



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sailors and Friends !

This year is a very special one. It is the year the Olympics take place. Our wonderful class can be divided in many ways. One way is who is carrying out an Olympic campaign, who is not. I will guess that about 50 sailors are involved in an Olympic campaign, and they will get a lot of attention this year. The 50 of you I will warn about the coming pressure. Everyone will press you. The NA's, the coaches, the press, yourself, also. Please do not forget: it is wonderful to sail and specially to compete with friends. Winning is good, but not everything. I will remember everyone, that the Olympic qualifier this year is the regatta in Hyères. I will also remember you that if your nation now or after the Hyères regatta is not qualified Olympics, there is still a possibility to go. There might be nations that qualify, that will not send their sailors, and then the one who is outside, suddenly is inside. There will really be something to race for, even for the lower positions, in Hyères. If your nation is qualified, but your nation cannot send you, I will be very happy to hear from you immediately (e-mail: t@ndlaegerne.dk). I know a lot of you have been preparing in Miami, Cádiz and Mallorca this winter, and are really well prepared. I am looking forward to meet all of you, see how good you are, and also meet a lot of new faces.

Best regards.

Jan Abrahamsen, IECU President

Congratulations to the 2003 World Championship Winners:

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|------------|------------------------------|
| 1st | Fredrik Svensson |
| 2nd | Oscar Claeson |
| 3rd | Christopher Gundersen |
| 5th | Patrik Johansson |
| 6th | Arvid Claeson |
| 8th | Mathieu Derand |

NEW radial-horizontal design 2004:

- for light winds
- for smaller girls

See our web page for more details soon.



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EXTRACT FROM THE ISAF WEBSITE

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

18 February 2004

“2004 Olympic Regatta - Olympic Measurement Updates and Interpretations

ISAF will perform very intensive measurement at the 2004 Athens Olympics. ISAF will make rulings and interpretations of class rules.

These may be in conflict with what has been the custom at Class Championships and in most classes will be more comprehensive than procedures at World Championships. ISAF intends to ensure the One-Design concepts of the Olympic classes.

The ISAF Olympic Measurement Committee shall have the sole and final responsibility of interpreting the class rules for the Olympic Regatta.

It is ISAF's intention to inform all Olympic sailors of what they can expect at the Olympic Regatta and not spring something unknown when they arrive in Athens. To this end ISAF will publish the Measurement Regulations on the ISAF website and will publish all class rules interpretations. ISAF will be involved in the measurement at several of the final Olympic Qualifiers, so as to ensure the sailors understand the Measurement Procedures which will be used at the 2004 Olympic Regatta.

These 2004 Olympic Regatta Measurement Regulations will be published on the ISAF Website and in Making Waves. Sailors registered on ISAF Sailor may sign up to receive notification of the publication of the Measurement Regulations via ISAF Sailor Email Services -

www.sailing.org/isafsailor

ISAF Olympic website

www.sailing.org/olympics

Paul Henderson

President ISAF.”

WORLDS IN CAGLIARI 2004, A MUSTVISIT

In February 2004 our V.P. Racing went to Sardinia to meet the Organizing Committee of the 2004 Worlds. The Yacht Club Cagliari hosted Paul Depoorter and together worked to make sure that the Event will be a success.

These are Paul's comments coming back from the island.

Sardinia is a great place. Except the northern part, with its glamorous Costa Smeralda, the rest of the land is still a non-overcrowded tourist place. It's really beautiful ! Kilometres of virgin coast surrounded by breath-taking cliffs and white sand beaches. Inland small roads leads you to very high mountains, where you can hardly find a village every 20 km and where you need to drive carefully in order to not get in the middle of a sheep herd crossing very peacefully your way.

Oh, yes... you want to know about sailing... sorry...

The YCC is very well prepared to host any big international event. It's actually a Sailor's club. That's always good ! Alberto, the President and Guido, the Chairman of the O.C. have done a fantastic job. They know exactly what we need, enough space for the boats, large launching ramps, good race committees and juries, and of course nice wind. Some pasta parties and friendly ambience will follow ashore...

The Club is placed at the end of a long beach. The most distant Racing Area will be not more than 15 or 20 minutes sailing from there, actually one area is just in front of the Club and the other one a bit further.

The Notice of Race (N.O.R.) is ready. The Sailing Instructions, soon. Check www.europeclass.org for more info.

