



IODA Regatta Committee 2023 AGM REPORT

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2023 IODA CHAMPIONSHIPS

North American	July 2 – 9	Antigua
Europeans	July 15 – 22	Thessaloniki, Greece
WORLDS	June 15 – 25	Costa Brava, Spain
Euro Team Race	August 25– 30	Loosdrecht, NED
Africans	May 2 – 9	M'diq, Morocco
Asian Oceanian	October 29 – Nov 5	Abu Dhabi
South Americans	April 15 – 22	Paracas, Peru

Continuous Commitment to Development in RC

Since the introduction of the IODA event microsites in 2017, IODA Regatta Committee has continued to make custom improvements for events:

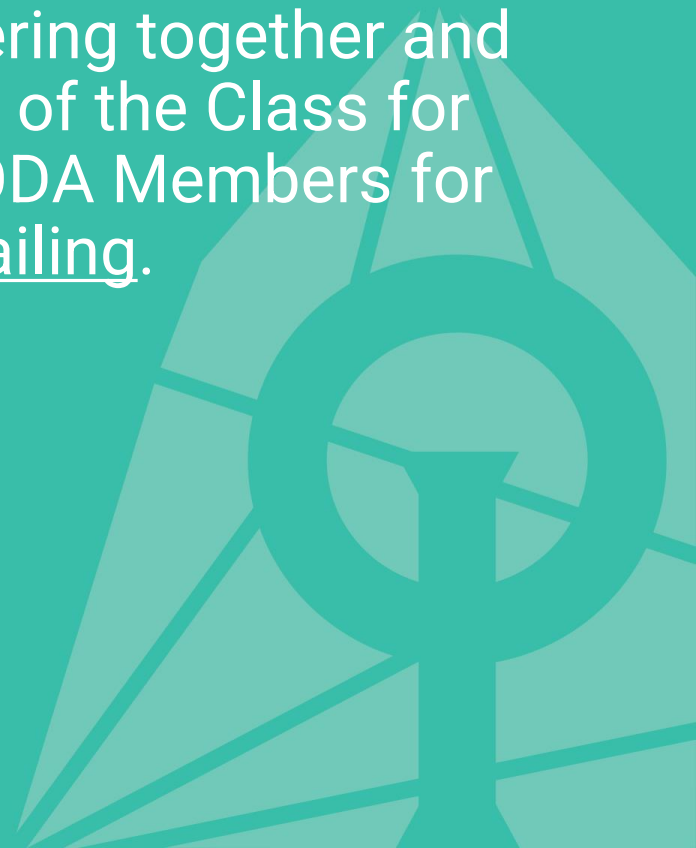
- to assist the organizers of the IODA Championships with delivery
- to maintain consistent standards and high delivery no matter where we are in the world
- to enrich the IODA Member and sailor enjoyment.

Platforms to Improve Experience:

- IODA Event Microsite
- Mobile Smart Phone APP
- Scoring Integrated Package and Real Time Results
- Paperless Measurement Integrated with Entry System (in partnership with IODA TC)
- Accreditation Program for Security in the Venue and Boat Park
- Digital Race Office and ONB
- Standard Mandatory Safety Protocols Afloat
- -Race Officials Development Programs
- -Support for more Women Mentors

The 50th Anniversary of the IODA

The IODA History Microsite is a new initiative of the IODA and will be dedicated to gathering together and preserving in perpetuity the history of the Class for the continuous enjoyment of the IODA Members for the future of Optimist sailing.



