All Records Shattered!

745 sailors from 75 countries attend IODA events

More young sailors from more countries than ever before had the chance to sail in **IODA** World and Continental Championships in 2000.

Event	Sailors	Countries	Previous Record
Worlds	252	59	47
Europeans	291	43	44
S. Americans	125	16	13
N. Americans	113	11	9
Asians	73	14	11

Every IODA championship broke previous records for numbers of countries participating, except the Europeans which missed by one. And total number of sailors participating was at least 20% higher than ever before.

Travel sells sailing

The chance to take part in these events is a highlight of any young person's life. More and more countries are sending

teams abroad. And most countries are increasing the number of young sailors who get the opportunity to take part by selecting different sailors for different events (see page 13). That means that there are real and achievable targets for all the thousands of sailors back home. And that sells sailing.

Millennium Worlds

A new world record for a single-Class regatta was established in La Coruña with 59 participating nations. The previous record had been set by the Hobies at around fifty and otherwise only the Lasers and ourselves had ever had over forty.

The meeting of young people from so many cultures was a magical experience. Language teachers all over the world will find a new enthusiasm in their pupils!

The message taken away by the thirteen nations who participated for the first time this year and the seven first-timers from last year was clear:

If this was international sailing, they wanted more of it.

See page 4 for ideas on the way forward.





For product information:

www.wirehub.nl/~optimax/

Fax: 31 184 641505 E-mail: info@optimax.nl A80 - 2975 BD Ottoland - Holland

IODA World Championship

	1 1	
1.	Sime Fantela	Croatia
2.	Lucas Calabrese	Argentina
3.	Jaro Furlani	Italy
4.	Fabio Zeni	Italy
5.	Igor Marenic	Croatia
6.	Anton Dahlberg	Sweden
7.	Corentin Demanet	Belgium
8.	Bastien Meur	Belgium
9.	Thomas Summer	Brasil
10.	Matti Haapiainen	Finland
11.	Bojan Ivé	Croatia
12.	Tigris Martirosian	Argentina
13.	Juan Maria Brito	Spain
14.	Joonas Lindgren	Finland
15.	Mitch Hall	U.S.A.
16.	Friedrich Gebert	Germany
17.	Patrik Piaseki	Poland
18.	Charles Henri Montredon	France
19.	Loic Le Bacquer	France
20.	Stephanie Brulon	France

Girls

1.	Stephanie Brulon	France
2.	Henriette Koch	Denmark
3.	Leigh Kempton	U.S.A.
4.	Renée Groeneveld	Netherlands
5.	Gaia Scotti	Italy
6.	Sandra Sandqvist	Sweden
7.	Keiko Hirai	Japan
8.	Emanuelle Rol	Switzerland
9.	Nurul Ain Md. Isa	Malaysia
10.	Margriet Fokkema	Netherlands

Team Racing

1.	Argentina	4.	Finland
2.	Brasil	5=	Denmark
3.	Croatia	5=	U.S.A.

Novice Nations Cup

1.	Belarus	8.	U.A. Emirates
2.	Latvia	9.	Pakistan
3.	Lithuania	10.	Algeria
4.	India	11.	Morocco
5.	Tunisia	12.	Egypt
6.	Malta	13.	Br. Virgin I.
7.	Moldova		

Long Distance race

1.	Patrik Piaseki	Poland
2.	Martín Borallo	Uruguay
3.	Scott Illingworth	New Zealand



Miami Herald Trophy (Team Aggregate Scores - 4 sailors)

	111 11881 egate		
1.	Croatia	31.	Puerto Rico
2.	Italy	32.	Turkey
3.	Argentina	33.	Israel
4.	France	34.	Norway
5.	Finland	35,	Austria
6.	Brasil	36.	South Africa
7.	U.S.A.	37.	Colombia
8.	Germany	38.	India
9.	Spain	39.	Canada
10.	Belgium	40.	Zimbabwe
11.	G. Britain	41.	U. Arab Emirate
12.	Sweden	42.	Paraguay
13.	Poland	43.	Pakistan
14.	Netherlands	44.	Egypt
15.	Greece	45.	Morocco
16.	Uruguay	46.	Br. Virgin I.
17.	Denmark	47.	Guatemala*
18.	Switzerland	48.	Trinidad & T.*
19.	New Zealand	49.	Cyprus*
20.	Malaysia	50.	Belarus*
21.	Slovenia	51.	Latvia*
22.	China	52.	Lithuania*
23.	Mexico	53.	Tunisia*
24.	Bermuda	54.	Malta*
25.	Singapore	55.	Moldova*
	Ireland	56.	Algeria*
	_		