The measurement area is big enough for Niki's Team and they have a lot of volunteers that will help you to get all your material measured in a short time (make sure you take all your measurement form with you !).

How to go there ? There are daily ferries from Genova and from Marseille/Toulon. You can get special rates if you book through the Agency Sardamondial (see N.O.R.). Flying there is also easy. Alghero Airport (240 km from Cagliari) or Elmas Airport (20 km from Cagliari). We went there with Ryanair.com for less than 60 Euros round trip !

Accommodation. Early booking is recommended. Nothing is walking distance from the Yacht Club. Hotels and apartments reservations can be made with the official agencies (see N.O.R.).

The food is superb... as I said they cook pasta as nowhere else and also fresh fish is very good and at reasonable prices.

I am sure that we will have a great event in Sardinia ! Hope to see you there !

Paul Depoorter

IECU V.P. Racing.

FROM BELGIUM

FLANDERS YOUTH REGATTA

For all young people (<23 years in 2004) the clubs of Nieuwpoort, with the support of the classes, organize from 3 to 7 July the traditional Flanders Youth Regatta for not only Europe but also for Optimist, Cadet, Splash, Laser, Laser Radial, and 420. The regatta is a unique opportunity to sail on the North Sea with the best young sailors of Europe and to meet them after the races. The Europe sailors, who are not selected for YEC or cannot travel to Portugal, will have the experience of international sailing. More information at: www.nieuwpoortweek.be

Frans Van Pelt

ECB

FROM ITALY

After the ASSEUROPA AGM's celebration and the re-election of the board, who for 26 years has been conducting the Europe Class in Italy, the board now will face the commitment of the program's realisation that the members agreed in that occasion.

On February 28, we will start with the qualifying regattas and the R.L. The training regattas will not be neglected. As well a program that the Class follows with attention and is considered particularly important: the athletic preparation of the training from which the Class counts to obtain results in Italy and overseas and the educational preparation of the youngest. This activity is commitment of the instructors, area technicians and of the clubs. The training activity and preparation are the moral basis of the Class.

The activity of our Class has to face a new "competition" with other classes which made up similar characteristics to the Europe dinghy ones to attract young Europe class sailors. This situation is aggravated when the very young sailor is not continuing after the Optimist Class.

The Asseuropa has a program as well for this situation, a publicity campaign in favour of our Class to render the national sport activity more attractive to the youngsters.

The 2004 Sport Calendar has been communicated and is substantially unchanged:

- OLYMPIC GARDA 2004 will take place from 13 to 20 March.

- CAMPIONATO ITALIANO will take place from 28 June to 2 July.

A special commitment are the World Championships that the Cagliari Yacht Club has started long ago to organise. The experience of the Club, its dedication and competence and the hospitality of his members are the best guarantee for a successful event.