Historical Articles and Documents Preserved

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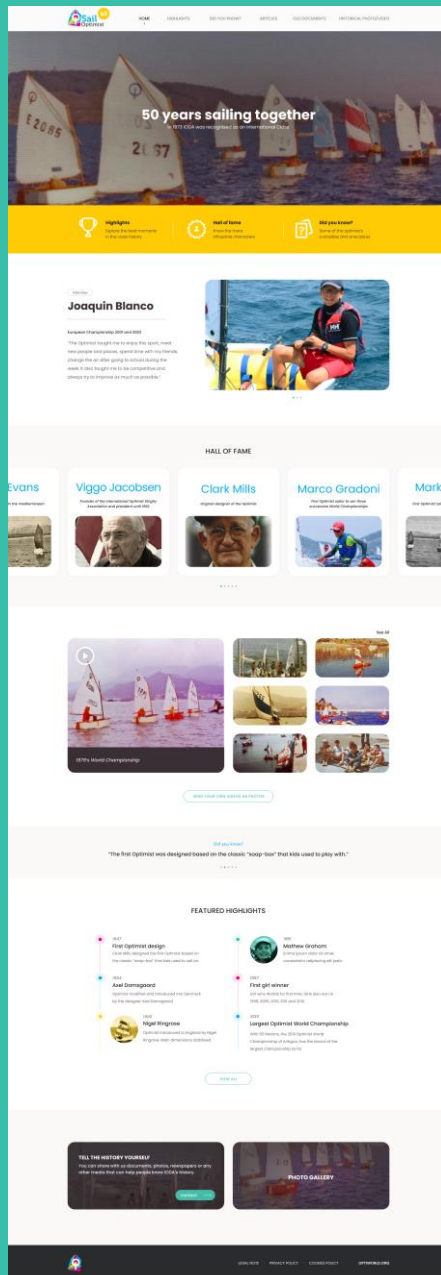
The International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA) was founded at the fourth Regatta in 1955 in Turku in Finland

The first members were Austria, Denmark, Finland, Great Britain, Norway, Sweden and USA, followed shortly by Germany and Rhodesia (Zimbabwe).

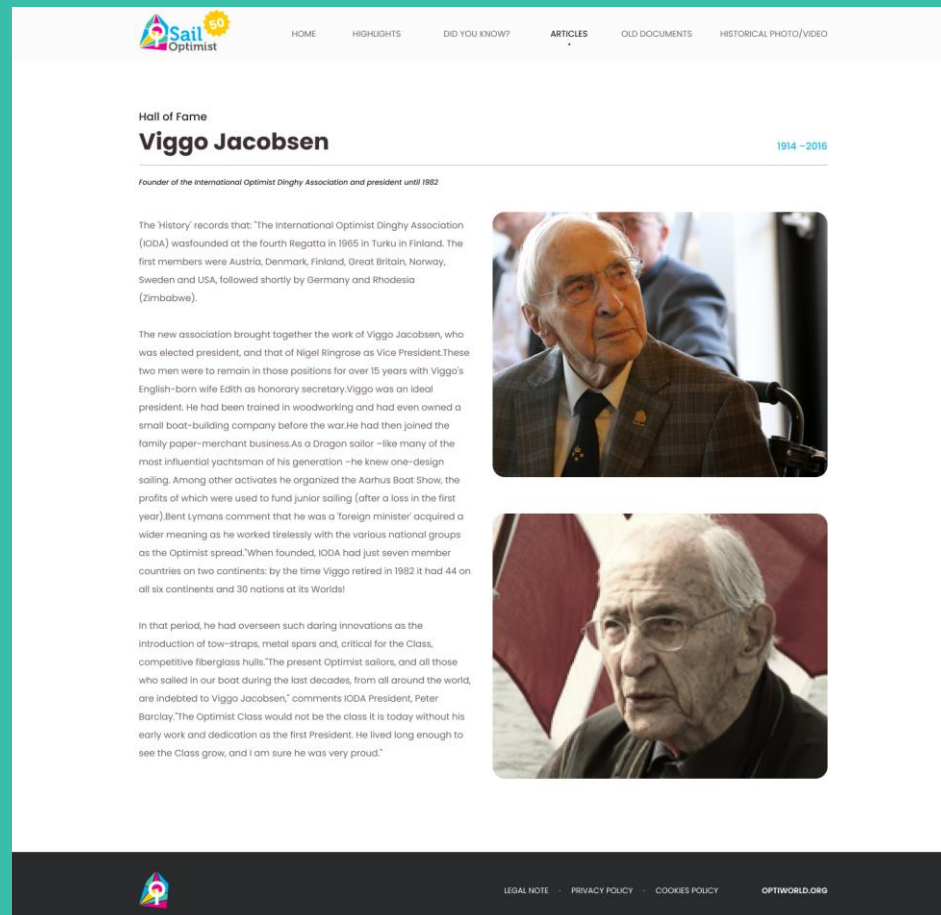
The new association brought together the work of Viggo Jacobsen, who was elected president, and that of Nigel Ringrose as vice-president. These two were to remain in those positions for over 15 years with Viggo's English-born wife Edith as honorary secretary. Viggo was an ideal president. He had been trained in woodworking and had even owned a small boat-building company before the war. He had then joined the family paper-merchant business. As a Dragon sailor - like many of the most influential yachtsmen of his generation - he knew one-design sailing.

