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THE EUROPE DINGHY

In 1963 the French Federation called for an Architect's submission to monotype the "Moth". The experience of 30 years of Moth design was the basis of the new Europe Dinghy. Alois Roland from Belgium sent drawings of the modified boat (on the basis of Pierre Marique's drawings) and won the submission. The "EUROPE" was born.

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IECU was founded in 1963 to represent interests of Europe dinghy sailors worldwide to the IYRU (today ISAF). In 1976 the IYRU granted the Europe dinghy international status.

In 1989 the Europe dinghy was chosen as the single handed Olympic Class for ladies.

Objectives of the IECU are to promote the International Europe Dinghy, establish National Associations in ISAF member countries, represent the International Europe Class at a global level and encourage opportunities for multinational meetings of International Europe Dinghy owners, sailors and supporters.

A Council composed of the President, 4 Vice Presidents and a Class Chief Measurer manages the International Europe Class Union under the guidance of the Europe Class General Assembly.

ORGANISATION

Sailors are members of one of the 37 Europe Class National Associations world wide. Eleven new countries have shown interest to establish a NA. All are members of the International Europe Class Union. In many countries the National Authority for sailing delegates issuing of sail numbers and measurement certificates to the National Europe Class Association.

BOAT HANDLING

The Europe dinghy is a fast attractive racing dinghy. Its main features are the excellent trimming facilities which make it a practical possibility to adjust the boat to the sailor's height, weight and experience. The mast and the sail can be selected and adjusted to suit the sailor and enable fair competition and ease of handling without the use of harmful means of compensation such as weight jackets. Young lady sailors enjoy the Europe dinghy because they can control and race the boat even in strong wind and waves.



TECHNICAL DATA

Length	3,35 m
Beam	1,38 m
Height of mast	5,43 m
Weight of hull	45 kg
Sail area	7.0 sq.m

The Europe can be transported easily on a car roof rack.

AGE OF USED MATERIALS

At the 2003 European Championship - Palma - Mallorca - Spain

	HULL	Centre Board	Rudder Stock	Rudder Mast	Boom	Sail
2003	29	49	46	51	58	18
2002	52	58	69	63	49	61
2001	48	54	51	56	52	59
2000	22	34	35	32	26	41
1999	15	19	27	28	23	19

1998	16	31	23	16	26	16	1
1997	12	6	7	8	8	4	
1996	5	7	1	2	5	4	
1995	2	1	3	4	4	2	
Older	4	2	2	2		1	4
TOTAL	205	261	264	267	252	228	388
Average							
Age	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.5	1.7

Note: 2003 is considered one year old, 2002 two years old and so on. In the **2003 Athens Regatta** statistics from 27 boats participating final places 1 - 25 came out of the same mould. So in practice we are really close to one design aspects.



COSTS FOR TOP COMPETITION MATERIAL

Hull with fittings, centreboard, rudder and rudder head	approx. EUR 4.500
One Design Mast	approx. EUR 1.100
Boom	EUR 300-400
Sail	EUR 550-700

A STEP TO OTHER BOATS

At the Worlds in Cádiz former Europe Class sailors participated in:

Yngling	1st	Hanna Swett - USA
Yngling	2nd	Ulrike Schueman - GER
Yngling	3rd	Dorte O. Jensen - DEN
470 women	2nd	Ingrid Petitjean - FRA

CLASS ACTIVITY

ATHENS 2003 REGATTA (Test Event) - 14-28.8

27 countries were represented: ARG, AUS, BEL, CAN, CHN, CRO, CZE, DEN, ESP, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, GRE, HUN, IRL, JPN, NED, NOR, NZL, POL, POR, RUS, SLO, SUI, TUR and USA.

