

NEWS

Autumn 2009



Busy, busy, busy!

- A word from the Commodore

Well, we reach the beginning of autumn and although we have many events remaining in the diary we have a locker full of activities to look back on from the summer!

The club was represented by David Holm's Mon-ick and HRH Crown Prince Frederik at the Farr40 World Championships on Sardinia, we held the Olympic 470 class World Championships, Jonas Hoegh-Christensen won the World Championship in the Finn class, the Dragon Class held their Gold Cup in Skagen and the Danish Open round of the World Match Racing Tour took place in Aarhus culminating in one of the most exciting displays of match racing seen anywhere this year. Of the Yngling fleet one of our junior crews won the Junior European Cham-

pionship and 6 of the club's Optimist sailors represented Denmark at international events.

We will try to relate more in the rest of this newsletter but pages 10 and 11 of our Danish language club magazine 'Sejlsport' can perhaps give a good overview.

On land the re-development of our club house in Skovshoved harbour is at long last underway and the first phase should be ready for us to move in shortly. After that the main Skovshoved buildings will be demolished and we hope to be able to move back in to the new facilities before next year's season is seriously underway – we can't wait!

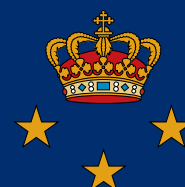
There is an increasing focus on Women's Match Racing and in the next edition we will have a closer look at what we are doing to bring home a medal from the next Olympics!

Kim Andersen

- Commodore, the Royal Danish Yacht Club

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One or Two shots?

- The Baresso Coffee 12-Meter Cup

On the last weekend of September there was a treat for everyone who enjoys the sport of sailing. The 12 meter event 'Baresso Coffee 12-Meter Yacht Cup' was sailed on the Oresund off from the Royal Danish Yacht Club in Tuborg Harbour.

It was a fabulous event of both pleasure on the eye as well as an intense battle on the race course between the 6 competing 12-meter classic yachts.

The Danish VANITY V, whose home berth is Tuborg Harbour, won the event by only 2 meters at the end of the final race. With stiff completion on the water and a lot of fun on land could it be that a new classic competition is born?

The six competing 12-meter yachts were:

Sphinx, 1939 by Henry Rasmussen/Abeking & Rasmussen, restored in 2006. Owned by a consortium including amongst others German silver company Robbe & Berking.

Trivia, 1937 Charles Nicholson/Camper & Nicholson, restored 1996. Owned by German businessman Wilfried Beeck.

Vema III, 1932 Johan Anker. Restored by Walsteds Bådværft in 2000. Owned by a consortium of Norwegian shipping companies and businessmen.

Evaine, 1936 Charles Nicholson/Camper & Nicholson. The boat is being chartered here by a crew from Finland.

Thea, 1918 Johan Anker. The boat is owned by businessman Hans Michael Jebsen who lives in Hong Kong.

Vanity V, 1936 William Fife II. Restored in 1999, is owned by a Danish/Italian consortium.



Class round up

As mentioned in the Commodore's article on the front page our members have been spending most of their time on the water this summer and the performance of classes like the Optimists is very positive feedback for our efforts.

Here is a short update on some of the other classes represented by the club.

Laser and Laser Radial

European Championship was held in Rungsted Harbour and a Women's' championship held in Skovshoved Harbour. Maiken Schutt managed a very creditable 11th place and her progress is very much on track. Kristian Kjaergaard is looking forward to the World Championships in Canada.

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This is an 'under development' class for the club and as such we are thrilled that Sebastian

Fleischer achieved 17th place at the Youth World Championships in Brazil – it really is exciting to see young talent emerge.

49'er class

The class is very competitive in the club but our featured crews of Karstoft/Bay and Kruger/Thorsell have been badly hit by injuries. All classes of this type are physically demanding but those familiar with the 49'er will know that spine injuries are not performance enhancing!

Women's Match Race

With 3rd, 4th and 5th places amongst the 16 crew field at the European Championships there is a very strong foundation for the 2012 Olympic campaign, even the 4th place at the World Championships for Camilla Ulrikkeholm bodes well – she was only beaten by the ultimate World Champion!



The 2009 Dragon Gold Cup

This summer saw the Royal Danish Yacht Club host the International Dragon Class Gold Cup – one of the premier sailing events in the calendar. As well as being fiercely competitive the Dragon Class is also one of the loveliest to watch on the water, in fact it is also a wonderful sight to see them altogether in the harbour!

With the presence of the Royal Yacht Dannebrog moored in the harbour next to the fleet, the scene was set. Skagen is the most northerly point of the European land mass and is famous for the quality of the light attracting artists from the World over, it is equally as famous for its hospitality. Indeed the people of Skagen could not have been friendlier and embraced the 80 competing crews warmly. When you visit Skagen

it feels as though you are a long lost friend coming home.

With so many World Champions and Olympic medallists in the fleet it is, as usual, consistency that pays and Ruslana Taran (Ukr) – the first woman to win – collected the Gold Cup on the final day of racing.

With none of the bluster of 'plastic fantastic' racing or the swagger of big boat classes, the Dragon class is the place for people who know quality when they see it - perhaps the sailing equivalent of a fine wine connoisseur. No less competitive for it, but with style all the same!

For the results, daily news and short web stories from the event (all in English) please go to www.goldcup.kdy.dk



The Danish Open 2009 - Master Class

The Danish Open 2009, a part of the World Match Racing Tour was held this year off Marselisborg Harbour, Aarhus. 'Sailing Aarhus' and 'Sport Aarhus' were supporters of the event.

Tour leader Adam Minoprio (Nzl) and current World Champion, Ian Williams (Gbr) started poorly with 1 win from 5 each and this would cost them both dearly. Light wind conditions on the Thursday and Friday made everyone nervous about completing the first round matches but the wind kicked in for the final two days providing the stage for a truly fine demonstration of world class and ruthless sailing from Jes Gram-Hansen.

In the semifinals Jes was chosen by Tour veteran Peter Gilmour (Aus) and Jes left absolutely no-one in doubt who was in charge -at one point when asked why he committed a foul, Gilmour was heard to say 'It was the last act of a desperate man'.

Jes won the final over Torvar Mirsky (Aus) and his display may leave the other skippers comparing themselves rather unfavourably against this master class in match racing.

Visit the tour site www.worldmatchracingtour.com and view SailTV of the event, the final day's broadcast is to be recommended. Warning – it is not for the faint of heart!

Sailing Events Calendar for 2009 (selected events)

October		
3rd-4th	Rungsted	Thiele Cup
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10th-11th	Rungsted	Royal Danish Yacht Club Autumm Regatta
13th	Skovshoved	Bridge starts for the winter season
November		
Tuesdays	Tuborg Havn	Bridge in the Club Royal
Various dates	Tuborg Havn	Evening classes
December		
3rd	Rungsted	Mulled wine evening
10th	Langelinie Pavilion	Annual General Meeting

On our website www.kdy.dk there are further details of future events including: Match Racing, the RC44 Copenhagen Cup, Cruising, Junior fleets and so on.

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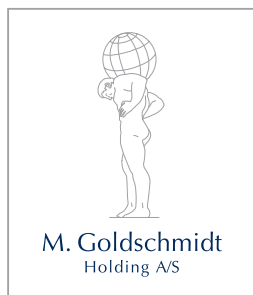
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