



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AT SALVADOR

BAHIA (BRAZIL)

3 - 17 January 2000

238 competitors (new record of entries) entered this Championship representing 31 countries. Brazil had a big delegation with a total of 22 competitors. The largest World Championship ever happened.

OPEN WEEK - 3 -10 January

The Open Week gave the opportunity to see women and men sailing together. The total fleet of 178 sailors has been divided into three groups. Gold: 59, Silver, 60, Bronze 59. These 178 sailors were representing 29 countries: ARG, AUT, AUS, BEL, BER, BLR, BRA, CAN, CAY, CHN, DEN, ESP, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, GRE, ITA, IRL, JPN, LAT, LTU, MEX, NED, NOR, POL, POR, SWE and USA.

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| 1. AUS 56 | Dennison Melanie |
| 2. DEN 2 | Johnsen Sorensen |
| 3. BRA 234 | Tavares Mateus |
| 4. BRA 239 | Urban M. |
| 5. ARG 123 | Amato S. |
| 6. BRA 137 | Cunha F. |
| 7. ESP 31 | Montilla Helen |
| 8. GER 4 | Wetzel D. |
| 9. BRA 300 | Meira F. |
| 10. POL 9 | Glinkiewicz Weronika |

In the Open Week 18 sailors classified to enter the World Championship: BRA 301 C. Lobo, BRA 500 M. Cunha, ARG 109 R. Jenkins, BRA 140 P. Hoffman, ARG 136 Pellejero, BRA 800 J. Pentead, ARG 145 M. Saguier, NOR 884 M. Gundersen, NOR 895 A. Worre, ARG 127 N. Winsgrad, SWE 3368 V. Zachrisson, SWE 3439 A. Gregeisson, DEN 1 K. Roug, BRA 190 P. Sass, BRA 307 E. Fernandes, GRE 6 Chimona, GRE 2 Spyropoulou, SWE 3453 Wanner Dahl.

2000 WORLDS IN PARADISE

18 January 2000. Mr Gustav Dahlberg is closing the World Championship reading a final speech: "...and I must say that this has probably been the best World Championship



ever..."

I think that everybody there had the same feeling, because it was superb. The organisation did a great job. The place was incredible. The weather was so nice. The Yacht Club, the free food every day after racing, the swimming pool ! But in my opinion, the best was the hospitality of the people from Salvador.

Let's talk about the event. The majority of the sailors arrived after New Year. The containers were all there, and except from the Danish team who got their container filled with fuel in Hamburg (!) and had to work a few days to clean everything, the rest was in perfect shape.

The Open Week had to be a good training for the Worlds. The current was very strong the first days, but slowly decreasing day after day. Nevertheless, it was a very important factor to bear in mind. The men and women fleet sailed together and from the very beginning.

Now it's Niki's time. Measurement... It went quite well, without major problems. Just come sails a little too big. The rest was fine.

And there we go ! First racing day, two sailing areas. The women (107 sailors) were divided in 2 groups, and the men (70 sailors) preferred to race in fleet. There were two races per day scheduled, and we sailed on schedule from the very beginning until the end.

On the women's course, after the first racing day, Kristine Roug (1, 3) and Sari Multala (3,1) took the lead. Melanie (2,2), Meg (2,3) and Petra (3,2) showed their intentions to be on the top. Shirley won one race, but was 11th on the second.

The second day, with a very similar wind... 10-12 knots... was a good day for Min (1,1) and not so good for the rest... The current was pushing the sailors over the starting line and the black flag was lethal. A long list... The third day (last qualification day) kept the same sailors on the top. Kristine (1,4), Shirley (3,3), Sara Blank came up with 4 and 1, same as Marcelijn (2,1).

The end of the Qualification Series was also very important for all those Nations trying to qualify for the Olympics. There were 7 places and 10 non qualified nations. So, it was over for all those who failed to do so.

The finals were very similar to the qualifications. No big changes on the results. The last day was to decide the top 3, although Kristine had a big lead in front of Shirley and Sari and it was hard to loose her gold medal. Sari had a very bad last sailing day (34, 17) and lost the podium, finishing 4th. Meg took her place with a 7th and a 2nd.

