



Kieler Woche 2005

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Sailed on the waters off of Kiel Germany*

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SUN AND THRILL

The average Kieler Woche weather is 14-19 degrees Celsius (57-66 degrees Fahrenheit) with rain and gusty winds. This year it was more like sailing in Miami only the grilled tuna and key lime-pie was missing (the fish n'chips and Danish ice cream wasn't a real substitute).

It was not only a hot Kieler Woche because of the temperatures, but the racing was very hot as well. Fourteen participants gave their best, so the distance between the first boat and last boat was sometimes less than one minute, even after one hour of racing!



The top position changed every day with the end of every day's results showing the top two boats tied for the lead. The first day Helena Lucas (GBR 75) gave an excellent performance and led the ranking tied with me. Thierry Schmitter (NED 12) was third just 2 points behind. On the second day, I took the yellow jersey tied with Helena. Thierry securely held down the third spot. By the third day, Thierry took the lead tied with me with Helena very close in the results. So it was the last day that would bring the decision and crown the champion of the regatta in the 2.4mR Class.



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After leading the first upwind, Thierry overtook me on the downwind leg and finished first. The second race of the day saw Thierry leading with me overtaking him to win the race. By the end of the regatta, both Thierry and I had the same number of points with the same number of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes, so winning the last race was the reason why I won overall. Just a few points behind us was Helena who finished the regatta in third place. She impressed us with her excellent wave performance. With a bodyweight of 35 kg (77 pounds) less than mine, she passed me surfing on a wave while I sat in my boat feeling like a chubby whale.



Although the new head organizer, Jobst Richter, is a lower knee amputee sailor, I don't know if the 2.4mR Class will stay in the program of Kieler Woche. We need a larger number of sailors. We had no sailors from Scandinavia even though they are next door to Kiel. I know that we had some problems for wheelchairs, but this year it was a lot better with more assistance available at the ramp than ever before. I am sure that the situation will get better because Kiel will invest more money in the Olympic harbor. I hope to see you next year in Kiel!!

2005 Kieler Woche Results

Pos	Sailing No.	Name	Club	Race Results	Points
1	GER 1	Heiko Kröger	KYC	2.00, 1.00, 2.00, 3.00, (5.00), 1.00, 1.00, 2.00, (5.00), 2.00, 1.00	15
2	NED 12	Schmitter	WVB	3.00, 2.00, (3.00), 1.00, 1.00, (6.00), 2.00, 1.00, 2.00, 1.00, 2.00	15
3	GBR 75	Lucas	RSYC	1.00, 3.00, 1.00, 4.00, 3.00, 3.00, 5.00, 3.00, 1.00, (5.00), (5.00)	24
4	NED 11	Holsteyn	WVB	5.00, 4.00, 5.00, 5.00, 4.00, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 3.00, (9.00), (12.00)	35
5	GBR 79	Cogswell	QMSC	6.00, (13.00), 4.00, 2.00, 2.00, 5.00, 4.00, 6.00, 10.00, 4.00, (11.00)	43
6	GBR 5	Allan Smith	RSC	4.00, (9.00), 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 7.00, 6.00, 5.00, 4.00, (10.00), 4.00	51
7	NED 111	Rademaker	WVB	(12.00), 11.00, 10.00, 6.00, 11.00, 4.00, 9.00, (11.00), 6.00, 3.00, 3.00	63
8	GBR 70	Millward	Rutlan	7.00, (12.00), 7.00, 8.00, 6.00, 11.00, 7.00, 8.00, (12.00), 7.00, 7.00	68
9	GER 13	Reichl	YCBG	8.00, 6.00, 8.00, 9.00, 12.00, (12.00), 8.00, 10.00, 9.00, (13.00), 10.00	80
10	GER 42	Kortke	YCBG	11.00, 10.00, 9.00, (11.00), 10.00, 9.00, (12.00), 9.00, 8.00, 6.00, 9.00	81
11	GER 44	Klötzing	PYC	(13.00), 5.00, 11.00, 10.00, 9.00, 8.00, 11.00, (13.00), 11.00, 12.00, 8.00	85
12	GER 4	Budwill	WSB	9.00, 7.00, 13.00, 13.00, 7.00, 10.00, (13.00), 12.00, (DNF), 8.00, 6.00	85
13	GER 11	Olaf Jacobs	YCBG	10.00, 8.00, 12.00, 12.00, 13.00, (13.00), 10.00, 7.00, 7.00, 11.00, (13.00)	90
14	GER 7	Wilfried Klein	WSB	14.00, 14.00, 14.00, DNC, DNC, DNC, DNC, DNC, (DNC), (DNC)	132

