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At the General Assembly at the end of last year in Istanbul (Tur), National 470 Class Associations gave a green light to the challenging plans of the new Management Committee, parallel to approving a new constitution.

According to the new constitution, an Executive Board of four people and four Management Committee members with a defined task portfolio form the Class’ Management Committee. The General Council has been dismissed and future General Assemblies will take place every year with the presence of the Management Committee and representatives of National 470 Class Associations and individual members. The 470 Class is currently represented by National Class Associations in more than 60 countries from all continents.

Alberto PREDIERI from Italy was elected as the new President and will be leading the Class assisted by a strong Management Committee with a two-year mandate.

The plans of the new Management Committee, and their achievements until today, are impressive and challenging. "Professionalism is increasing in the sailing sport and so should we as an Organization. Our new structure allows us to perform a more effective management of the Class and to strengthen our position globally. As governing body of an International Class with an Olympic status, one must not be afraid to make changes, even if it will affect traditions and if this requires great efforts of time and work." PREDIERI said.

Besides the tasks, duties and efforts of the Management Committee members, project teams will be formed on occurrence, each with specific tasks.

First Vice President, Marta Weères, represents the 470 youth and she is responsible for all the Sailors Support Programmes (editor: 2008 OPBG - Olympic Pathway Solidarity Programme, Solidarity Programme, Junior Support Programme, André Cornu Grant, see page 3). In a few months, the OPBG resulted in the addition of six new countries into the International racing scene. Marta looks forward to continue the Programmes: "with the Sailors Support Programmes we do not only facilitate sailors with equipment at the coming Worlds, but we also want to support them to achieve their Olympic dreams since they are youth".

As the Class’ Vice President, Marta is strongly involved with the development of the class: "The new Management Committee has a good mix of experienced sport diplomats, coaches, sailors and technical, financial, IT and legal experts, which is a perfect recipe for success" she said. Marta is professionally involved with the America’s Cup and in her spare time, she works for 470 Internationale and ISAF.

Alain CORCUFF from France was confirmed in his position of Secretary General in addition to his activity of Principal Race Officer of 470 Internationale. Alain has a long term experience in the 470 Class and sees his administrative task to strengthen and improve the relationships with National 470 Class Associations and Individual Members as a goal to achieve. "Our communication system has been improved the last two years, but still there is some to be done to strengthen the relationships and bring it to the level the Executive Committee want to achieve. I think we have a well balanced Management Committee formed by young and experienced officers and I am sure that together we will do an excellent job for the 470".

Dimitris DIMOU is in charge of the Technical Committee, with a long term experience as a 470 measurer. His goal is to establish standards of performance for measurement and develop training activities for its implementation and to maintain knowledge of measurers world wide. Besides standardizing measurement globally, Dimitris wants to rejuvenate the relation of the Class with equipment manufacturers. "I believe that we have to ensure that class rules are being applied at the moment of design and production, but we also have to listen to innovative ideas of manufacturers".

Dimitris’ and 470 Class’ priority is to implement as soon as possible the In-House-Certification (IHS) created by ISAF to simplify the measurement procedure.

(to be continued)

"To increase the interest of the media and to expand 470 sailing activity in more nations are two milestones we want to achieve."

ALBERTO PREDIERI ABOUT THE MISSION

With the new developments in the management structure and the assignment of specific tasks to specialists, the desired goals become tenable.

Alberto PREDIERI Class President has been active in the Class’ Management Committee for many years. Starting as Secretary General, he continued his activities as First Vice President to finally lead the class as President during last year. PREDIERI is also member of the ISAF Constitution Committee, ISAF Olympic Classes Sub-Committee and ISAF International Classes Committee.

"We perfectly realize that we are a service organization for athletes for an important part, and that we also have a responsibility to create an attractive proposition for people, especially youth, to perform sports. To increase the interest of the media and to expand 470 sailing activity in more nations are two milestones we want to achieve. I strongly believe that the new management structure provides the Class with a more efficient organization; it enables the Class to reduce the overall running costs and it guarantees a more detailed set of rules managing it at the same time.

The previous Management Committee did a very good job: media exposure and Junior sailing activity strongly increased as well as the number of countries where National 470 Class Associations have been established under the guidance of the previous Class Presidents. The coach and measurement clinics have been successful. They left us with more strong fundamentals where we can build on.