So, the gold medal went back to Denmark after a few years in the Netherlands. Shirley with her 2nd overall, won her personal qualification for the Olympics. A little bit further Melanie and Sara, the Aussies, finished only with one point difference but with Petra in between, tied with Melanie. That gave the qualification to Melanie in a tight finish for this 2 very good sailors.

The 7 Nations getting their place for the Olympics were ITA (it will be Larissa), NOR

(Siren got the place from NOR but it's not yet decided who will represent the Nation), ARG (Serena will be in Sydney), AUT (Denise), JPN (Maiko), CHN (we do not know who will be the representative, because they finished 32 and 33 !) and GRE (Maria Vlachou).

And what about the men ? Well... Norway. That was the word.

Mats won the first 2 races. Peter Andersen (7,2) and Mateus (2,12) were also good. The question after racing was: "What about Soren ?" ...oups... bad day ... 37 and 11.

The Norwegians were also in a good shape on day 2. But this time it was Hans Christian (1,1). With the Swedish sailor Axel Netterlid (4,5) and Norwegian Alexander Brekke (9,3) they were the best that day. Soren (2,12) picked up a bit in the overall. Day 3, 5th and 6th race, which meant first discard. That was good for Mats, because he finishes 28th on race nr 6. Soren won his first race and the french sailor Eric Bourie did the same.

Day 4. Mats fights for his championship and put everything back on the right place... 1st and 7th. Mateus won the second race of the day.

Day 5. Soren wins race nr. 9 and Mats finishes 21st, which brings the scores very close, also with Axel, but Mats do not give

any option to the rest of the fleet winning race 10.

Final day. As it had to be. Mats won the 11th race. Axel was 13th and Soren 8th. That means that Mats is the new World Champion ! The last race will decide the rest of the podium. Soren wins the race and takes the 2nd overall to Axel. Fourth is Hans Christian and 5th the local sailor Mateus Tavares.

The Brasilians did really good, with 2 on the top 10. Felipe Cunha, also from Salvador, finished 9th overall. They were the only "non Scandinavian" on top 10 !

I am obliged to mention the rest day (after 3 racing days). There was a Carnaval on the street, something absolutely incredible. Thousands of people dancing in the street, it was really spectacular.

And the Prize Giving Ceremony, with a big, big party, live music, free beer... unforgettable.

Once again, congratulations to the Organising Committee, Race Committees, Jury, volunteers, but very specially to Mr Cristovam Oliveira. Everybody who was in Salvador knows exactly why...

Bye, Bye Bahia... I really hope to see you soon again !!!

Paul Depoorter
VP Racing

70 Men entered this World Championship sailing in fleet. They represented 11 countries: ARG, BEL, BRA, DEN, FRA, GER, ITA, NOR, POL, POR and SWE.

MEN OVERALL 2000 CHAMPIONSHIP
1. NOR 896 Wang Hansen Mats World Champion

2.	DEN 2	Johnsen Soeren
3.	SWE 3437	Netterlid Axel
4.	NOR 868	Hage Hans Christian
5.	BRA 234	Tavares Mateus
6.	DEN 16	Andersen Peter
7.	NOR 878	Brekke Aleksander
8.	SWE 3455	Wallberg D.
9.	DEN 1569	Kirketerp Martin
10	BRA 137	Cunha Felipe.

Two groups for the Women, Gold group with 54 sailors and Silver group with 53 sailors. 107 women in total who represented 29 countries: ARG, AUS, AUT, BEL, BER, BLR, BRA, CAN CAY, CHN, DEN, ESP, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, GRE, IRL, ITA, JPN, LAT, LTU, MEX, NED, NOR, POL, POR, SWE and USA.

WOMEN OVERALL 2000 CHAMPIONSHIP

1.	DEN 1	Kristine Roug
2.	GBR 334	Shirley Robertson
3.	USA 1	Meg Gaillard
4.	FIN 790	Sari Multala
5.	AUS 56	Melanie Dennison
6.	GER 1434	Petra Niemann
7.	AUS 57	Sara Blank
8.	ITA 1	Larissa Nevierov
9.	IRL 1	Maria Coleman
10.	NOR 846	Siren Sundby.

WHO WILL BE IN SYDNEY ?

