

2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF OKDIA

The 2026 Annual General Meeting of OKDIA was held at Skovshoved Marina on Saturday 6 June at 17.30.

Present: Pontus Gäbel (President), Robert Deaves (Secretary), Andreas Pich (VP Sailing), Christian Kirchner (VP Marketing), Simon Probert (VP Development), representatives from 13 member countries and around 80 sailors.

MINUTES

1. Approval of 2025 Minutes

The Minutes of the 2025 OKDIA AGM, held at Circolo Vela Arco on 10 September were approved.

2. Reports and Accounts

The President summarised all the reports and accounts, which were duly approved.

a. President

Welcome to the 2026 Annual General meeting for the OKDIA and warm welcome to the upcoming 2026 Worlds in Denmark. It is great to return to Denmark and race for the Worlds Championship on classic OK waters. The origin of the OK dinghy is Danish and it is believed that Ole Knudsen made the drawings of the dinghy in 1956 and the first boats were built during the winter and sailed for the first time in 1957. Either way we argue the beginning of the OK dinghy and the start of the class, it is great to be back in Denmark. The class has seen a tremendous growth since the end of the Covid lockdown, and we crowned 2025 with 212 sailors on Lake Garda battling it out in three fleets for the World Championships. It was not only great racing but a nice social event where sailors from 15 countries met. Old friends met and reconnected while new friendships were made. We also had the great pleasure of racing for the European Championships in Warnemünde, where the German association lead by Andreas Piech put on a great event with the local organiser.

2025 was also the year when the financials of OKDIA returned a healthier level. It took a long time to recover from the two years of no international events in 2020 and 2021. This was largely made possible by the high level of participation in the Worlds and Europeans and a healthy growth of new boats driving the sale of boat, mast and sail labels.

The growth of the class continues with many fleets welcoming new members who are introduced to the class. The width and depth of the class is impressive and wherever you travel there is always an event to take part in and a fellow OK sailor to meet up with. In addition to the long end exciting season, the OKDIA Committee have worked on several topics to develop the OK class and secure a healthy growth:

- The technical committee has worked with Worlds Sailing to develop and update our class rules. There has been made technical clarifications and there is a clear framework on how a personal sail number is allocated and what MNA a sailor represent.
- The AGM was held at the Worlds at Lake Garda where a new leadership was elected.
- The new 2024 – 2030 roadmap is launched and sets the direction for the class

- The international calendar is progressing and the class will Return to Thailand for the 2027 Worlds and later the same year the Europeans will be sailed on the water outside Råå in Sweden.

I'm looking forward to the 2026 season, an exciting race calendar, meeting new and old OK sailors and taking part in professional and competitive events.

Pontus Gäbel, President

b. Secretary

Following the largest event in the classes' history on Lake Garda in 2025, we are heading into what is likely to be the second largest in Denmark in 2026. It seems the world has got the OK Dinghy sailing bug and is turning up in ever greater numbers.

But this growth also brings challenges trying to manage the membership and deliver services that meet at the varying needs of all the members. To that end we changed the membership structure slightly at the 2025 AGM to introduce individual members for the first time. The model of having a National Class Association does not work in all cases, and when we have 6-7 sailors as sole representatives from their country, perhaps a tweak was required. We will see how this will work out in the coming years.

To that end we now have NCAs in 18 countries, plus individual sailors in another six or seven. Total 2025 OKDIA membership was 986.

Financially, OKDIA was struggling early in 2025, still recovering from the pandemic years of lost events, and some high expenditure, hence the proposals at the 2025 AGM. This is never an exact science as much of our income is dependent on sales of equipment labels and entries at events, so we erred on the side of safety in order to build a buffer for the future. The plan was to have one year's turnover in reserve, and we have almost achieved that. The huge entry for Denmark, and the expected high entry for the Europeans should leave OKDIA in a comfortable position so that no more increases will be needed in the short term. That said, sales of boats plaques, and mast and sail labels were down in 2025, though still healthy.

We remain fortunate in having a lot of interest for events for the coming years and look forward to Pattaya and Råå in 2027. Again, big numbers are expected at both. Then in 2028 the prospect of the worlds in Bandol is very exciting. Will there be enough Rosé for more than 200 OK Dinghy sailors?

The Roadmap II we presented last year continues to guide the direction of OKDIA and while we have a clear focus on the future, the committee always remains open to feedback and new blood, as well as new ideas to develop and grow the class and provide great events for the membership.

In the backroom, work on technical issues, the Class Rules, correspondence and event preparation largely continues unnoticed by many, and there are many hours and much unsung work carried out behind the scenes by NCAs, our OAs and of course the Committee Members. So, thanks to everyone who puts their time into the class to make it so much fun for everyone else.

