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ISAF SAILORS OF THE YEAR !!

The Girls Take it out Again !!

Sofia BEKATOROU and Emilia TSOULFA were awarded the female ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year Awards 2004 in recognition of phenomenal successes in the 470 class.

Sofia and Emilia also claimed the ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year Award in 2002 and the sailing world can expect much more from this talented duo.

Sofia and Emilia stole the hearts of their nation in Athens in August when they won the gold medal in the 470 double-handed dinghy in emphatic style. Claiming the Gold medal with a race to spare, the pair didn't give anyone else a chance, and after Sofia's injury scare earlier in the year, victory was even sweeter.

Their series tally for the 2004 Olympics was 24 points ahead of the silver medallists, the greatest points delta of all Olympic events. Their tremendous achievement was also acknowledged by ATHOC when they were chosen to extinguish the Olympic Torch at the closing ceremony.

Prior to the Olympic Games within the nomination period, Sofia and Emilia won the 2003 ISAF World Championship, their fourth world title, and several other ISAF Graded events.

After receiving their Award from His Majesty King Constantine, Sofia commented on behalf of the duo, "Being among all of you tonight is a great honour and recognition from the sailing world for our career. Throughout our campaign, we have gained precious experience, and learnt how to fight and overcome difficulties. The greatest gain though has been the process of working in a team. It is similar with tonight's ceremony. There are few people on the stage, but our result comes from a combined effort the whole team that have supported us and ISAF."



EVENTS 2005

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Sail Melbourne	Melbourne
Olympic Sailing Week	Barcelona
Princess Sofia Trophy	Palma de Mallorca
Southamerican Championship	Buenos Aires
International XXX Spring Cup	Toulon
Olympic Garda	Riva del Garda
Spa Regatta*	Medemblik
470 Europeans	Gdynia
Kieler Woche	Kiel
XV Mediterranean Games	Almeira
Austrian Lakes Week	Neusiedl am See
470 Junior Europeans	Tallinn
470 Junior Worlds	Moscow
Galati Trophy	Mamaia
470 Master's Cup	Thunersee
International Istanbul Week	Istanbul
Universiade 2005	Izmir
470 Worlds	San Francisco
Tzeni Grammalidou Cup	Thessaloniki
Christmas Race	Palamos

AUS	10-15 Jan 2005
ESP	Mar-05
ESP	19-25 Mar 2005
ARG	23-26 Mar 2005
FRA	16-21 Apr 2005
ITA	08-15 May 2005
NED	25-29 May 2005
POL	05-14 Jun 2005
GER	22-26 Jun 2005
ESP	24 Jun-02 Jul 2005
AUT	29 Jun-03 Jul 2005
EST	06-15 Jul 2005
RUS	tbd
ROM	Jul 2005
SUI	30 July - 5 Aug 2005
TUR	03-09 Aug 2005
TUR	11-21 Aug 2005
USA	18-29 Aug 2005
GRE	28-31 Oct 2005
ESP	26-30 Dec 2005

4 MORE YEARS

470 Olympic for 2008

At the ISAF Annual Meeting, the Events Committee met to decide the Equipment that would contest the Sailing Events at the 2008 Olympic Regatta Beijing. Submissions had been recieved from the 49er, Snipe and (of Course) the 470.

The 49er was selected as the Class for the Open DoubleHanded event leaving the 470 and Snipe the choice for the Double Handed Women's and Men's events. In the strongest Vote of any of the Selection Ballots, the 470 received 19 votes for and 1 abstention and was selected for 2008 !!

Rule Changes

On the Way in 2005

Rules changes in 2005 will see;

- The legal Use of Electronic Compasses
- The clarification of the Pumping Flag Rule
- Stoppers at Mast and Boom Black Bands.
- Clarify the Use of Personal Sail Numbers.

The New Rules are expected to be

inforce by April 1st 2005

See www.470.org for details.

470 HALL Of FAME



Victor Kovalenko

After a sailing career in the 470 and FD and a Special diploma with Gold Medal from faculty of physical culture of the Nikolaev State Pedagogical Institute, Victor has become the most respected coach in sailing today. He has coached no less than 10 World Champion 470 teams and has coached 3 Gold Medals and 3 Bronze Medals for 2 countries. He joins Tom Linskey and Dave Ullman in the 470 Hall of Fame.



Sofia Bekatorou & Emilia Tsoulfa

Winning a record 4 World Championships in 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003, Sofia and Milly were forced out of the 2004 Worlds with Sofia's serious back injury. After surgery and 7 weeks of intense recovery, the pair went on to win Gold at the 2004 Olympic Games in their Home Country. They Join Ruslana Taran, Elona Paholchik and Theresa Zabell as top Women in the 470 Hall of Fame