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Opening shot: Spectacular backdrop to European Masters at Campione del Garda

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Finn sailors,

Welcome to the new edition of Finnfare. As 2023 closes I hope that you can all look back on memorable Finn sailing moments with our brilliant community, supporters, friends and family.

Looking to the recent past we are reminded that the weather ultimately controls many aspects of what we do, and it certainly demonstrated its prowess at several events during the year.

Our Open Europeans in Balaton presented real challenges to both sailors and organisers. Our worthy winner Doma Nemeth and the other competitors experienced heavy winds, rain and very cold weather on what one might have expected to be a warmer, lighter event. Nonetheless and despite these challenges the event was very well attended, and it is great to see again (as in Miami) the growth that has been catalysed by this event and the Finn community in Hungary.

Our Finn World Masters in Kavala was dogged by very little wind with only four races completed. Predictably, the week after the regatta the wind returned. Pleasing though was our worthy event winner Filipe Silva who was sailing a boat built in 2005 (Classic style), demonstrating his renowned talent but also the longevity of our equipment, quality builders and our technical controls. Congratulations to Filipe and our other category winners. Despite the limited racing, reports from all sailors speak volumes for the social aspects of the event and special experiences that are enjoyed whenever Finn sailors converge.

Our Masters Europeans in Garda, won by the ever-youthful Peter Peet concluded our major events for 2023 with a week of light to medium wind sailing in a beautiful setting.

On top of all this our 2023 World Tour for Finns offered us all the chance to compete in more than fifty events where ranking

points can be earned. We leave 2023 with Laurent Hay of France ranked #1. Laurent is a great competitor, clever, fit and tireless, a great role model for us all in pushing himself to be ever more competitive.



Looking ahead 2024 will be an amazing year. We have the Finn Gold Cup in Aarhus, the venue of the 2018 Sailing World Championships, our Europeans in beautiful Cannes and the Finn World Masters in spectacular Punta Ala. Along with the other events in the 2024 World Tour for Finns we can all look forward to amazing racing and great off the water experiences. Our Finn Gold Cup in Aarhus will also incorporate the Silver Cup and we hope to bring together Youth and Masters together to fight it out for our World Championship in Denmark. We will also hold our class AGM at this time.

In closing, your committee continues to work hard to sustain all the great things about Finn sailing we love and enjoy. We close 2023 with our major events in 2025 and 2026 events confirmed. We ask for everyone's continued support in ensuring the attendance and success of these events.

I look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Yours in Finn Sailing.

Rob McMillan
IFA President
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FUTURE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following venues and dates are now confirmed.

2024 Finn World Masters, Puntala, ITA, 7-14 June, www.finnworldmaster.com

2024 Finn Gold Cup/Silver Cup, Aarhus, DEN, 31 August-7 September

2024 Open, U23 and Masters Europeans, Cannes, FRA 19-26 October

2025 Finn World Masters, Medemblik, NED, 13-20 June, www.finnworldmaster.com

2025 Finn Gold Cup, Cascais, POR, TBC September

2026 Finn World Masters, Brisbane, AUS, Jan/Feb TBC

2026 Finn Gold Cup, Brisbane, AUS, Jan/Feb TBC

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Cover photo: Tomas Mihalik at the European Masters at Campione. Inset: Doma Nemeth at Csopak (Photos: Robert Deaves)



FINN NEWS



2023 MASTERS MAGAZINE

Don't forget to check out the 2023 Finn Masters Magazine. Contains interviews with Jay Harrison and Peter Mosny as well as in depth reports from championships and local Masters events as well as a look ahead to what is on the way, plus all the usual Masters information.

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The World Tour for Finns takes in around 50 events across the world and all events are used to calculate the Finn World Ranking List. It includes all international events plus two from each member country

Points are allocated based on the following event categories:

A	Finn Gold Cup	2.5
B	Continental Championships	2.0
C	International Events	1.6
D	Age category events	1.4
E	National Championships	1.2
F	National Events	1.0

The 2024 World Tour is being compiled but wasn't ready in time to publish in this issue. It will be published on the website at finnclass.org by December – just look for the banner above on the home page. As well as all international and major events, every member country can supply results from their national championship plus one other event each year.

The current World Ranking List can be found at the back of this issue and now includes some 1,324 sailors from 38 nations, which is about three quarters of all registered Finn sailors worldwide.

GOVERNANCE

Subsequent to issues raised at the 2023 IFA AGM in Csopak the Executive Committee has realigned its management structure to be in accordance with the IFA Constitution. As a result the former Class Secretary, Robert Deaves, assumed the role of Executive Director from July 1. In addition David Bull, from Australia, has assumed the role of Hon Treasurer, pending ratification at the 2024 IFA AGM. Paul McKenzie has held the post of Finance and Membership Secretariat since 2019, and in effect looked after the role of Treasurer for the IFA. However, the Executive agreed to appoint a new Honorary Treasurer. In the future all matters, including royalty labels and memberships should only go through the Executive Director.

The Executive would like to thank Paul for his valued contribution, the management of the IFA finances and his passion for the class, in particular his support of the U23/Silver Cup programme.

CAMERA RACKS FOR SALE

IFA is selling its old stern camera racks that were used to record the medal races over the past 10 years. They are well used, but still serviceable and usable. Some may need minor repairs and the first ones sold will come with the original GoPro camera.

If you are interested in acquiring one or more of these please contact the IFA office. Cost will be from €75 including all fittings and camera plus shipping (or possible delivery to an upcoming major championship). They were last used as below at the 2019 Europeans in Athens.



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DOMA NEMETH WINS WET AND WINDY EUROS

THE 2023 OPEN AND U23 EUROPEANS IN CSOPAK ON LAKE BALATON, HUNGARY, WAS DOMINATED BY BAD WEATHER MOST OF THE WEEK, WITH AN EPIC BATTLE AFLOAT WON BY DOMA NEMETH FROM LAURENT HAY



The 2023 Open and U23 Finn Europeans was held at the Procelero Sport Club on the shores of Lake Balaton in Csopak, Hungary, from 12-18 May. Domonkos Nemeth was the clear favourite going into the event, but it went right down to the wire after a high scoring second day. In the end he took both the U23 and the Senior European titles.

70 Finn sailors from 21 nations finally entered the championship which was plagued by bad weather with rain and strong winds, but apart from the practice race, all races were completed.

The club's manager and the main organiser of the event was 2020 Olympic silver medalist Zsombor Berecz. After welcoming the sailors at the opening ceremony, Tim Tavinor responded on behalf of the IFA and said. "Looking at the forecast we are in for a challenging week. There is going to be a real mixture, something for everyone and the champion at the end of the week will be a worthy champion." Never was a truer word spoken.

DAY 1

Strong winds, big waves (for Balaton) and incessant rain provided a challenge for the first day, but Nemeth set the tone for the week by winning both races. He had a comfortable win in Race 1, leading at the first mark and extending on every leg to take the gun.

At the first mark Bartosz Szydlowski rounded a close second with Lawrence Crispin in third. While Crispin moved up to second by the finish, Szydlowski dropped to fifth, with Laurent Hay moving from fifth at the top to third at the finish with the wind increasing to 20 knots.

The breeze was still up at the start of Race 2 but dropped on the first beat to 13-15 knots and produced some big shifts. Hay led the French team round the top mark, with Nemeth further back but in the top 10. Hay maintained his lead downwind and up the second beat, though Nemeth was on a charge and rounded the final top mark just behind the Frenchman. He then passed Hay downwind to take the second win of the day. Hay crossed in second with Alessandro Marega ending a great day to cross in third.

Nemeth commented on the conditions. "We are soaking wet, the rain is super big, it was like 15-20 knots all day long, it was really raining all the time. We normally never have these conditions in Balaton."

Bartosz Szydlowski: "Tough conditions for me, but I liked it, it's a very good regatta. I was focused on some good sailing. It's hard to find one key moment. I think it's really cold here and it's really hard. I hope the next days will be much better."

After two races, Nemeth led from Hay and Filipe Silva.

1	HUN 80	Domonkos Németh	1	1	(15)	1	1	1	1	1	10	18	
2	FRA 75	Laurent Haÿ	3	2	3	2	(11)	4	2	2	3	1	22
3	ITA 983	Alessandro Marega	7	3	(9)	6	5	3	3	3	5	7	42
4	HUN 911	Elemér Péter Haidekker	(14)	6	8	5	2	6	6	11	2	3	49
5	POR 21	Filipe Silva	4	4	6	4	3	2	7	6	31	(dnc)	67
6	RSA 1	Ian Ainslie	12	11	12	14	8	5	4	4	4	(29)	74
7	POL 6	Bartosz Szydowski	5	(ufd)	7	3	10	12	5	5	11	27	85
8	GBR 74	Lawrence Crispin	2	7	18	10	7	10	8	8	28	(48)	98
9	FRA 99	Marc Allain Des Beauvais	16	16	(24)	13	6	15	9	9	14	2	100
10	HUN 5	Tibor Pallay	(28)	14	11	12	15	14	12	rdg	7	16	111
11	FIN 201	Kristian Sjöberg	13	19	10	11	19	(ufd)	11	10	21	5	119
12	HUN 50	Akos Lukats	11	8	28	19	18	7	13	(dnf)	16	4	124
13	HUN 7	Antal Székely	(23)	23	5	18	20	13	17	14	10	19	139
14	UKR 7	Volodymyr Stasyuk	9	10	33	8	17	23	20	7	(48)	28	155
15	POL 73	Andrzej Romanowski	21	26	21	15	24	24	19	(dnc)	24	15	189
16	UKR 8	Taras Havrysh	8	(ufd)	25	7	13	37	10	ufd	13	8	192
17	HUN 30	Kantor Zsigmond	17	17	22	20	16	8	(dnf)	dnc	9	18	198
18	HUN 75	Örs Németh	30	38	26	(42)	21	9	22	15	29	12	202
19	SVK 1	Peter Mosny	19	9	23	9	29	20	18	(dnc)	46	32	205
20	HUN 161	Botond Zimmermann	24	18	(37)	22	28	25	14	18	34	23	206
21	HUN 11	Peter Haidekker	15	31	17	34	34	16	25	(dnc)	17	26	215
22	HUN 131	Svastits Attila	32	34	2	36	37	(41)	27	16	18	17	219
23	HUN 42	Ábel Szűcs	40	22	20	27	22	27	24	19	19	(bfd)	220
24	HUN 1	Geza Huszar	20	30	4	(dnf)	14	29	15	dnc	36	6	225
25	CZE 54	Matouš Červenka	27	32	1	39	30	36	32	(dnc)	20	9	226
26	AUS 330	James Bevis	6	12	41	29	9	11	(dnc)	12	35	bfd	226
27	HUN 45	David Evetovic	34	44	14	25	39	21	28	(dnc)	8	14	227
28	HUN 18	Bence Rácz	26	28	(45)	24	32	19	30	13	42	39	253
29	FRA 38	Michel Audoin	10	5	(dsq)	17	4	18	dnc	dnc	37	34	267
30	FRA 66	Philippe Lobert	22	13	19	33	23	33	(dnf)	dnc	30	30	274
31	HUN 211	Attila Szilvássy	(ufd)	15	16	dnc	27	32	23	dnc	12	13	280
32	SVK 271	Tomas Mihalik	(dnc)	27	50	23	26	28	26	dnc	25	24	300
33	CZE 75	Vladimir Skalicky	36	33	29	30	44	39	34	(dnc)	26	31	302
34	NED 68	Joost Houweling	18	20	57	16	12	30	16	(dnc)	dnc	dnc	311
35	SUI 99	Laurent Chapuis	25	29	44	31	36	38	29	(dnc)	32	55	319
36	HUN 180	Gergely Gerencser	39	25	13	40	43	42	(dnf)	dnc	40	11	324
37	HUN 58	Denes Ujvary	35	21	27	32	31	44	(dnf)	dnc	44	25	330
38	CZE 2	Zdeněk Gebhart	42	39	30	45	45	22	31	(dnc)	6	bfd	331
39	AUT 8	Hartwig Gfreiner	43	40	43	47	46	40	33	(dnc)	45	22	359
40	HUN 972	Gyula Monus	(dnc)	dnc	54	26	38	17	21	dnc	23	46	367
41	SUI 86	Francois Bopp	48	36	(bfd)	38	42	34	36	dnc	56	20	381
42	HUN 51	Istvan Rutai	33	(dnc)	40	28	33	dnc	dnc	dnc	22	21	390
43	SRB 11	Fürstner Bálint	29	35	31	43	41	43	35	(dnc)	dnc	dnc	399
44	HUN 22	Sebestyén Bonifác	38	37	52	35	25	26	(dnc)	dnc	dnc	dnc	426
45	POL 47	Tomasz Witek	46	42	32	53	51	(dnc)	dnc	dnc	38	33	437
46	NED 842	Tim Tavinor	31	(dnc)	39	21	35	31	dnf	dnc	dnc	dnc	441
47	POL 26	Boguslaw Nowakowski	44	43	49	41	48	(dnc)	dnc	dnc	33	44	444
48	POR 55	Jorge Pinheiro De Melo	37	24	42	37	40	(dnc)	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	464
49	GER 151	Hendrik W- Schwarz	41	(dnc)	38	46	dnc	45	dnf	dnc	49	36	468
50	POL 674	Lesław Gonddek	49	41	47	48	49	(dnc)	dnc	dnc	52	45	473
51	HUN 29	András Gosztonyi	47	(dnc)	53	50	52	47	dnf	dnc	43	40	474
52	HUN 280	Levente Varnai	50	45	35	57	56	(dnc)	dnc	dnc	54	47	486
53	SRB 16	Tihomir Zakic	45	(ufd)	34	44	ufd	dnc	dnc	dnc	41	51	499
54	HUN 59	László Taubert	(dnc)	dnc	bfd	dnc	dnc	35	dnf	dnc	15	41	517
55	HUN 69	Csaba Stadler	(dnc)	dnc	bfd	49	47	dnc	dnc	dnc	39	35	525
56	HUN 2	Péter Sipos	(dnc)	dnc	36	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	27	38	527
57	HUN 181	Csaba Gaál	(dnc)	dnc	dnc	dnf	53	46	dnf	dnc	50	42	546
58	HUN 46	Attila Dömötör	(dnc)	dnc	61	55	55	dnc	dnc	dnc	55	37	547
59	GBR 17	Graham Douglas	(dnc)	dnc	60	51	50	ufd	dnf	dnc	59	49	553
60	HUN 76	Gyorgy Juhasz	(dnc)	dnc	58	54	54	dnc	dnc	dnc	51	54	555
61	AUS 14	David Champतालoup	(dnc)	dnc	51	52	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	47	52	557
62	HUN 10	Péter Gaál	(dnc)	dnc	dnc	58	57	dnc	dnc	dnc	57	43	570
63	HUN 118	Csaba Nedbalek-Szanto	(dnc)	dnc	63	dnc	dnc	48	dnc	dnc	58	50	574
64	HUN 150	Csányi Zoltán	(dnc)	dnc	48	ufd	ufd	dnc	dnc	dnc	53	bfd	598
65	ARG 73	Hernan Lopez Saavedra	(dnc)	dnc	62	56	58	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnf	dnc	602
66	HUN 140	Gabor Meszaros	(dnc)	dnc	59	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	53	609
67	HUN 91	Béla Szigethi	(dnc)	dnc	46	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	614
68	POR 58	Henrique Silva	(dnc)	dnc	55	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	623
69	USA 32	Charles Heimler	(dnc)	dnc	56	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	624
70	HUN 64	Balázs Szűcs	(dnc)	dnc	bfd	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnf	639





DAY 2

One day made a huge difference to the conditions with light winds and sunshine, but though it was much more pleasant, it was equally as challenging with only one race possible.