30. Tahiti * = incomplete teams

20. 112. 27. Japan

29. Portugal

28. Peru

59. Barbados*

57. US Virgin I.* 58. Czech Rep.*

The Worlds: Sime gets his reward

Sime Fantela has waited long enough for this victory.

In 1988 he won the bronze medal at the exceptionally young age of twelve but last year slipped back to 12th. This time with two firsts in the last two races he made no mistake. For most of the event his only serious challenger was **Lucas Calabrese**, the two of them ending 19 points clear of the fleet.

Sime's victory confirms the rise in Croatian Optimist sailing. Within a year of recognition of independence the new country sent a full team to the 1992 Worlds in Argentina. **Dario Kliba** came a respectable 24th and went on to bronze in 1995. **Aron Lolic** took silver in '96 and **Tonci Stipanovic** last year. Add to that a silver and three bronzes in Team-Racing and European gold for "**Bambi**" in '98 and this is an incredible record for a country of five million population.

Girls

Although numbers were up (39 girls participated) this was not a vintage year for the Optimist girls. **Stephanie Brulon** established a commanding lead and never lost it. Perhaps the most exciting performance was from **Nurul Ain Md. Isa** of Malaysia whose 52nd over-all set a standard for the increasing number of girls from Islamic backgrounds.

In the **Team-Racing** event 2000 saw the end of the three-year reign of Peru, who failed to qualify. With Italy untypically disorganised, Argentina coasted to victory over Brasil.

It's great to win, but most of the young sailors go with realistic goals. Those who must have achieved them include:

Finland: 4th in the team-racing and two sailors in the top 20.

Marco Teixidor (Puerto Rico): at age 12 came 27th,



by far the best result ever from the rapidly improving Caribbean.

Bermuda: improved their national ranking from 40th to 24th *with the same team* in only their third year of participation.

Malaysia: Qualified for the team-racing and had the best Asian results with four sailors in the top half of the fleet.

Audrius Jankauskas (Lithuania): Best-placed sailor from a "novice" nation, in 110th place.

United Arab Emirates: the most recent addition to the Optimist world, who got some results in the top third of races.

Sofia Talba (Morocco): who finished every race!



The way forward

The Millennium Project was great fun and achieved its objective. Countries which had never before thought of sending Optimist sailors abroad did so and liked what they saw.

But the future lies with developing the continental and regional regattas. Within days **Abdelhamid Morsi** of Egypt could see the benefits of a new Pan-African Championship. **Saeed Hareb** from UAE offered to host the Asians and to extend it to the countries of ISAF Group I. The **British Virgin Islands** reckoned that they would miss next year's Worlds in China but send a team to the North Americans.

Tahiti and **Samoa** are already working on developing the Oceanian region, and plans were discussed to expand participation in the two big Caribbean regattas in **Martinique** and **St. Thomas**. There is renewed interest in Mediterranean events with both **Tunisia** and **Malta** organising subsidised events this autumn. Another possible development is an **East European Championship**.

One key to this expansion is that, as a result of the one-design, builders are keen to supply charter boats which are sold at a discount after events.

The future of *international* Optimist sailing has never looked brighter.

A warm welcome in La Coruña

An enormous amount of thought and effort had gone into planning for this huge regatta.

Space is what was needed and space is what we got. The boat-park occupied the whole of one wing of the old harbour with two excellent ramps for launching. Another wing was devoted to boat-issue and measurement which went more smoothly than ever before thanks to charterer **Ramón Aixemeno** of Naaix and chief measurer **Luis Horta**.

