



# OKDIA NEWSLETTER

## August 2010

### From the Secretary

#### KEY DATES

##### 2011

##### **OK Dinghy British National Championship in Largs, Scotland**

Dates of racing: 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2011

##### **World Championship in Largs, Scotland**

Registration: 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2011

Dates of racing: 24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July 2011

More information on [www.okworlds2011.org.uk](http://www.okworlds2011.org.uk)

##### 2012

##### **OK Dinghy World Championship – Koege, near Copenhagen Denmark**

National Championship after Warnemunde Week, with the World Championship shortly after

##### 2013

##### **OK Dinghy World Championship at Royal Varuna Yacht Club Thailand**

Late February is a better time of year as the winds are more constant.

Website: [www.varuna.org](http://www.varuna.org)

##### **OK Dinghy European Championship in France**

July / August

##### 2014

##### **OK Dinghy European Championship in Poland**

July

##### **OK Dinghy World Championship – Melbourne, Australia**

December

### Bartosz Rakocy is European Champion!



At 20 years of age and 82 kgs in weight, Bartosz (POL) demonstrated that you do not have to be a mature sailor to be successful in an OK Dinghy! Winning one race and in the top ten for the remainder, Bartosz held onto a 3 point lead from 2<sup>nd</sup> placed new comer to the fleet Tim Goodbody from Ireland. Tim quickly adapted to the OK, gaining three 1<sup>st</sup> places and three 2<sup>nd</sup> places, but a black flag and a 23 to count gave him an overall score of 39 points. 3<sup>rd</sup> with 44 points, Jørgen Lindhardtzen (DEN) still dominates the fleet with his consistent performance. Three more nationalities took places 4 to 6

with Greg Wilcox (NZL) 4<sup>th</sup>, Terry Curtis (GBR) 5<sup>th</sup> and Oliver Gronholz (GER) 6<sup>th</sup>. Sixty one competitors from eleven countries were represented, with the greatest support from Germany with 21 sailors. As you will have read in the daily reports, the conditions were shifty, testing the skills of all. But rain, sun and sufficient wind made the regatta a week to remember.

Race winners were:

Race 1	Antoni Pawlowski (POL)
Race 2	Tim Goodbody (IRL)
Race 3	Thomas Glas (GER)
Race 4	Tim Goodbody (IRL)
Race 5	Bartosz Rakocy (POL)
Race 6	Greg Wilcox (NZL)
Race 7	Tim Goodbody (IRL)
Race 8	Tim Goodbody (IRL)
Race 9	Jørgen Lindhardtzen (DEN)
Race 10	Oliver Gronholz (GER)

Socially, the regatta was a huge success. The opening ceremony was conducted at the Brackenbeer Bar, with free beer and snacks for all on Sunday. This was such a successful evening that we repeated the free beer on Wednesday as well as dinner (included in the cost of the entry) on Thursday. We are most grateful to the Netherlands OK Dinghy Association for paying for the beer on Thursday evening! The prizegiving was held outside of the regatta centre on Friday, with complimentary refreshments provided by the adjacent bar.

### Special General Meeting

We held the SGM on Tuesday evening, with seven countries in attendance. The accounts for 2009 were received and approved. We discussed subscription fees and decided to add another subscription category to assist the smaller nations. The subscriptions are summarised below:

Membership	Subscription
Up to and including 20 members	£20.00
Up to and including 30 members	£30.00
31 members and more	£30.00 + £2.00 for each additional member

We will be raising the cost of the ISAF build fee plaques to £40.00 from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2011. To date I have sold 31 plaques, so I am sure we will beat the 51 I sold last year as we approach the winter build season. With so many new boats being built, it is increasing the number of second hand boats that are available for purchase. I am hoping we will see more new members joining the associations as they find boats to buy.

