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470 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS MEN & WOMEN

ISAF SAILING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS World Championships for Olympic Classes

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OFFICIAL WORLD RANKING LIST

From the 4th till the 13th of July, the 470 World Championships Men & Women will be held at Cascais, Portugal, as part of the ISAF Sailing World Championships 2007.

The 2007 ISAF Sailing World Championships is the combined event for the World Championships of all Olympic Classes.

The combined event takes place from 28 June-13 July in Cascais, Portugal. 'The Wind Is Calling' is the official motto for the 2007 Worlds. The Championships are the principal qualification regatta for the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition, with 75% of all national places to be decided.

Visit the official event web site at: www.cascaisworlds2007.com



The winners in respectively the Men's and Women's Fleet become:

470 CLASS MEN'S WORLD CHAMPION

470 CLASS WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPION

362 sailors from 47 countries

470 Men - 114 teams / 228 sailors from 47 countries

470 women - 67 teams / 134 sailors from 34 countries

The final number of entries will be published after registration has been closed.

The International 470 Class carries the Olympic Status and fulfills the two person Dinghy discipline at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games

Like other Olympic Sports, the sailing sport knows a World Ranking List.

This list is maintained by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF). The World Ranking List is based on the performance of the athletes at International Championship and ISAF Graded Events.

Visit www.sailing.org/rankings/





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OLYMPIC SAILING

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OLYMPIC SAILING DISCIPLINES

At the Olympic games in Beijing 2008, eleven disciplines will represent the sailing Sport.

- Heavyweight Dinghy - Finn
- Women's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial
- Men's One Person Dinghy - Laser
- Men's and Women's Two Person Dinghy - 470
- Skiff - 49er
- Men's Keelboat - Star
- Women's Keelboat - Yngling
- Multihull - Tornado
- Men's & Women's Windsurfer - NeilPryde RS:X

ISAF SAILING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

World Championships for Olympic Classes

The year prior to the Olympic Games, and held as a single event, the ISAF Sailing World Championships combines eleven Olympic Class World Championships at the same time in one venue:

Over 1300 competitors from 76 nations.

Olympic Qualification - 75% of the Olympic Sailors will be selected in Cascais

The most significant World Championship for the Olympic classes.

2007 will also mark the occasion of the ISAF Centenary, celebrating 100 years since ISAF, or the then IYRU, was formally created.

For more information about Olympic Sailing, visit the web site of the International Sailing Federation.

www.sailing.org/olympics2008





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FORMAT AND PROGRAMME

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THE FORMAT IN A NUTSHELL

The 470 Worlds Men & Women are strictly two separate events. Both the Men and Ladies Fleet will race on separate courses to make sure that racing will not be influenced by each others presence.

The race format for each Fleet is the same. Each Fleet (Men & Women) will be split up into groups, as close to the number of 35 per group.

All groups will race six qualifying races during three days, with two races a day on the schedule. The groups will be changed each day.

After three days of qualifiers the best 35 teams of each Fleet will proceed the event in the so called Gold Fleet, the remaining boats in a second Silver Fleet and third Bronze Fleet, if applicable. All teams will have five races in the finals, (the Medal Race included.)

On the last day, the top ten of each Gold Fleets Men & Women will decide the World Championship in the highlight of the event:
The Medal Race.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

4-7 July	Registration and Measurement
7 - 9 July	Qualifying Series
10 July	Reserve Day
11 - 13 July	Final Series
13 July	Medal Race

11 races are scheduled for both the Men's and Women's Fleet.

6 Qualifying races

5 Final races (including the Medal Race)

First starting signal is scheduled every day at 13:00 local time

COMPLETE FORMAT AND PROGRAMME

The complete format and programme can be found at the Event web site under **Notice of Race** and **Sailing Instructions**, and prevail at all times over all further information.