The star of the organisation was **Beatriz Pastor** who remained tireless and cheerful under all the stresses imposed on her. She had assembled a vast team of helpers and there was always club president **Gabriel de Llano** to keep a personal eye on affairs.

The winds were not kind to us this year. This is the Atlantic and weather patterns are unpredictable. Nevertheless the race committee managed to complete ten of the 15 scheduled races and no one can doubt that the best sailor won.

The millennium regatta was an unforgettable experience which will stay in the memory of the participants for the rest of their lives.

Thank you, La Coruña!

Optiparts

www.optiparts.com

Highlights of the IODA A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of IODA held at the Worlds was attended by a new record 51 member countries.

Accounts:

Treasurer Roland Tan reported an excellent surplus for 1999 which would fund the Millennium Project. No change to the fees, plaques or buttons was proposed.

Special projects planned by the Executive for 2000 were outlined, with assistance to Oceania, the northern Balkans, local regattas in the Caribbean and the new IODA African Championship.

Articles of Association:

It was agreed to stabilise the external hull shape for a further five years.

Technical Changes:

Technical changes regarding the type of valve permitted on buoyancy bags and types of plywood were agreed. These require the approval of the ISAF and will be published if approved in the next Optiworld.

Advertising:

Proposals to adjust our Class Rules in relation to the new ISAF Advertising Code were agreed. Again these require the approval of the ISAF and will be published if approved in the next Optiworld.

Regatta 'Conditions':

A new Condition was agreed regarding nationality at IODA events:

"Sailors shall be either nationals or bona fide residents of the country they represent, unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive. A sailor who has represented one country at an IODA World or Continental Championship shall not represent another member country except in cases of alteration of residence, which cases shall be approved by the IODA Executive. Attention is drawn to ISAF Regulations relative to the ISAF World Youth Championship."

New Conditions for the IODA North American Championship were introduced.

Future Championships:

The Worlds and continentals for 2001 were confirmed as shown on the back cover of this Optiworld.

For the 2001 Worlds, presentations were made by:

USA (Corpus Christi) Uruguay (Punta del Este)

Slovenia (Portoroz) Croatia (Split,)

Portugal (Tavira)

Corpus Christi was chosen by secret ballot.

Venues for 2001 IODA continental championships were agreed as shown on the back cover of this Optiworld.

Elections:

The elections resulted in the following changes to IODA Committees:

Executive:

David Booth (RSA) was elected vice-president.

Technical Committee:

Ralph Sjöholm I.M. retired. He was thanked for his work

and appointed a Member of Honour. Tom Hale (USA) was elected to the vacant position.

Regatta Committee:

It was announced that Michel Barbier I.J., I.R.O., having been a member for ten years, was not eligible for reelection and he was thanked for his work. Luis Chiapparro (URU) was elected to the vacant position.

The Millennium Project

Everyone wants to mark the year 2000 is some special way: IODA decided to get together as many members of the Optimist family as possible to create a world record for a single-Class regatta.

It offered free entry, accommodation and charter boats for two sailors from each member country which had never, or only once, entered the event.

The response was magnificent: thirteen "first-timers" and six "second-timers" accepted:

Algeria	Barbados	Belarus
British Virgin I.	Cyprus	Egypt
Guatemala	India	Latvia
Lithuania	Malta	Moldova
Morocco	Pakistan	Puerto Rico
Trinidad	Tunisia	U.A. Emirates
U.S. Virgin I.		

Free sails were provided by **Quantum/Toni Tio** and IODA supplied two coaches for those who needed them.

Yacht Care Sailmakers

Fax: +30 1 413 5681

Europeans - Italians win both on Garda

The final race had a radical effect on European results in both boys' and girls' events at the 291 boat European championships.

Earlier in the event the famous thermal conditions of Lake Garda had failed to last beyond the first day and shifty conditions had left most of the sailors needing to be able to discard at least two high scores. On the final day the wind filled in just in time for one last race and neither overnight leader, Luke Patience or Marja Liisa Umb did well enough to retain their positions. In the boys' event Matteo Sangiorgi did just enough with a 13th. to finally win the closed event by a single point from David Evans, while Irene Saderini, who had earlier been written off by the local press, came through to lead the girls. Talk of unpredictable conditions was somewhat silenced by the consistent results of Rafael Lorenzo, the open boys' winner who discarded 14th and 12th to win by a massive 24 points.

