



MICHAEL MAIER TRIUMPH, CICARELLI HAS WON GGM

Sometimes you are ahead of everyone else— and you can rest in the final race with the overall victory secured that no one can take your World Champion title away!

This time it was only **Michael Maier** safe at the top among 167 sailors competing on Finn Master World Championship held in Split organised by YC Labud.

Maier has scored 5 bullets in 6 races plus one second place, so he went ashore to celebrate and start packing while the rest of the fleet has been on the water for race 7.

- I had to pack the boat, I knew nobody can overtake me, so I decided to come back to shore. Last race has not been decisive in my case – said Michael Maier , top Finn sailor who was dominating the fleet in Master category (40 - 49 years).

One gold medal and World master title in GGM category (60-69 years) is staying in Croatia. Thanks to **Lukša Cicarelli**, member of host club, who has won this title for the fourth time.



- I was not able to fully concentrate on sailing, however conditions were excellent so I could catch and overtake opponents in my category. And I have to say that this year the competition was stronger than before - said Lukša who is taking medals in GGM category for some years now.

And this year he has won the title in his home town. Last day two races have been completed in ESE wind ; trapezoid course has been set in front of Sustipan hill, close to shore on course Alpha . During first race wind speed averaged from 10 to 12 knots, later in race 7 wind has increased to more than 12 knots so Oscar has been displayed for free and happy pumping.



RESULTS

| OVERALL | | | |
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| No | Sailno | Name | Scores |
| 1 | CZE 1 | Michael Maier, 2, M(40-49) | 7.0 |
| 2 | GER 711 | Andre Budzien, 168, M(40-49) | 18.0 |
| 3 | SUI 5 | Christen Christoph, 148, M(40-49) | 23.0 |
| 4 | AUT 7 | Michael Gubi, 91, GM(50-59) | 26.0 |
| 5 | HUN 211 | Attila Szilvassy, 84, M(40-49) | 27.0 |
| 6 | GBR 2 | Allen Burrell, 83, M(40-49) | 27.0 |
| 7 | ITA 2 | Marco Buglielli, 47, GM(50-59) | 29.0 |
| 8 | SVK 1 | Peter Mosny, 71, M(40-49) | 31.0 |
| 9 | DEN 6 | Lars Hall, 128, GM(50-59) | 35.0 |
| 10 | CRO 6 | Armano Zekan, 147, M(40-49) | 38.0 |
| 11 | NED 29 | Bas de Waal, 69, M(40-49) | 43.0 |
| 12 | GBR 65 | David Potter, 54, M(40-49) | 46.0 |
| 13 | GBR 61 | John Heyes, 90, M(40-49) | 54.0 |
| 14 | AUS 3 | Jake Gunther, 97, GM(50-59) | 56.0 |
| 15 | HUN 7 | Antal Szekely, 129, GM(50-59) | 64.0 |
| 16 | ITA 5 | Francesco Cinque, 37, GM(50-59) | 68.0 |
| 17 | GBR 68 | John Mackie, 53, M(40-49) | 70.0 |
| 18 | NED 27 | Paul Kamphorst, 163, M(40-49) | 71.0 |
| 19 | HUN 5 | Zsombor Majthenyi, 67, M(40-49) | 71.0 |
| 20 | ITA 4 | Francesco Faggiani, 50, M(40-49) | 73.0 |

| MASTER | | | |
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| GRAND MASTER | | | |
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| 3 | DEN 6 | Lars Hall, 128, GM(50-59) | 35.0 |
| 4 | AUS 3 | Jake Gunther, 97, GM(50-59) | 56.0 |
| 5 | HUN 7 | Antal Szekely, 129, GM(50-59) | 64.0 |
| 6 | ITA 5 | Francesco Cinque, 37, GM(50-59) | 68.0 |
| 7 | GER 217 | Niehusen Carsten, 78, GM(50-59) | 98.0 |
| 8 | FRA 66 | Philippe Lobert, 63, GM(50-59) | 99.0 |
| 9 | AUT 250 | Peter Groegl, 170, GM(50-59) | 106.0 |
| 10 | FRA 99 | Marc Allain des Beauvais, 172, GM(50-59) | 107.0 |

| LEGEND | | | |
|--------|---------|--|--------|
| No | Sailno | Name | Scores |
| 1 | GBR 631 | Richard Hart, 4, LEG(=>70) | 144.0 |
| 2 | RUS 28 | Viktor Kozlov, 134, LEG(=>70) | 285.0 |
| 3 | SUI 60 | John Ulbrich, 26, LEG(=>70) | 291.0 |
| 4 | HUN 55 | Andras Schomer, 61, LEG(=>70) | 294.0 |
| 5 | GBR 55 | Mike Till, 105, LEG(=>70) | 335.0 |
| 6 | GER 852 | Ruediger Stelzl, 10, LEG(=>70) | 339.0 |
| 7 | CZE 10 | Vaclav Hudec, 70, LEG(=>70) | 353.0 |
| 8 | NOR 3 | Ola Mathias Johannessen, 82, LEG(=>70) | 363.0 |
| 9 | NED 836 | Bart Kraan, 22, LEG(=>70) | 387.0 |
| 10 | RSA 570 | Gerd Bohnsack, 52, LEG(=>70) | 388.0 |
| 11 | SUI 2 | Helmut Klammer, 38, LEG(=>70) | 420.0 |
| 12 | GER 130 | Alfred Blum, 39, LEG(=>70) | 438.0 |
| 13 | FRA 46 | Henri Roumaillac, 155, LEG(=>70) | 441.0 |
| 14 | CZE 4 | Bozena Smidova, 25, LEG(=>70) | 474.0 |
| 15 | FRA 79 | Bernard MICHAL, 109, LEG(=>70) | 507.0 |

