4mm cedar faced plywood and 2 sheets of 6mm gaboony plywood cut to Damien's specifications. This system all worked well so no problems with computer programme for laser cutting the materials.

We are now proceeding to have the boat constructed by the guys at Wangi (on Lake Macquarie near Newcastle, north of Sydney). Col Lynch (President of the International OK Association of NSW) built the first of the two recent wooden boats in Australia and he will be doing most of the building of the "Kit OK". Hopefully we will start to see some progress with the boat in the next few weeks. We will document the process fully so that Damien can use our data to produce a manual to complement his drawings and computer programme for the "Kit OK". We'll update our progress on our website every few weeks with photos and comments from those involved with the project. Tim Davies our NSW Association Measurer is Wangi based and he will be closely involved with checking measurements on the boat as work proceeds. I will control the costing of the project so that we might achieve our major objective of producing a low cost wooden OK Dinghy that can be easily constructed by amateur home builders.

Costa Rica

They are still tooling up – more news later!

USA and Canada

Many of you have sailed against Brad Johanson at the European regattas. He is feeding back all his experiences to the sailors on the other side of the pond. In recognition of his work, Brad has been elected the President of the US OK Dinghy Association. Congratulations Brad and thanks for that you are doing to promote the OK Dinghy in the USA and Canada.

Next generation sailors

Both Adrian Mannering and Joe Porebski have been sailing the OK Dinghy on the Worlds circuit with considerable success for a number of years. Their children Naomi and Josh are following in their fathers' footsteps, having been chosen to represent New Zealand in the ISAF Youth World Championships in Turkey this year. Congratulations and good luck!

SGM

There will be short special general meeting to approve the OKDIA accounts. A presentation from the GBR team on the 2011 Worlds at Largs, Scotland will follow. If you wish to discuss ideas at this meeting do please let me know secretary@okdia.org so we can bring the relevant information with us to the meeting.

Completely OK

The book continues to sell well – thank you Robert Deaves for this excellent publication - and all costs have now been covered. To purchase please follow the link on the website www.okdia.org

Mary Reddyhoff OKDIA Secretary