German Topper Class Association – Regatta Report

Fäßlas Regatta 2006

As the final regatta of the German 2006 season it is always looked forward to not only because the northern and southern German Topper fleets traditionally meet up for this final attempt to influence the national rankings, but also because of the reputation of exceptional hospitality provided by the host Yacht Club Ansbach-Gunzenhausen (YCAG).

Saturday Night Fleet Rock'in! – From left to right: Andy Jung (German Topper Class Association Chairman), Elmar Rosemann, and the indomitable Willy Wendler

The 26-strong fleet was feasted and feted in the usual manner with the additional bonus that this year's event sponsor local brewers Hauff provided ample proof of the quality of their products!

Unfortunately, the only feature missing from this excellent event on the Altmühlsee was wind!

Despite the best efforts of the regatta management under the leadership of André Buchert with Martin Ruttman and Klaus Panhans only two races were started over the whole regatta weekend. The second race being abandoned when the Finn class, who were also sailing their own event, gave up and headed for home en-mass!

Concentration required spotting the shifts – note the variety of sail settings!

The light winds of the first race were however to dispel a myth which had built up around the excessive weight of some members of the German Topper fleet following some disappointing performances at the World Championships this year at Lake Garda. In the millpond-like conditions some of the stouter members of the German fleet were able to sail through to the front of the pack and with this being the only race to count record some of their best results of the season!

As was probably to be expected in such challenging conditions – long-time German ace and veteran Willy Wendler took the event on his home waters – going someway to make-up for his disappointment at capsize – injury and loss of equipment costing him any chance of success in the equivalent event at the start of the season. Tony Davies from the northern German Toppers took advantage of the shifty conditions to record his best result since returning to Toppers after almost 27 years absence with second place. Harald Roth rounded off the top three.

The event also gave the German governing body the opportunity to plan and excellent season for 2007 and the draft programme is published below.

From left to right: André Buchert (Race Officer), Steffen Kuch, Willy Wendler, Harald Roth, Tony Davies and Jochen Meyer (YCAG Chairman)

Results

Posn.	Sail-Nr.	Helm	Club
1	GER-33617	Wilhelm Wendler	YCAG
2	GER-42932	Tony Davies	BMSC
3	GER-7468	Harald Roth	YCAG
4	GER-24979	Steffen Kuch	YCAG
5	GER-44500	Lennart van Wanum	OSC
6	GER-32000	Elmar Rosemann	EKSG
7	GER-15578	Christoph Stalla	SVM
8	GER-32093	Udo Wendler	YCAG
9	GER-35654	Andreas Jung	KSC
10	GER-45700	Simon Horsfield	BMSC
11	GER-25876	Florian Schuster	YCAG
12	GER-42702	Antony Lea Harod	BMSC
13	GER-35659	Philipp Schreitmüller	SVM
14	GER-37661	Cordula Heise	LSCN
15	GER-34737	Helmut Völp	NTKD
16	GER-28619	Andres Stalla	SVM
17	GER-30615	Lisa Gölsdorf	KSC
18	GER-133617	Philipp Zuckermandel	YCAG
19	GER-8080	Norbert Heise	LSCN/OSC
20	GER-30143	Markus Schuster	YCAG
21	GER-35617	Anja Schreitmüller	SVM
22	GER-5873	Maximilian Reiter	YCAG
23	GER-25937	Gerald Holler	NTKD
24	GER-30143	Wolfgang Breyer	YCAG
25	GER-6220	Alexander Breyer	YCAG
26	GER-30097	Andreas Matulla	YCAG

German Topper Class Association – Provisional Programme 2007

Event	Location	Host Club	Date
Bratwurst Regatta	Altmühlsee	Yacht-Club Ansbach Gunzenhausen e.V.	28/29. April
Traubenblüten-Regatta“	Breitenauersee	Obersulmer Segelsport-Club e. V.	12/13. May
National Training Week	Möhnesee	British Möhnesee Sailing Club	27 May – 1. June
Anglo-German Regatta	Möhnesee	British Möhnesee Sailing Club	2/3 June
Schwaben-Pokal	Lechstaustufe 23	Königsbrunner Segelclub e.V.	23/24 June
Allgäu-Cup	Forggensee	Yachtschule Forggensee	11/12 August
TOPPER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	Lake Garda	Fraglia Vela Malcesine	25-31. August
Fäßlas-Regatta	Altmühlsee	Yacht-Club Ansbach Gunzenhausen e.V.	13-14. September
German Team Racing Championships	Möhnesee	British Möhnesee Sailing Club	29-30. September
Winter Meeting	Dortmund	British Möhnesee Sailing Club	8-9. December