<http://www.cascaisworlds2007.com>

LOCAL TIME

Local Time in Cascais (Lisbon) is UTC/GMT+1





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THE INTERNATIONAL 470 CLASS

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THE INTERNATIONAL 470 CLASS



The 470 was designed in 1963 by Andre CORNU (FRA) as a modern fiberglass planing dinghy with trapeze and spinnaker.

In 1969 the class was given international status and has been on the Olympic programme since 1976, sailing initially as an open event.

The 470 was the first dinghy of the modern Olympic era, could accommodate light and medium weight crews and be sailed as effectively by men as women.

In 1984, Cathy FOSTER (GBR) became not only the first woman to helm a boat in an open event at the modern Games, but the first women in history to win a race at the Olympics.

In 1988, the IYRU (now ISAF) created the first women's only event and selected the 470. In parallel a men's two person dinghy event was created, also using the 470. A technical and tactical boat, the 470 is popular around the world. World and continental championships take place annually.

Source: ISAF www.sailing.org

SPECIFICATIONS



- Length Overall : 4.70 m.
- Length Waterline : 4.44 m.
- Beam : 1.68 m.
- Draft : 0.15 m.
- Draft Centreboard Down : 1.05 m.
- Weight : all up (Minimum) : 120 Kg.
- Barehull Weight (Minimum) : 93 Kg.
- Mast : 6.78 m.
- Boom : 2.65 m.
- Spinnaker Pole (Maximum) : 1.90 m.
- Mailsail : 9.12 sq/m.
- Jib : 3.58 sq/m.
- Spinnaker : 13.00 sq/m.

THE BOAT THE WORLD SAILS

The 470 class is represented by National Associations in 75 countries around the world.



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THE VENUE

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CASCAIS, PORTUGAL



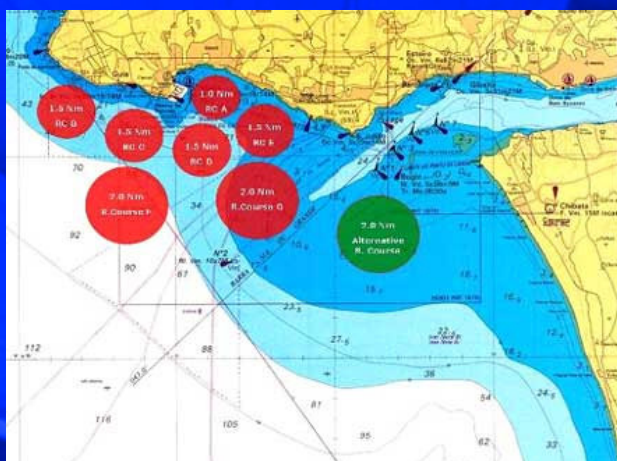
A fantastic sailing venue

The conditions being served up for the ISAF Sailing World Championships 2007 could not be any closer to perfect. We are truly blessed to have such beautiful European summer conditions.

With temperatures in the mid twenties, and winds gradually building every afternoon to around 25 knots. From all aspects of organization This may be one of the most unforgettable events of the modern sailing era.

The town beaches flank the small bay that houses the regatta rigging areas. The Fortaleza De Cascais (the fort) first built to guard the port in the late 15th century sits high on the western point over looking all the action.

THE RACE COURSE



There are five race area's in front of Cascais. Different classes change area from day to day.

On the 7th of July, the 470 Men have a first starting signal on Race Area 4 at 13:00. The 470 Women may expect their first signal at 16:00 on the same course.

Conditions are looking like staying windy through to Sunday. With Another 2.5 metre ground swell approaching toward the end of the week-end. This is sure to make the racing fast and furious. Full noise power sailing at its best. So stay tuned and don't miss any of the action coming up in the next days



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Nick ASHER and Elliott WILLIS (GBR)



Nathan WILMOT and Malcolm PAGE (AUS)



Nicolas CHARBONNIER and Olivier BAUSSET (FRA)



Alvaro MARINHO and Migue NUNES (POR)



Gabrio ZANDONA and Andrea TRANI (ITA)



World Championship Title Defenders

Age: 22 and 24

ISAF World Sailing Ranking: 10

Career Highlights: 2006 World Champions

The title defenders who built on their first major event win at the Princess Sofia Trophy in 2005 by winning the World title in China last year. Missed the recent Europeans because of injury and have a big battle on their hands with Nick ROGERS and Joe GLANFIELD (GBR) for the British 470 slot.