The 470 is in a great shape. A very high number of sailors from all over the World compete in the 470’s from Club Racing to Olympic Regatta’s (I would like to mention the huge participation at the last Princess Sofia Trophy, where the 470’s had a number of nations, comparable to an International 470 Class Europeans or Worlds event, in both the Men’s and Women’s fleet. This shows that the 470 truly is the boat the world sails. The 470 provides a lot of nations with an "easy-to-sail" dinghy with well established training programmes both for Men and Women, juniors and seniors".

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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  President
- Marta Weères
  First Vice President
- Alain CORCUFF
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- Viktor KOVALENKO
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- Erico Hoffmann
- Arthur Thiiring
- Dimitris DIMOU
  Technical Committee Chairman

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470 Internationale supports World wide equal competition.
470 Internationale recognizes the fact that every sailor with extraordinary talent by nature, in whatever country a sailor lives, he or she must be able to join the competition on the highest level of sailing.

Sports development is not a logical issue in all countries around the world. However, this does not mean that these countries have sportsmen that have the same enthusiasm, talent and especially: the Olympic dream.

It is therefore, that 470 Internationale started to develop Sailors Support Programmes since 2005, aiming at athletes from such countries, to support them to join the International racing scene.

Since 2005, four Sailors Support Programmes were established, with the latest, launched at the end of 2006, the 2008 Olympic Pathway Solidarity Grant (2008 OPSG).

The current Sailors Support Programmes, with the exception of the latest 2008 OPSG, have long term objectives and return annually.

2008 Olympic Pathway Solidarity Grant
The new Programme, established at the end of 2006, aims at the support of talented 470 sailors with sailing ambitions on Olympic levels who find financial or infrastructural obstacles on their way to Olympic qualification.

The Programme will apply to the 470 World Championships 2007 in Cascais (Portugal) and 2008 in Melbourne (Australia) and aims at sailors, which have not participated in the 470 World Championships neither in 2005, nor in 2006.

As a first step in this Programme, six boats from licensed builder Nautivela will be made available for participation at the 470 World Championships 2007 on payment of the “symbolic” fees of Euro 250,00 (inclusive of all taxes), which covers the charter and transportation (of the boats) fee. This may give targeted sailors a chance to compete at the highest level of sailing with best available equipment to qualify their country for the Olympic Games in Beijing 2008.

For more information and application, visit the Intl. 470 Class web site at: http://www.470.org

Training and coaching available at the 470 World
In addition to the charter boat programme, ex Olympic Sailor Marta Webres will train and coach talented 470 sailors during the ISAF Sailing World Championships 2007 in Cascais.

Teams applying for this training and coaching Programme must be resident from a country that has not participated in the 470 World Championships of 2005 and 2006.

Applications can be sent at: marta@470.org

Dolphin Maritime is sponsor of the 2008 OPSG

Solidarity Programme
To support talented two person dinghy sailors with Olympic potential from countries where support in their home country has not been developed yet.

The crews admitted to last year’s edition received one free set of sails and future discounts from Olympic Sails ©, the sole sponsor of the 2006 edition.

470 Internationale will also pay the entry fee for these crews to participate in a 470 Class Championship of their choice in 2007. (Worlds, Europeans, Junior Worlds, Junior Europeans and Master’s Cup)

The Solidarity programme will be continued in 2007. Regulations and support details will be announced shortly.

The André Cornu Grant
To stimulate talented and successful two person dinghy youth sailors to continue their sailing career towards Olympic levels in the International 470 Class.

Each boys and girls crew that won the Gold Medal at the Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championships in the two person dinghy discipline, received an amount of 1000 euros in cash, if they participated in either the 470 Class Junior World Championship, or the 470 Class World Championship.

The Programme continues in 2007 unchanged.

Junior Support Programme
To stimulate the youngest 470 sailors, boys and girls, to follow their Olympic dream on an early age, and participate in the International 470 Junior Championships.

The Programme was originally established to stimulate the Sailing Sport for Women.

Nautivela, licensed 470 builder, has supported the 2006 edition of the Junior Support Programme by making available a third grant in the amount of 900 euro to the youngest Boys team in the Junior Worlds.

The two youngest Girls’ crews and the youngest Boys crew (the sum of age of helm and crew), participating in the 470 Junior Worlds of 2006, received an amount of 900 euro in cash each.