Robert Deaves

c. Treasurer

The financial statements this year have been modernised and should be a little clearer. They read well with a substantial improvement from the last couple of years with a return to an operating surplus.

Strong event participation and the associated income, along with the continued constraint on expenditure has resulted in a profit of GBR10,067. We now have general funds of GBR17,836.95 giving us reserves at just over half of our desired position. We are aiming for further growth in 2026 and will benefit from the increased income from the recently increased fees, as well as very strong event participation. The increased funds will allow us to support further class development. I am pleased with the 2025 result and look forward to a successful 2026.
Peter Robinson

d. Chairman of the Technical Committee

The class rule changes over the last year have been mainly on the administration rules. There were also some simple rule changes to tidy up wordings. The administration rules changed to better align with common practice and to introduce the possibility of joining OKDIA as an individual member. There has been a difficulty for some years with small nations wanting to join. We will see if the new system works over time. It is important to remember that although the OK Dinghy is a one design class that has rules with tolerances, our class rules are also closed. Which means that if the rules do not specifically permit something then it is not allowed. The method to permit changes to add something that is not permitted is through the process of a class rule change. All national associations have the right to propose rule changes for the Technical Committee to consider. One of the possible changes being discussed in many classes is the use of GPS capable devices while racing. At the moment they may be carried afloat but have to be inside a sealed tank for the duration of racing. Any rule change to permit these devices further needs to go through the correct process. At the technical meeting at the 2025 Worlds it was an almost unanimous opinion that we should wait for at least two years and see what the market and other classes do. It is an incredibly fast-moving field and any decision should not be taken lightly. During the current four-year cycle World Sailing are working on an updated Standard Class Rules. The current version is now 17 years old, and some areas could be improved. When the new draft is published, in around two years, we will have to consider whether to update our rules to comply to the new format. There are no changes to the Technical Committee this year.
Alistair Deaves

e. Webmaster

I apologise for not being in Denmark at the AGM in person. OKDIA is responsible for several websites, that is all xxxx.okwolds.org, xxxx.okeuropeans.org, ...okdinghy.org and of course the main okdia.org. The conversion of data from the old legacy.okdia.org to the new okdia.org is still ongoing. All results are already on the new site and sections like hall of fame, OKDIA Documents etc are also already on okdia.org. For now you can find all information not yet on the new site if you go to the old one which is still active but does not get updates.

Also OKDIA hosts a few country sites, like use.okdinghy.org and esp.okdia.org, but these pages are only hosted by okdia and fully maintained by the countries association.

Also we link to national sites with this logic like ger.okdia.org, den.okdia.org etc.

In the first few months of this year there were several successful hacking attacks on WordPress installations and due to the relatively high ranking of okdia.org as a long-standing internet address with maintained content, okdia was a target as well.

We are constantly monitoring that and had to defend against a sophisticated hack from Russia via the Cayman Islands as recent as the end of May this year.

So please be aware that if there are suspicious requests to prove that you are not a robot and should enter passwords anywhere will be not from us but more likely another hacking attempt.

We are trying to keep up with the threats but given the possibilities to find vulnerabilities in the software by AI this problem will only get bigger, not less.

Other than that we hope you feel well informed by OKDIA via our web presence, our information in the "Fediverse" on Mastodon and also in Bluesky.

As every year a reminder to all national associations: please send results, ideally with a photo of the event, to Robert and me at webmaster@okdia.org so at least we have results of nationals championships etc on the website, the sites are living from information from all of you.

Have fun at the Worlds, and I'm sure we'll meet at some other events soon.

Peter Scheuerl

f) VP Marketing

Being new to this job I am impressed how about the self-motivated, let's call them marketing activities of our class. Media coverage with publications in magazines, video channels and our social media appearance is outstanding. Especially frequent posts of national class organisations, individual members and of course the fantastic work of Robert are spreading the word. Besides, on an individual level the frequently quoted class spirit is certainly attracting new members.

Obviously, we are consistently looking into areas of improvement. For instance, live TV coverage during major events and live tracking springs to mind.

You made my job in our committee quite easy, a big thanks to all of you.

Christian Kirchner

g) VP Sailing

Since the last AGM in September 2025, we have continued to work on identifying interesting venues for upcoming international regattas.

Planning for the World Championships for the coming years is now finalized through 2029. The World Championship in Denmark, with 205 entries, promises to be a magnificent event; similarly, for Thailand in 2027, there are currently 128 interested individuals on the list.

The same positive report applies to the European Championships, for which a multi-year schedule is also now in place.

The development of the national class associations can be assessed as positive; membership numbers remain stable, with only Poland—and more recently, the Netherlands—showing a decline.