Among other activities he organised the Århus Boat Show, the profits of which were used to fund junior sailing (after a loss in the first year). Bent Lyman's comment that he was a 'foreign minister' acquired a wider meaning as he worked tirelessly with the various national groups as the Optimist spread. Nigel was a great roving ambassador. "He worked for the United Nations and set up Opti programs wherever he went around the world. He came here and said "why don't you guys have any Optis here?" was the typical report of Connecticut's Sinclair Ivar Ahlgren from Långedragss in Göteborg, president of the newly formed Swedish Optimist Association, became the auditor, a position he was to hold for over thirty years. Understandably apart from Nigel most of the leading lights of the new IODA were for many years Scandinavian, among them Lars Wallin, Eric Carsten Hansen and Jens Andersen as chairmen of the IODA Technical Committee. None of these were current Optimist parents which gave a consistency and strength seen in few other Classes. This is an extract of the document Viggo Jacobsen & the Optimist Dinghy by Robert Wilkes. Full document available at https://www.optiworld.org/uploaded_files/VJHistory.pdf

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Highlights on Important Figures of the IODA - People who first Built OUR Class and Who are Continuing their work



Member pages to share everyone's unique history globally

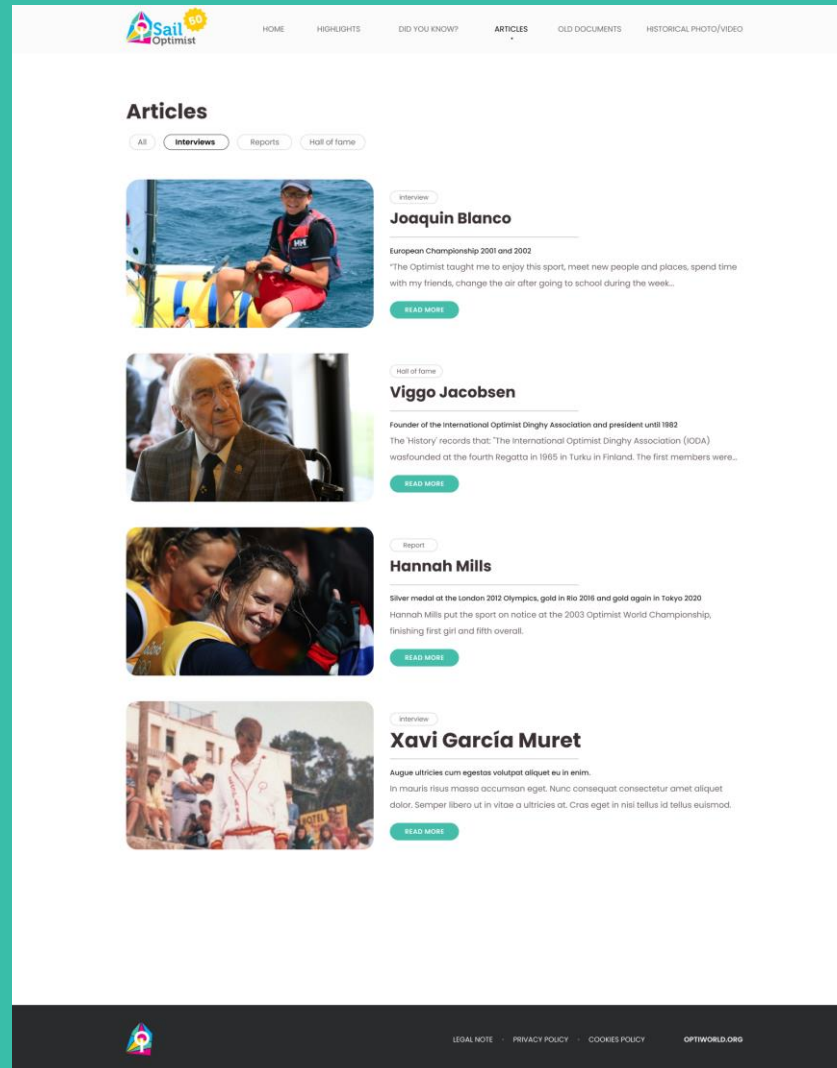
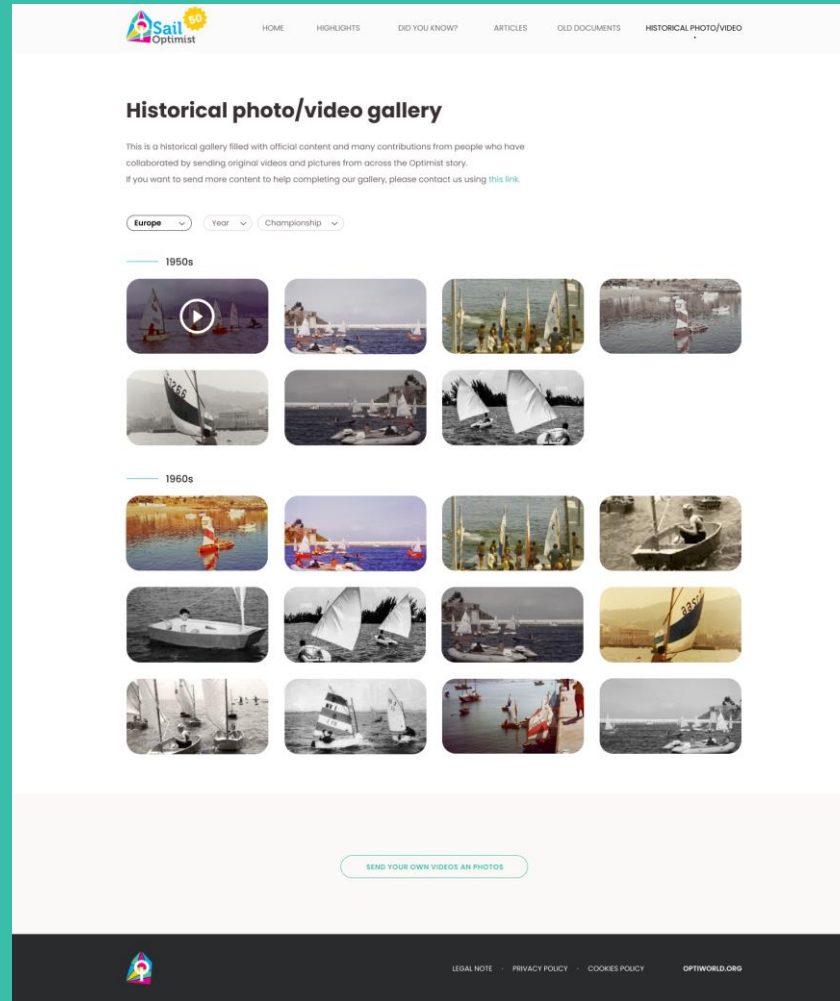
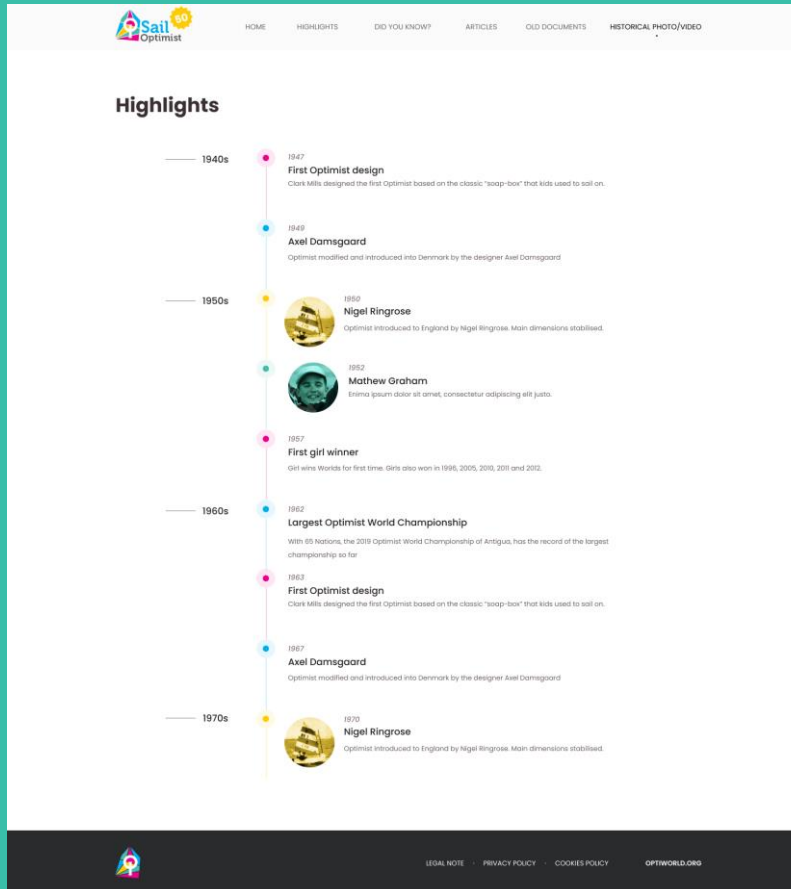


