

Fifteen different builders used by top 60 sailors

Yet again the results of this year's World and European championships showed that there is no builder of faster Optimists. This is a one-design Class where it is the sailor who wins, not the boat.

Incredibly there are still sailors who won't charter unless it is XYZ brand. And still agents who claim that

they can sell you the boat to give you victory.

This chart shows you the facts.

<u>Worlds</u>		<u>Europeans - Girls</u>		<u>Europeans - Boys</u>	
CRO 761	Nautivela	ITA-5370	Morgan	BRA 2987	**
ARG 2739	Rio Tecna	EST-6	Osis	ITA 5306	Nautivela
ITA 5584	Morgan	ARG-2674	**	GBR 4747	Naaix
ITA 5461	Nordest	FIN-245	Osis	BRA 3090	**
CRO 785	Nautivela	BRA-2811	**	USA 8119	**
SWE 3739	Finessa	GRE-1256	Winner	ITA 5326	Morgan
BEL 1003	Nautivela	ARG-2631	**	BRA 3085	**
BEL 983	Nautivela	IRL-875	**	ARG 2627	**
BRA 3050	*	ITA-5781	Morgan	GBR 4802	Winner
FIN 267	Björndahl	GER-10700	Kristiansen	ITA 5301	Nautivela
CRO 773	Morgan	JPN-2867	**	MEX 428	**
ARG 2784	Rio Tecna	ISR-26	**	RUS 43	Art Marine
ESP 454	Lenam	ESP-235	Naaix	ESP 455	Lenam
FIN 258	Nordest	ITA-5357	Morgan	SWE 3717	Finessa
USA 9257	*	BEL-976	Finessa	MEX 412	**
GER 10506	Nordest	CRO-782	Morgan	CRO 98	Morgan
POL 990	Winner	BRA-3004	**	ITA 5414	Nordest
FRA 1064	?	FRA-727	Nordest	CRO 752	Winner
FRA 1073	?	GER-10651	Winner	NED 2216	Van Wettum
FRA 828	?	SWE-3770	McLaughlin	SWE 3694	Finessa

* = Charter (Naaix) ** = Charter (Nautivela)

Age of boats (Europeans only)	
2000	6
1999	10
1998	4
1997	5
1988*	1

*No, this is not a misprint: a 12-year old boat did finish in the top 20 at the European Championship!

Optimist Worlds Proves One-Design Integrity

The 2017 World Championship in Thailand established once again the success of the International Optimist Class in maintaining its strict one-design policy.

In Thailand charter boats were mandatory. Far East supplied 60% and Winner 40%, and each complete national team of five sailors was allocated three Far Easts and two Winners. The boats were allocated to named sailors and swapping was banned.

If the two makes were of identical speed then each would have that 60:40 split at all levels of the fleet.

And that is exactly what happened:

Placings by Buider & Fleet			
		Far East	Winner
All Boats		60.0%	40.0%
Yellow	(placed 1-71)	60.6%	39.4%
Blue	do 72-141	57.1%	42.9%
Red	do 142-211	65.7%	34.3%
Green	do 212-281	56.5%	43.5%