Age: 27 and 35

ISAF World Sailing Ranking: 2

Career Highlights: 2005, 2004 World Champions; 2006 ISAF World Sailing Games gold medalists

The 470 World Champions of 2005 and 2004 missed another World Championship victory during the last few meters in the final Medal Race in 2007, after missed a signal that pumping was not allowed and then getting penalized by the Judges. The Australians are particularly strong in tough conditions with wind and waves, making them one of the big favorites in Cascais.

Age: 25 and 25

ISAF World Sailing Ranking: 1

Career Highlights: 2007 European Championship silver medalists

The men from France were heroes at the European Championship last month in Greece by demonstrating some excellent sailing and strategy in their battle for the title with their Portuguese opponents. Nicolas CHARBONNIER has an amazing record of World Championship titles in the 420 Class, experience in an America's Cup campaign, and now leads the ISAF World Sailing Rankings with his crew Olivier BAUSSET.

Age: 31 and 30

ISAF World Sailing Ranking: 9

Career Highlights: 2007 European Champions

The new European Champions are most familiar with the conditions in Cascais, with their yacht club located just a few miles from the World Championship venue. Both men are very experienced two person dinghy sailors, with some impressive results in the 420 class until 1996 where they made the step into the Olympic sailing scene. Have hit their top form this year with wins in Palma and the Europeans.

Age: 30 and 30

ISAF World Sailing Ranking: 3

Career Highlights: 2003 World Champions

Italy's current best two person dinghy sailors won the 470 World Championships four years ago at the ISAF World Championships 2003 in Cadiz. Their results this year have been impressive, picking up event wins and podiums in a range of conditions.



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CONTENDERS - 470 WOMEN

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Marcelien DE KONING and Lobke BERKHOUT (NED)



Christina BASSADONE and Saskia CLARK (GBR)



Theresa TORGERSSON and Vendela ZACHRISSON (SWE)



Giulia CONTI and Giovanna MICOL (ITA)



Ingrid PETITJEAN and Nadège DOUROUX (FRA)



World Championship Title Defenders

Age: 29 and 26

ISAF World Sailing Ranking: 1

Career Highlights: 2006, 2005 World Champions

The current World Champions and world #1 crew are known as heavy air specialists, although showed they are fast in all conditions with a win in the light conditions at the 2006 Worlds. National heroes in the Netherlands after their double World Championship win earned them the title of Dutch Sports Team of the Year.

Age: 25 and 27

ISAF World Sailing Ranking: 6

Career Highlights: 2005 World Championship silver medalists

The British women have gone from strength to strength since making the step up from the 420 class after winning the Worlds in 2000. Rose to the world #1 spot last year after a series of strong performances, although have since been overtaken by Marcelien DE KONING and Lobke BERKHOUT.

Age: 31 and 29

ISAF World Sailing Ranking: 10

Career Highlights: 2004 Olympic bronze medalists,
2004 World Champions

The 2004 World Champions and Athens Olympic bronze medalists were quick to pick up the pace in the class after TORGERSSON switched from the Europe in 2001. The team is a perfect example of two single-handed dinghy sailors teaming up to merge strengths and are at their best at the big events.

Age: 21 and 25

ISAF World Sailing Ranking: 4

Career Highlights: 2007 European Championship silver medalists

Looking at the performance of the Italians over the last few months, they merit high expectations. Giulia CONTI and Giovanna MICOL only started in the class in 2006 but were quick getting up to pace. Despite being just 21, CONTI is already an experienced sailor on the match racing circuit and competed at the Athens 2004 Olympics in the Yngling class. Yet to show their best at a windy venue.

