

NEWS

Winter 2009



Thriving in adversity! - A word from the Commodore

The 2009 sailing season has been full of developments and challenges but we reach the end of the season with the books balanced and lots of activity across the whole club.

Clubs could perhaps be measured on the amount of time their members spend on the water, in which case we are doing rather well! We also see the successful running of larger events as a key part of the development and success of the club in general.

This year we have delivered to the highest standard the international Dragon class Gold Cup, the 470's Worlds, a 12m Cup and the Danish Open in Match Racing - to pick just a few. All of this activity is possible because we have an experienced, skilful and committed team of volunteers - enthusiasm alone is sometimes not enough!

The global economic situation has made things tougher than usual and we have made adjustments accordingly, but with the farsighted support of our sponsors and members we have managed to live up

to our commitments and continued to develop the club. We are blessed by our 'ecosystem' of sponsors, partners, members, sportsmen, trainers, administrators as well as our international friends and it creates a very positive atmosphere when those involved share the same vision.

As we head ever closer to the London Olympics we will continue to provide all the necessary support to those competing for medals and, if the activity level at our Performance Centre is anything to go by, we can look forward to some very competitive racing in Weymouth!

In closing I would like to congratulate Crown Prince Frederik on his accession to the International Olympic Committee and to wish you all the very best during the coming holiday season. Glædelig Yule!

Kim Andersen

- Commodore of the Royal Danish Yacht Club

ROYAL DANISH YACHT CLUB

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Preparing for Success

- the Royal Danish Yacht Club's Performance centre

It is not possible to create a machine to produce Champions and medal winners but it is possible to create a supportive environment for those with potential to develop as far as they are able and motivated to do so.

A part of that supportive environment is the realisation that every sportsman and woman have different requirements and that the eventual selection for National and International events needs to be based on results and NOT on successfully completing a training course or camp.

So with this in mind the Royal Danish Yacht Club has been developing and building its Performance Centre at our base at Rungsted Harbour. With 7 Olympic participants and medallists, as well as World Champions, International coaches and experience from the world of commerce, the board and staff at the Performance Centre have not only a clear idea of what they want to deliver but also the experience to execute on the plan.

With medals from the Finn and Youth Worlds as well as the European Championships for Women's Match Racing and top 10 positions in the International Championships for 470(w), 49er and Laser Radial we can already see the positive results. Young sailors need only to approach the centre and they will be guided as to how they can progress within the sport. The drive and commitment come from the sailors themselves but our aim is to provide them with what they need and when they need it.



1. Jesper Bank 2. Jonas Høgh 3. Jonatan Persson 4. Kim Kristensen 5. Lars Ive
6. Lars Nordbjærg 7. Susanne Ward 8. Jakob Bojsen-Møller 9. Torben Kornum

New York Yacht Club Invitational

In September a team from the Royal Danish Yacht Club took part in the New York Yacht Club invitational with a total of 19 invited clubs from 14 countries.

Danish US resident Marie Klok-Crump was unanimously selected as skipper and her husband Will as tactician. Along with Thomas, Marie's brother, the three of them decided that the Royal Danish Yacht Club should be represented and accept the invitation. As it turned out we were not only the only crew to have a woman as skipper but we had an extra crew member along as well, Marie was taking part whilst 7 months pregnant!

In the end we were placed a creditable 8th place and we are already looking forward to 2011 and hope that an invitation will be forthcoming!!



Final Results:

- New York Yacht Club**
- Royal Canadian Yacht Club**
- Japan Sailing Federation**
- Nylandska Jaktklubben**
- Royal Cork Yacht Club**
- Royal Bermuda Yacht Club**
- St. Francis Yacht Club**
- Royal Danish Yacht Club**
- Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron**
- Royal Ocean Racing Club**
- Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club**
- Royal St. James Yacht Club**
- Royal Thames Yacht Club**
- Real Club Nautico de Barcelona**
- Norddeutscher Regatta Verein**
- Royal Yacht Squadron**
- Yacht Club de France**
- Yacht Club Italiano**
- Yacht Club Costa Smeralda**

Match Race for Women

Match Racing is a very old form of sail sport – something dinghy sailors are mostly unaware of and in fact might be described as the purest form of contest between sailors – both simple and complex at the same time.

Put simply, two crews duel against each other on a simple 'upwind/downwind' course in identical boats provided by the organisers. The winner of each match earns a point, the loser nothing. In reply to Queen Victoria's famous question "There is no second".

Introduced for the 2012 London Olympics Women's match racing is ideally suited to spectators and the media and should do much for improving the interest in sail sports around the world. Apart from spectators and the media the

sport is also a very attractive one for the participants; unlike fleet racing the crew do not need to own, transport or maintain their own boat (a substantial part of the cost of sailing) and they are more sure of a 'level playing field' when in competition.

The Royal Danish Yacht Club has a long and successful history in this discipline and we are well placed to compete with 3 of the World's leading crews as members - our Performance Centre in Rungsted has a specific program in place to support them.

We will bring you more news of this in future issues of "News" as well as interviews with the crews involved in the Olympic Program.



Knarr - Crew vs Crew

The Knarr class IKC international championship has taken place 41 times and many of the participants have taken part so often that they can't remember how many events they have been to!

The host club provides the boats and there is a daily 'boat swap' ensuring that the final result of the competition is about the best crew on the water and not the crew in the best boat.

It is an event for which tradition plays a part with, for example, each championship being run by an 'Admiral' bedecked by an admiral's hat. Watching the boat draw on the first day it was great to see the sailors from St Francis (San Francisco), Bergen, Oslo and the Oresund having so much fun and greeting each other (how many events have you been to where the crews only socialise amongst themselves?).

So with friends old and new and from far and wide, the wind blew fair and a good time was had by all. Sounds like a nice way to spend one's time doesn't it?



Sailing Events Calendar for 2010 (selected events)

As well as the New Year walk (3rd January Charlottenlund) and Gloggaften (3rd December Rungsted Havn) there is the Bridge evening (every 2 weeks from the 12th January) as well as continuing fitness and on the water training.

April

10th 11th Skovshoved Spring Cup

May

8th 9th Rungsted International Women's Match Race Event

13th Rungsted Opti Cup (Optimist Fleet)

June

5th-6th Rungsted Torm Junior Grand Prix

9th-13th Tuborg Havn RC44 Class Copenhagen Event

26th-27th Skovshoved Youth Match Race Event

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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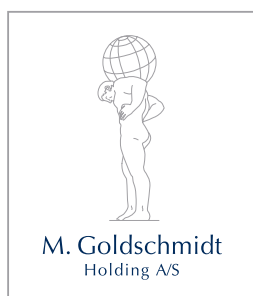
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