

IODA championships

In 2003 over 800 young sailors from around 80 countries will represent their countries at IODA championships.



The Championship Year in figures

<i>Event</i>	<i>Sailors</i>	<i>Countries</i>
Worlds	221	50
Europeans	283	44
S. Americans	163	15
N. Americans	122	13
Africans	54	9
Asians	to be held in December	
Oceanians	to be held in 2004	

All six continents

With the creation of an IODA African Championship in 2001 the Optimist became the first boat class to organise, in addition to its Worlds, a championship on each continent, though the Oceanians is held only biennially.

Achievable goals

Young people need goals.

As local fleets develop

IODA aims to keep

the sailors interested by

providing the achievable

target of selection as part of a

national team. Who has not

dreamed of representing

his or her country?

Selection

From the start of the first

Optimist championships in the

60s and 70s teams to participate

in them have been *selected*

on the basis of trials held

in the Optimist.

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But, almost from the foundation

of the IODA European

Championship in 1983, the

Optimist Class took

the unusual path of having

different sailors selected for

different championships.

In this way most larger

countries select at least

thirteen sailors each year for

national teams.

Memories

To represent your country is an unforgettable experience. Many

of those who participate in our

championships may never aspire

to do so as adults. But they will

always be able to look back

and say:

“I was an under-16 sailing

international”.