More information and conditions for application can be found of the 470 Class web site: http://www.470.org

470 Internationale calls sponsors to come on-board to support the Sailors Support Programmes

For more information about sponsorship advantages and/or information about the Sailors Support Programmes, please contact Marta Webres: marta@470.org
ISAF CENTENARY
1907 - 2007

2007 marks the Centenary year of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), the world governing body for the sport of sailing. In celebration of this milestone in ISAF’s history, the year will be marked by events around the world, on and off the water that celebrate sailing and 100 years of ISAF.

ISAF President Goran PETERSSON (SWE) commented, ‘The ISAF Centenary provides not only a platform to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of ISAF, but offers a unique opportunity to promote the sport around the world.

ISAF is looking forward to working with the MNAs and Classes, and through them involving clubs and event organizers to share the sport and maximize the awareness of the wonderful sport of sailing. ISAF is also receiving a great contribution from sponsors and supporters around the world, to ensure 2007 will be a year with a lasting legacy’.

(Source: ISAF)

Visit the ISAF Centenary Micro Site at www.sailing.org

470 MERCHANDISING

Yes! We got there! The new season brings merchandising products to 470 Internationale.

This Spring there will be T-shirts, polo’s, jackets, shorts, volleyballs and many other items available through the 470 web site.

The only thing you have to do is to choose your products, fill in an order form, send it, and your order will be delivered to you quickly.

The desire to bring merchandising products has always been “in the air” and it started to become reality at the Council Meeting in Austria in 2005, thanks to the effective proposal of Arthur Thüringer (AUT) and Judit Bodnar (HUN). The Merchandising Plan was ready soon after and the work started full power with the support of the new Management Committee.

The idea behind a 470 Class Merchandising concept is to offer something special for the sailors, supporters, parents, new generation, simply everybody who sympathises with the 470 class, with the goal to provide a “material” identification of the pride to be a member of the 470 family. All merchandising products will carry the 470 Class logo, to put the “spot light” on the class through products you’ve ordered.

The company that provides us with merchandising products did not have a specific relation with the sailing sport before, but they have been chosen among others because they supply high quality manufactured products. They show great enthusiasm to cooperate with 470 Internationale.

To make it even more personal, and to show you that you have a choice to contribute to the Class’ decision making, 470 Internationale will publish the possible products’ list – of course with picture – on the 470 homepage. During a certain period you can vote for a range of products which you would like most, or you can also suggest goods, which in your opinion should be there! Everybody counts! Soon after you can buy the T-shirts, Polo shirts, anything you would like. So see you soon on the Homepage! (www.470.org)
**CALLER EPSL**

**470 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 1-10 June 2007 / Thessaloniki, Greece
- www.iscth.gr

**470 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

ISAF SAILING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 4 - 13 July 2007 / CASCAIS, PORTUGAL
- www.cascaisworlds2007.com

**470 JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 21-29 July 2007 / Bourgas, Bulgaria
- www.470juniornorlards.org

**470 JUNIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

(combined with the 420 JC)
- 8-16 August 2007 / Medemblik, Netherlands
- www.420470je.org

**470 MASTERS CUP**

- 30 July – 4 August, Anguillara Sabazia (Bracciano Lake), Italy
- www.470worldmaster2007.it

**470 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008**

- 21 - 30 January 2008 / Melbourne, Australia
- www.sailmelbourne.com.au

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**CALL FOR BIDS**

**470 INTERNAZIONALE INVITES AFFILIATED NCA’S TO BRING OUT A PROPOSAL TO ORGANIZE ONE OF FOLLOWING INTERNATIONAL 470 CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

- **EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 2011**
- **JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 2009, 2010 AND 2011**
- **JUNIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 2010 AND 2011, PREFERABLY COMBINED WITH THE CORRESPONDING 420 CLASS EVENTS**
- **MASTER’S CUPS FOR 2008, 2009, 2010 AND 2011**

*Note: The World Championships of 2011 are supposed to be organized as a combined Olympic Class event. No official statement has been received yet (28 april 2007)*

**Events until 2010:** A presentation to the General Assembly, to be held on the 14th of July 2007 in Cascais, will be a part of your proposal. This General Assembly will allocate the organization and decide the venue of all above mentioned events until 2010.

**Events in 2011:** The General Assembly of 470 Internazionale, to be held on the 14th of July 2007 in Cascais, will select a number of received best bids, where after the Management Committee will organize site inspections and meetings with the bidders, and advise the General Assembly in 2008. The General Assembly in 2008, will allocate the organization and decide the venue of the European Championships 2011, Junior World Championship 2011, the Junior European Championships 2011 and the Master’s Cup 2011.