### Future championships

We had a vigorous discussion about the venues for the forthcoming events. As you will have seen at the start of the newsletter, we are off to Largs in Scotland next year. They have just held the Laser Youth World Championships, at which hundreds of Lasers were able to launch from two slipways. Camping will be free and there is a clubhouse with changing rooms, a bar and restaurant within the complex. You may wish to bring a bicycle, particularly if you intend to stay at the Inverclyde, the national sports centre for Scotland as it is situated in Largs, a short distance from the regatta centre. They offer rooms at a very reasonable rate, which includes breakfast. You are recommended to book in January [www.nationalcentreinverclyde.org.uk](http://www.nationalcentreinverclyde.org.uk).

The arrangements for 2012 Worlds in Denmark are progressing well, with a date end of July. I will forward information as more becomes available.

There are a large number of OKs in Asia, with the King of Thailand a keen participant in the past. Check this out <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMHH57-eR0Q>. Following discussions with one of the IJs in Wellington, we have found a club in Thailand, not far from Bangkok, which will hold the Worlds. With this much notice, we should all have time to save up for the event! We have been advised to hold the regatta in February to ensure good winds.

As the Worlds are in Melbourne in 2014, again out of Europe, the members attending the SGM were adamant that a European Championship should be held in each of these years. As you can see, France has agreed to hold the event in 2013 and Poland in 2014. I understand there was disappointment that there were no Tshirts for the Medemblik Europeans, I will make sure we have ones in the future.

### **Rules and Measurement form**

The technical committee has been very busy this year. All the team has looked closely at the Rules and the current document can be found on the ISAF site, through following the link from [www.okdia.org](http://www.okdia.org). Alistair Deaves, the Chair, continues to work closely with ISAF, seeking their advice on improving the wording of some rules. Andre Blasse has produced a measurement form that is more logical in its presentation, and the information now matches the Rules. This was an onerous task; now ISAF approved, it can also be found through the OKDIA website link. Terry Curtis, Vice Chair, motivated the team to run the measurement at Medemblik; we thank you all for giving up your first two days to this important part of the Championship. Dick Batt, our Chief Measurer, was impressed with the close conformity with the Rules that most dinghies displayed. He will expect all sailors competing in the Worlds next year to have checked their boats BEFORE they come to measurement to make sure all is correct – rather than getting the measurers to do the checking for them!

May I thank the whole technical team on behalf of all members for all the work you have done this year.

### **Website**

Websites work when they are up to date! Peter Scheuerl will be delighted to receive information from all the countries, especially the results of the National Championships! He can be contacted on [webmaster@okdia.org](mailto:webmaster@okdia.org). You may like to know that ISAF has done a makeover of its site, with more information available on each class and opportunity to post photographs. Alistair [technical@okdia.org](mailto:technical@okdia.org) and Peter are the chief contacts if you want to add stuff to the ISAF website.

### **National Associations**

In early July we had 812 members in 11 countries, by the end of the European Championships we had 13 countries! Robert Bancken has agreed to re-activate the Netherlands Association – welcome back! Tim Goodbody is very keen to set up an Irish Association – he has paid his dues for this year and the Association's constitution will be ratified at the OKDIA AGM next year – welcome!

### **Finance**

We do get a number of enquiries about payment methods. The committee has investigated a number of methods but concluded that the current method is the most cost effective. At this point I would like to remind you all that a place at the World Championship is only secured once you have paid your entry fee to your National Secretary. We had two Polish sailors who submitted entry forms, failed to appear and failed to pay their entry fee in 2009. This stopped two other hopefuls from attending the event and OKDIA had to cover the costs. The sailors have been banned from attending international events until they pay a proportion of the fee.

### **Completely OK**

There are still copies of Completely OK available for purchase. We gave a copy to the PRO and Margriet at the Europeans; they thought it so good that all the race committee wanted a copy! Christmas is approaching – it may be the present you were looking for! To purchase please follow the link on the website [www.okdia.org](http://www.okdia.org). We are asking everyone to make the effort to purchase or sell this brilliant book as every sale adds a few more pounds to the OKDIA coffers.

I am sure you have all Googled a search for an OK Dinghy event. Immediately hundreds of hits are displayed, this due to the untiring efforts of Robert Deaves. He devotes hours writing press reports, World Class rankings and the daily race reports at major events. We all read them, enjoy them and now thank you Robert for writing them – we truly appreciate the time you take to promote the class.

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