

THE INITIATIVE

The International Class Organizations of some former Olympic classes agreed to take the initiative to organize every four years a combined event with limited entry.

These (former) Olympic classes have something special in common. Together they share a huge part of the International Sailing History, a part that is based upon active sailing on a very high level of competition. Many of these classes still breathe that spirit. The (former) Olympic classes also take a special place in the history of yacht design. They still look spectacular as well as elegant. Whether this is the Europe, Firefly, 49^{er}, Olympic Dinghy (Nurnberg Class), FD, Star, Golondrina (Swallow), Soling, Dragon, 5.5 Metre, 30m² Skerry Cruiser Class or 12 Metre.



THE OBJECTIVE



The Objective of the Vintage Yachting Games is to sail a High Performance Regatta with a limited number of competitors. The competitors should prepare during a longer period of time. This event will also help to keep the combined history of the former Olympic Classes alive. Finally the Vintage Yachting Games will offer an “after-life” for former Olympic candidates and their yachts.

THE SCOPE



At this moment the Vintage Yachting Games Organization assumes that during the 1st edition (2008) of this event the following classes will be represented: Europe (male, female), Flying Dutchman, Soling, Dragon and the 5.5 Metre classes.

For future events maybe other former Olympic Classes will join, like the Tempest or the 6 Metre classes. Also, if one of the current Olympic Classes will drop-out they might want to join the Vintage Yachting Games Organization.



THE COMPETITION



The aim of the Vintage Yachting Games is to have approximately 20 yachts per class at the starting line, this from as many countries as possible. Has a class representatives in 9 countries, then a maximum of 2 yachts per country will be allowed. In case of 24 countries, a maximum of 1 yacht per country will be admitted. Per class each National Class Organization will determine their team(s).

THE SAILING CONDITIONS



The Vintage Yachting Games will be held in open and fair conditions. One can think off locations like Medemblik (NL), Warnemünde (GER), Punta Ala (ITA), Weymouth (GBR) or Kingston (CAN). The races will be sailed over a period of 7 days. Before the races all yachts will be measured.

Together with the International Class Organizations a tentative list of competences will be created. These competences (knowledge, skills and behavior) will determine the course, configuration and sailing instructions.

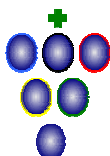
THE PRIZES



The first 3 yachts of each element of the Vintage Yachting Games will win, beside a tangible prize, the right to carry a Vintage Yachting Games Logo in her Sail. The logos will have the respective colors Gold, Silver and Bronze.

Besides the individual prizes there will be a prize for the best performing country. This perpetual trophy has already gratefully been donated by art designer Menno Meijer.

THE TIME FRAME



In the next months the Vintage Yachting Games Organization will be founded.

During the annual meeting of the ISAF, the notice of race will be available

The National Class Organizations will be informed on the timing of their selections.

The 1st edition of the Vintage Yachting Games will take place in September 2008 off the coast of Medemblik, The Netherlands.

THE INFORMATION

More information will be available soon on the website of the Vintage Yachting Games. www.vintageyachtinggames.org. Also the participating International Class Organizations will put a link on their websites. Other means of communication will be used where relevant.

Sincerely,

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Vintage Yachting Games