Despite the disappointments the British confirmed last year's success by having two sailors in the top ten. Marja Liisa's result was by far the best since Estonian independence. Others who set new highs for their countries
were Lisa Tait
for Ireland and
M i c h a i l
Sheremietev
for Russia.
Malta too will
be happy with
having four
sailors in the top
half of the fleet on only
their second appearance.

Despite the unseasonal weather and the early starts imposed by the uncertain wind conditions, the Fraglia della Vela lived up to its reputation as a great host.

The opening ceremony saw the display of the flags of the 42 nations which in the old city looked almost like the palio in Siena, and the closing ceremony was marked by a fantastic firework display.

Club president **Amos Vascondio** and long-term Class Secretary **Norberto Foletti** are to be congratulated on a fine event

Speed Sails

www.speedsails.co.uk

European Championship - Girls			
Ope	n		Euro
1.	Irene Saderini	Italy	1
2.	Marja Liisa Umb	Estonia	2
3.	Ana Labourt	Argentina	
4.	Hanna Saari	Finland	3
5.	Renata Coelho	Brasil	
6.	Senina Katrakaza	Greece	4
7.	Martina Silva	Argentina	
8.	Lisa Tait	Ireland	5
9.	Anita di Iasio	Italy	6
10.	Geeske Genrich	Germany	7
11.	Shino Hirose	Japan	
12.	Noa Butler	Israel	8
13.	Aina Gomila Grande	Spain	9
14.	Giulia Conti	Italy	10
15.	Lien de Bie	Belgium	11
16.	Tea Simunov	Croatia	12
17.	Andrea Borges	Brasil	
18.	Camille Lecointre	France	13
19.	Stine Päper	Germany	14
20.	Lina Bergstrand	Sweden	15

European Championship - Boys			
Ope	η		Euro
1.	Lorenzo Rafael	Brasil	
2.	Matteo Sangiorgi	Italy	1
3.	David Evans	G. Britain	2
4.	Andre Ribeiro	Brasil	
5.	Cullen Shaughnessy	U.S.A.	
6.	Daniel Piculin	Italy	3
7.	Ruy Guimaraes	Brasil	
8.	Mario Segers	Argentina	
9.	Luke Patience	G. Britain	4
10.	Alessio Spadoni	Italy	5
11.	Diego Galvez	Mexico	
12.	Michail Sheremietev	Russia	6
13.	Cristobal Penate Lebail	Spain	7
14.	Erik Ohrn	Sweden	8
15.	Francisco Guzman	Mexico	
16.	Stjepan Cesic	Croatia	9
17.	Vincenzo Sicignano	Italy	10
18.	Tonko Kuzmanic	Croatia	11
19.	Steven Krol	Netherlands	12
20.	Viktor Bergstrom	Sweden	13

Cantiere Nordest

www.cantierinordest.com

Asians return to Singapore

The IODA Asian Championship returned to its first venue in 1990 to record a record entry of 78 sailors from 14 countries.

Singapore is not known for its strong winds but patience and skill by the Race Officer enabled the first three races to be sailed in stiff breezes. This was very much to the taste of the Dutch visitors with **Steven Le Fevre** establishing an 8 point lead.

The remaining races however were sailed in lighter winds. Since only one discard was allowed in the seven race series it was essential to avoid two poor results. This proved a problem for 1999 champion

Andrew Yeow, despite two wins, and by the final start the regatta had became a "two horse race" between Mohd. Romzi, last year's silver medallist from Malaysia, and Yasushi Kondo of Japan. In that final race Yasushi produced an excellent 3rd. place while Mohd. lost his gamble and sailed his discard. Among the girls the battle

between two Worlds sailors **Nurul Ain Md. Isa** of Malaysia and **Toh Lying** of the host country was settled in favour of the former. Nurul Ain is the first Malaysian girl, and perhaps more significantly the first moslem girl, to win the event

The Team-Racing event is always a popular part of this championship and this year was won by Japan with five straight victories.

