



2012 VINTAGE YACHTING GAMES



WHAT IS IT? AND WHY IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US!

The Vintage Yachting Games (Vintage) are the International Post-Olympic Yachting/Sailing event for former Olympic classes. The Vintage is held every four years.

The idea behind the Vintage is to Organize a four yearly high-end event in the calendars of all the former Olympic classes after their discontinuation of the Olympics.

The 2012 Vintage Yachting Games (2012 Vintage), is the second time this post-Olympic multi-class sailing event for discontinued Olympic classes will be organized. The event will be held July 7-15, 2012, on Lake Como Italy.

Following loosely the Olympic tradition, Como's project manager Pietro Adamoli (right) received the Vintage Yachting Games Flag during the closing ceremony of the 2008 Vintage in Medemblik, The Netherlands from the mayor of Medemblik: Theo van Eijk.

Anticipated participation estimates the following classes, continents, countries, yachts and sailors.

Classes	Continents	Countries	Yachts	Sailors
Europe ♀	2	12	20	20
Europe ♂	2	12	20	20
12 foot dinghy	2	7	20	20
O-Jolle	1	5	20	20

Flying Dutchman	3	14	25	50
Yngling	2	10	16	48
Tempest	2	7	10	20
Soling	3	13	20	60
Dragon	3	14	25	75
5.5 Metre	2	8	12	36
Total	4	27	188	369

Look at the list, the Flying Dutchman is really the class with the best performance! We have to be there to show, that the FD is living and the class is modern with great Sailors and a great family!

Villa Monastero will be used for prize giving ceremony. This villa is one of the most interesting examples of eclectic



style residence on the Lake Como. Originally built to accommodate the cistercian monastery of Santa Maria, first quoted in a document dated 1208. Since 1963 the villa is an international cultural and scientific centre. Every country can enter 2 teams. But teams can mix up. One of the sailing crew-members must represent his country. This makes it, for example, possible for an Australian FD-sailor to lease a European boat with an European helm or crew.

The Vintage is a promotional platform to show that the class is still active in many countries.

The Bid process for the 3rd edition of the Vintage Yachting Games in 2016 is announced. The announcement went to the Organizations of Vintage Yachting Classes, National Authorities, Sailing Press, several International orientated yacht clubs and our many friends of the Vintage Yachting Games. The deadline for submitting the proposals by the candidate host yacht clubs is December 31st, 2011! After that the voting will take place before March 1st, 2012 and the formal announcement of the 2016 site will take place during the Vintage Yachting Games 2012 at Lake Como. At this moment interest for bidding for the event is shown by:

Germany (Chiemsee); Romania; Sweden; United Kingdom (Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy).

So I would like to invite all FD Sailors from all over the World to attend (and team up with a European FD-friend) at the 2012 Vintage at Lake Como/ Italy!

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