The Championships organization chart which records all decisions already taken by the 2006 General Assembly is posted on www.470.org/index.php?pg=57.

The bids shall be sent to the 470 Internazionale (alain@470.org) by 15th June 2007 and include proposals for dates and possible venues, and all relevant information necessary to make a decision (refer to www.470.org/index.php?pg=113).

**470 JUNIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS CONTINUE COMBINED WITH 420’S**

**Holland proud to host International “Two Person Dinghy” Championship.**

From 8 to 16 August 2007, youth sailors will compete on the Ijsselmeer, off Medemblik, in the Junior European Championships of the International 420 and 470 classes.

Preparations are underway and Holland is looking forward to welcome participants and those who accompany them.

Both classes are strongly represented around the globe. Therefore, a strong participation is expected, in terms of performance level, number of sailors, and the number of represented countries.

Participation is open for sailors on all performance levels. After the qualifying series, the fleets will be separated into groups, and best performers will continue in the battle for the title.

For all participants, it means they will enjoy a sportive event with a varied on-the-water and on-shore program, in an International and friendly atmosphere.

Holland is a sporting nation, and for the Dutch Sailing Federation, the event is part of a program to develop “two person dinghy” sailing towards Olympic levels. For the Dutch 420 and 470 Class Associations, the event is a new milestone to merge strengths and to combine events.

All parties involved hope that the event will stimulate young sailors to choose for “two person dinghy” sailing.

The 420 & 470 Junior European Championships, for the second time ever carried out as a combined event, will be held off the Regatta Center Medemblik, featuring all facilities needed for an international sailing event. It is no coincidence that the ISCM, the Dutch Olympic Sailing Sport training & development center, is located on the complex.

Besides participating in the event, also a visit to Medemblik can be recommended. The ancient typical Dutch village has a large range of tourist attractions and is located only 50km from Amsterdam.

The event is open for sailors from all countries in the World. The age limit for participating in the event in the 420 class is 18, and 21 for the 470 Class.

More information can be found on the event web site: www.420470je.org

Also the Notice of Race can be found on this web site, with all detailed conditions regarding participation, and a video with much information about the event, and about the city of Medemblik.

(Source: Event organizers)

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**WORLD CUP SERIES**

On the final day of ISAF Council meetings at the ISAF Annual Conference 2006 in Helsinki, an ISAF World Cup for the Olympic Classes was given the go ahead.

ISAF will establish an ISAF World Cup® series for the Olympic Classes using the following events:

- **SAIL MELBOURNE**
- **Rolex Miami OCR**
- **Princess Sofia Trophy**
- **Semieme Olympique Francaise**
- **Holland Regatta**
- **Kiel Week**

The intention is to commence the ISAF World Cup® as soon as possible, and no later than 2008

ISAF will work with the event organizers through 2007, in order to promote the 2008 ISAF World Cup®, and to consider the inclusion of the Olympic Class World Championships and a Grand Final event.

The Executive Committee will report on progress and report to the Council at the Mid-Year Meeting in May 2007 with a more detailed outline of the ISAF World Cup®.

(Source: ISAF)

More information about the World ISAF World Cup® can be found at the ISAF web site: www.sailing.org
A HIGHLIGHT IN OLYMPIC SAILING
Every Olympiad, and one year prior to the Olympics, all World Championship events in Olympic Classes take place at one venue, the same time, in one event: the ISAF Sailing World Championships.

One year prior to the Olympic Games in Beijing, the event takes place in Cascais, Portugal. The 470 Class World Championships will take place from 4 to 13 July 2007.

The event is the first country qualification round for the Olympics, so a lot more is at stake than defending or fighting for the World Championship Title.

PRE ENTRY NUMBERS
470 Men: 49 Nations
470 Women: 36 Nations

THE VENUE IN A SAILOR’S PERSPECTIVE
‘THE WIND IS CALLING’
Portugal must be a perfect place to sail in summertime! Just think about it: bright sunshine, big ocean, nice waves and always wind! Then if that’s not all, there are great possibilities on shore. Nice wine, clubs, seafood, beaches and very friendly locals. But what if suddenly over a 1000 sailors enter the premises and have the Olympic World Championships 2007. Is Cascais ready for this?

