

Annual Report - Simon Probert, VC 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 OKDIAA 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.

See you all in Copenhagen for a beer.