After a brief postponement, Race 3 got underway in 6-8 knots from the south-west straight over the top of the Tihany peninsula. Some went left and some went right, but both Matouš Červenka and Attila Svastits started at the pin and went left to round first and second with Geza Huzar in third. Nemeth, was one of those going right and he could only finish 15th.

Svastits took the lead on the downwind and maintained it on the second upwind, with Hay moving up to third. Then on the run to the finish, Červenka and Svastits split gybes and the Czech found more pressure on the right to just cross ahead at the bottom mark to take the win from Svastits and Hay.

A second race was attempted, but it was now getting quite hot, and the wind started to decrease so it was abandoned half way up the first beat and the fleet sent home, with further racing abandoned an hour later as the lake turned to glass.

Hay was the new leader, with Silva up to second, while Nemeth dropped to third.

Červenka said of the win, *"It was very easy. Every other sailor was going to the right. I went left and it happened, and I won. We race on small lakes with light and changing winds. For one month I was here in training with Zsombor Berecz and Ian Ainslie and this is the result. It was good for me. Before I came here, I didn't know what to train, but the camps helped me a lot and clearly it worked. So, I'm very happy."*



This championship also marked the return of the Serbian sailors, who have recently re-joined the Finn Class and are growing in numbers. Tihomir Zakic explained, *"I have been sailing the Finn for almost ten years. We come here often because they have 30 to 50 Finns training and it's not far away, for us. In Serbia, we have 10 Finns sailing, and that's when we get together, all of us. But the important thing is that we are growing and we're here."*

DAY 3

It was another wet day on Lake Balaton with 12-16 knots, heavy rain, bad visibility and cold air. But it was still a good day for sailing. Though three races were planned, the fleet sent home after two races with a wind warning elsewhere on the lake. No one really

complained though as the races were good and everyone was thoroughly cold and wet.

Nemeth laid down a marker with two emphatic wins that put him back at the top of the leader board at the halfway stage. Hay was down to second with Silva back in third.

The right side paid in Race 4 with Nemeth leading Silva and Szydowski round the top mark. Hay rounded in fourth and was up to third by the gate and then moved up to second by the finish with Silva crossing third.

The fifth race was quite tricky, though again Nemeth rounded first. Silva was in second again with Elemér Haidekker in third. Haidekker was fast downwind and stretched away from the pack as much as Nemeth stretched out a lead at the front and the two put some significant air between themselves and the fleet and for an easy 1,2, with Silva holding on for third.

Joost Houweling: *"We had some special conditions today. Lots and lots of rain. We had hard conditions, we couldn't see the marks, but in the end, it was hard for the race officer as well with those shifting conditions. I think he managed to put in two nice races, and I think we had an average of 15 knots. I'm happy to be here and see all these new faces from Eastern Europe. We are having a good time."*

At just 18 years old, Attila Svastits has been sailing the Finn for a year. *"It was quite a challenging day, we had quite some wind, and there was a lot of rain, so it was very hard to see the wind conditions. We had two good races today. In the first race there was a bit less wind than in the second one. I'm just 18, so I'm hoping to achieve a great place in the under 23 category, although, today for me, it wasn't the best day."*

"I competed in the Silver Cup in 2021, but that was just a quick introduction to the Finn, as it was my first race. I hope to compete in this year's Silver Cup, and I would like to play it better than last time. I enjoy sailing and the Finn, it is a great boat, I have to say, and I'm learning as I go sailing, and it's going well."

DAY 4

Nemeth took three more race wins on the fourth day to take a commanding lead. Hay had the next best day to consolidate his second place Silva remained in third.

With a storm warning for later in the day, the intention was for three races before the wind became too strong. The first race was sailed in 10-12 knots, but midway through the second race it crept up to 20 knots and for the final race was sailed in 25-30 knots.

Race 6 was pretty shifty in the offshore northerly breeze. Kantor Zsigmond found the best way up the beat to round first, but Nemeth



was fastest downwind to take the lead by the gate and extend to win. Silva was best of the rest for second with Alessandro Marega in third.

In the next two races in the stronger breeze, Nemeth was untouchable, leading at the first mark and extending for comfortable wins. Hay sailed exceptionally well in the breeze to score two second places while Marega picked up two thirds.

Nemeth ended the day with an 11 point lead while Hay also had an 11-point lead over Silva, who had a one point lead over Marega. Only 19 boats made it through to the final race of the day; it was a tough day on the water.

A special mention went to Tibor Pallay for rescuing fellow Finn sailor Tomas Mihalik who had become detached from his boat following a capsize. Pallay fished him out of the water and delivered him back to his boat before finishing the race. He was later granted redress back to the tenth place he had abandoned.

Laurent Hay: *"Today it was very tough because we had a lot of wind and it was very choppy with waves and with 20-30 knots so it was difficult but I'm happy because I had three good races, so it's a good day for me."*

Silva: *"It was difficult day and very windy. There's everything still to play for and lot can still change, so the game is on for tomorrow. It was very shifty today, the north wind was bringing shifts of 15 to 20 degrees, and you have to be very sharp to sail in these conditions. The expected storm didn't really reach us, but the wind increased quite a lot. I believe the last race we finished in 25 knots, so it was pretty tough out there."*

Day 5

Doma Nemeth took it right to the wire but claimed both the Open and U23 Finn Europeans titles. In doing so, he became the first sailor ever to win both the senior and U23 titles in the same year, the first Hungarian to win the Finn Junior European title and only the second Hungarian to win the Senior title, after Zsombor Berecz won in 2020 and 2021.

Laurent Hay took the silver medal while Alessandro Marega took the bronze medal after two races on Thursday in light and shifty northerlies and again quite cold and grey conditions.

After an average start in Race 9 Nemeth somehow found his way to the front at the top mark, to lead down and take his eighth win of the series. However, his 15th place in Race 3 was haunting him and it wasn't over, especially with Hay crossing in third.

Nemeth got it all wrong in the final race and struggled to keep pace with the leaders. Elemer Haidekker rounded first with Hay in third and with Nemeth back in the teens the title race was on. Hay took the lead on the second upwind to take the win, so it all came down to the number of boats between them. Nemeth recovered well to cross in tenth and so took the title by just four points. However, the performance of the day went to Haidekker with a 2,3.

Nemeth said, *"I feel really good, I'm super grateful for the weather, I'm also super tired but it's a good tiredness so yeah, I'm happy. We had many conditions but mostly windy ones and those were really good for me."*



On the last race, *"I was pretty anxious, I was really close to the line. I thought I was over, and then on the second upwind I made a huge mistake and then I dropped back so much, but I knew that I probably could make it if I was in top ten. Laurent is a really good sailor, had only one mistake, just one, and he was killing it. I'm really grateful to sail with him."*

On the conditions, *"This is not normally Hungary. We never had these conditions before, this was also new for me, so everything is not how we expected. For me the strong wind days were really good, I was quite fast downwind all the time."*

In the U23 championship, Nemeth was dominant, while there was a great fight for the other medals between the three Hungarians Ábel Szűcs, Bence Rácz and Attila Svastits. In the end, Svastits, in 22nd overall, took the silver just 1 point ahead of Szűcs who took the bronze. Six U23 sailors took part this year.

It was a tough championship by any measure. While many competitors expected light, warm conditions, only two days were sailed below 10 knots. It was a physical and mental challenge of endurance in some very testing conditions.

Unusually as well, all ten races were sailed. The 70 sailors from 21 nations might have left Csopak exhausted, but all had an unforgettable experience.



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PUNTA ALA, AARHUS, CANNES IN 2024

After a successful season in 2023, there are plenty of good things to look forward to in 2024, though there have been a few changes.

The first major championship will be the Finn World Masters at Punta Ala, Italy. Already over 90 entries are in as this issue goes to print, which is very encouraging. The exclusive period for accommodation booking sparked a lot of interest. The 2021 Finn World Masters should have been in Punta Ala, Italy, ten years after it was last held there. It is remembered as one of the best venues the Masters has ever visited. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the organisers felt that they would not have been able to commit in 2022, and they were fully booked with events in 2023, so the Masters Committee offered it for 2024.

It will be organised again by the Centro Velico Punta Ala at the beautiful PuntAla Camping Resort, a 27 hectare camping site and holiday park located in a pine forest adjacent to an unfeasibly beautiful and long beach. During the summer months there is a regular afternoon thermal breeze, which makes sailing pleasant and fun. The organisation has held many other international events over the years.

A large entry is expected, perhaps 250, maybe 350, so even though there is a lot of availability at the resort make sure you book as soon as possible. These dates have been moved later to the second week of June.



Located at the Pointe Croisette, the Yacht Club de Cannes is in one of the most attractive Mediterranean destinations, with spectacular beaches in addition to the Vieux Port and Le Suquet, which bring a picturesque supplement to the area. There is a huge range of accommodation in Cannes, from upmarket hotels to budget conscious apartments. Everyone can find accommodation that suits them according to budget, with most bookable online.

Today there are 25 Finns based at the YC de Cannes where many regattas are organised throughout the year, including the International Finn Week, held since 2003.

In 2004, the Yacht Club De Cannes was the host of the Finn World Masters with 192 competitors. It is expected that more than 200 Finns will take part in 2024.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2025, the Finn World Masters returns to Medemblik. Twice the Dutch had to cancel events because of Covid, so we hope this is third time lucky. The organisation is well underway already and we can be sure the Dutch will make it a top class event on and off the water and are already planning for 300-400 boats. Further details will be published during the year.

In September the Finn Gold Cup returns to Cascais in Portugal for the third time after previous visits in 1970 and 2007. There are several bids for the 2025 Europeans, which will be decided soon.

For 2026 both the Finn Gold Cup and Finn World Masters will be in Brisbane, Australia (below), so we are looking for venues for the Open Europeans and the Masters Europeans later in the year. Again, there are bids coming in, which will be voted on soon.



Then, in a change to the original schedule, the 2024 Finn Gold Cup will be in Aarhus. As for the 2018 Finn Gold Cup, it will be sailed from the Aarhus Sailing Centre in the middle of town (above). The club is very enthusiastic about the event. It is expected the Notice of Race and website will be launched mid-December. There will be camper van space at the marina by the club, but there is also a lot of accommodation nearby. The event will be included on the programme for the Aarhus Festival, a week of cultural events in the town, so it will be an amazing week being a part of that. More details will be published on the event website 2024.finngoldcup.org in due course.

2024 OPEN, U23 AND MASTERS EUROPEANS

The 2024 Open, U23 and Masters Europeans will return to the Yacht Club de Cannes, 20 years after the same club held the Finn World Masters. The host club will be the Yacht Club de Cannes, which has also organised the Semaine Internationale des Finn for many years.





FILIPE SILVA WINS GREEK FINN MASTERS

AFTER A SHORTENED SERIES IN BEAUTIFUL NEA IRAKLITSA, WITH LIGHT WINDS AND STORMS, FILIPE SILVA MASTERED THE CONDITIONS TO REMAIN REMARKABLY CONSISTENT AND WIN



The saying ‘it’s not normally like this here’ has rarely been truer than at the 2023 Finn World Masters in Nea Itaklitsa, near Kavala, in Greece.

The event attracted 145 sailors from 30 nations and was set on an idyllic beach surrounded by bars and restaurants, and against the backdrop of the beautiful Gulf of Kavala. Just four races were managed so there was no discard, but in every race completed, the 2019 European Masters Champion, Filipe Silva, was there, and won the title with room to spare.

While the conditions leading up to the event were good, by the time the event opened, everything had changed, with storm activity and lack of wind. The opening ceremony was postponed until Monday because of a storm, and between the storms there was very little wind. The practice race on Sunday was also cancelled.

DAY 1

The fleet was held ashore until just after midday and while there was a good breeze on shore, it was still building on the race area. Eventually a southerly filled in at a quite stable 5-7 knots and Race 1 got away first time. The leaders came from the left with Laurent Hay rounding ahead of Filipe Silva and David Terol. Not much changed downwind but on the second beat, Nick Craig moved up to third and was right behind Silva at the top. Hay then extended for a comfortable win from Silva and Craig. A second race was attempted but was abandoned halfway up the first beat and the fleet was towed home.



1	POR 21	Filipe Silva	2	4	2	5	13
2	FRA 75	Laurent Haÿ	1	26	1	3	31
3	SVK 1	Peter Mosny	14	23	4	8	49
4	HUN 7	Antal Székely	17	5	10	18	50
5	NED 148	Peter Peet	9	49	3	1	62
6	HUN 30	Zsigmond Kantor	12	52	8	4	76
7	AUS 98	Lucas Prescott	36	6	9	31	82
8	CZE 43	Ladislav Hyrs	27	7	15	37	86
9	HUN 50	Akos Lukats	41	20	19	13	93
10	GBR 18	Nick Craig	3	41	7	43	94
11	GBR 635	Simon Percival	8	57	18	17	100
12	UKR 8	Taras Havrysh	15	58	11	16	100
13	AUS 330	James Bevis	25	36	14	26	101
14	FIN 269	Mikko Tiilikka	22	31	26	24	103
15	FIN 234	Ville Aalto-Setälä	20	40	21	36	117
16	FRA 66	Philippe Lobert	23	54	35	6	118
17	UKR 10	Valentyn Klymentyev	28	17	36	40	121
18	CZE 318	Martin Plecity	29	22	28	60	139
19	CZE 8	Jiri Outrata	70	14	24	35	143
20	FRA 99	Marc Allain des Beauvais	60	50	22	14	146

DAY 2

After being towed out to the race area and back in again, and then out again in the afternoon, Race 2 got underway after one general recall in 7-8 knots, with a lot of new faces at the front following a right-hand shift halfway up the first beat. First round the top was Zlatko Atanasov from Lucas Prescott and Marald van Reijse. David Terol rounded next and was up to third at the next windward mark to take the lead on the final downwind to lead into the finish by just a few boatlengths from Boguslaw Nowakowski, with Atanasov in third. A second race was attempted but was abandoned soon after the start and the fleet sent back to the beach. After two races, Silva took the lead from Terol with Marco Buglielli in third.