This is "unofficially" of course the entry list of the Olympics in Sydney 2000. The order of participation is the order that the Nations got their qualification in the last 3 World Championships. References on ISAF World Sailing List (WRL from now on) are dated 1st February 2000.

NED Margriet Matthijsse. She had a very hard selection against Carolijn Brouwer, who's now sailing the 470 with Alexandra Verbeek. Margriet is 8th on WRL.

GBR Shirley Robertson. The RYA stated that if she finishes on top 3 at the Europeans 99 and at the Worlds 2000, she would be selected. She finished 2nd and 2nd. She's 1st WRL.

DEN Kristine Roug. Actual Olympic Gold Medalist and World Champion. She will be the "defender". 9th on WRL.

NZL. Still busy with trials while writing this report.

POL. Monika Bronicka. 12th on WRL.

She finished her selection (with Weronika Glienkiewicz) in 1999. Weronika is still sailing the Europe.

GER Petra Niemann. She got her personal qualification in Brazil 2000 after a long process. 5th on WRL.

ESP Their selection will finish in SPA.

POR Joana Pratas is the nominee. 18th on WRL.

FIN Sari Multala. She is 2nd on the WRL and always on the top.

CAN Beth Calkin. She is sailing again after an injury and she is doing very good again.

BEL Min Dezillie. Got her qualification in Melbourne'99. Ranked 10th on the WRL.

IRL Maria Coleman.



Statistics by Sven Harder.

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Minsk, 25.01.2000

Dear Ms Micaela,
We are very grateful to You for the letter from May 1st 1999 unfortunately we received the letter only some days before, that why our answer so late. Many OptiSailors looking forward for Europe Class and it is nice of You to made proposal include our address to your mailing list (copy of E-News number). If it is not too late we with great pleasure accept Your proposal.
We are sorry about so late answer.

Thank You in advance.

Best wishes,


Vitali Kulebiakine.
Secretary

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SPRING CUP & OPEN DUTCH CHAMPIONSHIP 2000

If you would like to have information or you would like to participate at the Spring Cup (22-24 April) or the Open Dutch Championship (20-21 May) please contact Wouter Van Catz : <woutervancatz@hotmail.com> Fax: +31 182 396419.

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After many years of good work Mr Norbert Decock is replaced on his demand by Mrs Lieve Busschots as Secretary of the Class. You can ask her all information. Tel/Fax: +32 3 2197611 - A. Vermeylelaan 5/54 B 2050 Antwerpen <lbusscho@be.packardbell.org

This year we start with a permanent ranking and within a few weeks you will find all the information about ECB in our website (probably www.europeclass.be). We will inform you.

Our Class is organising with NWV the first regatta of this year in Brouwershaven (Holland) 100 km NW of Antwerp on the large water of the Grevelingen. Everything is ready now. Dutch, French and German sailors announced their participation.

Other important races are:

4.29/30	Sailing for Ostend - North Sea
7.5/7	Flanders - Youth Regatta at Nieuwpoort - North Sea
8.19/20	Mannequin Cup at Blankenberge - North Sea
9.16/17	Open Belgian Championship at Blankenberge - North Sea
10.22	Three Countries at Kinrool (Maaseik - Belgium) on a large lake at the Dutch border and near to Aachen (Germany).

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USA REPORT

I would like to say Happy New Year to all my friends and sailors in the Europe Class. The new year brings the start of another racing season here in the USA. Below you will find out how the first two regattas of the year went thanks to our class president, Jaime Mack.

Olympic selection, here in the USA we choose Olympic representatives on the basis of one Trials regatta. The Europe Class will hold their Trials April 6-16th here in San

Francisco Bay. This event will be held in conjunction with the Lasers, sailing on the same course as the Europes, and the Finns and Star boats each sailing on separate courses. Our event consists of four days of racing, two races each day, a mandatory lay day then four more days of racing with two races each day. The overall winner will be our representative to the Olympic Games in Sydney. We expect about 20 people to compete this event.

Prior to our Trials, the local events will be the Spring Dinghy Regatta at the St Francis Yacht Club on March 11-12 and the Alamitos Bay OCR on March 24-26.

