

# NEWS

Autumn 2011



## *A word from the Commodore*

Those sailors from abroad who have had the pleasure of joining us in previous summer months are sure to have had pleasant memories of wind, sun and evenings spent in charming harbors with a cold beer at the ready. Oh I wish it were so this summer!

The weather gods have had it in for Denmark and we have had to endure very unsettled conditions, 'summer' it was, 'but not as we know it'!

Never the less without wind and water sailing would be more than a little dull (!) and our members and guests have got on with it and enjoyed themselves just as much (if not more) than usual. Was it perhaps Winston Churchill's philosophy that a little adversity brings out the best in people...?

We have been delighted to host a number of events this summer and our members have also been busy enjoying the hospitality of other's as well. Sailing is such a tremendous sport for generous hospitality and fun; sailing is a sport for life and life is for living!

On our web site ([www.kdy.dk](http://www.kdy.dk)) you can read more about our events but surely the J80 and Snipe World Championships, the Pre-Olympics event in Weymouth and the Classic 12m event stand out.

As we enter the final stages of the sailing year the class championships and classic regattas are nearing and I am ready to enjoy the autumn.

Best Regards - Kim Andersen

## ROYAL DANISH YACHT CLUB

Kongelig Dansk Yachtclub



# KDY Juniors, conquering the World

(step by step!)

In any sport to be recognized by your country is an honour and so it is with sailing. We don't measure the success of our Junior program by medals but instead focus on the process of learning and the enjoyment of being on the water.

However, out of that comes young peoples' natural desire to compete and the proof of the pudding is the energy and skill that they are happy to put into it.

To that end we are delighted when our youngest sailors compete so successfully on the international stage.

This year we have had 10 Junior sailors from the Club representing Denmark in the Optimist class. 6 competed at the Nordic Championships and 4 took part in the European Championships in Portugal. In addition to that William Norvold Bjørn, a young man with water instead of blood in his veins, will be flying out on the 21st of December to the Optimist World Championships in New Zealand. Good luck to him, what a way to finish your final year in the Juniors!



## Pre-Olympic Event in Weymouth

As preparations continue for the 2012 London Olympics the sailing base at Weymouth held its full scale 'Test Event', in effect a 'pseudo Olympic' event. It's importance to crews and officials alike can't be underestimated as it gives both the opportunity to learn and finalise preparations for the event itself.

Out of the 8 crews that Denmark sent to the event 5 were representatives of the Royal Danish Yacht Club (Men and Women's 470, Finn class, 49er and the Match Race crew).

Whilst the results did not come up to form for our crews, sailing at Weymouth is something that needs experiencing. This is particularly so with the medal races being sailed within the harbor defenses (to bring the event closer to the spectators), with the effect of tide and current the inner harbor is a piece of water that demands focus.

However, the crews now have their work plans ahead of them and can expect a very well run event and excellent sailing waters when they return next summer. Denmark expects!



# Oh the long lost summers of our youth....

July is traditionally a time for Danes to be on holiday, which can mean that sports and social clubs take the month off to prepare for the 'return of the hoards' at the beginning of August.

However...with increasing demand from the juniors and support from Hørsholm Council the Royal Danish Yacht Club has developed a plan for 3 weeks of differing activities for our junior section.

For the first week, the 'Summer Club', is an opportunity for our youngest members to get extended coaching, try different boats and to eat too much pizza! For a whole week the program reads rather like this..."Sail, sail, laugh a lot, sail, swim, capsized, bite of lunch, sail, another swim, continue laughing, snack of fruit and cake, still laughing, go home. Fall Asleep!" It is rather popular!

Hørsholm Council provide support for the second week's sailing which is aimed at introducing young people to sports they may have never

tried before, or were too afraid to ask. This new initiative was warmly welcomed and there was not a "spare seat in the house". Did it reach its objective? Well it must have done as some of the participants continued sailing into the next week (more in a moment) and we have some new junior members, excellent.

Finally, for the third of the three weeks, there is the "KDY Summer Camp" which for the last ten years has been a formal training and performance week for the most competitive young sailors (ages 8-15) from a number of different clubs. This year the program has developed a little and while the focus is still on technique the sailors have been freer to choose the boat they would like to sail. With coaching on sail trimming, spinnaker flying and general boat handling it was a very busy week on the water with lots of laughter as well as the silence of concentration!



# Sailing Events Calendar for 2011 (selected events)

## October

1st	Rungsted	Thiele Cup
8th-9th	Rungsted	Autumn Regatta
29th	Skovshoved	Club Championship for Match Racing

**Note:** Bridge evenings begin on Tuesday the 4th of October and continue every Tuesday of 'even weeks' until the 20th of March 2012. They commence at 19:00 in our Skovshoved Club house.

## Other selected dates

4th or 5th December	Skovshoved	Match Race J-Cup
14th December	Langelinie Pavillion	KDY AGM

On our website [www.kdy.dk](http://www.kdy.dk) there are further details of future events.

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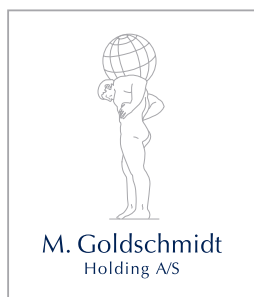
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