DAY 3

No races were possible on the third day after the wind played games all day. The fleet was sent out, then almost immediately recalled and then sent out again in the afternoon. The breeze built to 12 knots under sunny skies just before the start. However, a huge cloud bank was developing behind the course area and



gradually started to cover it. After two general recalls and 21 boats pulled out under the black flag, including several top runners, the wind started to shift and drop and the race was abandoned at the top mark and the fleet towed home on glassy seas.

DAY 4

The Gulf of Kavala finally delivered on Day 4. Two races were sailed in 9-10 knots of sea breeze, blue skies and high temperatures. Hay built a substantial lead in Race 3, only for the race to end in an abandonment on the second beat after one of the gate marks went adrift. In the resailed race, the right paid again, with Udo Murek leading at the top from Silva and Peet. Hay rounded fourth but had the lead by the gate and maintained that to the finish to win from Silva and Peet. Race 4 was started quite promptly and again Peet was sailing well and first round with a comfortable lead. This time he extended away to take the win with Terol second and Hay third. With no discard, Silva had extended his lead. Hay was back up to second with Peter Mosny in third.

DAY 5

On the final day, the fleet was again towed out to the race area and though the race committee kept the fleet afloat as long as practical

there was no wind before the 15.00 deadline, so the fleet was towed back to the beach.

With no discards, Filipe Silva won the 2023 Finn World Masters from Laurent Hay and Peter Mosny.

It had been a very difficult week for wind, with various weather systems across Europe in the previous weeks, and only one day of the expected weather conditions. Silva sailed very well to finish with just over one third the points of second placed Hay, never placing worse than fifth in the 145 boat fleet.

There were two Super Legends with Howard Sellars from Britain placing 102nd overall to take the title from Jan-Eric Floren, from Sweden in 144th overall. There were also 18 Legends taking part and this category is getting more and more competitive with sailors remaining in the Finn for longer than ever. Jiri Outrata took the title in 19th overall from Peter Vollebregt and Derek Breitenstein.

Antal Szekely took the Great Grand Masters, the largest age category group this week, while Laurent Hay again won the Grand Masters and Filipe Silva took the Masters category title.

In 2024 the championship heads back to another beach, this time in Italy at Punta Ala, for an event that was delayed three years because of the pandemic. It will be a welcome return to a popular venue and it is hoped the class will start to return to pre-pandemic entry levels with at least 300 boats expected.



21	NED 703	Eric Bakker	148	63	GBR 567	Martin Hughes	266	105	SUI 27	Dominik Haitz	382
22	GER 909	Udo Murek	151	64	ESP 555	Juan Grau Cases	267	106	HUN 972	Gyula Monus	382
23	ITA 2	Marco Buglielli	153	65	NED 66	Ewout Meijer	275	107	FRA 38	Michel Audoin	386
24	ESP 7	David Terol	156	66	NED 29	Bas De Waal	278	108	HUN 33	Zoltan Horvath	387
25	CZE 2	Zdeněk Gebhart	156	67	FIN 145	Mathias Tallberg	278	109	GBR 34	Peter Blick	388
26	NZL 111	Karl Purdie	157	68	ITA 920	Alberto Romano	280	110	POL 2	Andre Skarka	388
27	FIN 201	Kristian Sjöberg	162	69	SUI 12	Franz Bürgi	284	111	SWE 44	Bengt Strömberg	389
28	NED 7	Cees Scheurwater	168	70	ESP 86	Paco Castaner	288	112	GBR 20	Andy Denison	398
29	POL 26	Boguslaw Nowakowski	179	71	BUL 855	Valentin Nikolov	289	113	ITA 7	Antonio Pitini	410
30	SUI 7	Christoph Burger	180	72	NED 68	Joost Houweling	294	114	GER 202	Rolf Elsaesser	412
31	BRA 11	Robert Rittscher	181	73	UKR 13	Andriy Podvezko	294	115	GUA 1	Juan E Maegli	414
32	SVK 271	Tomas Mihalik	181	74	AUT 333	Gerhard Weinreich	296	116	AUS 6	Bob Buchanan	423
33	GBR 74	Lawrence Crispin	185	75	NED 147	Ted Duyvestijn	297	117	AUS 169	Jason Wilson	429
34	SUI 86	Francois Bopp	185	76	USA 19	R Phillip Ramming	304	118	ARG 1	Ricardo Reyes Anderson	430
35	FIN 23	Henri Rätty	186	77	FIN 70	Derek Breitenstein	310	119	AUS 14	David Champaloup	434
36	CZE 75	Vladimir Skalicky	187	78	AUS 7	Greg Clark	314	120	NZL 94	Tony Bierre	435
37	AUT 340	Michael Hoffmann	192	79	SVK 14	Roman Hladny	315	121	FIN 226	Henrik Andersson	435
38	UKR 7	Volodymyr Stasyuk	200	80	AUS 68	Jay Harrison	321	122	CZE 77	Pavel Mušálek	436
39	BRA 32	Pedro Lodovici	212	81	CZE 211	Martin Kaloš	321	123	GBR 44	Simon Philbrick	437
40	HUN 27	Andrik Szabolcs	217	82	USA 510	Michael Kennedy	322	124	GBR 42	Richard Phillips	443
41	ITA 202	Giacomo Giovanelli	219	83	RSA 51	Philip Baum	325	125	CZE 222	Petr Vinkl	445
42	NED 81	Gerko Visser	222	84	TUR 7	Ismail Uzunlar	326	126	AUS 94	Guy Maegraith	450
43	AUS 10	John Condie	227	85	NED 11	Henk De Jager	327	127	GBR 22	Andrew Wylam	452
44	ITA 33	Bastiaan Brouwer	230	86	FRA 87	Stephane Marcelli	333	128	GRE 20	Lakis Mavroudis	455
45	SUI 97	Philippe Raemy	235	87	HUN 51	Istvan Rutai	337	129	NZL 64	Maurice Duncan	461
46	AUS 75	Phil Chadwick	235	88	GER 193	Thomas Schmid	339	130	GBR 13	Roman Khodykin	462
47	GER 19	Andreas Bollongino	236	89	HUN 2	Peter Sipos	342	131	AUS 25	Kerry Spencer	462
48	NED 39	Peter Vollebregt	238	90	ITA 64	Filippo Petella	345	132	ITA 1101	Giancarlo Pelosi	468
49	NED 43	Ronald Van Klooster	238	91	GBR 85	Garry Phare	346	133	BUL 42	Boyan Kostov	475
50	HUN 88	Zsombor Majthenyi	240	92	SUI 57	Rudolf Baumann	349	134	TUR 21	Kerim Gurcay	479
51	TUR 12	Sinan Sümer	240	93	UKR 17	Anatoliy Lukiyan	349	135	SUI 51	Ulrich Appenzeller	481
52	GER 477	Harald Leissner	245	94	BAH 1	Pierric Bourbin	352	136	BUL 2	Svetan Penchev	485
53	NED 746	Marald Van Reijssen	249	95	FIN 233	Sami Salomaa	356	137	BUL 241	Bozhidar Karakashev	486
54	BUL 1	Stoil Stoilov	251	96	SUI 61	Patrick Weihs	358	138	BUL 243	Zdravko Kazakov	488
55	AUT 323	Christian Hoffmann	251	97	USA 32	Charles Heimler	361	139	POL 31	Maciej Rozkrut	499
56	BUL 8	Zlatko Atanasov	252	98	NED 90	Frank Baiko	364	140	GBR 40	Russell New	500
57	GRE 11	Vagelis Paschaleris	254	99	AUT 337	Rudolf Gerzer	367	141	GRE 5	Vassilios Mardiris	507
58	SUI 55	Philippe Mauron	255	100	HUN 64	Balázs Szűcs	372	142	GER 293	Georg Siebeck	509
59	HUN 150	Csányi Zoltán	257	101	BUL 44	George Boev	374	143	FRA 307	Xavier Lacombe	524
60	SUI 25	Till Klammer	257	102	GBR 777	Howard Sellars	376	144	SWE 4	Jan-Erik Florén	527
61	SUI 13	Peter Kilchenmann	263	103	AUS 300	David Bull	378	145	AUT 330	Tina Weinreich	559
62	BUL 24	Mihail Kopanov	264	104	TUR 33	Ali Turksen	381				

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BERT SARBY 1939 – 2023

*IN OCTOBER, TORSTEN JARNSTAM
BROUGHT THE SAD NEWS THAT
BERT SARBY HAD PASSED AWAY.
BERT WAS RICKARD SARBY'S NEPHEW
AND WAS AROUND AT THE BIRTH OF
THE FINN AS A YOUNG BOY.*

Bert Sarby was the nephew of Rickard Sarby, the designer of the Finn. In Photo FINNish, Bert wrote about his uncle and the influence he had on the nine-year-old Bert as he helped with the building of the first ever Finn in Uppsala, Sweden. Bert sailed the Finn for 20 years and has taken a keen interest in the boat and the class ever since. Sadly Bert passed away on 11 October 2023 at the age of 84. Past Swedish association president, Torsten Jarnstam, remembers him.

I remember both Bert and Rickard from my youth, when in the late 1950s and 1960s I sailed in the Uppsala Canoeing Club.

Bert, Rickard, Boris Jacobson, Ragnar Frändestam, Bosse Frimansson and many more, were my role models. I sailed the Pigg dinghy from 1956-1960 (right: Bert Sarby in a Pigg, also designed by Rickard Sarby) and then in the winter of 1960/61, Rickard built a Finn hull for me. My father and I then put on the deck and finished building my first Finn 'Krumelur' in a shed in the railway park outside the Central Station in Uppsala.

My memories of Bert Sarby, who died after a period of illness on October 11, 2023, are that he was a good friend and a very nice and helpful clubmate. Just like his uncle Rickard, he gave me a lot of advice and tips on how to sail my Finn as a 15-year-old in 1961. Bert acquired an academic education and eventually became a hospital physicist. Among other things, he was appointed joint representative of the Swedish Association of Hospital Physicists and the Swedish Association for Radiophysics in the quality committee.

For many years, Bert and I have kept in touch with each other both via e-mail and phone and as recently as June 2022 in connection with an anniversary activity at UKF in Uppsala – when it

was 70 years since the Finn was an Olympic one-man dinghy for the first time in the 1952 Helsinki Olympics. Then I met Bert, his wife Inna and many other UKF club members 'from before'. During all the years I was chairman of the Swedish Finn Association, Bert was a faithful supporter and it felt very honourable that Bert supported me in the work for Swedish Finn sailing.



When the Uppsala Canoe Club celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2016, I met Bert then as well. Bert has told me that as a 10-^o11 year old boy, he excitedly followed Rickard and his brothers Johan (Bert's father) and Ernst, when they built Finn no. 1. Rickard then sailed this boat during the selection trials in Helsinki in 1950 and 1951 for the Olympic regatta in Helsinki in 1952. Seven entries that had been produced for the design competition with the aim of selected a new Olympic one-man dinghy for the 1952 Olympics. Those who stood on the podium at the 1952 Olympic sailing at the award ceremony, it was Paul Elvstrøm, DEN who became the Gold medalist. Charles Curry, GBR who became Silver medalist and Rickard Sarby, SWE who became Bronze medalist.

A number of years ago I visited Bert Sarby at his residence in Huddinge (outside Stockholm) and had the great honour of seeing and feeling Rickard Sarby's Bronze Medal (left) from the 1952 Olympics. I also had the opportunity to take a picture of this Olympic Medal. Bert has told me that Uncle Rickard, was very versatile. In addition to Rickard being a sailor and designer of, among other things, the Finn, Rickard painted pictures and carved model sailboats, which he used when he discussed racing rules with young people interested in sailing in Uppsala. You can say that Bert's uncle was a true artist.



It is almost inevitable to talk about both Rickard and Bert, because the Finn is a common denominator for both of them. I can also mention that Bert represented Sweden in the European Championships for Finn in Naples, Italy in 1957 (middle top). On that occasion, Rickard was coach for his then 18-year-old nephew Bert, who stopped sailing the Finn in the late 1960s, when he had started a started family and bought a keelboat for family and holiday sailing.

It is with great sadness and great loss that I write these memorial lines about the sailor friend Bert Sarby. My thoughts go out to Bert's family, his wife Inna and children and grandchildren. Bert – I hope you have good sailing on the sea of eternity.

RIP Bert Sarby – 5 October 1939 - 11 October 2023



JAMES GOLDEN WINS SILVER CUP

*A SMALL FLEET SAILED THE
2023 FINN SILVER CUP ON THE
BEAUTIFUL LAKE COMO WITH THE
TITLE GOING TO USA FOR THE
FIRST TIME IN 13 YEARS*

The 2023 Finn Silver Cup was held at Gravedona on Lake Como, Italy, from 17-21 July, and hosted by the Centro Vela Alto Lario. It was set amidst a southern European heatwave which caused some problems with high temperatures and light winds, though six good races were finally managed.

The event proved popular with the young Hungarian team, fielding a group of five sailors. In addition there were two non-Europeans. After a sixth place at the Finn Gold Cup in Miami, James Golden wanted more Finn sailing and Hayden Barney was largely funded by the Australian Finn Association after winning the trials in Australia. This initiative has attracted a number of young sailors to the Finn class.

Two races were sailed on the first racing day, Tuesday, in 8-14 knots. Starting with a light wind it built to Oscar conditions by the end. A third race abandoned due to an approaching storm. In the first race, Oscar was displayed at the end of the first round. James Golden took the first race from Sjoerd Hofland and Bence Rácz. Rácz led the second race from early on and went on to win from Joonas Harju and Hofland. There were no more races because the wind was killed by the incoming thunderstorm.

After the first two races Rácz led from Golden and Hofland. Then the second day was lost because of a complete lack of wind but four races were sailed on the third day.

