

THE EUROPE DINGHY NATURAL SAILING DEVELOPMENT

WHY THE EUROPE ?

The athletic, technical and training qualities of the single-handed Europe dinghy give it the potential to be the natural further step for the Optimist development and open the way to other classes.

The Europe is recognised as a fast racing dinghy, with excellent trimming facilities which allow adjusting the boat to the sailor's height, weight and experience and permits young light sailors to enjoy it because they can control and race the boat even in strong wind and waves.

Being part of the Europe Class family you will have the opportunity to enjoy a Class which has class thanks to its sailors and make new friends in an atmosphere of warmth.....



THE EUROPE IS A BOAT FOR ALL WEIGHT, HEIGHT AND AGE COMBINATIONS

The mast and the sail can be selected and adjusted to suit the sailor and enable fair competition. It is not necessary to be tall and heavy to win.

This adjustment makes possible for sailors of very different physical characteristics to enjoy the boat.

It is recognised that:

- The weight scale of Europe sailors varies from 40 to 80 kg.
- The age scale covers from 14 (when finishing Optimist) to difficult to say, as our Veterans still sail and enjoy it.

Teemu Rantanen won the 2005 European Championships. Teemu is 15 years old and weighs 46 kg!



A BIT OF HISTORY

In 1963 the French Federation called for an Architect's submission to monotype the Moth which appeared thirties in Europe. 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.

Looking at the Europe sailing, with its dynamic line and performances, it is fascinating to think that this beautiful boat has been designed 42 years ago.

TECHNICAL DATA

Length 3.35 m
Beam 1,38 m
Height of mast 5,43 m
Weight of hull 45 kg

Being a light dinghy the Europe may be transported easily on a car roof rack.

IECU

The International Europe Class Union was founded in 1963 to represent interests of Europe dinghy sailors world-wide. The International Class status was granted in 1976.

Sailors are members of one of the 37 Europe Class National Associations world wide. All are members of the International Europe Class Union.

EVENTS

The International Events of the Europe Class are:

- Youth European Championship
- European Championship
- World Championship
- Veteran Cup

SOLIDARITY PROGRAM

Our Class installed a Solidarity Program to support countries willing to start a Europe fleet. The program offers a free boat for each five bought.

Countries, (an association, club or other non profit organisation) interested in starting a Europe fleet can apply to IECU Secretariat info@europeclass.org.

If you are in a Club, where no Europe fleet exists, this is an opportunity for you and your sailing friends who wish to sail a Europe.



The Europe has been an Olympic Class for women for 12 years and last November ISAF voted it out.

This does not lessen the outstanding qualities of the Europe dinghy as a mental and physical training that make the Europe one of the most challenging boats. Sailing a Europe is as well FUN ! (especially downwind...)

ISAF recognised, three consecutive years, the outstanding achievements of our sailors and 4 times a Europe sailor was chosen ISAF ROLEX WORLD SAILOR OF THE YEAR:

1998	Carolijn Brouwer	NED
1999	Margriet Matthijsse	NED
2000	Shirley Robertson	GBR
2003	Siren Sundby	NOR

Total Domination

No matter if you are 50 or 75 kg,
prefer light winds or heavy air...
we have the sail for you.

Europeans 2005:
Boys Gold & Silver
Girls Silver & Bronze

WB-Sails

European Champion
Teemu Rantanen: 15 years,
46 kg. Sail LM05XS.

Visit the Virtual Europe at www.wb-sails.fi Email info@wb-sails.fi



SECOND HAND BOATS

You may choose to buy a second hand boat (many of them are top performance boats). If so, you may find your boat on the websites of the Europe National Associations, you find the addresses on the



IECU website:

<http://www.europeclass.org/>

where you can read about all Europe Class activities.

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