Claudio Morana
President Asseuropa

FROM USA

Gaillard Wins 2004 Olympic Trials

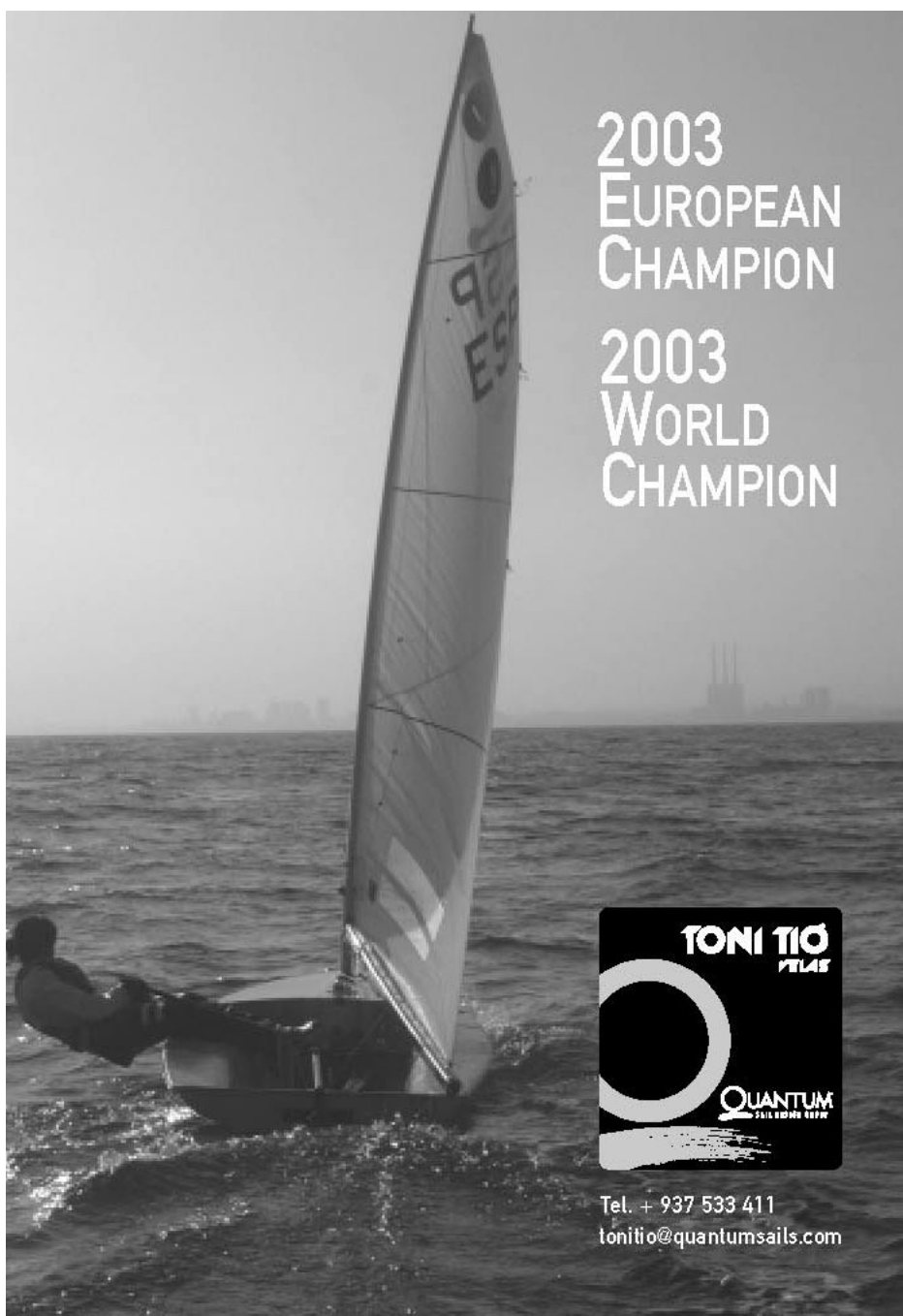
Fort Lauderdale, FL (February 21, 2004) - Meg Gaillard won the U.S. Olympic Trials held in Ft. Lauderdale, FL from February 12 - 22, 2004.

Meg will represent the United States at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. Gaillard set the pace from the outset of the regatta, only failing once to cross the finish line first - in race 10 -- when she finished second to Kathleen Tocke (Buffalo, N.Y./Newport, R.I.). She and two other sailors were

over the starting line early. She was in fifth place in the 14-boat Europe fleet at the windward mark, third at the leeward mark, and second at the finish.

"I learned a bit every time, which definitely helped," replied Gaillard when asked how this Olympic Trials (her third) differed from the two previous Trials in which she finished fourth (the 1996 Trials in the 470 Women's event), and second (the 2000 Trials in the Europe class). Of her competitors in Ft. Lauderdale she noted that she had to work hard as "with all the training the girls have done, they have closed the gap." And although undecided as to how or where she would celebrate her win of the Trials, there is no doubt as to where she will be next August -- representing the U.S.A. at the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in Athens, Greece.

Susannah Carr



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Calendar

	Date	Name/Club	Entry Address
		NO EUROPEANS 2004	
POR	22.07. 29.07.	2004 YOUTH EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP Vilareal	Bahia de Monte Gordo (Vila Real de Santo Antonio) +351 281511140 www.anguadiana.no.sapo.pt anguadiana@mail.telepac.pt accomodation: viagens.laranja@ononet.pt
ITA	4.07. 9.07. 10.07 17.07	2004 OPEN WEEK & WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP Cagliary OPEN WEEK Cagliary WORLDS	Yacht Club Cagliari (Sardinia) +39 070 374118 www.yachtclub-cagliari.com raceoffice.ycc@tiscali.it
NOR	8.08 14.08.	2005 YOUTH EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP Tonsberg	Toensberg Yacht Club tonsberg.sf@online.no
FIN	...08 ...08	2005 OPEN WEEK & EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP Helsinki	Nylandska Jacktklubben & Esbo Segelforening - Helsinki - FINLAND Early July 2005 (dates to be confirmed) +358 9 6923194 www.njk.fi kansliet@njk.fi
CHI	...09 ...10	2005 OPEN WEEK & WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP Rizhao	End August / Early September 2005 (Dates to be confirmed)
DEN	2.07 6.07 7.07 16.07	2006 OPEN WEEK & WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP Copenhagen OPEN WEEK Copenhagen WORLDS	Skovshoved Sailing Club - Copenhagen - DENMARK www.skovshoved-sejlkklub.dk (dates to be confirmed)