After a long day on the water James Golden had taken the overall lead with a 1-1-1-2 and with one day left to sail. Oscar flag was displayed after race two as the breeze filled in. The Hungarians Racz Zsolt (2-3-8-5) and Abel Szucs (12-5-3-1) were in

1	USA 606	James Golden	1	4	1	1	1	2	6
2	HUN 18	Rácz Bence Zsolt	3	1	2	3	8	5	14
3	HUN 42	Abel Szucs	4	5	12	5	3	1	18
4	FIN 12	Joonas Harju	7	2	7	2	4	3	18
5	NED 977	Sjoerd Hofland	2	3	6	4	9	8	23
6	AUS 95	Hayden Barney	5	8	4	6	2	9	25
7	HUN 131	Attila Svastits	9	9	3	7	10	4	32
8	HUN 22	Sebestyén Bonifac	8	7	9	8	6	7	36
9	POR 26	Gonçalo Casto Nunes	6	6	10	9	7	10	38
10	ITA 19	Sechi Claudio	11	11	11	10	5	6	43
11	HUN 181	Csaba Gaál	10	10	5	11	11	11	47
12	GER 369	Johann Schrage	12	12	8	12	12	12	56



second and third position overall with only four points between them.

Harju was fourth after a 7-2-4-3, while Sjoerd Hofland dropped to fifth with a 6-4-9-8.

However, unfortunately that was the end of the regatta. Again no races were possible on Friday, the final day, due to lack of wind, so the series was settled from the six races already sailed.

Hosted by the Centro Vela Alto Lario (AVAL-CDC), the young sailors had a great week of training and racing even though

two days were lost because of the wind conditions.

Golden was the clear winner with four race wins. Second placed Bence Racz and third placed Abel Szucs, both from Hungary won the other two races. Hungary also took two medals in the U19 group, with Attila Svastits taking gold from Sebestyén Bonifac with Italy's Claudio Sechi third.

In 2024 it is proposed to run the Silver Cup together with the Gold Cup in Aarhus. Photos thanks to Finn and More.



PETER PEET WINS LIGHT WIND EURO MASTERS

PETER PEET TOOK HIS FIRST MAJOR FINN TITLE AT THE EUROPEAN MASTERS IN THE SPECTACULAR CAMPIONE DEL GARDA SAILED IN MAINLY LIGHT WINDS AND HOT TEMPERATURES



The 2023 Finn European Masters was held at Campione del Garda from 2-8 September with 92 boats from 25 nations taking part. Racing was held in the afternoon Ora every day in winds from 5-10 knots. It was quite a high scoring series with the eventual winner, Peter Peet not winning a single race, and neither did those placing third to seventh, which must be quite unusual. Consistency had never been so important though, with 35 boats getting top 10 places in at least one race.

DAY 1

The championship opened with two races in a patchy and shifty southerly that provided a tough challenge for everyone. As on most days, it was all about the cliffs on the east side, with significantly less wind on the left side of the course. After a very mediocre start, Allen Burrell headed right under the fleet, but stayed out of trouble as the wind briefly died near the cliffs and then rounded the top mark in the chasing pack. He chose the best downwind route as well to round the gate behind Simon Bovay, Tibor Pallay and Martin Hughes, took the lead on the second upwind and extended on the right to take a comfortable lead down to the finish.

Race two was much the same with most of the fleet now heading to the cliffs. Udo Murek rounded first from Peet and Richard Sharp. Murek and Peet were neck and neck at the gate, but the German extended on the second upwind to round the top with a nice lead but no change in the top three. They finished in that order.

Murek led from Hughes and Bas de Waal, all on eight points.

Hughes said, "Today was a really interesting day. I started at the committee boat both races and was very lucky, managed to find a nice little hole to squeeze out, got all the way to the cliffs, and was

very lucky. Downwind, I lost a couple of places in both races, but hung on to fifth in the second race. But what a great sail, and what a great bit of water to be on. It was challenging today, definitely, the waves, the wind, but it was just a great sail."

DAY 2

Peet took the lead the next day after two more extremely difficult but fun races. John Greenwood moved up to second after winning the second race while Bovey was up to third. It was a very hot day on Lake Garda with a shifty 8-9 knots filling in after a short postponement ashore and some different tactics in play during the day.

After some starting practice, the fleet finally got away and most of the fleet headed to the cliffs. However, many also overstood

1	NED 148	Peter Peet	19	2	4	2	16	6	(45)	2	51
2	GBR 5	John Greenwood	12	7	18	1	1	19	(20)	5	63
3	SUI 59	Simon Bovay	6	11	8	16	10	(44)	9	8	68
4	ITA 115	Roberto Strappati	26	9	6	11	(53)	4	4	17	77
5	SWE 32	Olof Lundqvist	9	31	11	10	11	5	(dnf)	4	81
6	HUN 5	Tibor Pallay	2	14	26	18	(36)	21	12	3	96
7	AUS 22	Paul Mckenzie	15	18	14	13	12	14	10	(21)	96
8	SWE 72	Peter Overup	8	32	3	26	(35)	3	1	29	102
9	ITA 788	Roberto Benamati	46	19	1	3	14	(ret)	13	7	103
10	FRA 111	Valerian Lebrun	36	6	24	7	45	1	(bfd)	6	125
11	FRA 75	Laurent Hay	(ufd)	10	5	bfd	6	8	7	1	131
12	GBR 2	Allen Burrell	1	21	43	14	29	9	17	(45)	134
13	GBR 74	Lawrence Crispin	10	17	2	25	(bfd)	32	8	50	144
14	DEN 21	Otto Strandvig	18	40	10	(48)	3	33	21	19	144
15	ESP 71	Xavier Penas	13	43	(57)	38	2	16	25	9	146
16	GER 909	Udo Murek	7	1	39	31	20	20	38	(43)	156
17	AUT 333	Gerhard Weinreich	25	15	23	27	28	(45)	15	26	159
18	UKR 7	Vladimir Stasiuk	39	20	30	6	(bfd)	12	6	48	161
19	NED 29	Bas De Waal	4	4	37	(bfd)	8	7	bfd	12	166
20	SWE 12	Stefan Sandahl	23	55	15	5	25	31	14	(58)	168

allowing those who got the laylines right to make some gains. Roberto Benamati was one of those and rounded third, took the lead on the run and led round to take the gun. Lawrence Crispin sailed a great race to cross second with Peter Overup in third.

Race 4 was slightly different with a big left shift on the first upwind, allowing those at the pin to almost lay the top in one tack while those at the boat were in different wind near the cliffs. Laurent Hay rounded first from Greenwood and de Waal. Greenwood took the lead after a rare mistake from Hay and extended downwind to cross ahead of Peet and Benamati.

Benamati said *"I'm very happy to have won this race, I had a very good start. I started in the middle of the starting line, then I tacked immediately and I went to the right and I was lucky to not overstand the lay line. I was pretty fast on the run and I passed the two boats in front, and then I was leading the fleet all the second beat and the second round."*

DAY 3

It was another extremely tricky day on the water with the Ora developing late and slowly. After a few delays the first start under black flag removed around 20 boats.

In Race 5, Greenwood started near the pin and tacked straight to the right. A big right shift near the top left the fleet reaching in from the cliffs with Greenwood rounding first from Xavier Penas and Otto Strandvig. The wind was a bit more stable on the second upwind with Greenwood protecting and slightly extending his lead to win from Penas and Strandvig.

The wind increased for a much better second race with Valerian Lebrun tacking early to the right and leading the fleet round from Lundqvist and David Terol. Lebrun was never headed, sailing away on every leg, making a huge gain at the gate and winning by a substantial margin. Terol came through for second with Peter Overup in third.

After six races, Peet had a nine-point lead over Greenwood, while Lundqvist had done enough to move up to third overall.

Lebrun said, *"The weather for today was almost like every other day, pretty light, a little bit stronger for the second race. I am having a good time here and I think that the level has increased quite a lot in the master class, so it's pretty close at the front. As with many sailors we've been training quite a lot this year."*

DAY 4

The racing did not get any easier on the final day, with a very late and light Ora coming in for two hot and tricky races. The first race was probably the lightest of the week and produced a very mixed



bag of results. Both Peet and Greenwood were very deep, but both had the same discard, so nothing changed at the front. Overup started at the boat, tacked to the cliffs and was never headed. He took the win from Peter Mosny and Sinan Sumer.

The final race turned into a one-way track with a big left shift and pin end bias at the start. Those down the pin laid the top mark after a short hitch with Hay leading round and extending to take the last race win of the week from Peet and Pallay.

So, Peter Peet, from The Netherlands, won the 2023 Finn European Masters. Britain's John Greenwood took second with Simon Bovay, from Switzerland, in third.

Peet, *"I'm really happy that I've won the regatta especially with this light weather which is not my favourite. This morning I did a really bad race and the afternoon I got a second place, and overall I won so I'm really happy with that."*

Greenwood, *"Another tough day on the water. Everybody was trying their best and we had two winds. Sometimes the wind came in, sometimes it didn't so everybody had a lot of racing. I think the lesson learnt today is just keep with the wind and keep the head out of the boat. I was lucky, in the first race not so good in the second race better so I hang on second overall."*

Bovay, *"I finished third and I'm very happy. Today was very tricky conditions and it was not easy. The winds always change but it was an incredible week. The level was very high. I'm so happy now to be in this place."*

Univela Sailing at Campione, were great hosts, with most sailors remaining on site for the duration creating a very special Finn environment during the day and in the evenings. It is a beautiful venue with stunning light changes and great restaurant and bar service that left the sailors wanting for nothing.

21	GBR 61	John Heyes	168	46	NED 111	Chris Frijdal	302	71	ESP 321	Charles Heimler	422
22	FIN 233	Sami Salomaa	195	47	UKR 90	Igor Petukhov	306	72	NED 87	Jan Pieter Prins	425
23	NED 43	Ronald Van klooster	195	48	SVK 271	Tomas Mihalik	312	73	BEL 76	Paul Goossens	430
24	GBR 90	Richard Sharp	200	49	GBR 9	Tim Taviner	312	74	NED 962	Marc Eriks	431
25	TUR 12	Sinan Sumer	206	50	HUN 64	Balázs Szücs	313	75	GBR 42	Richard Phillips	432
26	CZE 75	Vladimir Skalicky	213	51	NED 17	Marck Smit	320	76	GBR 51	David Kitchen	440
27	GBR 567	Martin Hughes	219	52	HUN 27	Andrik Szabolcs	324	77	ESP 99	Gerardo Seeliger	441
28	FRA 66	Philippe Lobert	226	53	GBR 40	Russell New	336	78	BUL 44	George Boev	442
29	SVK 1	Peter Mosny	229	54	NOR 41	Christian Dahl	339	79	NED 68	Joost Houweling	444.67
30	FRA 96	Florian Faucheux	229	55	AUT 21	Erich Scherzer	343	80	NZL 94	Tony Bierre	445
31	BEL 4	Yves Bassette	230	56	SWE 82	Marcus Lofgren	346	81	GBR 18	Jonathan Pyke	446
32	ITA 872	Nicola Menoni	244	57	NED 115	Gerrit Jan Van Ommen	348	82	NED 56	Rick Bomer	451
33	BEL 18	Sigurd Vergauwe	247	58	NOR 13	Reidar Fosse	356	83	NED 128	Klaas Ruigewaard	458
34	DEN 212	Jan Peetz	254	59	GBR 35	Soeren Vonsild	360	84	BEL 78	Björn Cotteleer	461
35	NED 67	Remko Boot	255	60	SUI 39	Hans Stöckli	362	85	ITA 62	Lorenzo Tesei	464
36	BRA 11	Robert Rittscher	259	61	HUN 30	Gyula Monus	364	86	BEL 11	Jelle Van den Brande	474
37	SUI 1	Hans Fatzer	268	62	AUS 6	Bob Buchanan	373	87	NOR 22	Magnus Christiansen	476
38	POR 21	Filipe Silva	272	63	GER 151	Hendrik w. Schwarz	377	88	NED 201	Maria Kuiper	482
39	ITA 111	Bruno Catalan	272	64	GBR 77	Stewart Mitchell	384	89	AUS 69	John Alexander	484
40	NED 13	Huub De Haer	281	65	GUA 1	Juan E Maegli	387	90	GBR 20	Andy Denison	496
41	BEL 41	Tony Delava	288	66	ITA 11	Paolo Cisbani	393	91	GBR 43	Paul Peggs	523
42	NED 179	Kik Van Swol	293	67	BRA 108	Cristiano Ruschmann	397	92	USA 76	Ricardo Vadia	530
43	SUI 99	Laurent Chapuis	294	68	CZE 211	Martin Kaloš	398	93	NED 164	Wuijts Joop	601
44	BEL 891	Frederik Boone	297	69	ESP 7	David Terol	401				
45	NED 49	Jan Mark Meeuwisse	300	70	DEN 6	Lars Hall	420				

FINN SAILING FROM AROUND THE WORLD



AUSTRIA



2023 Austrian Championship Traunsee, 8-11 June

With great anticipation, 46 participants including 24 Austrians travelled to Lake Traunsee for four days of racing, though the wind was a bit difficult at times.

While normally the best winds are at Ebensee in the south of the lake compared to Salzkammergut in the north, it was a bit difficult in Ebensee this time, despite a good forecast. However, by Sunday, the series ended after completing all eight races. The club did a great job on and off the water, with good social activities and the evening catering with food and drink was impressive, as well as a musical evening.

On the water, Florian Raudaschl dominated with seven first places while Michael Gubi took silver without any problems. Behind it was a bit more turbulent, the daily results were very different.

1	AUT 3	Florian Raudaschl	7
2	AUT 7	Michael Gubi	17
3	CZE 54	Matouš Cervenka	39
4	AUT 73	Markus Schneeberger	40
5	GER 811	Michael Knoll	57
6	CZE 67	Josef Jochovic	66
7	GER 286	Max Trommer	69
8	AUT 333	Gerhard Weinreich	70.9
9	AUT 511	Gerhard Schwendt	82
10	GER 65	Michael Ziller	82

Finn Duell

Salzburger Landesmeisterschaft, 16-17 Sept
Only two races were managed with Florian Raudaschl winning both of them.