The slogan of the event: ‘the wind is calling’ is perfectly chosen. Locals say: “around 12 o’clock the wind picks up and we have splendid conditions.” Some of the sailors found this true during the Cascais International Regatta in March.

The race committee was fast and correct. No hassle with waiting on the water but fast racing, listening to the input of Portuguese best 470 team Marino/Nunes. Nothing else then high expectations on Cascais’ waters. And that’s the main thing.

The new dug swimming pool is filled with rocks again because the high tide filled the pool with salt water! For the 470 fleet this a good thing: now we have more place to park our boats. On a Sunday when the harbour is great for the locals for a stroll, big traffic jams occur in front of the entrance. A bike will come in handy. The organisation is working every day (even Sundays) to get everything ready.

If you want to see some of the coming event, check out the website: www.cascaisworlds2007.com. It’s a full racing calendar this year, but this will for sure be a regatta not to forget.

NEW SAILORS SUPPORT PROGRAMME BRINGS SEVEN NEW COUNTRIES INTO THE CASCAIS ARENA
The recently launched 2008 Olympic Pathway Solidarity Grant (OPSG), part of the Sailors Support Programmes, has drawn the attention and has been answered with enthusiasm by sailors from many countries.

Teams from following countries were admitted to the programme for the 470 Worlds 2007.: ARM, AZE, GUA, ISV, KUW, MAS, PHI

The programme will allow theseven selected crews to take a shot to qualify their country for the Olympic Games in Beijing 2008.

OPSG EXTENDED WITH TRAINING AND COACHING AT 470 WORLDS
The sailors admitted to the programme will not only be facilitated with equipment during the 470 Worlds, but they will also be supported and coached by Marta Weires.

National Sailing Federations and 470 NCA’s who have not been able to send out a team to a 470 Worlds event the last two years, may still apply for training and coaching support during the 470 Worlds 2007 if they send out a 470 Men’s and/or 470 Women’s team.

Read more on page 3

FIRST TEST EVENT COMPLETED
CASCAIS INTERNATIONAL REGATTA
62 sailors from 12 nations finished in Cascais the International Regatta 2007, organized by the “Clube Naval de Cascais”. Competing were 26 boats in the 470 Class and 10 in the Finn Class.

In the 470’s, the 1st place was conquered by the Dutch crew Sven and Kalie Coster.

This was another excellent opportunity for the dozens of sailors training for the Olympic World Championships to prepare for this competition and to test new equipment.

The Spanish sailor Gustavo Doreste, that ended at 9 place, in spite being most of the regatta near the top places, said that he encountered in Cascais a «perfect scenery» and that he hoped that he could find this perfect conditions for sailing during the Championships next July. The young Spanish sailor even said that «the Cascais Bay is a great place for the Olympic Classes to gather.»

The Austrian 470 coach, Elizabeth Kratzig, who lived in Portugal between 1999 e 2002, underlined the changes that she encountered in this country, and above all in the Marina and the Clube Naval de Cascais facilities: «the new infrastructures empower so much the conditions that makes Cascais a unique place for the Sailing sport.»

Source: Event Web site — (amended by etimes editor)
ATHLETES COMMISSION

WHAT IS THE ISAF ATHLETES’ COMMISSION

What to do when you do not agree with racing rules? Or you have problems with the doping control? Or the courses? What if there is an urgent message you wish to discuss with other sailors? But you never knew how or you didn’t think your voice alone would help. Now there is a solution: the Athletes’ Commission.

The ISAF Athletes’ Commission (AC) is the link between active athletes and the ISAF Executive Committee. The AC is composed by 11 sailors each representing one of the actual 11 Olympic Classes. These members were elected or appointed by their respective International Class Organizations. This year, during the ISAF World Championships in Cascais, there will be a vote among the sailors in each class to elect the one who will be representing the Olympic Classes in the AC. For the 470 Class the actual members are: Gildas Philippe (gildasphilippe@cegetel.net) from France for the 470 Men and Marcelien de Koning (marcelien@yahoo.com) from the Netherlands for the 470 Women.

The AC is the voice of the sailors at ISAF. Twice a year the AC meets and discusses sailors’ inputs and gives advice to ISAF during the ISAF Annual Conference in respect of Olympic sailing issues. Marcelien De Koning explains: “The subjects of these meeting are various. We have a working group in this upcoming ISAF World Championships. But we also talk about a new formula for the world ranking list. We had a brief discussion on the plans for a “World Cup series” and we would like to get higher level jury members on especially grade 1 and 2 events. We also make recommendations on submissions to the ISAF Executive Committee. And we would like to come up for your opinion as well. So please tell us what you think that needs attention.”