O'NEILL World Sailing Rankings



Europe – Women's Single Handed Dinghy Issue Date: 6 februar 2004

Pos	Name	Nation	Previous Pos	Points
1	Siren SUNDBY	NORWAY	1	4771
2	Sari MULTALA	FINLAND	2	4753
3	Petra NIEMANN	GERMANY	3	4641
4	Carolijn BROUWER	NETHERLANDS	4	4512
5	Lenka SMIDOVA	CZECH REPUBLIC	5	4501
6	Trine Julie ABRAHAMSEN	DENMARK	6	4477
7	Signe LIVBJERG	DENMARK	7	4466
8	Christiane PETZKE	GERMANY	8	4386
9	Sarah MACKY	NEW ZEALAND	9	4309
10	Maria COLEMAN	IRELAND	10	4291
11	Sarah BLANCK	AUSTRALIA	11	4287
12	Meg GAILLARD	USA	12	4258
13	Ditte JUUL CHRISTENSEN	DENMARK	13	4187
14	Monika BRONICKA	POLAND	14	4162
15	Weronika GLINKIEWICZ	POLAND	15	4046
16	Min DEZILLIE	BELGIUM	16	3966
17	Teja CERNE	SLOVENIA	17	3855
18	Neus GARRIGA-TURON	SPAIN	18	3842
19	Tatiana DROZDOVSKAJA	BELARUS	19	3821
20	Manon BORSI	FRANCE	20	3794

More results for ISAF Ranking list at: www.sailing.org/rankings

FROM NEW ZEALAND

SUMMER 2003/2004

The sailing season in New Zealand is coming to an end, we have had a great season including the NZ Olympic Nomination Trials. The trials were held from Torbay Sailing Club North of Auckland. The NZ Selectors wanted to see a range of conditions so the regatta was spread over two weeks. In the Europe Class there was a fleet of eight sailors for the trials, with some young talent starting to emerge. Jane Macky and Jo Aleh will be stars of the future, at just 17 years old they both took races off Sarah in the light winds. Sarah dominated from the beginning winning the first seven in a row, before the winds got light and flukey. She eventually won the event with a race to spare, 10 points in front of Sara Winther in second place.

TORBAY SAILING CLUB

OLYMPIC NOMINATION TRIALS 2004

Final results:

Sailed: 11 - Discards: 1 -

	January	16	16	17	17	18	19	19	24	24	25	25	
1. 115 Sarah Macky - Kohi YC	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	2	DNC	15
2. 1 Sara Winther - Wakatere	2	3	2	3	5	2	2	2	2	4	3	25	
3. 11 Miranda Powrie - Kohi YC	3	4	4	2	2	3	4	1	6	6	5	34	
4. 114 Kate O'Brien -RNZYS	5	2	3	4	3	4	3	4	5	5	4	37	
5. 83 Jo Aleh - Kohi YC	4	5	5	5	4	7	5	7	4	3	1	43	
6. 120 Jane Macky - Kohi YC	6	OCS	7	7	8	5	8	6	8	1	2	58	
7. 102 Robyn Prentice Kohi YC	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	8	3	7	7	60	
8. 2 Michelle Bassett - Torbay	8	7	8	8	7	8	7	3	7	8	6	69	

FROM DENMARK

So, what is happening in Denmark at the moment ? Well, actually quite a lot. We have some good projects running to make the conditions for the sailors better and at the same time we have an increase in the number of active Europe sailors. Coming up soon is the Easter holiday and it has almost become a tradition for a lot of sailors to go south either to Mallorca, Spain or to lake Garda, Italy. The Garda project has been running for some years now but never before have we had so many Europe sailors participating in the Torbole event and the following training camp. 63 Danish sailors is the last count and we are sure that the trip this year will be a success once again with competent coaches and hopefully good sailing conditions.