1	AUT 3	Florian Raudaschl	2
2	ITA 140	Ennio Cozzolotto	9
3	AUT 11	Bernd Moser	11
4	AUT 700	Uri Thomas Müller	13
5	AUT 36	Marcus Piso	14
6	AUT 6	Bernd Rohlf	15
7	AUT 288	Hannes Blaschke	19
8	AUT 511	Gerhard Schwendt	20
9	AUT 333	Gerhard Weinreich	21
10	AUT 297	Tobias Haring	21



BELGIUM



Coppercup, Ostend, 29-30 April

Paul Goossens writes: We were looking forward to it, to our race at sea, but the weather forecasts did not look very promising. However, it turned out to be beautiful: lots of sunshine and enough wind to race. The organisation was excellent; they took the right decisions and made sure everything ran smoothly in this multi-class race. We welcomed three very nice foreigners, Willem van Walt Meijer and Jan de Jager from the Netherlands and Harri Veivo, a Finnish sailor living in France.

There was just enough wind to sail the first day, and many of us had to get used again to the currents, especially at the buoys and at the starting line. Sigurd, Stijn, Filip V. and Harri were the best in these conditions. Bart and Willem forgot to return their tracker at the end of the day and unfortunately received a very heavy penalty of 15 points.

On the second day, the wind picked up and we were allowed to pump, something we clearly hadn't practised much in Belgium. The first three defended their positions very well. In the last race Tony went right all the way and that turned out to be a brilliant move as he finished first. Filip V. also decided to take a look at the bottom of his Devoti and



lost a lot of places. There was also a fierce battle for sixth place where Filip W. and Paul had both with equal points.

The third day started off grey but eventually the sun (and wind) broke through. On the first beat, the top three did not sail well; maybe some had a little hangover? Tony did it again and took a first place. Noah started to sail stronger and stronger; that bodes well for the future. Not much changed in the rankings, except that Tony jumped over Harri to fourth, and Paul was able to defend sixth.

1	BEL 18	Sigurd Vergauwe	8
2	BEL 2603	Stijn Helsen	17
3	BEL 8	Filip Verhaeghe	22
4	BEL 41	Tony Delava	25
5	FRA 373	Harri Veivo	29
6	BEL 76	Paul Goossens	36
7	BEL 15	Filip Willems	39
8	BEL 16	Noah Grandjean	55
9	BEL 5	Alain Denis	62
10	NED 939	Willem Van Waltmeijer	67



DENMARK



Danish Nationals

Kalundborg SC, 18-20 Aug

Michael Staal writes: Kalundborg SC hosted 45 dinghies from six nations, for the 2023 Danish Championship. Expectations were high and when the weather also chose to support the event, the 2023 DM became one of the very best in many years.

Eight good races were sailed in winds from 4 m/s to well over 8 m/s. On the first day, two sailors stood out, Ewout Meijer and Søren Kjær led the way at the top.

On the second day, the current had a big impact, which meant restarts under black flag in the first three races. After four races the best Dutch and Finns sat on top. The three youngest sailors in the field were from Finland. It was nice to get beaten again by the youth. Among the Danes, there was quite a bit of shuffling between them, with Otto Strandvig moving up.

On Day 3 there were three races planned but the third was abandoned when the wind dropped. Otto Strandvig got it the most correct on the left side and led from start to finish. Several of the leading Dutch and Finnish chose the right side and had to concede many points.

At the top of the list, Peter Peet picked up an extra 'throwaway' with an 18th place and brought Joonas Harju into the fight for the international Danish title with a lead of four points. In the last race, Peter Peet showed his class and experience with another win and Joonas had to settle for second place by just two points. Otto Strandvig moved up to third overall.

So the new International Danish champion is Peter Peet ahead of Joonas Harju and Otto Strandvig, also the Danish champion from Lars Hall and Michael Staal. It was a perfect DM with great expectations that we can do it again and again in the coming years. There is always great praise from our foreign friends for the 'all inclusive' food concept at our DM. Then they keep coming back and the organising clubs can look forward to an event with meaning and joy.

1	NED 148	Peter Peet	27
2	FIN 12	Joonas Harju	29
3	DEN 21	Otto Strandvig	37
4	NED 703	Eric Bakker	39
5	FIN 234	Ville Aalto-Setälä	43
6	FIN 21	Niklas Toroi	54
7	NED 66	Ewout Meijer	57
8	SWE 5	Fredrik Teghned	62
9	NED 29	Bas De Waal	81
10	SWE 61	Mikael Nilsson	81



FRANCE



French Nationals, Lake Biscarrosse, 12-23 July

The French national championship, National Aquarelle, took place this year on the Lake Biscarrosse near Bordeaux. The fleet was bigger than last year with five nations represented. The first day started with sun and waiting for the wind. Three races were finally sailed in beautiful conditions. The wind was first low and shifting, but rose then to allow free pumping in the second race. Laurent Hay won the first race and was leading at the end of the day, with Paul Mckenzie and Orotz Iturralde taking the other races.

On the second day, the wind never stabilized enough to permit sailing, but the wine-tasting was however kept in the programme to the satisfaction of all the participants and their spouses. The third day followed the same pattern as the first: light and shifting wind in the beginning, 15 knots at the end. Hay won the last race and kept his position, while Mckenzie, Damien Boulan and Marc Allain des Beauvais were first in the other three.

After sailing, the French National Day was celebrated with a dinner offered by the club to all the skippers. The last day started with rain and waiting, but finally two races were sailed in continuously increasing wind. Iturralde took the bullet in the first and David Huet in the second.

So Laurent Hay won the championship.



In sailing his wooden Finn built in the 1950s Martin Hughes, in 12th, would encourage anyone with an old boat, metal mast and Dacron sail to compete against other Finns. Laurent Hay received a special trophy with the names of all French champions since 1954. Great thanks to the club CNBO and all the volunteers for the organisation.

1	FRA 75	Laurent Hay	14
2	AUS 22	Paul Mckenzie	22
3	FRA 61	David Huet	39
4	FRA 88	Orotz Iturralde	45
5	FRA 2	Damien Boulan	48
6	FRA 99	Marc Allain D Beauvais	54
7	FRA 66	Philippe Lobert	55
8	FRA 96	Florian Fauchoux	84
9	FRA 9	Aubert Lerouge	84
10	CZE 75	Wladimir Skalicky	88





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Tobias de Haer writes: Sailing in The Netherlands always starts with the Tulpen Race on Loosdrecht and ends with the Boerenkool Cup, also on Loosdrecht. What a season has it been. We all are proud to have after Pieter Jan Postma another Finn Champion in our midst. Peter Peet, congrats again with your win of the European Masters on Lake Garda. It was evident that you were in top shape leading up to the European Masters.

This year more than 60 sailors attended the Boerenkool Cup with the usual suspects, newcomers and some people finding their way back to the Finn after retirement. Good to have you back Nicholas. Let's make it an annual showcase for everybody else.

Our Finn mate Hein Bloemers (NED 999) wrote the following about the Boerenkool Cup at WSV Het Witte Huis:

"What Loosdrecht managed to find was autumn. After a Friday with 20 degrees, Saturday brought a fall day of 10 degrees with gusts up to 30 knots, stinging rain and hail showers, causing chaos on the water. While we had 57 starters in the first race, there were only 33 left in the last race. Many swims and a few accidents decimated the fleet. And what do you need after such a cold day with swims and crashes? Boerenkool (Dutch dish with kale and mashed potatoes). And that's where Henk-Jan de Heer comes in. Undisputed top chef in the Finn fleet, and Henk-Jan proved it again with an unparalleled Boerenkool meal for 100 people. At least that made my swimming day completely good again. Thank you, Henk-Jan!

Sunday looked much friendlier with calm winds and sun between the showers and gusts. With the wind shifting from NE to SW and back, the race committee had a busy time making three starts possible. In the first start, the fleet was scattered by an island in the way and a great shift to the right in the second beat. Nicholas won this race very skilfully.

Opposite this Legend stands freshman Steyn van Driessel, who stepped into a Finn for the first time and showed a promising improvement in the results. From 45th in the first race to a fifth in the fifth race and a nice 15th overall, thanks to a UFD in the sixth race. There is potential



there, and hopefully, we will see more of him.

The whole day we saw 30 to 40 degree shifts that didn't make racing much easier. For the sailors and for the committee, it was no walk in the park. This is evident from the results that show little consistency among the top performers. Except for Nicholas Heiner. He became the winner of the BKC 23 with four bullets and a second place. Heiner opted out of the last race after the start. Nicholas had borrowed Peter Peet's boat and made good use of it. And Peter Peet? In a borrowed boat, he only managed a 17th place! It's now very clear. Peter's success lies in Peter's boat. Borrow his boat, and you're all set.

I want to thank the race organisation of Het Witte Huis and Kathelijne along with the people behind the bar for making this beautiful national Finn event possible!

And of course, our invaluable sponsor Contender. I wonder what a die-hard North Sails sailor like Eric Bakker will do with the WB sail awarded by Contender..."

What a season has it been. Coming winter training sessions are organised at Het Witte Huis. Check our calendar at finn-sailing.nl for the whole Dutch programme. Always 50+ boats on the five main events...

The Dutch nationals will be held on 20-23 September at Medemblik. A perfect preparation for the Finn Masters Worlds in 2025... See you there!

1	NED 1148	Nicolas Heiner	6
2	NED 43	Ronald van het Klooster	33
3	NED 117	Thierry van Vierssen	34
4	NED 7	Cees Scheurwater	43
5	NED 1037	JW Kok	44
6	NED 59	Johan van de Pavert	48
7	NED 41	Karel van Hellemond	63
8	NED 746	Marald van Reijssen	67
9	NED 133	Tobias de Haer	68
10	BEL 18	Sigurd Vergauwe	76



BRITAIN

Ronstan British Finn National Championships

The Ronstan British Finn National Championships took place over the 6-8 July, ably hosted by Christchurch Sailing Club, with racing out in Christchurch Bay. The championships attracted over 50 entries, from afar afield as Australia, South Africa, Germany, France and even Scotland.

The championship opened with sunny skies and a solid 15 knot breeze, providing optimal racing conditions. In the first race of the day with a lumpy sea and a relatively small wind shifts, Allen Burrell marked his return to competition after shoulder replacement surgery, got it right, to lead all the way. The breeze dropped to around 12 knots for the second race with defending champion Cameron Tweedle taking the win.

The first race on Friday was started in just over 5 knots, which then failed to develop as the Race Officer expected, so the race was shortened at the end of the first run, as the fleet crept painfully over the finish line with Nick Craig in the lead. After a long delay, the sea breeze filled in for two more races. Lawrence Crispin took both wins in the increasing breeze, though there wasn't much in it at times with John Greenwood and Tweedle close behind. The breeze increased to a healthy 8-10 knots for the final race of the day, providing champagne sailing for all the fleet in the hot sun and developing waves.

Saturday's forecast was not promising, and after a postponement ashore, the fleet launched, and after a few tentative starts were cancelled eventually the cloud cleared and the sun brought a building sea breeze, allowing a final race. Greenwood won the pin and headed off to the left but was surprised to only narrowly round ahead of those steaming in from the right but maintained his lead to win the race. With Craig recovering to fifth, a third for Tweedle was enough to take the title again, with Greenwood second and Craig third.

1	GBR 4	Cameron Tweedle	11
2	GBR 5	John Greenwood	13
3	GBR 790	Nick Craig	14



4	GBR 74	Lawrence Crispin	17
5	GBR 2	Allen Burrell	20
6	GBR 49	James Downer	25
7	GBR 635	Simon Percival	44
8	GBR 720	Julian Smith	47
9	GBR 593	Alex Farrall	53
10	GBR 90	Richard Sharp	55

not being up to full Finn fighting weight.

Sunday was a completely different story with sun and light winds forecast. Two race wins went to John Greenwood, with Lawrence Crispin picking up the final race.

Across the two days, Nick Craig was the clear winner with three first places in the heavier conditions. Lawrence Crispin took the runner-up spot by a point from Jim Downer, (who won the Open category,) ahead of John Greenwood as the third Master.

1	GBR 18	Nick Craig M	10
2	GBR 74	Lawrence Crispin GM	14
3	GBR 49	James Downer O	15
4	GBR 5	John Greenwood GGM	18
5	GBR 567	Martin Hughes GGM	21
6	FIN 201	Kristian Sjoberg GM	34
7	GBR 720	Julian Smith GM	42
8	GBR 61	John Heyes GGM	46
9	GBR 21	Michael De Courcy GM	49
10	GBR 13	Roman Khodykin M	50

British Masters, Keyhaven, 6-7 May

The British Finn Masters Championship attracted some of the best single-handed talent in the UK, with at least three world champions and over five national champions spread amongst the 26-boat fleet. Keyhaven Yacht Club ran an excellent series of races across a wide range of wind and tidal conditions.

Saturday's conditions peaked at 23 knots and the lumpy sea made the beats exhausting and the runs heart-racing for those that attempted to pump one-to-one. Multi-class champion Nick Craig proved his dominance in the conditions again, despite

then Christoph Christen and Michael Gubi closed out the regatta with the remaining race wins to place first and second.

1	SUI 5	Christoph Christen	15
2	AUT 7	Michael Gubi	19
3	GER 8	Jürgen Eiermann	22
4	CZE 5	Roman Tepy	38
5	GER 17	Kai Schrader	39
6	GER 15	Peter Ganzert	53
7	GER 286	Max Trommer	57
8	SUI 96	Oliver Wirz	57
9	GER 501	Fabian Lemmel	66
10	GER 251	Mark-Raimondo Bayer 79	

Travemünder Woche

21-30 July

1	GER 501	Fabian Lemmel	9
2	NED 7	Cees Scheurwater	17
3	GER 183	Kai Falkenthal	30
4	GER 206	Klaus Reffelmann	43
5	GER 164	Claus Wimmer	43
6	GER 479	Gerd-Uwe Hillers	46
7	GER 960	Klaus Antrecht	46
8	GER 111	Rainer Haacks	50
9	GER 188	Michael Klügel	63
10	GER 65	Michael Ziller	68

GERMANY

Internationale Deutsche Meisterschaft

Reichenau 17-20 May, 2023

An incredible 123 boats came to the start line at Reichenau on Lake Constance in southern Germany for the 2023 German Championship, sailed in generally good wind but a mix of conditions. Nine out of the 10 scheduled races were sailed. Jürgen Eiermann got off to the best start winning four out of the first five races, but

Mandelli Trophy, Torbole, 17-19 March

1	EST 1	Taavi Valter Taveter	5
2	AUT 3	Florian Raudaschl	11
3	POL 6	Bartosz Szydlowski	15
4	SUI 7	Christoph Burger	17
5	UKR 7	Vladimir Stasiuk	25
6	SUI 59	Simon Bovay	30
7	FIN 201	Kristian Sjoberg	31
8	AUT 7	Michael Gubi	35
9	ITA 11	Paolo Cisbani	49
10	SUI 99	Laurent Chapuis	52

Coppa Italia 2023

The FINN Italian Cup 2023 started in Naples and Caldaro in April before Ancona on May, Gravedona in July and ending in Anzio in October. There were 103 entries across all five events but one clear winner in Alessandro Marega who won every event he took part in.