1. Siren Sundby	NOR
2. Min Dezillie	BEL
3. Sarah Macky	NZL

2003 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - Can Pastilla - Mallorca - Spain - 4-13.7

151 sailors entered the **OPEN WEEK** preceding the European Championships representing 25 countries: AUS, BEL, CAN, CZE, DEN, ESP, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, ITA, IRL, JPN, MEX, NED, NOR, NZL, POL, POR, RUS, SLO, SUI, SWE, TUR and USA.

1. NOR	Siren Sundby
2. DEN	Soren Johnsen
3. NOR	Christopher Gundersen

MEN: 83 sailors entered the EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

representing 14 countries: AUT, BEL, CZE, DEN, ESP, FIN, FRA, GER, ITA, NED, NOR, POR, SLO and SWE.

1. ESP	Francisco Terrasa	European Champion
2. ESP	Manuel Jiménez	Silver Medal
3. ESP	Joan Salamé	Bronze Medal

WOMEN: 122 ladies sailed the EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

representing 29 countries: AUS, AUT, BEL, BLR, CAN, CRO, CZE, DEN, ESP, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, GRE, ITA, IRL, JPN, MEX, NED, NOR, NZL, POL, POR, RUS, SLO, SUI, SWE, TUR and USA.

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| 1. NOR | Siren Sundby | European Champion |
| 2. FIN | Sari Multala | Silver Medal |
| 3. NZL | Sarah Macky | |
| 4. DEN | Trine Abrahamsen | Bronze Medal |

2003 YOUTH EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - Kaløvig - Denmark - 25.7-2.8

MEN: 75 young men registered representing 14 countries: AUT, BEL, CZE, DEN, ESP, FIN, FRA, GER, ITA, NED, NOR, POL, SLO and SWE.

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| 1. FRA | Mathieu Derand | Youth European Champion |
| 2. DEN | Kim Braad Carlsen | Silver Medal |
| 3. SWE | Anton Dahlberg | Bronze Medal |

WOMEN: 89 young ladies represented 17 countries: AUT, BEL, CRO, CZE, DEN, ESP, FIN, FRA, GER, ITA, NED, NOR, POL, POR, RUS, SLO and SWE.

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| 1. BEL | Marie Amandine Vande Ghinste | Youth European Champion |
| 2. NED | Merel Witteveen | Silver Medal |
| 3. FRA | Mathilde Geron | Bronze Medal |

2003 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MEN - Cádiz - Spain - 2-9.9

63 sailors sailed this World Championship representing 14 countries: ARG, BEL, CZE, DEN, ESP, FRA, GBR, GER, ITA, JPN, NOR, POR, SWE and USA.

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| 1. SWE | Fredrik Svensson | World Champion |
| 2. SWE | Oscar Claeson | Silver Medal |
| 3. NOR | Christopher Gundersen | Bronze Medal |

2003 OPEN WEEK - Cádiz - Spain - 3-9.9

100 ladies participated in the Open Week representing 27 countries: ARG, AUS, AUT, BEL, BLR, CAN, CZE, DEN, ESP, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, ITA, ISR, JPN, LTU, MEX, NED, NOR, NZL, POL, POR, SUI, SWE, TUR and USA.

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| 1. NOR | Siren Sundby |
| 2. NZL | Sarah Macky |
| 3. CZE | Lenka Smidova |



2003 ISAF OLYMPIC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - Cádiz - Spain - 11-25.9

The Championship had record countries registered, 116 ladies representing 36 countries: ARG, AUS, AUT, BEL, BLR, BRA, CAN, CHN, CRO, CZE, DEN, ESP, EST, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, GRE, HUN, IRL, ISR, ITA, JPN, LTU, MEX, NED, NOR, NZL, POL, POR, RUS, SLO, SUI, SWE, TUR AND USA.

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| 1. NOR | Siren Sundby | World Champion |
| 2. FIN | Sari Multala | Silver Medal |
| 3. USA | Meg Gaillard | Bronze Medal |

VETERAN CUP

The Veteran Cup is sailed every year and was in its sixteenth edition in Biscarosse - France - 27-31.8. Each year with increasing numbers: 2001 - 51, 2002 - 61, 2003 - 71. Our veterans are a good example of: "once you have sailed a Europe you cannot forget it!"