Lynn Olinger

GERMAN QUALIFICATION FOR SYDNEY 2000 DECIDED – PETRA NIEMANN WINS

Petra Niemann will be nominated for the Olympic Games in Sydney. With her 6th place at the Worlds in Brazil she won the qualification. Her main competitors Doris Wetzels and Christiane Petzke finished 18th and 21st respectively in the Worlds.

They all started under heavy pressure as at least one of them had to be within the first ten in order to be sure that a German Europe will be nominated at all. Christiane Petzke had reached this aim with her fourth place at the Worlds 99 in Melbourne but for a nomination a second top ten place had to be sailed.

In case that more than one sailor reaches this aim, a selection had been defined over a year ago, consisting of the Europeans last year in England and the Worlds 2000. The Worlds thus had a double importance, especially since Petra, Christiane and Doris were on almost equal terms in England, finishing 9, 10 and 12 respectively.

In the qualification phase of the Worlds Petra laid the basis for her success, finishing top ten in all races leading the overall place 3. Places 15, 36 and 18 in races 7, 8 and 9 of

the finals were rather a drawback for her, and the tenth place overall seemed to run through her fingers. But with strong nerves she finished 2nd and 4th in the following races 10 and 11, making sure that she was within the top ten. With Christiane and Doris being well behind Petra safely won the Olympic qualification.

More results: www.europe-class.de

Sven Harder

Deutsch Europe Class

IMPRESSIONS FROM BRAZIL

Yesterday I went to fetch the photos I shot during the Championship and how I envy me, I would go back to Salvador right now. Not like in Barcelona, with coat, studying and exams !!

Every day we wore short sleeves, short and sandals and out.. Night or day.

The Club very good and with a swimming pool..... very well organised, they installed a tent for us with computers with Internet, another smaller tent and tables where we had something to eat every day back from sailing.

The regatta area was a bit far, because of the tide, in middle of the channel we could not move because of the current and could not



reach the mark... In the same regatta area there was as well current but less. It is always very rare for me to sail with tide missing the habit: the Mediterranean.... The races a bit irregular but at least a bit better every day and quite happy with my final results. The problem is the start, that's why next month start trainings... . What else ? Very nice championship and I'll try to start better, sail quicker, that's the matter, right ? We had a great time overthere.

Neus Garriga

ESP 686

Niki Nocke CCM and Paul Depoorter VP RACING have been reelected during the AGM in Salvador da Bahia.

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REGATTA SUMMARIES BY JAIME MACK

MIAMI OCR

15 Europes sailed 12 races in the Miami OCR regatta in Biscayne Bay, Florida, January 25-29. Soren Johnsen (DEN) dominated the event, finishing with 14 points, Denise Cesky (AUS) came in second with 28 points, and Amanda Clark (USA) finished third with 40 points. The first day of racing brought a cold front and westerly winds ranging between 12 and 17 knots. The wind, coming over the land, was puffy and shifty. The water had small waves and chop, with the waves and chop building throughout the day. By the second day, the cold front had passed through. Winds gradually lightened throughout the regatta and shifted to the north, bringing flatter water as well. The final day, only 1 race in very light air was held.

The Race Committee on the Europe Course did an excellent job, and Coral Reef Yacht Club was very hospitable-hosting two dinners for the competitors.

MIAMI OLYMPIC CLASSES REGATTA
EUROPE - 25-29 JANUARY 2000

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| 1. | Johnsen Soren | DEN |
| 2. | Cesky Denise | AUT |
| 3. | Clark Amanda | USA |
| 4. | Smidova Lenka | DEN |
| 5. | Pohl Kryisia | USA |
| 6. | Dey Courtney | USA |
| 7. | Taylor Stephanie | CAN |
| 8. | Barnes Samantha | USA |
| 9. | Wennerstrom Linda | USA |
| 10. | Mack Jaime | USA. |

2000 LAUDERDALE YACHT CLUB OLYMPIC MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

10 Europes sailed 8 races in the Olympic Midwinter Championship Regatta in Fort Lauderdale, February 4-6. Meg Gaillard (USA) returning from a racing break after her third place finish at the Worlds, won the event with 9 points. Tania Calles (MEX), sailing her first Lauderdale Regatta, finished second with 13 points. Stephanie Taylor (CAN), finished third with 28 points. Despite Lauderdale's reputation for easterly breezes, seven of the eight races were sailed in northerly winds. Going into shore for current re-

lief and playing the shifts on the left hand side was critical for successful beats. During the last race on the final day, the winds started to clock to the east, but not in enough time to bring the large waves for which Lauderdale is known.