At the first leg in Naples, organised by the Circolo del Remo e della Vela Italia, there was very good turnout, with 32 boats from all over Italy taking part. The Gulf of Naples gave all kinds of weather conditions. Alessandro Marega dominated with 1-1-1-6 from Matteo Iovenitti with 3-2-2-8-4 and Roberto Strappati with 6-5-4-3-2.

The second leg was organised by the Lake Kaltern SA and supported by sponsor Dr. Schär, with 50 boats from all over Italy and even some foreign crews. Both Saturday and Sunday were relatively warm with a southerly wind, allowing all six races to take place. Marega repeated his success from Naples, though only won two races, while Matteo Iovenitti in second only won one. Enrico Passoni completed the top three. Five sailors took a race win. In the team ranking for the Dr Schär Trophy, the Rome team of Matteo Iovenitti, Enrico Passoni and Marco Buglielli came out on top.

Roberto Strappati won the next event in Ancona with three race wins from the five races sailed. Iovenitti and Passoni were

second and third, after winning one ace each.

The fourth event at Gravedona on Lake Como was the closest of the year, with Marega only winning on countback by winning two races from Strappati who took one race. Giacomo Giovanelli was the best of the rest in third place.

The Coppa Italia concluded in Anzio in October, where again Marega dominated, this time winning all five races. Strappati was second with Roberto Benamati in third.

1	ITA 983	Alessandro Marega, S	4
2	ITA 115	Roberto Strappati, M	8
3	ITA 6	Enrico Passoni, GGM	15
4	ITA 2	Marco Buglielli, GGM	18
5	ITA 30	Andrea Lino, S	26
6	ITA 1071	Matteo Iovenitti, S	36
7	ITA 147	Carlo Varelli, M	37
8	ITA 52	Franco Martinelli, GM	38
9	ITA 202	Giacomo Giovanelli, M44	
10	ITA 706	Sebastian Mazarrol, S64	

Italian Championship

The Italia Championship took place in Talamone from 22-24 September and again Marega took the win, taking four bullets from the eight races sailed

1	ITA 983	Alessandro Marega	11
2	ITA 40	Marko Kolic	24
3	ITA 115	Roberto Strappati	25
4	ITA 202	Giacomo Giovanelli	32
5	ITA 6	Enrico Passoni	33
6	NED 29	Bas De Waal	43
7	ITA 45	Nicola Capriglione	50
8	ITA 30	Andrea Lino	52
9	ITA 67	Gino Bucciarelli	64
10	ITA 2	Marco Buglielli	72

International Finn Cup, 29 Sept-1 Oct

The International Finn Cup, including the 20th Trofeo Menoni at Fraglia Vela Malcesine was a great end to the season with 64 entries. After Zsigmond Kántor won both races on the

first day, Taavi Valter Taveter and Florian Raudaschl had a tight battle at the front, only winning one race each. However the big story of the regatta was Nicola Menoni, who started the Trofeo Menoni 20 years ago winning the cup as the top Italian sailor in the fleet, in 18th overall.

1	EST 1	Taavi Valter Taveter	19
2	AUT 3	Florian Raudaschl	21
3	FRA 75	Laurent Hay	35
4	HUN 30	Zsigmond Kántor	43
5	POL 6	Bartosz Szydlowski	47
6	NED 29	Bas De Waal	47
7	CZE 3	Rudolf Lidarik	49
8	ESP 7	David Terol	52
9	AUS 221	Anthony Nossiter	52
10	POR 21	Filipe Silva	57



LEFT: CALDARO • BELOW, NAPLES

RIGHT: NICOLA MENONI, LAURENT HAY AND TAAVI TAVETER IN MALCESINE; MICHAEL GUBI IN TORBOLE



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NORWAY



Norwegian Championship

Fredrikstad, 4-6 August

Probably the largest Norwegian championship ever took place at Fredrikstad in August. There were 27 entries from six nations. Anders Pedersen put together a picket fence of race wins while Christoffer Sørlie and Anthony Nossiter traded second and third places. Otto Strandvig, Christian Dahl and Petter Fjeld also posted some top three results during the event.

1	NOR 1	Anders Østre Pedersen	5
2	NOR 4	Christoffer Sørlie	11
3	AUS 221	Anthony Nossiter	15
4	SWE 32	Olof Lundqvist	27
5	DEN 21	Otto Strandvig	28
6	NOR 41	Christian Dahl	32
7	NOR 64	Petter Fjeld	32
8	NOR 88	Morten Helgesen	40
9	SWE 12	Stefan Sandahl	40
10	NOR 77	Peder Nergaard	52

NEW ZEALAND



2023 Finn North Island & National Championships

Nine diehard Finn sailors gathered at Plimmerton Boating Club (Wellington) for their North Island and National Championships held over 14-16 April. Numbers were down on previous years thanks mainly to the Cook Strait ferry problems. The first two days racing decided the North Island Champion with the whole three days racing used to decide the National Champion. Karl Purdie won both events. In the North Islands, Chris Goodyear was second and Brendon Hogg made third. For the Nationals, Purdie won five out of the eight races sailed.

1	NZL 111	Karl Purdie	21
2	NZL 999	Chris Goodyear	22
3	NZL 2	Ray Hall	27
4	NZL 5	Brendon Hogg	32
5	NZL 20	Chris Wells	36
6	NZL 81	Paul Bamford	42
7	NZL 69	Oliver Palmer-Hargreaves	59
8	NZL 8	David Hoogenboom	61
9	NZL 29	Cam Doig	64



POLAND



Andrzej Romanowski writes: As in previous years the year round Polish Cup series consisted of 10 regattas, five of which were held on lakes and five at sea, including the Polish championship. The International Polish Championship took place in the sea area in Dziwnow with the participation of 22 Poles, six Germans and one Brit. Contrary to fears, the challenge was not the strong wind but its lack, which allowed only four races to be held. Ultimately Fabian Lemmel won ahead of Andrzej Romanowski and Jan H Meyer. In the national championship competition, the top three were the same as last year: Andrzej Romanowski, Bartosz Szydłowski and Marek Jarocki. Blazej Wyszowski, who competed in the 1972 Olympic Games in Kiel was tenth overall.

1	GER 501	Fabian Lemmel	5
2	POL 73	Andrzej Romanowski	6
3	GER 137	Jan Heinrich Meyer	11
4	POL 6	Bartosz Szydłowski	12
5	GER 198	Erik Schmidt	13
6	POL 100	Marek Jarocki	13
7	POL 80	Ryszard M.Gliszczyński	18
8	POL 24	Tomasz Knasiecki	19
9	POL 26	Bogusław Nowakowski	22
10	POL 83	Blazej Wyszowski	28

The Polish Cup series was won by Bartosz Szydłowski, who was the best in six regattas, ahead of Andrzej Romanowski, who won the remaining four. Tadeusz Bartlewski, Polish OK Dinghy champion in 1982, who started sailing Finn this year was third.



During the last regatta of the season held on the Zegrze Lake new authorities of the Polish Finn Association were elected. Juliusz Reichelt became again the president and Andrzej Romanowski became the secretary.

Top 10 of Polish Cup series 2023:

1	POL 6	Bartosz Szydłowski	328.6
2	POL 73	Andrzej Romanowski	327.8
3	POL 13	Tadeusz Bartlewski	311.8
4	POL 80	Ryszard M-Gliszczyński	301.8
5	POL 24	Tomasz Knasiecki	299.4
6	POL 83	Blazej Wyszowski	292.6
7	POL 38	Juliusz Reichelt	283.2
8	POL 115	Lucjan Bładowski	272.6
9	POL 151	Jakub Micewski	272.6
10	POL 43	Beniamin Kobierski	260.8



PORTUGAL



Finn Sailing Academy Regatta, Vilamoura

The first edition of Finn Sailing Academy Regatta was sailed in Vilamoura from 14-15 April 2023. Five nations and 11 sailors attended the event, with regatta managed by Vilamoura Sailing. Six races were sailed in moderate winds and Vilamoura once again delivered great sailing conditions. Filipe Silva took the top of the podium winning four out of the six races, followed by David Terol and Bas De Waal.

Filipe Silva 'Finn Sailing Academy Regatta' is a great way to finalise the coaching activity for the season. The next clinics are scheduled to start in November.

David Terol, "The regatta was excellent, well organised and competitive, with three top world ranked sailors. I will definitely attend next year. It's a great warm up for the upcoming sailing season."

Bas De Waal, "Beautifully organized, great weather, good warm up for the season. Filipe did a fantastic job."

Derek Breitenstein, "Vilamoura has location, weather, wind and friendly people and is an amazing place. It's worthwhile travelling the long distance. I have sailed with the Academy in various occasions in the past and Vilamoura is always worth coming back. It always delivers good sailing."

1	POR	Filipe Silva	6
2	ESP	David Terol	10
3	NED	Bas De Waal	12
4	POR	Fernando Bello	22
5	GER	Michael Ziller	24
6	POR	Jorge Pinheiro de Melo	29
7	POR	Francisco Pin. de Melo	31
8	FIN	Sami Salomaa	41
9	FIN	Derek Breitenstein	42
10	POR	Luis Menéres Manso	48

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SWEDEN



Three Swedes sailed the Danish Championship from 18-20 August with 41 participants. Fredrik Tegnhed was 8th, Mikael Nilsson, 10th and Lars Edwall, 21st.

The Swedish Championship at Karlstad was sailed from 25-27 August. Friday's and Saturday's sailing was on the Kattfjord west of Karlstad – the city on the northern shore of Lake Vänern. Varying winds 4-6 m/s. On the last day of sailing, there was a strong south-westerly wind between 9-14 m/s and a choppy sea state. MSS who seized the entire podium. Swedish Champion was Olof Lundqvist. Silver medallist Peter Overup and Bronze medallist Stefan Sandahl. Robert Buchanan and John Alexander from Tasmania / Australia, who had come all the way to Karlstad to participate. Very impressive.

The Finn European Masters were sailed in Campione del Garda from September 2-8. The Swedish participants were Marcus Löfgren, Peter Overup, Olof Lundqvist and Stefan Sandahl, all sailing for MSS. Olof had a hold on the silver, but a yellow flag came in between, and Olof ended fifth overall, as well as second in the Grand Master class. Peter finished eighth overall, after winning the seventh race. Stefan finished 20th and Marcus 58th. The Swedish Finn Association congratulates the boys from Malmö on good performances. Despite difficult sailing conditions, they represented Sweden in a meritorious manner.

The Sola Cup regatta 2023 in Karlstad was held over 16-17 September with 14 participants. Those who got on the podium were Erik Åberg (1st), Svante Collvin (2nd) and Christian Dahl from



Norway (3rd). The regatta was sailed in perfect conditions. The regatta also included the final of this year's Sweden Cup and Class Championship for masters. Top five in the Swedish Cup: Stefan Nordström (1st), Svante Collvin (2nd), Pär Friberg (3rd), Mats R Karlsson (4th) and Olof Lundqvist (5th).

In the Master Championship: Svante Collvin (1st), Pär Friberg (2nd) and Stefan Nordström (3rd). In Age groups: Grand Master: Stefan Nordström (1st). Grand Grand Master: Svante Collvin (1st). Legend Class: Torsten Jarnstam (1st).

SOUTH AFRICA



There is not much news out of South Africa, but there is a regular newsletter from Pretoria Sailing Club, one of the strongest Finn clubs in the country. The Finn Winter Challenge was held over the weekend of 26-27 August. The turnout was a bit lower than usual but there were 12 entries this time, compared with the usual turnout of 15-20 boats.

A cold front was passing by, and on Saturday the weather conditions were fresh, blustery and shifty. Heading towards the southern shore, the beats were short and tricky, and races were won and lost among the gusts. On Sunday, the wind had shifted towards the east, and was considerably lighter. Four races were completed on Saturday, and another three on Sunday.

There were a few dramatic moments, including capsizes, but in general the Finn sailors handled the conditions very



well. There was enthusiastic competition in every race, but in the end the winners were those who were able to read the large and frequent wind-shifts.

Oscar de Weijer won the regatta with six race wins from seven races, sailing a newly acquired boat that has an impressive racing history. Arend van Wamelo was second and Chris Moreton third.

SWITZERLAND



9	SUI 13	Peter Kilchenmann	40
10	GER 996	Peter Drodofsky	42

Domink Haitz writes: In September we had our Swiss Championship in Lugano. The weather forecast was absolutely lousy for the four days, but except Friday when thunderstorms were forecast and it poured with rain, it was pretty much ok. With 32 boats on the starting line, the participation was a bit less than in the previous years. On Thursday we stayed ashore, because the race officer, who said he knew the lake, was sure the wind would die within one hour. After two hours waiting, with best conditions outside, we finally sailed two short races. On Saturday we had a northerly wind, which allowed three nice races with very long upwinds. For the third race, the committee shortened the upwind by bringing the windward buoy down. Quite a few sailors missed that change, went too far and had to sail 'back' to the mark. On Sunday, we had one final race in nice, but light wind conditions.

Simon Bovay won two races, but was more consistent overall than Christoph Christen in second who won three races. The other race was won by Attila Szabo.

1	SUI 59	Simon Bovay	10
2	SUI 5	Christoph Christen	16
3	SUI 20	Michael Beyeler	25
4	SUI 41	Dominique Wälchli	30
5	SUI 95	Michael Good	31
6	GER 323	Jonas Jung	33
7	SUI 21	Attila Szabo	35
8	SUI 1	Hans Fatzer	39

The last event of the year was, as always, the Gingerbread Regatta on Lake Thun. This year with pleasant temperatures and four races, one on Saturday and three on Sunday. On Saturday night the traditional Finn party took place at Thunersee Yacht Club. Once again, the 'Finn-Band' Pitralon accompanied us through the evening, among others with the song 'lue wie si pumpe' (look how they pump). The band consists of three current, one former Finn sailor and two other musicians.

During the prizegiving on Sunday, the winner of the Swiss annual ranking, Attila Szabo, could also be announced. The deserved winner is one of only three sailors, who participated in all counting regattas. He also received the prize of CHF 500 donated by Wilke Composites (Wilke Masts).

The 2024 season will start in Switzerland mid-April. But I am sure that many of us will head to Cannes in February, where we will meet many friends from all over Europe. Have a good winter.