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| 1. GER | Olaf Koppin |
| 2. CZE | Miroslav Cenek |
| 3. FRA | Jean Paul Carret |

Anja Fiedler (GER) in seventh position was the first lady. Jens Eggers (GER) in twentieth position took the first position in the Master category.

SAILORS AVERAGE PHYSICS 2003 IECU STATISTICS

Athens 2003 Regatta (Test Event)

Minimum weight kg	56
Average weight kg	64
Maximum weight kg	75
Minimum height m	1,55
Average height m	1,70
Maximum height m	1,82

2003 European Championship - Can Pastilla - Mallorca - Spain - Results places - 1 to 10

	Ladies	Men
Minimum weight - kg	56	69
Average weight -kg	64.9	69.7
Maximum weight - kg	75	72
Minimum height - m	1.63	1.75
Average height - m	1.71	1.80
Maximum height- m	1.77	1.87
Minimum ages - years	20	16
Average age - years	22.6	20.8
Maximum age - years	25	33

2003 European Youth Championship 2003 - Kaløvig - Denmark. Results places 1 to 10.

	Ladies	Men
Minimum weight - kg	53	59
Average weight - kg	61.4	65.6
Maximum weight - kg	79	73
Minimum height - m	1,60	1,70
Average height - m	1,69	1,77
Maximum height - m	1.75	1,88
Minimum age - years	15	15
Average age - years	16.1	16.4
Maximum age - years	17	17

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP - Cádiz - Spain Results places - 1 to 10

	Ladies	Men
Minimum weight - kg	60	69
Average weight - kg	65.8	71.7
Maximum weight - kg	75	75
Minimum height - m	1,63	1,74
Average height - m	1,73	1,79
Maximum height - m	1,82	1,86
Minimum age - years	18	16
Average age - years	23.3	20.6
Maximum age years	29	33





OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS

BARCELONA 1992

1. NOR Linda Andersen
2. ESP Natalia Via Dufresne
3. USA Julia Trotman

SAVANNAH 1996

1. DEN Kristine Roug
2. NED Margriet Matthijsse
3. USA Courteney Becker Dey

SYDNEY 2000

1. GBR Shirley Robertson
2. NED Margriet Matthijsse
3. ARG Serena Amato



ISAF ROLEX WORLD SAILOR OF THE YEAR

The Europe class has had the honor to have three of her sailors win the ISAF (Sperry) World Sailor of the Year award. The award which recognises "the outstanding achievements of male and female sailors, regardless of discipline of the sport over one year, and are acknowledged as the ultimate recognition of achievement which a sailor can receive from the world of sailing".

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| 1998 | NED | Caroliijn Brouwer |
| 1999 | NED | Margriet Matthijsse |
| 2000 | GBR | Shirley Robertson |



SOLIDARITY PROGRAM

The Class has started a solidarity program to support countries willing to start a Europe fleet. The program consists of a free of charge boat for five bought. These countries (an association, club or other "non for profit" organisation) interested in starting a Europe fleet can apply to IECU Secretariat before 31st December 2003 for the 2004 season.

Approved boat builders, masts, booms sails and foils makers:

CEILDH MASTS, E&V FOILS, GREEN SAILS, SELDEN MASTS, WB SAILS, WINNER are IECU solidarity partners and we are sure that in a very near future more boat builders, masts, booms, sails and foils makers will support our solidarity program.



ISAF LICENSED BOAT BUILDERS

Professional builders shall be licensed by the ISAF. Applications for a building licence shall be made in writing to the ISAF who shall seek the approval of IECU and the appropriate National Authority. An amateur builder shall be permitted to build not more than one boat a year for his own use.

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