International regattas, such as Kiel Week, continue to show stable entry numbers and remain particularly popular among Swedish and Danish sailors.

From my perspective, everything is moving in the right direction; however, I view the rising acquisition costs for boats, masts, and sails with concern. The same applies to travel expenses such as fuel, hotels, and campsites—as well as entry fees.

I sincerely hope that this trend will not lead to a decline in entry numbers.

Andreas Pich

h) VP Development

In the last 18 months the OKDIAA Committee has been very focused on updating the strategic plan for the class. This was largely informed by the member survey in 2023. The committee and the class is in a fortunate position of being in a period of strong growth making any effort or strategic direction we take look immediately successful. So we have to be certain that the strategy is correct and the steps we take will strengthen the class.

The first of these, and an area of huge focus for me, was in improving the financial position of the class. In 2024 the class was practically bankrupt. Thanks to an amazing turnout at Garda and great numbers for the Europeans in Palma, we are now in a strong position to look to grow in new areas, new ways and new locations.

But all of the growth brings other challenges. It's pretty easy to find a venue for an 80-100 boats World champs, however 200+ boats is a much more complicated proposition putting the OKDIA committee and National associations under new pressure to select venues that can fully support the class.

But let's all be honest, these are the problems we want to have as a class and gives us the resources and the mandate to push for even more success.

Simon Probert

3. Accounts

3.1 The annual accounts for the year up to 31 December 2025 were presented and acknowledged.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand		
HSBC Bank Account	390.33	4,709.61
Wise AUD	1,743.02	1,015.63
Wise Business EUR	11,581.53	1,116.17
Wise Business GBP	1,700.91	428.98
Wise Business NZD	1,136.66	345.19
Total Cash at bank and in hand	16,552.45	7,615.58
Accounts Receivable	2,404.73	374.50
Total Assets	18,957.18	7,990.08
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	231.53	220.50
NZD Bank Account	888.70	0.00
Total Liabilities	1,120.23	220.50
Net Assets	17,836.95	7,769.58
General Funds		
Balance 1st December 2024	7,769.58	7,631.73
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	10,067.37	137.85
Balance 31 December 2025	17,836.95	7,769.58

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Income		
Advertising	1,338.35	40.00
Mast Labels	539.44	289.89
Member Subs	10,204.45	10,769.75
OK World/Euro/Interdoms Sailor Levy	15,402.48	6,356.07
Other Income	134.13	28.28
Replacement Plaque	126.02	0.00
Sail Labels	3,423.04	4,630.84
World Sailing Building Plaques	3,282.73	2,457.83
Total Income	33,050.64	24,532.66
Expenses		
Bank Fees	104.89	185.42
Bank Revaluations	(151.59)	199.29
Event Media	5,398.33	4,797.64
General Expenses	525.79	1,638.14
Media/Publicity spend	3,504.99	3,128.50
Miscellaneous Event Costs	1,837.83	834.13
OK Magazine	270.71	2,248.57
Other costs	0.00	45.32
Postage & Shipping	100.42	572.16
Realised Currency Gains	(40.44)	33.56
Rounding	1.55	(6.87)
Secretary Expenses	0.00	45.80
Secretary Stipend	5,040.00	5,040.00
Technical chair expenses	1,623.88	25.18
Technical chair stipend	796.67	1,705.27
Technical other	329.02	194.73
Transfer to Wise Account	0.00	1,000.00
Travel Expenses	856.59	(45.14)
Unrealised Currency Gains	5.29	0.00
Website Expenses	1,672.38	1,700.87
World Sailing Meetings and Seminars	104.53	206.94
World Sailing Subs	231.53	220.50
Xero Fees	691.20	628.80
Total Expenditure	22,983.27	24,394.81
Surplus / (Deficit) for the period	10,067.37	137.85

3.3 There was no change to the OKDIA Subscription.

4. Election of Officers

4.1 To note Andreas Pich retired as VP sailing. He was thanked for his work over the past five years.

4.2 There were no changes in the composition of the Technical Committee.

5. Appointment of an auditor

Mark Perrow (NZL) will continue in this role.

7. Roadmap 2025-2035

7.1 Presentation of Roadmap progress

7.2 Discussion and questions

8. Future venues

8.1 Brief updates were received for the 2027 World Championship in Pataya, THA, the 2026 European Championship in Bruinisse, NED, the 2027 European Championship in Råå, SWE and the 2029 World Championship, Napier, NZL

8.2 The 2028 World Championship was confirmed for Bandol, FRA in September.

8.3 Request were made for bids for 2028 European Championship (May to July)

8.4 The 2029 Europeans was awarded to Glucksberg, GER.

The AGM was closed at 18.00