1	SUI 21	Attila Szabo	7102
2	SUI 59	Simon Bovay	6792
3	SUI 13	Peter Kilchenmann	5910
4	SUI 95	Michael Good	5442
5	SUI 41	Dominique Wälchli	5414
6	SUI 5	Christoph Christen	5311
7	SUI 1	Hans Fatzer	5001
8	SUI 20	Michael Beyeler	4808
9	SUI 7	Christoph Burger	4452
10	SUI 83	Jürg Wittich	4389



SPAIN



Spanish Championship, 26-29 Oct

The Spanish Championship was held on the Mar Menor and marked the return of 2023 Finn Gold Cup bronze medalist Miguel Fernández Vasco. The defending champion David Terol had the better start to the championship but then Fernández Vasco closed out with three race wins to take the title again by a single point.

1	ESP 161	Miguel Fernández Vasco	8
2	ESP 7	David Terol Albaladejo	9
3	POR 61	Fernando Bello	16
4	ESP 71	Xavier Penas Babot	20
5	FRA 196	Faucheux Florian	20
6	ESP 313	Antonio Parra Arrondo	22
7	ESP 22	Adrián Bedoya Mey	39
8	ESP 1	Fernando Ros Martínez	41
9	ESP 777	Guillermo Altadill Caudet	43
10	ESP 555	Juan Grau Cases	44



USA



North American Championship 2023

Newport Harbor Yacht Club, 2-4 Sept. Three days of competition with varying wind conditions: light on day one, windy on day 2 and light and shifty on day 3. James Golden, fresh from his 2023 Silver Cup win, was the best on the day, from Rodion Mazin, the 2021 National Champion and 2022 North American Champion, and Erik Lidecis, the 2022 National Champion and 2013 Master Worlds Silver Medalist.

1	USA 606	James Golden	17.0
2	USA 16	Rodion Mazin	24.0
3	USA 505	Erik Lidecis	26.0
4	USA 69	John F Dane	40.0
5	USA 5286	Charles Buckingham	46.0
6	USA 741	Andrew Kern	47.0
7	USA 7	Nikita Mazin	52.0
8	USA 28	Chris Raab	54.0
9	USA 35	Darrell Peck	55.0
10	UKR 7	Anatolii Nosar	82.0

North American Masters 2023

The Finn North American Masters Championship, hosted by the Buccaneer Yacht Club, took place on Mobile Bay, Alabama, from March 30 to April 2. The



competition was fierce, with the wind conditions ranging between 10 to 15 knots, providing perfect conditions for the sailors to showcase their skills and tactics.

After four days of intense racing, John F Dane emerged as the winner after a consistent performance throughout. However, one of the biggest highlights was the performance of the newly created R1 Finn. The R1 Finn made its maiden appearance in the regatta. Darrell Peck, representing the USA Finn Foundation, sailed to an impressive second place.

1	USA 69	John F Dane	12
2	USA 5	Darrell Peck	14
3	USA 11	Phil Toth	23
4	USA 64	Dave Martin	26
5	USA 8	Mike Dorgan	28
6	USA 74	Henry Sprague	39
7	USA 117	Michael Mark	41
8	USA 101	Peter Frissell	44
9	USA 19	R. Phillip Ramming	47
10	GUA 1	Juan E. Maegli	53



2023 IFA AGM MINTUTES

INTERNATIONAL FINN ASSOCIATION 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Was held at Procelero Sportegyesület,
Csopak on Saturday 13 May at 10.009

[All papers and accounts at finnclass.org]

MINUTES

1. National Class Associations

18 National Finn Class associations were represented. POL, POR, AUS, NED, AUT, GBR, HUN were represented in person and BEL, CAN, DEN, FRA, FIN, GER, NZL, SVK, SWE, ESP AND SUI were represented by proxy. Five members of the Executive Committee were also present.

In the absence of the President, who sent apologies, Tim Tavinor took the chair.

2. Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes from the 2022 IFA AGM (previously circulated on IFA website, to secretaries) were approved.

3. Accounts

The 2022 accounts and 2023 budget were approved.

4. Executive Committee Reports

4.1 President

Firstly, please accept my apologies as I am currently unable to travel due some small health issues.

2022 was a very successful year for the Finn class. We continue to see strong interest in the class and booming Masters fleets all around the world.

During the year we ran successful a fantastic Gold Cup in Malcesine and a combined Open/Masters European Championships in Spain. The latter event became a necessity due to the lack of support for the planned Kiel event, despite the assurances given by NFAs at the 2022 AGM. The Miami 2023 Finn Gold Cup was a great showcase of the strength of the Finn class, with a respectable turnout and great media we have helped re-build momentum in North America and proven that the Finn class has bounced back from our enforced COVID break. Looking ahead we have exciting events and

proposal for all major regattas up to and including 2026. The executive has been working hard to make this possible and we will continue to work corroboratively with the NFAs try and please as many Finn sailors as we can, whilst preserving the integrity of our class and a high standard of racing. During the year we significantly improved the social media activity and marketing of the class. This has had a dramatic impact and our social media is hard to ignore on the major social channels.

There is much work that needs to be done in re-energising younger sailors to take up the Finn. In that respect, everything is on the table, and we will need the support of the entire Finn community to address this issue. Whether it is U23, U30 or U35 sailors – we need them. Despite lots of different initiatives the membership profile of our NFAs is ageing and in order to sustain our class we need shift the average age down. We will be engaging more with NFAs and sailors on this topic in the weeks ahead. It is pleasing to note the progress in getting a new builder online in North America, and that our current builders and part manufactures are all busy. Technically we continue to be stable with a vibrant market for used boats and equipment. We are also fortunate to have a very active service provider community offering charter boats, transport, coaching and other services – all of this activity is highly valued and improves the access and the feasibility of the regatta participation.

I look forward to racing with you in person possibly in the Autumn at the Euro Masters, if not most certainly in Italy in 2024. All the best for the season ahead.

Rob McMillan

4.2 Class Secretary

The Finn Class remains in very good health, though with a few areas of concern. IFA membership remains buoyant with very little impact following the Olympic decision. It's still too early to have a full understanding of the long-term financial impact, but so far, we are certainly operating within means without too many changes.

The 2022 season was overshadowed by the Ukraine conflict, while the increased cost of travelling has had a knock-on impact on some events.

After a fantastic 2022 Gold Cup at Malcesine on Lake Garda, there was disappointment that the Europeans in Kiel were cancelled, which resulted in a combined Open and Masters European Championship in September in L'Hospitalet. While this was slightly unsatisfactory, it was a great event for those that travelled. The 2023 season started well with a fantastic Finn Gold Cup in Miami, ably hosted by Coconut Grove Sailing Club. This year we planned all five events, and all seem to be well attended with the exception of the Silver Cup, which is a bit slow so far. Numbers at the World Masters are still a long way from pre-pandemic levels, but events have been off the beaten track, so 2024 in Puntala should provide a better indication. Having said that, during the week of the Europeans, there will be more than 260 Finn sailors racing around Europe. The unfortunate clash of the Dutch Masters and the German Nationals with the Open Europeans is something that should be avoided in the future with better scheduling and more advance dates, and that is something we will try to address at the AGM with a strategy of major events up to 2026 on the Agenda. The Executive is very conscious of the need to put together a long-term event plan.

On that note the Executive has been functioning well with frequent meetings and good discussions. Also, since last year we have tried to improve the communication channels to members and hopefully that has been useful. Though Finnfare frequency has been reduced to twice a year, the savings have been ploughed back into the media output through the year. There is always something going on.

The class media work took a great leap forward in 2022 when we took on Francesca to look after our social media channels. I think many will agree that the increase in content, quality and frequency has been a great step for the class – it gets noticed in many corners and produces huge visibility for the class.

The new World Tour for Finns and World Ranking List seem to be very successful so far and provides a great focus for the media output. A lot of work has also gone into the USA Finn project and it's great to have another builder there after so many years without.

There is a lot of positivity about the class right now, and hopefully in the coming year we will have a range of great events that a significant number of members will be encouraged to attend. There has been more interest in hosting Finn events in the coming years than we have had for some time, and many will be voted on at the AGM, so this bodes well for the future.

Thank you for your support over the past year and keep the ideas coming. The Executive is always open to hear from members over what can be done better or differently.

Robert Deaves

4.3 Vice-President Sailing

Ranking List

A Finn World Ranking, which has been talked about on and off for some time now, went live by the end of 2022. The idea is to not only to simply rank the sailors but also to hopefully entice more people to take part in international regattas and to gather valuable information about people's racing habits. The overall number of sailors that took part in at least one ranking event was a very commendable 1115 sailors, whilst 82 sailors took part in 5 or more ranking events during the season.

The most internationally active and dedicated sailor was Bas de Waal NED-29. Bas participated in no less than 12 ranking events during the year!

Event plan

Within the Executive we have tried to create a much longer-term plan for major events to make it easier for the NFAs to schedule their national events so as to avoid clashes. There has been much discussion over the pros and cons of combining events such as the Open and Masters Europeans. The Executive took the view that it made sense for the Finn Class to have a flexible approach. For example in 2024, when all the major events are in Europe, it makes sense to combine the Open and Masters Europeans (in Cannes) whilst in 2026, if the Gold Cup and/or World Masters would be awarded to Brisbane in Australia, it would equally make sense to be able to have separate events for the Open and the Masters Europeans to beef up the European calendar.

We have many offers and opportunities for events, but first we need to see the programmes for the Finn Gold Cup.

2024 Finn Gold Cup – There will be a vote at the AGM whether FGC Anzio, Italy will be just before FWM in Punta Ala (with a one day gap) or with a week long gap in between the two. Both FGC and FWM are in May whilst we then have the combined Open and Masters Europeans in Cannes in October.

2025 – We have bid for the Finn Gold Cup in Aarhus in August and Cascais in October. If Aarhus win, then we plan a combined EC/ FEM late in year, probably in the south. If Cascais win, then we plan a summer combined Europeans.

2026 – We have bids for the Silver Cup, Finn

Gold Cup and Finn Masters in Brisbane. The IFA AGM can only vote on Gold Cup, while the Masters will have to vote of FWM a few weeks later. General feedback so far is positive. Assuming this is voted then we should plan for both a summer Europeans at a major nice venue, and an Autumn European Masters. Silver Cup – This is a concern. It was felt that an event on Como in the summer would provide the best indication whether the event is viable. Though there has been a lot of interest, entries remain low. There will be a discussion at the AGM around the future of this event. One idea has been to mandate/ entice all the largest and most active NFAs to 'find and equip' at least one U23 sailor to send to the Silver Cup and by doing so help create and foster a fleet of young(er) sailors.

Kristian Sjöberg

4.5 Finance Secretariat

2022 was the first non-Olympic sailing season and the first fully uninterrupted season following the pandemic. The result of these factors was slightly increased membership but considerably reduced equipment revenue. Combined revenue for sail labels, mast labels and plaques decreased 16,000 euros. With a full sailing season including 4 major events, expenses were higher than 2021 when the pandemic caused events and conferences to be cancelled. Overall expenses increased by 20,000 euros, but were lower than pre-Pandemic levels of expenditure.

Regatta and conference expenses were up by almost 10000, while our increased Social media and web exposure cost 6000. Overall loss for the year was 7000 euros, including a foreign exchange loss of 2400. The outlook for 2023 is bright. Membership is up on 2022. A successful Gold Cup was held in Miami re-motivating the American fleet and all major events are attracting good entries. And our equipment suppliers have stronger orders than last year. The impact on the Balance Sheet was a reduction in cash held of 6000 euros. Accounts Receivable and Payable both had an offsetting reduction of 4000 euros. Year end Cash reserves were 161500 euro. Horizons Consulting (Chartered Accountants) have reviewed the association Accounts. The audit report is available online.

Paul McKenzie

4.6 Chairman of the Technical Committee

The Chairman of the TC commented on

- The positive development in the USA of a new builder.
- The ongoing process to update the Finn Class Rules to current ERS terms.
- The changes now in place from the 2022 AG regarding flags on sails.
- A question was raised from GBR on carbon booms and whether a test boom had been made. This is being investigated.

5. Major Championships

Following the withdrawal of the Anzio for the

2024 Finn Gold Cup due to issues with the port management, Aarhus offered to host in 2024 instead of 2025. A proposal was also being explored with Naples but not received prior to the AGM. As there was not a quorum in the room, it was decided to take an indicative vote for 2024 and followed by contacting the proxy voters, and then to vote on the 2025 FGC.

- For the 2024 Finn Gold Cup, the majority in the room voted in favour of Aarhus. The 2024 Finn Gold Cup will be in Aarhus following further clarification with the Proxy Voters. [Update: This has since been confirmed.]
- For the 2025 Finn Gold Cup, Cascais received a unanimous vote in the room. The Proxy Votes were 50:50 between Cascais and Aarhus. GER, BEL abstained. Therefore the 2025 Finn Gold Cup will be in Cascais.
- The proposal for the 2026 Finn Gold Cup in Brisbane was approved with two abstentions, GER, SVK, and one rejection, ESP.
- The proposal for the 2026 Silver Gold Cup in Brisbane was deferred following a long discussion on the future of the Silver Cup and the need for a better plan than at present.

6. Submissions

None presented.

7. Elections of Members to IFA Committees

The members of all IFA Committees were re-elected unopposed.

8. AOB (non voting)

GBR asked a question about the Finance Secretariat and whether IFA could justify the €12,000 salary when the constitution stated there should be an Honorary Treasurer. There was a general discussion on this, and it was stated that the Finance Secretariat was an Executive Committee appointment. The Chairman pointed out that the IFA had a comfortable financial position so there was not a financial problem with this but that the committee should be careful with spending if it was not needed. NED pointed out that last year there was a volunteer, a retired accountant, who had offered to do the job on an Honorary basis, but this was turned down by the 2022 AGM. The feeling from Council was for the Executive to address this urgently and find an Honorary Treasurer.

NED made a comment about the clash of events in the coming week with the Dutch Masters and the German nationals and the number of boats it had removed from the IFA championships. Better coordination between National associations and IFA was needed so this didn't happen again. The Executive reported that this was in hand, communication had improved though the dates for both the Masters and the Europeans were published before the Dutch and German event dates had been released.