| GRAND GRAND MASTER | | | |
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| No | Sailno | Name | Scores |
| 1 | CRO 110 | Luksa Cicarelli, 1, GGM(60-69) | 87.0 |
| 2 | NED 2 | Wouter Molenaar, 41, GGM(60-69) | 94.0 |
| 3 | CRO 88 | Marin Mrduljas, 42, GGM(60-69) | 99.0 |
| 4 | CZE 8 | Jiri Outrata, 49, GGM(60-69) | 112.0 |
| 5 | SWE 721 | Mikael Brandt, 30, GGM(60-69) | 129.0 |
| 6 | GBR 63 | Graeme Macdonald, 3, GGM(60-69) | 141.0 |
| 7 | RSA 540 | Alan Tucker, 81, GGM(60-69) | 153.0 |
| 8 | AUS 242 | Bob Buchanan, 165, GGM(60-69) | 156.0 |
| 9 | GBR 77 | Howard Sellars, 106, GGM(60-69) | 158.0 |
| 10 | GER 35 | Hans Guenter Ehlers, 8, GGM(60-69) | 179.0 |



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DAY 4



ENOUGH SOUTHERN WIND IN THE SAILS FOR TWO RACES

Conditions on water today were perfect as 167 Finn Masters from 25 countries sailed two races.

First Red group start was signaled at 12:15 on Race course set in Kaštela Bay, with southern (jugo) wind blowing between 14 and 20 knots. Fifteen minutes later Blue group also had a clear start. First race of a day, 4th of the Championship, was done and the weather conditions allowed Masters to really show their skills.

Interesting information is that winner of the red group was Armano Zekan sailor from Split:

- I'm really happy with how I sailed today even with little mishap I had in second race today. Just before the finish line I had problem with my left elbow, old tennis injury coming back, and so I capsized. Luckily I was able to get back quickly, not as quickly as before, now. In the end I still managed to finish eighth – summarized Armano his sailing of the day, who after 5 races (with discard) is tenth overall.

Race five start was displayed at 14:17 for the blue, and 14:32 for red group. Both starts were clear.

Other Croatian sailors have following results – in Grand Grand Masters category (60 -69) two Labud's sailors: Lukša Cicarelli finished 23rd and 22nd today and is currently at 32nd position while Marin Mrduljaš with 20th and 10th place is according to temporary results in 40th position.

Member of the SC Split Davorin Righi sailing in Grand Masters category (50 -59) finished 28th and 48th today and after a discard is placed 61st overall.



DAY 3

MAESTRAL FILLS THE SAILS

In the end, as everyone has admitted, the IRO decision was a triumph!

Race course was set toward the island of Čiovo with a lightning speed and sailors were astonished –8 to 12 knots of western wind (maestral) - real pleasure to be on water.

And sail!

Start of the red group was signalled at 18:24 and on schedule at 18:39 blue group as well. Third race of the World Finn Masters Championship was done, and while results were done the fleet returned to harbor happy that the job was done.

DELTA DISPLAYED AT 17:15

Even the Finn masters class president Fons van Gent, at 16:45 came to Kustić, wondering if he was going to abandoned hope of racing for a day but the experienced IRO Alen Kustić decided to try –despite everyone's doubts of the decision – and at 17:15 called all sailors and jury on water! Many mumbled the sailors and the jury, to themselves not believing in the outcome since there wasn't much daylight left. Also please keep in mind we are talking about Finn Masters, a little more experienced gentlemen who deservedly take a bit more time to enjoy in everything from going out on water, racing, returning from water and so on. That is why many wondered what's the point of going out, without wind and light there is much hope for the race.

KUSTIĆ MANAGES TO TAKE FLEET ON WATER

Luck is with courageous and determined and in the end even rewards them- lesson we learned from Alen Kustić, IRO, on Wednesday the third day of World Winn Masters Championship.

Weather forecast and situation on water throughout the day weren't promising. Lack of wind caused the scheduled 13:00 start to be delayed for two hours. Fleet of 167 Finn masters, top sailors from 25 countries, waited patiently on land for further notice from the Race Committee. However as time passed more and more gathered at the plateau of YC Labud started to feel nervous.

IMPRESSUM

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Augustin GATTIN-GUSTI,
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Ana VIŠIĆ,
Božo VUKIČEVIĆ



WOMEN ON FINNS AT SPLIT



What could look as a senseless thing for women has now for several years become a reality.

