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## **Robbe & Berking Sterling Cup und 6 mR- World Championship 01.-08. August 2013**

This weekend the 6mR World Championship started in Glücksburg, near Flensburg, just at the German border to Denmark. Organized by the Flensburger Segel-Club, the „International 6mR Association“ and the “Robbe & Berking Yachtmanufaktur” it takes place as part of the “R&B Sterling Cup” for 12mR, 6mR and 5.5mR yachts.

The weather conditions being fantastic, with moderate westerly winds up to 3 Beaufort 34 yachts from 9 nations crossed the starting line on Sunday morning: 11 started in the division of the “Moderns“ (build later than 1965) and 23 in the „Classics“ division (build before 1965).

After 2 of 8 races, the Scandinavians dominate the Classic Division. Henrik Lundberg from Finland took the lead with his 6mR FRIDOLIN followed by Lars Guck from Norway (FLAPPER). The third place holds, with even points, the defending champion Henrik Tenström, also from Finland, with his SARA AF HANGÖ. As best German participant Dr. Björn Storsberg (AIDA) from the organizing Flensburger Segel-Club follows as fourth.

In the „Modern“ Division, Robert Smith, (VALHALLA) from Britain finished first in the overall ranking. The Swiss Beat Furrer (TEMPTATION<sup>3</sup>), took the second place, both on even points, and the Canadian Ross Macdonald (ST.FRANCIS IX) became third.

The Championship will be continued today at 11:00 hrs and will be sailed until the 8<sup>th</sup> August 2013. Predictions about the final outcome cannot yet be concluded from these first results. 6 races are still to be sailed and there are quite a few aspirants that would like to play a part in the awarding of the title. One of them being the reigning European Champion and World Champion of 2009 in the Classic Division, Don Martin from Canada with

his 6mR GALLANT. Currently he holds the fifth place, with a 2nd and a 9th place in the overall ranking. Today he could already cheer as winner of the Robbe & Berking Sterling Cup.

Glücksburg, 05<sup>th</sup> August 2013

## **Robbe & Berking Sterling Cup und 6 mR- World Championship 01.-08. August 2013, 2<sup>nd</sup> Day**

The second day of the Robbe & Berking 6mR World Championship, in Glücksburg (Flensburg Fjord) challenged its participants today with tricky conditions. Two races had been scheduled of which the first one confronted the competitors with light, often shifting south easterly winds and

some wind holes. During the second race it developed to a quite strong easterly wind that became even stronger during the course of the race, with gusts up to 6 Beaufort, so that a few damages with rigs and sails could not be prevented. Nevertheless Race Committee Chairman Claus-Otto Hansen from the organizing Flensburger Segel-Club considered the conditions as “just perfect for a world championship”. For him and his team it had been, despite all necessary concentration “pure fun to enjoy these boats racing”...

In the Modern Division it was the Swiss 6metre ‘SOFIE II’ with Skipper Hugo Stenbeck who could cope best with the changing winds. Although he dominated in both races of the day with first places he could not yet take the overall lead from Robert Smith (VALHALLA) of Great Britain. With 10 points Stenbeck and his crew became second. Smith remained first with two second places today and 9 points in the overall scoring. The third place holds, just as yesterday, the Canadian Ross Macdonald (ST.FRANCIS IX). Best German in the category „Moderns“ is former World Champion Albert Batzill with COURAGE IX, holding place four.

In the „Classic“ Division the American Mat Brooks (LUCIE) won the first race of the day, while the second race was won by the British NADA with Poul-Richard Hoj-Jensen at the helm. Nevertheless it was Lars Guck from Norway with FLAPPER who, with 14 points, impressively took the lead in the overall scoring. His competitors Eric Jespersen (LLANORIA) from USA und Henrik Lundberg from Finnland, (FRIDOLIN) achieved places two and three, both with 25 points.

The world championship, organized by the Flensburger Segel-Club, the „International 6mR Association“ and the “Robbe & Berking Yachtmanufaktur” will be continued tomorrow. Due to a weather warning for Tuesday morning, there will be a delay so that the first start is scheduled at 12:00 hrs.