Lauderdale Yacht Club provided excellent on-the-water support and off-the-water fun. Tows, especially through the narrow bridge span, were readily available and quick, and the race committee did a great job. Friday night included a barbecue where all friends and family were welcome, and Saturday finished with a trip to the go-karts and arcade.

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| 1. | Gaillard Meg | USA |
| 2. | Calles Tania | MEX |
| 3. | Taylor Stephanie | CAN |
| 4. | Pohl Krisia | USA |
| 5. | Wennerstrom Linda | USA |
| 6. | Barnes Samantha | USA |
| 7. | Mack Jaime | USA |
| 8. | Codman Jane | USA |
| 9. | Carr Susannah | USA |
| 10. | Osmera Leslie | USA. |

Techno-News

Dear sailors, measurers, builders

This year our President Gustav and me visited the annual conference of the ISAF, held in Sydney from the 5th to the 13th of november. I had been visiting those committees where technical and measurement matters had been discussed. All our proposals for Class Rules changes from our AGM in Melbourne were adopted this year by ISAF. Therefore the following changes (in italic) will be part of our 2000 Class Rules (I only present the meaning, not the correct wording):

The allowed diameter of the boom section is increased from 76 mm to 77 mm to facilitate the purchase of cheap tubes for boom production (76,2 mm is a common tube size). Our last years proposal for the grandfathering of masts concerning our new Mast Rules had

not been completely accepted at the last years conference. With our new proposal the new grandfathering dates are completed as follows:

Masts shall comply with the new Mast Rules after:

- at fundamental measurements 1 March 2000- at the Olympic Games 1 March 2000- at all other events 1 March 2006 National Authorities may give further allowances.

Sails: Adjustable leech lines are not allowed. This to avoid any development in sailmaking in this direction for not complicating the trimming devices of the sail.

Personal sail numbers are allowed. The procedure of providing the numbers is under the responsibility of the National Authorities or National Class Associations, but they have to ensure that a same number shall never exist twice.

Additional to these changes proposed by ourselves, the ISAF felt the necessity to introduce the following changes to our new Mast Rules:

An inflatable plastic tube is allowed to remain inside the mast section.

The top fitting of the masts does not have to be removable.

With these two changes the existing Marstrom Masts will remain legal without having to make alterations at them. Hopefully this will be a relief to many of you and to future mast producers, keeping the technology less complicated.

Until the next Techno-News,

yours Bernhard Krüger
Vice President Technical

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 1999

Dear Europe Class Representatives, Dear Friends,

I welcome you all to our Annual General Meeting, the first in a new century and the first in the new millenium. The year 1999 has been a very busy year for the Class.

We started with the Worlds in Mornington, Melbourne, Australia. The town of Mornington is a small village about 50 kilometres South of Melbourne City. The town is situated at the shore of Phillip Bay a nice water to race on. Our Championships were a part of the big combined World Championships for the Olympic Classes in Melbourne. The different classes were racing on various spots on the large Phillip Bay, every class had its own host Club, our host was the Mornington Yacht Club. We had almost no contact with the other Olympic Classes. Only the final reception has been held with the others. I do not understand the reason to have combined championships when we are not together at all.

In the Worlds we had 111 women sailors representing 29 countries and 57 men from 15 countries. We had various weather conditions: light winds as well as hard winds, in somebody's opinion even to heavy weather, but everyone had his/her chance to become World Champion.

The excellent sailor Margriet Matthijsse (NED) won her second championship, last time she was World Champion in 1997. In the Men fleet Soren Johnsen (DEN) repeated his victory from last year. Congratulations to you both once again.

The organisation was almost perfect, thank you Mornington and Australia.

During the year I attended two other major regattas, the European Championships at Hayling Island in GBR and the European Youth Championships in Workum Holland).

At Hayling Island we had 121 women sailors from

27 nations and 95 men from 18 nations. Both Margriet and Soren repeated their victories from Australia. They both really had a fantastic year !