Age: 26 and 26

ISAF World Sailing Ranking: 2

Career Highlights: 2006 ISAF World Sailing Games gold medalists, 2005 World Championship bronze medalists, 2003 World Championship silver medalists

The French 470 crew have been amongst the top players in the class for over five years now and are an almost constant feature around the top of the leaderboard. Strong across a range of conditions and have put in some good performances so far this season.





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WORLD RANKING TOP 20 - MEN & WOMEN

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470 MEN -Top 20 World Ranking List - per 27 June 2007

#	HELM	CREW	NATION
1	Nicolas CHARBONNIER	Olivier BAUSSET	FRANCE
2	Nathan WILMOT	Malcolm PAGE	AUSTRALIA
3	Gabrio ZANDONA	Andrea TRANI	ITALY
4	Gidi KLIGER	Udi GAL	ISRAEL
5	Nicholas ROGERS	Joe GLANFIELD	GREAT BRITAIN
6	Mathew BELCHER	Nick BEHRENS	AUSTRALIA
7	Benjamin BONNAUD	Romain BONNAUD	FRANCE
8	Sven COSTER	Kalle COSTER	NETHERLANDS
9	Alvaro MARINHO	Miguel NUNES	PORTUGAL
10	Nick ASHER	Elliott WILLIS	GREAT BRITAIN
11	Michael ANDERSON MITTERLING	David HUGHES	USA
12	Sime FANTELA	Igor MARENIC	CROATIA
13	Pierre LEBOUCHER	Vincent GAROS	FRANCE
14	Gustavo MARTINEZ DORESTE	Dimas WOOD	SPAIN
15	Onam BARREIROS	Aaron SARMIENTO	SPAIN
16	Patryck PIASECKI	Kacper ZIEMINSKI	POLAND
17	Matthias SCHMID	Florien REICHSTAETTER	AUSTRIA
18	Panagiotis MANTIS	Theodoros POLYCHRONIDIS	GREECE
19	Stuart MCNAY	Graham BIEHL	USA
20	Francisco SANCHEZ	Alejandro RAMOS	SPAIN

470 WOMEN -Top 20 World Ranking List- per 27 June 2007

#	HELM	CREW	NATION
1	Marcelien DE KONING	Lobke BERKHOUT	NETHERLANDS
2	Ingrid PETITJEAN	Nadege DOUROUX	FRANCE
3	Sylvia VOGL	Carolina FLATSCHER	AUSTRIA
4	Giulia CONTI	Giovanna MICOL	ITALY
5	Lenka SMIDOVA	Veronika FENCLOUA	CZECH REPUBLIC
6	Christina BASSADONE	Saskia CLARK	GREAT BRITAIN
7	Amanda CLARK	Sara MERGENTHALER	USA
8	Ai KONDO	Kamata NAKO	JAPAN
9	Elsie RECHICHI	Tessa PARKINSON	AUSTRALIA
10	Therese TORGERSSON	Vendela ZACHRISSON	SWEDEN
11	Stefanie ROTHWEILER	Vivien KUSSATZ	GERMANY
12	Jennifer PROVAN	Carol LUTTMER	CANADA
13	Henrietta KOCH	Lene SOMMER	DENMARK
14	Erin MAXWELL	Isabelle KINSOLVING	USA
15	Yuka YOSHISAKO	Noriko OOKUMA	JAPAN
16	Marina GALLEGO	Tamara ECHEGOYEN	SPAIN
17	Kathrin KADELBACH	Frederike ZIEGELMAYER	GERMANY
18	Fernanda OLIVEIRA	Isabel SWANN	BRAZIL
19	Daria BLASCHKIEWITZ	Genrich GEESKE	GERMANY
20	Camille LECOINTRE	Gwendolyn LEMAITRE	FRANCE

For the Complete World Ranking Lists, visit www.sailing.org/rankings/

For sailors' biographies, visit <http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor/>



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