Ashore the event was impeccably organised with all participants lodged in NTUC Lifestyle World Resort. It is clear from the excellent shoreside pictures published in the brilliant regatta newsletter that there was a lot of fun in a delightfully informal atmosphere.



Olimpic Sails

www.olimpicsail.com

It was great to see two of the founders of the Asian event still involved. Former IODA president Al Chandler chaired the jury and the prizes were awarded by Ng Ser Miang.

Ser Miang, who is now a member of the International Olympic Committee, was a vice-president of IODA in 1990 and his daughter Xuan Hui won the girls' prize at the first three championships. He emphasised the part the Optimist had played in the recent rapid development of youth sailing in Asia.



Ope	n	Asian
1.	Yasushi Kondo	Japan 1
2.	Mohd Romzi	Malaysia 2
3.	Nurul Ain	Malaysia 3
4.	Toh Liying	Singapore 4
5.	Steven Le Fevre	Netherlands
6.	Marieke Jongens	Netherlands
7.	Andrew Yeow	Malaysia 5
8.	Xu Yuan Zhen	Singapore 6
9.	Teo Wee Chin	Singapore 7
10.	Wataru Murayamao	Japan 8
11.	Masayuki Yamamoto	Japan 9
12.	Phone Kyaw Moe Myint	Myanmar 10
13.	Renée Groeneveld	Netherlands
14.	Nara U-Sawat	Thailand 11
15.	Abdul Rahim	Malaysia 12
Gir	ls	

	VD .		
1.	Nurul Ain Md. Isa	Malaysia	1
2.	Toh Liying	Singapore	2
3.	Marieke Jongens	Netherlands	
4.	Renée Groeneveld	Netherlands	
5.	Noor Hazarita	Malaysia	3

Team-Racing

- 1. Japan
- 2. Malaysia
- Singapore

North Sails

www.northsailsod.com/ class/optimist/optimist. html

New format increases numbers at North Americans

A new policy of restricting numbers led to an common with several other leaders at that stage, he

increase in actual participation at the IODA North American Championship in Acapulco!

For the first time in the history of the event national teams were limited by numbers and had to be officially entered by their national associations. Compared with the last time the championship was held in Mexico in 1997 the result was to double the entry from the U.S.A. and attract full-size teams from Argentina, Brasil and Peru, while both Bermuda and Guatemala for the first time sent enough sailors to take part in the team racing. Overall there were 113 entries compared with 83 in 1997.

Fleet racing, expertly guided by **Jordi Lamarca I.J.**, was excellent in mostly 10-12 knot winds.

For a long time it looked as if the U.S.A. number 6 and 1998 gold medallist **Erik Storck** would be able to repeat his

performance but in the final race he lost out by a single point to team-mate **T.J. Tullo**. Likewise at the halfway stage it looked as if the top Mexican **Jeronimo Prieto** would be among the medals but, in



slipped back in the second half of the regatta.

Among the girls **Mercedes Travascio** was in a class by herself with eight top-10 finishes in the 12 races. **Beatriz de Rienzo** was the best North American.

The team racing was won predictably by Argentina with the U.S.A. second, but the shock result was Bermuda's win over Brasil.

Ashore conditions were excellent. The club boasted a beautiful swimming pool which was much enjoyed in the very hot conditions and Commodore **Brockman** "treated us as his guests of honour". Evening entertainment was provided for the teams, most of which stayed in the Marina Suites just ten minutes walk from the venue. **Alberto Dana** was in overall charge assisted by **Cristina Prieto** in the Race office.

In an imaginative move to soften the impact of selection for the championship itself, a separate 'Optimex' regatta for novices was held and attended by a further 44 sailors.

Do you want to win in the Optimist

Now is the time to choose a

nautivela

with the new foils too!

The most important results in 2000:

1st Worlds; 2nd Europeans; 1st Italian Championships . . .