At the Youth Europeans we had 183 sailors from 22 nations. Number one among the girls and European Youth Champion 1999 was Siren Sundby (NOR) and among the boys and European Youth Champion was Hans Kristian Hage (NOR). Congratulations Norway your young sailors will give you many happy moments in the future.

Except these three major events we have had a lot of other championships and important regattas on different level and on various places. I thank the organisers for giving us the opportunity to race in good regattas all over the world. A big thank you also to the sailors travelling from place to place in order to take part in regattas all over the world. Thank you all sponsors for your support last year. The biggest and most important sponsors are the parents of the sailors. Thank you all. Our Annual General Meeting was divided in two parts, the first part was held in Mornington on January 15th. Fifteen member nations and 6 council or committee members were present at the meeting. The matters discussed were the usual ones, I refer to the Minutes distributed to every member association. The fiscal part of the AGM was delt with at the AGM at Hayling Islands on July 20th.

At the ISAF Meeting in Sydney in November, the Class was represented by the President and the VP Technical Mr Bernhard Kruger. We worked had to convince the delegates that our boat is the best one and the right one to use in 2004 Olypic Games in Athens. If we should live in an ideal world we could have the Europe in Athens both for light boys and ladies as well. This matter will be decided at the ISAF Meeting in Edinborough next November.

Bernhard and Niki will tell you about the technical matters in Sydney in their separate reports.

At the November Meeting, ISAF announced that our World Champion Margriet Matthijsse was awarded the ISAF Sperry World Sailor Award 1999. Our class was well represented Shirley Robertson was also nominated for the same award, this time Shirley was number two. Last year the Europe sailor Caroline Brouwer won the same award. Our class is very proud to have the two best women sailors of the world, all categories.

The Council met only once this year but we have had frequent contacts by e-mail, fax and telephone. All Council members are on e-mail. The members of the council:

President Gustav Dahlberg (FIN)

VP Administration and Treasurer

Jorma Heiskanen (SWE)

VP Publicity and Promotion

Mick Mainemare (ESP)

VP Racing Paul Depoorter (ESP)

VP Technical Bernhard Kruger (GER)

Class Chief Measurer Niki Nocke (GER)

The President and the VP Administration and VP Technical have formed the Executive during the period. Mr Jorma Heiskanen is also the Treasurer of the Class.

The yearly report of each Vice President will be given later during the meeting. I remind you that we have our own Web site in Internet and every Council member has his own e-mail address.

Once again I end this report with a big THANK YOU to the Council and everyone who has worked for the Europe Class during the last year 1999.

Gustav Dahlberg
IECU President

TECHNICAL FORUM EXTRACTS

Salvador da Bahia – 1.12.2000

Matters discussed during the Forum:

HEADBOARDS: There is a tendency to symbolic headboards. Inside, outside or very thin headboards of any materials are in the rules. Primary reinforcements must be made of woven materials.

PERSONAL SAIL NUMBERS: Will be legal beginning 1.3.2000. There must be a written confirmation by the authority sorting sailnumbers. The same number should never exist twice.

GRANDFATHERING: We try to find out, together with ISAF, the difference between national and international events.

NEW MAST AND BOOM RULES. Inside tube and glued mast top fitting are part of the rules and legal. The Licence system is on its way. Those interested in Licences please contact VPT Bernhard Krüger.

ADJUSTABLE LEECHLINES: Now they are forbidden also by the wording of the

rules.

BOOM DIAMETER: is now max. 77 mm.
AVERGA WEIGHT OF SAILORS & SPACE OF SAIL: The average weight of the top ladies sailors is close to that of the men and does not suit the average of the ladies in

MEASUREMENT SEMINAR

*There will be a seminar in
Duisburg, Germany – 4-6 March
2000*

the world. To give the average ladies a better chance the sail dimensions should be reduced, especially at the top. This to start a discussion. Please contribute and enter ideas and arguments.

PROPOSAL FOR RULE CHANGINGS

1. Proposal from Class Chief Measurer concerning rudderstock top surfaces and thickness was discussed and accepted, except: max. thickness modified from 5mm. to 10

mm. Reason: to suit better existing materials.

