



OKDIA NEWSLETTER

February 2009

From the Secretary

KEY DATES

2009

Spring Cup in Medemblik, Holland

Thursday 30th April – Sunday 3rd May inclusive

A 4 day regatta to test your mettle both on and off the water!

Do enter now at www.ryc-hollandia.org there are already 20 entries!

World Championship in Kalmar, Sweden

Registration: Friday 24- Saturday 25th July, Measurement: 24-25th July,

Dates of racing: Practice Saturday 25th July; Races 1–10 Sunday 26th-Thursday 30th July.

A map of the sail area, regatta location and camping can be found on www.raceweek.se

2010

World Championship in Wellington, New Zealand

NZ Nationals: registration Sunday 31st January; racing Monday 1st – Thursday 4th February

NZ Worlds: registration and measurement Friday 5th - Sunday 7th February, racing Monday 8th – Saturday 13th February.

Information about the event may be found on www.okworlds2010.com

It is anticipated that container costs will be free in NZ, and may be discounted during transit.

News updates

Interdominion and National OK Dinghy Championships 2009

<http://okdinghy.co.nz/results/results.php>

Congratulations to Mark Perrow, who claimed the title after some very close racing against Karl Purdie, the World Champion.

Pos	Sailno	Name	Pts-1	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7
1	527	Mark Perrow	8	2	5	2	1	1	1	1
2	531	Karl Purdie	10	1	2	1	2	2	2	2
3	678	Roger Blasse	23	3	3	5	4	3	5	9

Below is a short extract written by a New Zealander living in Australia!

Just a quick update from the Interdominions... The attached photo is quite evocative and was taken as we left shore for the race area on Friday at around 9:30am. The wind was already blowing 20-25kn at that stage and built to 25-30 gusting 35kn at around the start and didn't stop until nightfall. The same pattern continued +/- 5kn each day.

The course is about 2 miles from the beach and takes around 30-40 minutes to beat to and around 20 minutes running back afterwards. If we sail from Port Nicholson next year it'll be slightly further but more likely to be reaching. With only two races per day (as opposed to three for this series), it'll still mean around 3-4 hours on the water each day and likely to be fresh.

Temps were hot (for Wellington) – 23-26 degrees but was 14 degree a couple of days before and 17 degrees the day we left (and grey and, yes, you guessed it: windy).



Photo: Maarten Holl , The Dominion Post, Wellington

The photo was from the Dominion Post and, along with the article, covered over half of page 3 of the sports section on Monday. How's that for good coverage? The DP is a national paper. Article is at: <http://www.stuff.co.nz/dominionpost/4841570a6033.html>

Peter Robinson

Membership

We now have 780 who are paid up members of OKDIA, representing the countries AUS, BEL, CAN, DEN, GER, GBR, NZL, NOR, POL, SWE and USA. Unfortunately I have not heard from FRA and IND to date.

The committee has offered Honorary Associate Membership to Brazil, now that 2 OKs are under construction. If anyone has a spare rig, the Brazilians would be delighted to receive them!

There is renewed interest in the OK Dinghy in Holland and some Italians are looking to buy second hand OKs. We hope they will join us at European events.

Allocation of places to 2009 World Championship

Country	No of places
AUS	9
BEL	2
CAN	2
DEN	10
FRA	0
GBR	13
GER	21
IND	0
NZL	8
NOR	1
POL	5
SWE	7
USA	2
Total	80

Allocation of places has been calculated in proportion to size of National Association. I am pleased to say a Norwegian will be joining us this year, and 2 from USA are planning to fly over!

If you are not able to fill your allocation or request more places, I would be very grateful if you would let me know as soon as possible as holidays, ferries and flights need to be booked!

We are delighted to announce that the event organisers are offering the Juniors a half price entry fee.

The NOR will be published very shortly.

May I reiterate that the measurement process will be made easier for all, especially as we have asked for hull details on the entry form.

Mary Reddyhoff
OKDIA Secretary