The Easter will at the same time be the official onset of the new season and shortly after we have some national events coming up including the ranking list events and hereby the qualification for the World Championship 2004.

The rule 42 project

In the fall we had a training camp with the subject Rule 42. We invited some jury members to participate in the project - among these a German judge and some of the International Judges from Denmark. The new interpretations of the rule 42 were discussed with the sailors and the lesson continued on water. The judges learned more about how the Europe dinghy is sailed and the sailors explored all the zones going from green to yellow and red zone. The project was really a success and we are planning some follow-ups in the spring - both the sailors and the new judges interested in learning more about judging in the Europe class.

Along with this rule 42 project the Europe class Denmark have been working intensely on establishing a competent jury group with the purpose of having the same standards at every ranking list. Especially with the changed conditions with free pumping from 12 knots and absolutely no pumping upwind and in light wind, we find it very important that the sailors are familiar with the international interpretations regarding what is allowed and what is not. The concept will be used from this season and forth and include some general rules to make sure that the ranking lists live up to the standards set by Europe Class Denmark. The general idea is to have 2 jury boats on water with a total of 4 jury members. Two of these are chosen from a pre-established competent group approved by the Europe Class Denmark and the last two jury members are chosen by the organising yacht club. Thereby we guarantee our sailors a fair and competent jury on water at every event.

The present situation...

The winter and cold weather have not stopped us from sailing these days and there are still some activity in the yacht clubs despite the season. The training is of course serious but still fun and some new gear is being tested as well. Even though the wind conditions actually are quite good we are definitely looking forward to some warmer weather - but who are we to complain - At least there is not ice all over making it impossible to sail...

With these few updates on the Europe dinghy situation in Denmark we hope for the best in the coming season and we will see you at the international events.

Best regards,

Michael Risor DEN 55
Europe Class Denmark

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FROM AUSTRALIA

The DownUnder regattas have come and gone so very quickly. Congratulations to those that travelled around the country to compete. And a special thank you to Verena Wagner (AUT) and Maiko Sato (JPN) who crossed a hemisphere to compete. The regatta reports were good and the numbers of Aussies sailing were high. Here's a summary of the events.

2003 Sydney International Regatta (18-21 December 2003)

1. Sarah Blanck (AUS57), 2. Maiko Sato (JPN1), 3. Verena Wagner (AUT106). See enclosed photo of Clare Hozack (AUS56) in Santa hat (standard attire for all Europe competitors).

2003 Australian Europe Class Championships (05-07 January 2004)

1. Sarah Blanck (AUS57), 2. Verena Wagner (AUT106), 3. Maiko Sato (JPN1).

The Nationals were hosted by Royal Brighton Yacht Club, Melbourne. The first two days were very light winds, then the Port Phillip Bay westerlies winds blew in with over 40 kts for the last two days, cancelling racing. However the race management ran 6 races, with Sarah Blanck achieving a bullet in every race.

2004 Sail Melbourne. (12-17 January 2004)

1. Sarah Blanck (AUS57), 2. Krystal Weir (AUS61), 3. Verena Wagner (AUT106). Sail Melbourne was run from Sandringham Yacht Club on Port Phillip Bay. An important regatta as it was the final selection for the 2004 Athens Olympics. Congratulations to Sarah who is headed to Athens !!!! Also of note was Krystal Weir (current Laser Radial National Champion) who has just started sailing the Europe (winning one of the races). Krystal is campaigning for the 2008 Olympics. See the Sail Melbourne website for reports, results and photos.

Tony Walsh

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Clare bought a Santa hat along for all the Europe girls.

FROM THE NETHERLANDS

These are the most important events in the Netherlands during the coming season:

10-12 April	Spring Cup Medemblick
24-25 April	United 4 Hoorn
08-09 May	United 4 Muiderzand
15-16 May	Dutch Open Men/Class Event Women Workum
26-30 May	Spa Regatta Medemblick
04-05 September	United 4 Workum
17-19 September	Dutch Open women
25-26 September	United 4 Roompot