2. Proposal from Sweden concerning easier controlling system at international championships. There was no forwarder from the submitter, who was prepared or entitled to promote this proposal. The advantages (gain of 2 days for sailing and educational aspects) and the disadvantages (more work for the jury and corresponding punishments, additional manpower in the time races are on, problems or impossibilities for countries with a less developed measurement system) were discussed. The Forum agrees that the existing system should be improved, but there are actually no practicable solutions.

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INTERNATIONAL ISTANBUL SAILING WEEK

The International Istanbul Sailing Week for men and women in Europe and Laser Radial classes will be held in Istanbul from 7-13 August 2000.

The Organising Authority and Host for the Week is the Istanbul Sailing Club on behalf of the Turkish Sailing Federation and the International Class Associations.

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Event Schedule

7.8	Monday	Registration & Measurement. Opening Ceremony
8.8	Tuesday	Registration & Measurement. Skippers meeting
9.8	Wednesday	Races 1-2
10.8	Thursday	Races 3-4-5, Barbecue evening
11.8	Friday	Free Day, Match races on pool
12.8	Saturday	Races 6-7-8
13.8	Sunday	Races 9,10, Prize Giving Ceremony.

THE DAILY LIFE SHOULD CONTINUE AND WILL CONTINUE

Once a catastrophe happens we hear about it few days or weeks and then nothing... I asked Ahmet Serim to comment us which is the situation and feeling, here is his answer: "Even just 20 minutes before I received your

the new big quake, we think after 2020. Of course this is disturbing, but we are not alone, the same feelings are in West America and Japan, China, etc... Similar is with Hurricanes in Southern States of USA, again Japan, etc. And think there are some objects in the space which are rounding the earth, any time a disaster can occur which may end the human life, like the dinosaurs desappeared.

Earthquakes occur everywhere, I heard some days ago, even in Switzerland and Germany. We must take some measure, against the destroying power, we must build new buildings accordingly and prepare the old ones, strenghten them, etc. The daily life shall continue,

e-mail we had a small earthquake, they call these "after runners", they are much smaller than the main earthquake. This will last may be few months more, then it will end until

and will continue. The danger that some objects can hit areas of our world is even not smaller than destroying earthquakes.
Ahmet Serim



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.00	16-apr	20-apr	PRINCESS SOFIA TROPHY	Palma (Mallorca)	34 971 402412	34 971 402451			
.00	21-apr	24-apr	SAIL SYDNEY	Sydney Harbour (AUS)	61 2 96601266	61 2 9552 6159			
.00	23-apr	29-apr	HYERES WEEK	Hyeres (FRA)				www.ffv.fr	
.00	06-maj	07-maj	1st Geman Selection	Warmermunde (GER)					
.00	24-maj	28-maj	SPA REGATTA	Medemblick (NED)				www.sparegatta.org	
.00	10-jun	12-jun	2nd German Selection	Kiel (GER)					
.00	17-jun	20-jun	KIEL WEEK (MEN)	Kiel (GER)				www.kyc.de	
.00	21-jun	25-jun	KIEL WEEK (WOMEN)	Kiel (GER)				www.kyc.de	
.00	05-jul	09-jul	EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP Cristina / Los Narejos - Los Alcazares / Murcia / ESP	Murcia (ESP)	33 68575189	33 68575636	EUR		CAR Infanta
.00	10-jul	15-jul	EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP Cristina / Los Narejos - Los Alcazares / Murcia / ESP	Murcia (ESP)	34 68575189	34 68575636	EUR		CAR Infanta
.00	28-jul	04-aug	EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP	Napoli (ITA)					
.00	19-aug	25-aug	OPEN YOUTH GERMAN CHAMP.	Kellersee (GER)					
.00	10-sep	30-sep	OLYMPIC REGATTA	Sydney Harbour (AUS)					
.00	04-okt	10-okt	OPEN GERMAN CHAMPIONSHIP	Wansee, Berlin (GER)					
.02	August	Unknow	OPEN WEEK	Hamilton (CAN)					
.02	August	Unknow	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	Hamilton (CAN)					
.01	July	Unknow	OPEN WEEK	Vilamoura (POR)					
.01	July	Unknow	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	Vilamoura (POR)					



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