If there is anything you would like to tell, please feel free to mail to each of the above 470 representatives in the AC anytime or find them anywhere during racing. Or find more information on the ISAF web site: http://www.sailing.org

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REVIEW - PRINCESS SOFIA TROPHY


The changing conditions during the week demanded the utmost from the sailors’ skills to anticipate to conditions by tactics, strategy and tuning.

A very narrow difference in points caused a close battle in the final Medal Race at the 470 Men. Finally Álvaro Marinho/Miguel Nunes (POR) claimed the Gold Medal by winning the “Grand Final”.

World Champions Marcelien de Koning/Lobke Berkhout (NED) amaze opponents and public by not winning only three out of eight races in the series.

The Dutch 470 Ladies seem to get stronger every year, and all eyes will be focussed on them, if they will succeed to win the Worlds Title for the third time this Summer.

Last years’ worth mentioning development that youth sailors start to give the seniors some real hard competition, continues. It seems that the stimulation of the 470 Junior Championships programme brings success.

Not only the number of crews participating at events increases, but also the number of countries, which makes 470 sailing a more and more global performed sports discipline on the highest level.

Looking a the entry list of the Princess Sofia Trophy, it is not only the “under the age of 22” youth sailors that strengthen competition. Close to Beijing 2008, Olympic sailors from the past return on the race course.

A very pleasant surprise is the return of Johan Molund from Sweden into the racing scene. Molund, with Mattias Rahm as team partner then, has been one of the 470 Men’s strongest sailors on the way to Athens 2004, and now claims a fourth place in Palma, similar to his result in Athens 2004 where he just missed the Bronze Medal.

On the 470 Women’s race course, Ruslana Taran and Elena Pakscholky from the Ukraine, one of Worlds’ most successful female sailing teams of the 90’s, return into the scene. Also Athens 2004 and 470 Class competitor Lisa Westerhof from the Netherlands returns with Europe Class sailor Merel Witteveen.

If this is the opening of the 2007 European “major events” circuit, we may expect exciting developments and shivering Medal races to come.

OVERALL RESULTS

470 MEN
1. Álvaro Marinho/Miguel Nunes (POR)
2. Gabrio Zandonola/Andrea Trani (ITA)
4. Leboucher Pierre/Garos Vincent (FRA)

470 WOMEN
1. Marcelien De Koning/Lobke Berkhout (NED)
2. Lenka Smidova/Veronika Fenclova (CZE)
3. Erin Maxwell/Isabelle Kinsolving (USA)
**Rolex Miami OCR**

Amazing to sail in perfect conditions. A lot of sun, a lot of warmth, a lot of competition and a lot of fun. The event seems to grow every year for the 470 class.

Having the North Americans close to the World Cup seems another good reason for a lot of people to travel to Miami beach.

Do you know that you can save a lot more points for the world rankings during the North Americans than the OCR? That seems a bit upside down to me, but what’s in the world rankings anyway!? We shared the ground and the racing area together with the big Finns. The more the merrier for us, the more the harder work for them, so it seems. We really did try to not start over the line early!

The race committee was good but wanted sometimes a too perfect course set out. This meant a lot of waiting. Halfway the event we got sent out in serious sun and lack of wind. But the end of the day people were jumping in the water because the water temperature was so much warmer then the air temperature!

The wind was medium to light during the 6 days racing. The American girls got a lot of attention from a television station. So the first serious battle for the games started! You can check it out at: www.tp2.tv At the boys the English took the lead from the start and left the others to fight over the two medals left. It was a great event to start the year!

**Overall Results 470 Men**
1. Nick Rogers / Joe Ganfield (GBR)
2. Mathew Belcher / Nick Behrens (AUS)
3. Gustavo Martinez / Dimas Wood (ESP)

**Overall Results 470 Women**
1. Marcellen de Koning / Lobke Berkhout (NED)
2. Ingrid Petitjean / Nadege Douroux (FRA)
3. Amanda Clark / Sarah Mergenthaler (USA)

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**470 North Americans**

Sven and Kalle COSTER (NED) won a narrow victory over former World Champions Nathan WILMOT and Malcolm PAGE (AUS) after a tightly contested series at the ISAF Grade C1 470 North American Championships. World #1 crew Christina BASSADONE and Saskia CLARK (GBR) scored victory in the women's fleet.

