



OKDIA NEWSLETTER

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From the Secretary

KEY DATES

2011

Spring Cup at Medemblik

Dates of racing: Friday 29th April, Saturday 30th April and Sunday 1st May

Kieler Woche 2011

Dates of racing: Saturday 18th June to Sunday 26th June

Warnemunder Woche 2011

Dates of racing: Saturday 2nd July to Sunday 10th July

OK Dinghy British National Championship in Largs, Scotland

Dates of racing: Tuesday 19th July to Thursday 21st July

World Championship in Largs, Scotland

Registration: Friday 22nd July and Saturday 23rd July

Dates of racing: Sunday 24th July to Friday 29th July

More information on www.okworlds2011.org.uk

2012

OK Dinghy World Championship – Koege, near Copenhagen Denmark

National Championship after Warnemunder Week, with the World Championship shortly after

2013

OK Dinghy World Championship at Royal Varuna Yacht Club Thailand

Late February

Website: www.varuna.org

OK Dinghy European Championship in France

July / August

2014

OK Dinghy European Championship in Poland

July

OK Dinghy World Championship – Melbourne, Australia

December

Measurement

The Technical Committee continues to discuss a variety of topics regarding the measurement of the OK Dinghy. Always willing to embrace new ideas, the committee is currently discussing the use of laminated sails and the opportunity for a sailor to retain a specific sail number. Vigorous debate always results from new proposals, with one of the most important considerations being the cost implications for the sailor.

The technical Committee has prepared the following statement regarding measurement at a World Championship – please read it! Some of you have already received letters from our Chief Measurer, Dick Batt, regarding measurement issues with your boat. For us Northern Hemisphere sailors, now may be an ideal time to check that our boats conform to the measurement criteria. A new measurement form and an updated set of Rules can be downloaded from: <http://www.sailing.org/classes/OKD.php>

Worlds Measurement Statement

The class has recently adopted some new methods of approaching the always problematic process of measurement at World and other major International Championships. The objective is to make it a more efficient and pleasant experience for everyone.

The use of the new jig over the last few years has made us realise that many boats don't need to have hull measurement at every Championship, and so the process was started in 2009 where only a selected group of boats were put through the jig and recorded. At the discretion of the measurement team these boats may not be required for jig measurement at future events. The method of selection for this group of boats is defined in the World Championship Measurement Guidelines.

Boats that fail jig measurement, as long as they are considered by the measurement team not to have any significant advantage, are permitted to sail and have until the next championship to remedy any problems. Boats that have major problems will be assessed on an individual basis.

The items that are measured along with the hull are also recorded in the World Championship Measurement Guidelines. In addition to this, all measurers will be instructed to take a "general look" over each boat and draw the Chief Measurers attention to any problem that they might see. The process for these items will be the same; if they are not speed related then they can sail, but the issue will be noted and checked at the following championship, to make sure it has been remedied.

For example, as happened at the recent European Championship, if the sidedeck profile looks hugely different from what it should be, then some measurements may be taken and the matter reported.

Not including items on the championship measurement form does not preclude them from being 'spot' measured at an event. In this way we can control any moves by builders away from the rules, whether it is intentional or not.

The Technical Committee has created a data base of all the boats that have been through the jig in 2009 and 2010. All previous jig measurements were ignored. Anyone who has failed jig measurement will shortly be hearing from The Class Measurer with instructions to remedy any issues with their boat before the next Championship in Largs 2011. During future Championships, this instruction may be handed out at the event, with a reminder being sent out later.

The data base will be available for viewing by request at some point although it won't be published on the website. The final form of this data base has yet to be decided.

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Building Plaques

We will be raising the cost of the ISAF build fee plaques to £40.00 from January 1st 2011.

Subscriptions

Attached is the annual request for information form; I would be grateful if National Secretaries would return the completed form by **31st January 2011**. The data I receive is used to calculate the number of places each country is allocated at the 2011 World Championship in Largs. As a reminder, I resend the subscription rates that apply.

Membership	Subscription
Up to and including 20 members	£20.00
Up to and including 30 members	£30.00
31 members and more	£30.00 + £2.00 for each additional member

Everything's OK

Next time you are on an Air New Zealand flight, it may just be possible that you will be able to read the attached article!

Mary Reddyhoff OKDIA Secretary