Photo and Video Gallery for Members and Sailors ABOUT Members and Sailors – from Then to Now



Timelines of Important Moments throughout the over 60 years of the Optimist Boat - worldwide



The screenshot displays the SAIL Optimist 60 website's 'Highlights' section. The page features a vertical timeline with colored dots representing key events. The timeline is organized by decades: 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s. Each event is marked with a year, a name, and a brief description. The website's navigation bar at the top includes links for HOME, HIGHLIGHTS, DID YOU KNOW?, ARTICLES, OLD DOCUMENTS, and HISTORICAL PHOTO/VIDEO. The footer contains the SAIL Optimist 60 logo and links for LEGAL NOTE, PRIVACY POLICY, COOKIES POLICY, and OPTIWORLD.ORG.

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Highlights

- 1940s**
 - 1947**
First Optimist design
Clark Mills designed the first Optimist based on the classic "soap-box" that kids used to sail on.
 - 1949**
Axel Damsgaard
Optimist modified and introduced into Denmark by the designer Axel Damsgaard
- 1950s**
 - 1950**
Nigel Ringrose
Optimist introduced to England by Nigel Ringrose. Main dimensions stabilised.
 - 1952**
Mathew Graham
Emma Graham doted at sailer, constructor adapting sail jibs.
 - 1957**
First girl winner
Girl wins Worlds for first time. Girls also won in 1996, 2005, 2009, 2011 and 2012.
- 1960s**
 - 1962**
Largest Optimist World Championship
With 69 Nations, the 2019 Optimist World Championship of Antigua, has the record of the largest championships so far.
 - 1963**
First Optimist design
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