



## INTERNATIONAL 55 CLASS Newsletter (Aug. 2007)

Dear 5.5-Sailors!

As most of us are enjoying their summer holidays and hopefully sailing their 5.5... it is time to consider organizing for the big event to come:

### The **World Championship 2007** in San Remo

The full program is posted on the website: [www.5.5class.org](http://www.5.5class.org) and this is going to be a very exciting place to be since we are expecting over 30 boats from all over the world in all three divisions.

Whether you are aiming for the first place or just want to share the thrills of an International event, the world's are always a good place to meet other 5.5 sailors and this get together is very important for "showing the flag" as we are one of the last meter class to be really active.

The editor



Come and share the exciting World championship racing !

### **The 5.5 comes back to Austria** (by Edi Berndt)

Since I brought my Belladonna I (ex Zirkon) to Lake Attersee about 10 years ago the number of 5.5 has tremendously increased.

Seventeen 5.5s are now sailing in Austria, after nearly 3 decades of absence.

10 Classics are present in Austria out of which 8 are well maintained. Four of them are active and sail the yardstick races. Classic *Totila* is currently not sailing.. *Bounty* with the sail number G-12 is under restoration and *Shangrila* was sold three years ago to Italy. She is named now *Cibele*. *Swift Swiss* came from the Netherlands to lake Traunsee. The two classics on lake Wörthersee changed owners. *Goff II* is now owned by Mr. Prommegger and *Artemis II* (e.g. an ex-Pieper Boat) found with Mr.Ingo Hopfgartner an ambitious fan.

The first Evolution brought to Austria was *Kamber* by the brothers Wallentin. She is an Australian ship, designed by B. Lexcen and built in Sydney by Hudson boat building. She inspired me for the 5.5 class and so I bought my first *Belladonna*. A Britton Chance Evolution named *Zirkon*. In the last years 4 more Evolutions came to Austria joining the fleet. These are *Aperino*, *Pan*, *Spirit of the Lake* (lake Wolfgangsee) and now Mr. S. Holzinger (lake Traunsee) bought the last one from Switzerland (ex-Sunrise SUI-115).



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Belladonna 2 from Edi Berndt sailing on Attersee

Christian Scheinecker bought *Pungin* from H.P. Schmid, the first Modern in Austria. He named her *Lupo di Lago* AUT-18, but sold her two years later to Norway. As You know I'm now sailing the 'old' SUI-180 *Belladonna II*(ex Rana, ex la Diala) under the number AUT-16), which is an early modern.

All of this is certainly the result of the 5.5 Events in Austria that so many Evolutions are now sailing in Austria.. I'm happy to state an increase of the Austrian fleet in the last 10 years of more the 50 %.

Many thanks to all friends in the world of 5.5m class who came to Austria just for a race. You really did more then you may be thinking for the Class.

Edmund Berndt sen.

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### The re-birth of the Classics (by Kaspar Stubenrauch)

*Madrisa* 5.5 GER 38 (ex Z 10), new owners: **Matthias Krönig** and **Michael Bloch**. She will be based in Arnis on the Schlei and will join the German Open, possibly meeting there with her sistership *Pickwick V* 5.5 GER 7 (ex Z 6). Both boats are J.H. Linge Designs and have been built in 1953 by the Faul Yard, Horgen. **Urs Faul** has been most helpful in completing the historic data on these boats.

*Saphir* 5.5 GER 34 (ex SUI 129), owned by **Jörg Sonntag**, is looking as new and has already been racing successfully again in Berlin waters and will also join the German Open.



Saphir ex-World Champion in Geneva, design: Jean Grobéty, now sailing again thanks to Jörg Sonntag

Thanks to the announcement of the search for Classic 5.5's on the intl. website and a lot of helpful feedback, we have been able to locate several "missing" boats < G 2 (now CAN 31), GER 5, GER 18, GER 52 (ex GO 12), GER 62 (ex Z82) >, most of them joining the races again



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now, *Cheetah 5.5* CAN 31 even considering to sail the World's in the Bahamas.



Cheetah sailing in Germany with sail number CAN-31, maybe going to the Bahamas next year

We are still missing the following boats and kindly ask for your help in looking out for them on your lakes & coasts and in your yards & harbours:

*Tilly 5.5* G 4, built 1955, Laurin/Schlichting, last note: Kiel Week 1964, Helmsman: H.-Th. Walther

*Fortuna V 5.5* G 19, built 1969, Chance/Lehmann, equipped by Heinrich, last note: Sold after the World's in Geneva 1972, Seller: E. Hepp

*Wallaby 5.5* G 21, built 1977, Chance/Sommerfeld, last note: Bodensee, sold by the family of Charly Sauer

It is no illusion to find them as well - the last note on G 2 did just say: "Sold in the 50's"....

### Australia still going strong

**Colin Ryan** visited Cowes on the way back to Sydney from Hanko Race Week to see Craig

Symonette's new boat under construction and met up with **Doug Peterson** and **Ian Howlett** to discuss the design of a new boat. This will be finalized after the San Remo WC. Colin is trying to persuade **Doug** and **Ian** to attend and have a close up look at Craig's new boat in action. **Colin** hopes that his initiative will create local and overseas interest in a more cost effective boat. **Colin** has full support from **Craig** to bring back the "development" in our 5.5m Development Class



My Shout with Dave De Coster will be entering the Scandinavian Gold Cup in San Remo

The Australian race season starts in September and the local fleet will be boosted by **Mark Hunters** purchase of AUS-29 Antares also Rob **Fielding's** AUS-58 *Goddam* " and **Colin Ryan's** AUS-55 *Sic Em Rex* will be back as active competitors.



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AUS-58 Goddam now belongs to Rob Fielding

Australia's 2007 Scandinavian Gold Cup representative at San Remo will be **David (Dave) De Coster** sailing **Gordon Ingate's My Shout**. At the recent Australian AGM **Gordon** generously offered his boat to **David** and **Gordon has stated he will crew** for Dave along with fellow Australian **David Giles**.....we will all be watching this with interest.

Australia is looking to have the World Championships again and will actively campaign for 2010 or 2012.

### Miscellaneous news from Switzerland

Former Candida 3 commissioned by British Peter Andreae, owned by German Jens Cornelsen was sold to Swiss Frédéric Beck on lake Geneva. Frédéric de Rutté from Morges sold his famous Sunrise to Austria and bought Philippe Kolly's Zen SUI-175, he is having her brought back to her original wooden finish and Steve Eggenberger has recommissioned SUI-163 now sailing under name Celtic-Melody. So things are moving ...

The Swiss championship will be sailed in Geneva next year from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of July.

### Looking for a new webmaster and information officer

It is now nearly 10 years that I have been on the post and I have decided to hand over the job by end of this year. So if you are interested or if you know someone willing to take on this position, please let me know asap. Basically he or she will have to keep the 5.5 fleet informed either through news letters or any other means, he or she will have to update the website and keep the correspondence generated by this activity.

Please contact: Ambroise Johnson, email: [ambroisej@hotmail.com](mailto:ambroisej@hotmail.com)

### AGM 2007 – San Remo – September 19<sup>th</sup>

Meeting place will be communicated later

Topics (unofficial):

- Committee members
- Evolution range
- Helmsman hiking
- Swiss proposal for the Gold Cup organization
- Next World Championship