The two North American titles went to Mikee ANDERSON-MITTERLING and Dave HUGHES (USA) and Amanda CLARK and Sarah MERGENTHALER (USA) respectively.

The series began in conditions that bode well for the forthcoming ISAF Grade 1 Rolex Miami OCR, with three perfect days’ of racing on Biscayne Bay. Sunny skies and a brisk breeze ranging from 10-15 knots set the scene before squalls came through and took the wind on the scheduled final day of racing on Monday.

**World Champions Struggle**

The Sven COSTER and his brother Kalle got their year off to a perfect start with a one point victory over WILMOT and PAGE, whilst another Australia team, Mathew BELCHER and Nick BEHRENS (AUS) took third place. ANDERSON-MITTERLING and HUGHES were comfortably the best placed of the North American teams in the 27 strong fleet, whilst World Champions Nic ASHER and Biot WILLIS (GBR) came in disappointing 15th, ten places behind team mates Nick ROGERS and Joe GLANFIELD (GBR).

In the women's fleet, BASSADONE and CLARK scored three bullets on the way to a three point win over long-time rivals and last year's winners Ingrid PETITJEAN and Nadege DOUROUX (FRA). CLARK and MERGEN-THALER came in third overall in the 18 boat fleet, winning the tie-breaker for the final podium spot ahead of double World Champions Marcellen DE KONING and Lobke BERKHOUT (NED).

(Source: ISAF web site)

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**Sail Melbourne**

Tobias Etter/Felix Steiger (SUI) continued their domination of the Combined 470 class, winning the final race and the series to easily taking the Championship. Consistent sailing paid for Mathieu Higgins/Timothy Lynch (AUS) who stole second place from four-time Olympian Dmitry Berezkin and his crew Alexander Zybkin (RUS).

(Source: Sail Melbourne)

**Overall Mixed Results**
1. Tobias Etter / Felix Steiger (SUI)
2. Mathieu Higgins / Timothy Lynch (AUS)
3. Dmitry Berezkin / Alexander Zybkin (RUS)

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**South American Championship**

The South American Championship was sailed from 19th to 25th February 2007 in Higuerrillas, close to Víña del Mar in Chile.

17 teams from three countries sailed this Championship which was held for the first time at the Pacific Ocean.

Matias Bühler - Marcos Lamas in men and Fernanda Sesto - Consuelo Monseguer in women are the new Champions.

**Overall Mixed Results 470 Men and Women**
1. Matias Bühler / Marcos Lamas (ARG)
2. Fernanda Sesto / Consuelo Monseguer (ARG)
3. Alberto Gonzales / Diego Gonzalez (CHI)
**EVERY E-TIMES WE TALK TO ONE OF THE TOP PLAYERS IN THE INTERNATIONAL 470 CLASS. WHY DO THEY RACE AND WHAT MAKES THEM GO FOR MORE? MAYBE YOU CAN LEARN SOMETHING FROM THEM FOR YOUR OWN RACING!**

**THIS TIME WE ARE INTERVIEWING MIGUEL NUNES (POR) AND INGRID PETITJEAN (FRA)**

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**MIGUEL NUNES**

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**SAILING RACES SINCE:** 1986  
**CAREER IN THE 470 SINCE:** 1997  
**PROFESSION:** professional sailor

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**1. IF YOU CAN DESCRIBE YOURSELF IN 5 WORDS, WHAT WOULD THOSE BE?**  
Friendly, happy, down-to-earth (that’s five thank you!)

**2. WHAT MAKES YOU CHOOSE THE 470?**  
It is a nice boat. I have a lot of fun while racing it. It is quick and a lot of things happen during racing. I also like to sail with two. The 470 has so many options to play with. Once you have a good team it is the best boat around.

**3. WHAT WAS YOUR BEST REGATTA EVER AND WHY?**  
It is really hard to choose to just take one. I did so many and every race has something special. Of course it is incredible to sail the Olympic Games. Those are always very special. There is a different vibe to that race. But I would say winning is the best because I do remember all the Eurolymp that we have won. It is great to have all those good international sailors behind you.

**4. WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE THE HELM/ CREW?**  
I just to be a helm myself. So I was looking for a crew but I couldn’t find a good one. I think in every country it is hard to find a good person in the wire. So I decide to try it myself. Then I enjoyed it so much that I kept on doing it. It is not like big boats. I have a very big role in the speed and course of the boat.