WORLD RANKING LIST - OCTOBER 2023

Rank Name Sail No Total Events



1	Laurent Hay	FRA	75	1087.14	13
2	Filipe Silva	POR	21	931.34	12
3	Marc Allain Des Beauvais	FRA	99	895.42	10
4	Bartosz Szydłowski	POL	6	824.94	9
5	Antal Székely	HUN	7	818.31	7
6	Lawrence Crispin	GBR	74	814.34	9
7	Zsigmond Kantor	HUN	30	801.78	8
8	Kristian Sjøberg	FIN	201	797.54	12
9	Bas De Waal	NED	29	795.71	17
10	Domonkos Németh	HUN	80	785.28	5
11	David Terol	ESP	7	775.65	8
12	Paul Mckenzie	AUS	22	766.91	6
13	Peter Peet	NED	148	766.77	11
14	Peter Mosny	SVK	1	733.49	8
15	John F Dane	USA	69	722.72	5
16	Lukáts Akos	HUN	50	703.76	9
17	Philippe Lobert	FRA	66	692.73	7
18	Jürgen Eiermann	GER	8	682.96	8
19	Miguel Fernandez Vasco	ESP	161	682.06	5
20	Florian Faucheux	FRA	96	663.50	7
21	Cees Scheurwater	NED	7	654.68	10
22	Otto Strandvig	DEN	21	646.75	11
23	James Bevis	AUS	330	643.63	10
24	Udo Murek	GER	909	639.32	8
25	Laurent Chapuis	SUI	99	635.17	13
26	Michael Gubi	AUT	7	632.94	8
27	Vladimir Skalicky	CZE	75	631.96	13
28	Christoph Burger	SUI	7	619.26	7
29	Rodion Mazin	USA	16	615.86	4
30	Robert Rittscher	BRA	11	614.81	7
31	Zdenek Gebhart	CZE	2	614.74	9
32	Sigurd Vergauwe	BEL	18	614.28	12
33	Roberto Strappati	ITA	115	612.40	6
34	Ronald Van Klooster	NED	43	611.67	11
35	Andrzej Romanowski	POL	73	609.62	6
36	John Greenwood	GBR	5	609.37	9



37	Anthony Nossiter	AUS	221	605.03	8
38	Ladislav Hyrš	CZE	43	591.13	6
39	Florian Raudaschl	AUT	3	590.95	7

40	Eric Bakker	NED	703	587.55	6
41	Sami Salomaa	FIN	233	581.24	8
42	Thomas Schmid	GER	193	580.90	8
43	Gerhard Weinreich	AUT	333	573.13	7
44	James Golden	USA	186	570.26	3
45	Jonas Jung	GER	323	568.99	6
46	Simon Bovay	SUI	59	568.68	4
47	Joost Houweling	NED	68	567.27	10
48	Matouš Čevenka	CZE	54	566.97	9
49	David Huet	FRA	61	565.86	5
50	Stefan Sandahl	SWE	12	559.37	7
51	R. Phillip Ramming	USA	19	558.55	6
52	Tomas Mihalik	SVK	271	557.71	10
53	Xavier Penas	ESP	71	557.50	4
54	Michel Audoin	FRA	38	557.35	5
55	Pedro Lodovici	BRA	32	557.33	5
56	Chris Frijdal	NED	111	552.31	13
57	Ville Aalto-Setälä	FIN	234	549.88	6
58	Joonas Harju	FIN	12	547.93	6
59	Ewout Meijer	NED	66	542.36	7
60	Fabian Lemmel	GER	501	541.90	7
61	Marek Jarocki	POL	100	539.34	10
62	Christian Dahl	NOR	41	538.25	10
63	John Heyes	GBR	61	536.54	6
64	Nanno Schuttrups	NED	98	535.91	6
65	Taras Havrysh	UKR	8	529.05	4
66	Michael Good	SUI	95	526.88	5
67	Attila Szabo	SUI	21	524.36	8
68	Martin Hughes	GBR	567	523.40	9
69	Franz Bürgi	SUI	12	522.27	10
70	Nikita Mazin	USA	7	521.42	4
71	Nicola Menoni	ITA	872	520.19	8



72	Harald Leissner	GER	477	517.96	9
73	Dominique Wälchli	SUI	59	517.85	5
74	Michael Ziller	GER	65	508.68	6
75	Volodymyr Stasyuk	UKR	7	506.96	4
76	Huszár Géza	HUN	1	506.11	5
77	Therry van Vierssen	NED	117	500.50	7
78	Peter Overup	SWE	72	499.76	6
79	Maximilian Trommer	GER	286	496.31	7
80	Jürg Wittich	SUI	83	489.21	5
81	Marald Van Reijssen	NED	746	486.44	8
82	Boguslaw Nowakowski	POL	26	486.01	7
83	Tibor Pallay	HUN	5	485.29	3
84	Rainer Haacks	GER	111	484.88	6
85	Michael Mark	USA	117	481.50	5
86	Peter Kilchenmann	SUI	13	480.99	7
87	Hans Fatzer	SUI	1	478.90	8
88	Nick Craig	GBR	18	476.02	4
89	Tony Delava	BEL	41	475.58	9
90	Giacomo Giovanelli	ITA	202	473.68	5
91	Tobias De Haer	NED	133	471.92	8
92	Christoph Christen	SUI	5	462.53	5
93	Rob McMillan	AUS	2	462.22	5
94	Karel van Hellemond	NED	41	460.89	6
95	Paolo Cisbani	ITA	11	455.35	9
96	Marko Kolic	ITA	40	452.21	5

Laurent Hay has completed a full year as World No. 1 in the Finn World Rankings. In Issue No 4 of the world rankings, released in October 2023, he extended his lead at the top to 156 points after an incredibly successful season. New Masters champion Filipe Silva moves up to second, while Marc Allain des Beauvais drops one place to third. The Finn World Ranking List now includes 1,324 sailors from 38 countries, an increase of 115 sailors since the previous release in June. The Finn World Ranking list uses events on the **World Tour for Finns**, with points given based on type of event, competitive weighting and number of entries.

97	Marco Buglielli	ITA	2	451.60	6
98	Martin Plecity	CZE	318	451.02	6
99	Peter Frissell	USA	101	450.04	8
100	Henk De Jager	NED	11	449.50	11
101	Allen Burrell	GBR	2	448.12	5
102	Darrell Peck	USA	35	446.53	5
103	Jorge Pinheiro De Melo	POR	5	441.22	6
104	Alessandro Marega	ITA	983	440.70	3
105	Jan Heinrich Meyer	GER	137	440.02	5
106	Remko Boot	NED	67	437.43	5
107	Simon Percival	GBR	635	434.08	5
108	Francesco Faggiani	ITA	4	430.98	7
109	Peter Drodofsky	GER	996	428.74	7
110	Karl Purdie	NZL	111	427.18	5
111	Klaus Reffelmann	GER	206	427.11	7
112	Gyula András Mönus	HUN	30	426.31	9
113	Rudolf Lidarik	CZE	3	426.23	3
114	Andreas Bollongino	GER	19	424.79	11
115	Ted Duyvestijn	NED	147	423.33	5
116	Denny Jeschull	GER	231	421.32	5
117	Sebestyén Bonifác	HUN	21	419.57	7
118	Jens Kristian Andersen	DEN	246	412.29	6
119	Willem Van Walt Meijer	NED	939	411.72	12
120	Ricardo Santos	BRA	97	409.32	4
121	Olof Lundqvist	SWE	32	409.02	3
122	Josef Jochović	CZE	67	407.58	10
123	Rácz Bence Zsolt	HUN	18	406.88	4
124	Filip Willems	BEL	50	406.79	8
125	Rudolf Baumann	SUI	57	406.37	9
126	Ray Hall	NZL	2	405.56	5
127	David Evetovic	HUN	45	405.31	5
128	Chris Raab	USA	28	403.85	3
129	Michael Beyeler	SUI	20	402.08	5
130	Petter Fjeld	NOR	64	399.07	8
131	Claus Wimmer	GER	164	398.88	5
132	Martin Jozif	CZE	80	398.87	5
133	Rob Coutts	USA	9	398.25	4
134	Michael de Courcy	GBR	21	395.33	5
135	Markus Schneeberger	AUT	73	393.98	10
136	Stijn Helsen	BEL	2603	392.81	5
137	István Rutai	HUN	51	392.41	7
138	Michael Klügel	GER	188	391.85	5
139	Vladimir Stasyuk	UKR	7	388.64	3
140	Jan Peetz	DEN	212	387.90	9
141	Scott Griffiths	USA	1138	387.56	5
142	Roberto Benamati	ITA	788	387.04	4
143	Philippe Mauron	SUI	55	386.16	4
144	Phil Chadwick	AUS	75	386.11	5
145	Gerhard Schwendt	AUT	511	385.13	7
146	Cameron Tweedle	GBR	98	384.84	4

147 Taavi Valter Taveter	EST	1	384.00	2	173 Dirk Sievers	GER	141	348.11	5	201 Roman Khodykin	GBR	13	315.93	7
148 Szabolcs Andrik	HUN	27	379.52	6	174 Francois Bopp	SUI	86	347.80	3	202 Alberto Romano	ITA	920	315.46	5
149 Jiri Outrata	CZE	8	378.43	8	175 Dominik Haitz	SUI	27	347.57	8	203 Pieter-Jan Postma	NED	842	315.00	4
150 Richard Sharp	GBR	90	376.85	4	176 Michael Huellenkremer	GER	84	346.59	7	204 Lucas Prescott	AUS	298	314.97	3
151 Hendrik W. Schwarz	GER	151	373.45	12	177 Fernando Bello	POR	61	345.43	3					
152 Søren Kjær	DEN	16	372.72	4	178 John Condie	AUS	10	345.26	6					
153 Kamil Ščerba	CZE	63	372.52	4	179 David Kitchen	GBR	51	344.73	8					
154 Matteo Iovenitti	ITA	1071	368.06	5	180 Paul Goossens	BEL	76	342.47	8					
155 Valerian Lebrun	FRA	111	367.57	3	181 Hannes Blaschke	AUT	288	341.50	5					
156 Nuno Es Silva	POR	73	367.37	4	182 Huub De Haer	NED	13	339.96	5					
157 Niels Schoenrock	GER	94	366.04	5	183 Mikko Tiilikka	FIN	269	337.59	4					
158 Svilvássy Attila	HUN	211	363.85	4	184 Filip Verhaeghe	BEL	8	337.12	5					



185 Juan Grau Cases	ESP	555	335.02	4	191 Zoltán Csányi	HUN	150	327.72	5	205 Audoin Michel	FRA	38	314.73	3
186 R Mrózek-Gliszczyński	POL	80	334.32	4	192 Peter Vollebregt	NED	39	326.75	5	206 Uwe Barthel	GER	62	314.47	5
187 Martin Kaloš	CZE	211	330.97	7	193 James Downer	GBR	49	325.81	4	207 Jakub Micewski	POL	151	313.52	6
188 Walteri Moio	FIN	118	330.03	4	194 Mathias Tallberg	FIN	145	323.40	6	208 Peder Nergaard	NOR	77	312.39	5
189 Zimmerman Botond	HUN	161	329.85	3	195 Michael Staal	DEN	80	322.56	4	209 Atilla Svastits	ITA	58	311.43	3
190 Dave Martin	USA	64	329.78	3	196 Hartwig Gfreiner	AUT	8	321.49	4	210 Juliusz Reichelt	POL	38	309.25	5
191 Zoltán Csányi	HUN	150	327.72	5	197 Carlo Lazzari	SUI	3	321.46	7	211 Błażej Wyszowski	POL	83	309.18	5
192 Peter Vollebregt	NED	39	326.75	5	198 Bob Buchanan	AUS	6	320.10	10	212 Ville Valtonen	FIN	22	309.04	5
193 James Downer	GBR	49	325.81	4					213 Ors Nemeth	HUN	80	306.85	3	
194 Mathias Tallberg	FIN	145	323.40	6					214 Damian Strittmatter	SUI	64	306.19	4	
195 Michael Staal	DEN	80	322.56	4					215 Steffen Emhjellen	NOR	26	305.88	4	
196 Hartwig Gfreiner	AUT	8	321.49	4					216 Felipe Gil	CHI	21	304.72	4	
197 Carlo Lazzari	SUI	3	321.46	7					217 Rolf Elsaesser	GER	202	304.36	7	
198 Bob Buchanan	AUS	6	320.10	10					218 Bruno Schwab	SUI	34	303.71	5	



159 Sebastien Godefroid	BEL	7	362.16	4	199 Mark Perrow	NZL	4	317.96	4	226 Gerrit Jan van Ommen	NED	115	293.13	6
160 Christian Hoffmann	AUT	323	361.72	5	200 Jan Willem Kok	NED	1037	317.28	5	227 Klaus Antrecht	GER	960	292.63	4
161 Bernhard Seger	SUI	33	361.29	6										
162 Tim Tavinor	GBR	9	361.09	7										
163 Hans Stöckli	SUI	39	357.49	8										
164 Sinan Sumer	TUR	21	355.98	3										
165 Sjoerd Hofland	NED	977	355.86	6										
166 Elemér Péter Haidekker	HUN	911	354.82	3										
167 Maarten Godschalx	NED	126	353.38	5										
168 Peter Sangmeister	USA	86	352.39	3										
169 Henri Rätty	FIN	23	351.67	5										
170 Jack Jennings	USA	81	351.54	5										
171 Aubert Lerouge	FRA	85	348.53	4										
172 Sander Willems	NED	80	348.51	4										



205 Audoin Michel	FRA	38	314.73	3										
206 Uwe Barthel	GER	62	314.47	5										
207 Jakub Micewski	POL	151	313.52	6										
208 Peder Nergaard	NOR	77	312.39	5										
209 Atilla Svastits	ITA	58	311.43	3										
210 Juliusz Reichelt	POL	38	309.25	5										
211 Błażej Wyszowski	POL	83	309.18	5										
212 Ville Valtonen	FIN	22	309.04	5										
213 Ors Nemeth	HUN	80	306.85	3										
214 Damian Strittmatter	SUI	64	306.19	4										
215 Steffen Emhjellen	NOR	26	305.88	4										
216 Felipe Gil	CHI	21	304.72	4										
217 Rolf Elsaesser	GER	202	304.36	7										
218 Bruno Schwab	SUI	34	303.71	5										
219 Herve Brillaud	FRA	880	303.47	4										
220 Gergely Gerencsér	HUN	180	303.13	5										
221 Michael Hoffmann	AUT	340	302.00	4										
222 Andreas Gillwald	GER	334	298.84	5										
223 Ian Ainslie	RSA	1	298.26	2										
224 Andreas Demond	GER	767	298.09	6										
225 Erik Schmidt	GER	198	297.49	3										
226 Gerrit Jan van Ommen	NED	115	293.13	6										
227 Klaus Antrecht	GER	960	292.63	4										



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