Women like sailing Finns and three of them race now in these finn world masters.

Needless to mention their age, size or weight, we just keep in mind their smiles and keen

attitude towards finn sailing . The French girl Brigitte Devillers was world champion last year on her favourite lake of Maubuisson near Bordeaux. She was married , had two children and once divorced, restarted sailing has much as she can.

A similar story goes for the Danish Ane Zielinski who lives in the south island in central Denmark where she often sails her finn locally as Brigitte does at Bordeaux. So far Ane was leading the ladies competition here in Split but while not racing on Thursday races 4 and 5 she lost that lead to Brigitte who now has near 20 pts lead and should retain her title for the second year in a row. Although Brigitte is way lighter than her two rivals but her fighting spirits payed yesterday despite heavy conditions in the morning and after along the two races.

The third lady in the event is Bozenoa Smidova (CZE) who lives near Praha and manages a car driving school. She sailed very young and stopped for 30 years when she had 3 children then she restarted sailing some years ago . These female finn sailors did already 3 finn world masters.

Regarding Bozena she is the mother of Lenka Smidova who won Silver medal at Athens 2004 Olympics on a Europe dinghy and represented once again her country in 2008 for the Chinese Olympics , this time on a 470.

Needless to say that sailing is a serious concern for women in the Smidova family .

Francois Richard

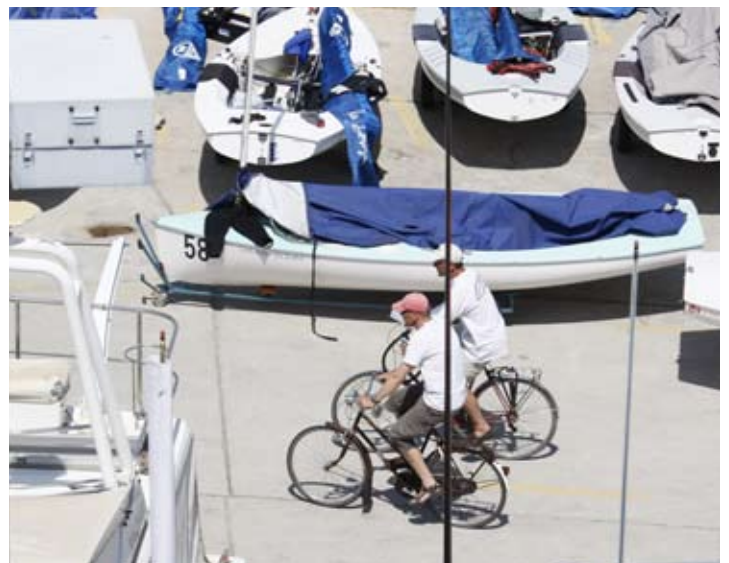


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NIGHT PARTIES

The first party was held on Tuesday night in ACI restaurant where more than 300 participants and organizers had great time with excellent food and Dalmatian songs performed by the klapa Šušur. Ivan Kuret, Regatta director welcomed all present on behalf of YC Labud, the host of this prestigious competition. Among numerous guests, beside sailors and judges, there were present Ms Anđelka Visković, deputy mayor of the city of Split and Goran Kovačević, director of Hrvatska poštanska banka. The party was at its peak when the tone master Ivica Bilić started fulfilling music wishes of those present long until midnight. The guests were dancing, singing, preparing tactics for tomorrow's race, making plans to come back to Split, the beautiful city according to impressions of all participants who want to sail again in this beautiful sea area.

One more party was held on Thursday night in front of YC Labud where barbecue party was held with lots of beer and cocktails. The barbecue masters for the evening were Igor Košić and Petar Tudja while girls in charge of cuisine were Nives, Elke, Gordana and Linda who served delicious food and Roža who was serving the beer while Ivica Bilić was once again in charge of excellent music rhythm.

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PROBLEMS AT SEA

On Wednesday, apart of nervous feeling and expectation of wind and sailing out at sea late at 17:15, there were slight problems at sea. But, thank to good organizational team, everything was solved quickly and efficiently.

Hank de Jager, from Netherlands had problems with the sail, it was stuck in the mast but was immediately helped by Ruben Vujnović who arrived in speed boat. The Dutch sailor got into the boat, Srđan Cicarelli took the mast and everything was solved quickly.

This situation was excellent for our two photographers Božo Vukičević and our guest from Italy, Tosca Zambra, the official photographer of the Italian Finn Class who boasted afterwards with the excellent photos - those made during the action!



NON- PLANNED SWIMMING AND EQUIPMENT BREAKING

Although all participants in Finn World Master Championship are very experienced sailors, the southern wind on Thursday and Friday, gave them a lot of trouble, at least for those in the weakest physical condition. There were (often) non-planned swimming as well as equipment breakage.

Some sailors before the last race, the overall seventh race, gave up from the start and returned to the land with soaring muscles. Both days, on Thursday and Friday, everyone had problems when returning and exiting to the land. It was difficult to control exhausted bodies, exit to pontoon, lift sailing boat to the wheels and dismantle the boat. Masters did it slowly, step by step, in the end everything was settled - even pain killers were used.