You can find all the information by visiting our website: www.nautivela.com/

Nautivela srl, via Gardone 8 - 20139 MILANO (Italy)

Tel/fax: 39 02 9880212; fax: 39 02 98287959

IODA North American Championship N. American Open 1. T.J. Tullo U.S.A. 2. Erik Storck U.S.A. 2 Martín Alsogaray Argentina Martín Ricci Argentina 5. Edward Conrad U.S.A. 3 6. Baker Potts U.S.A. 4 7. Nicolás Buhler Argentina 8. Jeronimo Prieto Mexico 5 9. Alek Stewart Peru 10. Yuzuru Higuchi Japan 11. Mercedes Travascio Argentina 12. Juan Maegli Guatemala 6 13. Affonso Chaves Brasil 14. Francisco Guzmán 7 Mexico 15. Maximilano Cacciatore Argentina Girls 1. Mercedes Travascio Argentina 2. Pilar Garcia H. Argentina 3. Tania Zimmerman Peru 4. Patricia Martinelli Peru 5. Beatriz de Rienzo Mexico 1 **Team** 1.Argentina 3= Mexico & Peru 2.USA

Ex-Optimists at the Olympics

Over 50% of all the dinghy skippers at the 2000 Olympics are former Optimist sailors. And two-thirds of these competed in IODA World and continental championships.

Information is far from complete and only around 20% definitely did not sail Optimists. For details see:

www.optiworld.org/exop2000.html

Ex-Optimists who won medals last time included:

Ben Amslie	Evgenyi Braslovec
Sebastien Godefroid	Nikolaos Kaklamanakis
Matteus Kuznierewicz	Fernando Leon
Margriet Matthijsse	Peer Moberg
Kristine Roug	Hugo Rocha
Robert Scheidt	Georgiy Shayduko
Jochen Schümann	Yumiko Shige
Hans Wallen	Teresa Zabell

Now we wait for this year's results!

Lange by Rio Tecna

e-mail: info@riotecna.com

Finessa-Båtar

www.rust.net/~finessa

Toni Tio Sails www.tonitio.es

National selection policies: encouraging the fleet?

Optiworld has noticed further growth this year in the trend for more and more countries to select different teams for different events.

For the European championship this has long been the practice and is formalised in the regulations voted by the European countries. The same sailors (except for last year's two champions) are not allowed to take part in both World and European championships. Those countries who wish (and can afford it!) can thus send thirteen sailors to the two events.

Now this trend is definitely spreading outside Europe. For the North American Championship Argentina, Brasil, Peru and the U.S.A. decided in principle not to send their Worlds or European teams but to pick different sailors. At the Asian Championship China, Japan, New Zealand and Pakistan did likewise.

While it is not official IODA policy Optiworld believes that this is a healthy trend.

It provides more sailors with the incentive of "representing their country". If there are only five "prizes" to be won at the selection trials, then there is much less incentive to take part in them. There is

also the financial burden on the family. Most costs are paid by parents and they may be glad that they have only one foreign trip to pay for! And finally it may be a good way of encouraging girls and preparing younger sailors.

It is perhaps inevitable that host countries will enter their top sailors. It would be difficult to explain to the national press, the national Sailing Association, the Ministry of Sport and other influential people why the best local sailors were sitting ashore!

Smaller countries may find it difficult to find enough sailors even to make up a Worlds team, though it is good to see that **Bermuda** found two different sailors to represent them at the N. Americans. It is accepted too that the South American Championship, being held at Easter, is not relevant to the debate as no one has yet selected their teams for the (northern) summer.

So it is unlikely that IODA will develop regulations to extend control over national selection policies.

But those countries who are still selecting the same few sailors for three or four events may wish to consider whether this really is the best way to promote sailing in their countries.

McLaughlin

www.iod95.com

Uzbekistan to join

The latest application to join IODA comes from Uzbekistan in central Asia. Executive Director Vadim Kuznetsov reports that they have thirty Optimists sailed by some 50 young sailors in three centres on their lakes. Contact by e-mail: sergey@neuhaus.uz or fax 998 71 144 2114.