Glücksburg, 06<sup>th</sup> August 2013

### **Robbe & Berking Sterling Cup und 6 mR- World Championship 01.-08. August 2013, 3<sup>rd</sup> Day**

No racing on the third day of the Robbe & Berking 6mR World Championship, in Glücksburg (Flensburg Fjord). The day began with a delay due to a weather warning. Unfortunately the situation did not improve. With more than 7 Beaufort the wind blew steadily beyond class limits so that it was not possible to start.

The world championship, organized by the Flensburger Segel-Club, the „International 6mR Association“ and the “Robbe & Berking Yachtmanufaktur” will be continued tomorrow. The first start is scheduled at 11:00 hrs.

Glücksburg, 07<sup>th</sup> August 2013

### **Robbe & Berking Sterling Cup and 6 mR- World Championship 01<sup>st</sup> -08<sup>th</sup> August 2013, 4<sup>th</sup> day**

St. FRANCIS IX from Canada and FRIDOLIN from Finland are the 6mR World Champions 2013.

After four days of racing the Robbe&Berking 6mR World Championship, organized by the Flensburger Segel-Club with the support of the „International 6mR Association“ (ISMA) and the “Robbe & Berking Yachtmanufaktur”, ended today off Glücksburg (Flensburg Fjord, Germany) .

World Champion in the Modern Division (build later than 1965) became the

Canadian Ross Macdonald and his team with their 6mR St. FRANCIS IX (CAN 135). With a second place in today's fifth and final race of the series he pushed the so far leading European Champion of 2012 Robert Smith (GBR 107) and his VALHALLA to the second place in the overall scoring. The third place took the former World-and European Champion Alba Batzill from Germany (GER 118) with his 6mR COURAGE IX. Batzill and his crew were able to cope best with the light and shifty breezes of this last day of racing and could thus improve their position in the overall scoring from a fourth rank to the position of the bronze medalist. Finally it was a very close victory margin as the three leading teams lay only one point apart of each other (17, 18, 19).

In the „Classic“- Division it was the Finn Henrik Lundberg who could decide the championship in his favor. With his 6mR FRIDOLIN (Fin 12) finishing second in today's race he gained the first place in the overall scoring with 27 points. Vice-Champion became the so far leading Lars Guck from Norway with FLAPPER (NOR 71) ending up on 15<sup>th</sup> place only in today's race and 29 total points, followed by Eric Jespersen (USA 83) with LLANORIA (31 points). Clear winner of the last race of the championship was LUCIE (USA 55). The night before the well-known light-wind-specialists around Skipper Matt Brooks had organized a great party to celebrate the 83<sup>th</sup> birthday of their „Old Lady“- today they were rewarded with a first place!

On Tuesday the Flensburg Fjord had presented itself quite rough to the 34 competing boats from 9 nations, with strong winds and heavy puffs up to 7 Beaufort, so that according to the class rules no racing was possible. This morning it appeared most beautifully only the plain sea worried the organizing team of the Flensburger Segel-Club on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of racing. Very swift easterly winds around 2 Beaufort with many shifts meant difficult conditions for everyone and a long day at sea. “We had to keep the sailors waiting for nearly 4 hours until a light sea breeze was building up”, reported Regatta Chairman Claus Otto Hansen.

In both divisions, Classics and Moderns, only one race each could be finished in due time today. Thus the R&B 6mR World Championship ended with a minimum of five races instead of the eight, originally planned. For the competitors this meant that no discard was possible so that they were not able to drop their worst result.

Finally an event ended that will be well remembered! The exceptionally warm and sunny weather provided a nearly Caribbean atmosphere ashore and on the waters. The varying wind conditions from light to heavy air allowed the participants to show all their nautical skills and talents and finally to honor their true champions.

The Robbe & Berking 6mR World Championship will end tomorrow with the official prize-giving ceremony.

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