Birna van Riemsdijk

EC - NDL

ATHENS EUROLYMP WEEK 2004

2004 15-21 February

50 ladies took part in this Athens Eurolymp Regatta at Saronikos Gulf, representing 20 countries: AUT (1), BEL (2), BLR (1), CRO (2), CZE (1), ESP (3), FRA (4), FIN (1), GBR (1), GER (2), GRE (18), IRL (1), ITA (1), NED (2), (POL (2), RUS (2), SLO (2), SUI (1), TUR (2), UKR (1)

Final Results:

1.	BEL 1	Min Dezillie	25
2.	GER 34	Petra Niemann	32
3.	POL 9	Weronika Glinkiewicz	33
4.	FIN 7	Sari Multala	34
5.	CZE 5	Lenka Smidova	35
6.	ESP 6	Neus Garriga	43
7.	GER 14	Christiane Petzke	54
8.	POL 52	Monika Bronicka	60
9.	FRA 8	Brandine Rouille	64
10.	NED 11	Carolijn Brouwer	77

WinnerBoats Europe Class Results 2003



- **World Champion 2003 Women** – *Siren Sundby.*
- **World Champion 2003 Men** – *Fredrik Svensson.*
- **European Champion 2003 Women** – *Siren Sundby.*
- **European Champion 2003 Men** – *Francisco Terrasa.*

• 19 sailors on Top 20 in the ISAF World Ranking List 10/9/2003
 Many unbeatable results, World Ch. consecutively 93/94/95/96/97/98/99/00/01/02

WINNER WORLD CHAMPION '03

WOMEN - Siren Sundby (NOR) is the World Champion 2003 with a Winner.

Top 10 used a Winner.

1. Siren Sundby	NOR	WINNER
2. Sari Multala	FIN	WINNER
3. Meg Gaillard	USA	WINNER
4. Trine Abrahamsen	DEN	WINNER
5. Petra Niemann	GER	WINNER

MEN - Fredrik Svensson (SWE) is the World Champion 2003 with a Winner.

1. Frederik Svensson	SWE	WINNER
2. Oscar Claeson	SWE	
3. Christopher Gundersen	NOR	

WINNER EUROPEAN CHAMPION '03

WOMEN - Siren Sundby (NOR) is the European Champion 2003 with a Winner.

9 of Top 10 used a Winner.

1. Siren Sundby	NOR	WINNER
2. Sari Multala	FIN	WINNER
3. Sarah Macky	NZL	WINNER
4. Trine Abrahamsen	DEN	WINNER
5. Christiane Petzke	GER	WINNER

MEN. Paco Terrasa (ESP) is the European Champion 2003 with a Winner.

1. Paco Terrasa	ESP	WINNER
2. Manuel Jimenez	ESP	WINNER
3. Joan Salamé	ESP	WINNER
4. Jesus Rogel	ESP	WINNER
3. Fredrik Svensson	SWE	WINNER

Eurolymp 2003 – Athens Week - GRE

1. Sari Multala	FIN	WINNER
2. Trine Abrahamsen	DEN	WINNER
3. Manon Borsi	FRA	WINNER

Barcelona Olympic Sailing Week 2003 – -ESP

1. Shen Xiaoying	CHN	WINNER
2. Lenka Smidova	CZE	WINNER
3. Lu Chunfeng	CHN	WINNER

Princess Sofia Trophy 2003 – Mallorca – ESP MEN'S FLEET

1. Fredrik Svensson	SWE	WINNER
2. Oscar Claeson	SWE	
3. Joan Salamé	ESP	WINNER

Princess Sofia Trophy 2003 – Mallorca – ESP WOMEN'S FLEET

1. Sari Multala	FIN	WINNER
2. Carolijn Brouwer	NED	WINNER
3. Siren Sundby	NOR	WINNER

Eurolymp 2003– SOF – Hyeres - FRA

1. Siren Sundby	NOR	WINNER
2. Sari Multala	FIN	WINNER
3. Sarah Macky	NZL	WINNER

Eurolymp 2003 – SPA REGATTA – NED

1. Sari Multala	FIN	WINNER
2. Wiebke Schroder	GER	WINNER
3. Siren Sundby	NOR	WINNER

Eurolymp 2003 – MEN KIEL WEEK - GER

1. Soren Johnsen	DEN	WINNER
2. Vincent Borsi	GER	WINNER
3. Sebastian Schwill	GER	WINNER

Eurolymp 2003 – WOMEN KIEL WEEK

1. Petra Niemann	GER	WINNER
2. Christian Petzke	GER	WINNER
3. Monika Bronicka	POL	WINNER

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