The Optimist World

clothing!
Applications from national
Optimist associations for
coach-training courses in
2001 are now being invited.
See www.optiworld.org/ioda-

that one of the urgent needs was the

supply of modern sailing

the last two years and David identified

train.html for details.

Three new builders approved

Three new GRP Optimist builders have been approved since the last Optiworld:

Itaipu Ltda. in Brasil

Qingdao Zou's S.C. in China

Ziba Sp. z.o.o. in Poland

It is understood that all three will concentrate on their large local markets.

It appears that Hanil News in Korea, Ridas Yachts in Estonia and the Chinese builder in Shanghai have ceased production. A full list of builders is at www.optiworld.org/ioda-builders.html

Training Course in Iceland

In June David Harte gave a coach training course in Iceland. Optimist sailing has grown rapidly there in

Optimists at 3800m!

From **Bolivia** comes a report of Optimists being sailed at over 3800m above sea level.

Yamandu Ploskonka, captain of the port at the Y.C. Bolivano on Lake Titicaca reports that they have bought three second-hand Optimists from Peru and hope to build some more for themselves.

The previous highest sailing venue was thought to be Lake Issy-Kul in Kyrgyzistan.

Malta organise Euro-Med Cup

Those who can get off school in mid-December should have a look at www.maltasailing.com/mysc.nsf/EuromedNoticeOfRace?OpenPage.

This new regatta offers free transport of boats from most major ports on the Mediterranean and a limited number of charter boats will also be available.

Winner Optimist

www.winneroptimist.dk

Fifteen different builders used by top 60 sailors

Yet again the results of this year's World and European championships showed that <u>there is no builder of faster Optimists</u>. 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

<u>Worlds</u>		Europeans - Girls		Europeans - Boys	
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)					

they can sell you the boat to give you victory.

This chart shows you the *facts*.

Age of boats (Europeans only)			
misprii year ol finish in	6 10 4 5 1 s is not a nt: a 12-d boat did the top 20 European onship!		



Optimist revolution

We are the builder of your next victory

Black Top - Regatta - School - Trailers and accessories - Black Top - Regatta - School - Trailers and accessories - B

Contact us. You can buy direct or we can indicate your nearest dealer.

SIR PLASTIC • Italy 60020 Sirolo (AN) • Via D. Alighieri, 2 Phone: +39-071-9330872 (r.a.) - Fax: +39-071-9332993 Website: www.giulietti.com E-mail: info@giulietti.com

Future IODA Championships

PLEASE CHECK ALL DATES AND DETAILS FOR POSSIBLE ALTERATIONS.

See the IODA website at www.optiworld.org/ioda-01calendar.html

Event	Venue - 2001	Dates - 2001	Venue - 2002
IODA World Championship	Qingdao, CHINA	12-23 July	Corpus Christi, U.S.A.
IODA Asian Championship	Dubai, UAE	29/12/00- 6 Jan.	CHINA
IODA South American C'ship	Paracas, PERU	6-15 April	CHILE
IODA African Championship	Alexandria, EGYPT	30 June - 8 July	SOUTH AFRICA?
IODA North American C'ship	Kingston, CANADA	25 July - 2 August	Great Sound, BERMUDA
IODA European Championship	Caesarea, ISRAEL	1-8 August	Tavira, PORTUGAL
IODA Oceanian Championship	Papeete, TAHITI	12-24 October	Apia, SAMOA

ATTENTION! DEPOSITS!

Note that the Annual Meeting agreed heavy penalties for late payment of deposits for Entry and Charter Boats. The first deadlines for the Worlds and Europeans are JANUARY 2001. Check the Notices of Race for details. If you CANNOT pay, contact the IODA secretariat.

	_			
N	la	a	.1	\mathbf{X}

www.naaix.com

www.optiworld.org

"OPTIWORLD" is published by the International Optimist Dinghy Association Secretariat, Blakeney, Thormanby Road, Howth, Dublin, Ireland. Telephone: 353-1-839 5587 Fax: 353-1-839 4528 E-Mail: 100540.2646@compuserve.com Views expressed are not necessarily those of the Association.