**5. WHAT'S SAILING 470 LIKE IN YOUR COUNTRY?**  
Sailing in Portugal is the best. Great ocean, nice weather (just not in December and January) and a lot of good places to sail from. It is great that the world championships are going to be in Cascais. Hopefully we get more children to race because right now there aren't so much boats in Portugal. Though it is nice to see that the class is growing now.

**6. WHAT IS THE HARDEST PART OF AN OLYMPIC CAMPAIGN?**  
Since 3 years I became a father. It is such a joyful experience that I wish I would be more at home. That is the only thing I wish to do more: be close to my family.

**7. WHAT IS YOUR BEST ASSET ON SAILING AND WHY?**  
I do enjoy a lot of all the organization that we need to do. Traveling, training, talking to the right people, putting on the right clothing. But also taking care of the equipment. Beside that I feel great within the teamwork with Alvaro. I can't imagine myself in a solitaire boat. It would be a whole lot less fun for me.
3. WHAT WAS YOUR BEST REGATTA EVER AND WHY?
I’m not going to choose one, I have a couple of good ones in mind. I liked a lot the World Championship in Cagliari because it was our first podium on a main event, and we really sailed well there taking account our level at that stage.

I also have good memories of the European championship in Zadar in 99. It was our first year on the 470 and we had some very good races and got qualified in the gold fleet, had the chance to sail against many very good sailors that were preparing Sydney, very nice experience. Also the feeling of this regatta was very good because it was the best organized event I had ever had.

I could mention lots of others, like the Isaf Games in Marseille, at home, very special to sail at home, with all your friends looking, or the European Championship that we won in 2005.

The Olympic Games in Athens were of course a nice experience, even if we were disappointed about our sailing.

I also liked the Test event in Qingdao this year. The sailing was fun, even if there was not much wind, I like when it’s tricky. And the organisation was good, they could have made the games this year if they wanted! All the Chinese’s volunteers were very nice, and I liked the feeling of China.

4. WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE THE HELM/ CREW?
I have never thought of being a crew. It’s not possible as I’m too small!!

5. WHAT’S SAILING 470 LIKE IN YOUR COUNTRY?
In France there is a big fleet and a couple of regattas. Some sailors are doing for fun, some for competition, we also have some older sailors doing the master circuit. It’s good because we can make nationals with 40 to 70 boats. We would just need more women, even if we already have more since a couple of Europe sailors preferred the 470 to the lasers and new teams appeared. Also, there is a nice culture of the 470 as it was built by a French man, and France had a couple of medals on 470 at Olympic Games. We appreciate it a lot, there is a history of the 470, and many people in France know quite well the boat.

6. WHAT IS THE HARDEST PART OF AN OLYMPIC CAMPAIGN?
The money, especially when you start. Our family supported us at the beginning and that was not so easy. After having some nice results, the federation started to support us, and later on, private sponsors, but for sure when you decide to do it, that is the first thing you have to solve, and the hardest one as well.

7. WHAT IS YOUR BEST ASSET ON SAILING AND WHY?
Good feeling.

8. WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHANGE ANYTHING IN THE 470 OR IN ITS ORGANISATION?
I think we should let the 470 be more attractive and modern, if we want to keep it as a Olympic class. To do that, we maybe need to think about what could make it look more fun, and also put the Yellow flag at 8 knots. I don’t agree below 8 because then it could bring everyone to do things that don’t look like sailing. But 8 knots is really fine. We are doing sport, why should we stop moving?
In future e-times we will ask a Top-Team to show us a little technical secret out of their innovations on the boat.

This time we asked Matthias Schmid & Florian Reichstädtel, this year’s long-time World Ranking List 3rd to show us some tips.

After checking their boat a bit they agreed to give some ideas about the boom vang to the auditors.

Matthias & Florian were facing sometimes the problem that while racing a good position of the boom vang was difficult to reproduce after the first downwind so they tried to find an easy solution to get a clear indication for the position of the vang on the upwind.

With the following system they found a quick and easy system which allows them to always be clearly informed about the vang position. For that reason they fixed a little rope on the middle block of the vang and led it through a little plastic ring at the fixation plate on the boom parallel to the boom, fixed a shock cord on it which is fixed at the back of the boom. With this system now pulling the vang also the little knot on the boom will move forward. Putting a little scale on the boom helps now to reproduce the perfect setting very easy!