

International Yngling Association

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Yngling For Match Racing

The Yngling will be a good match racing boat. With the tight mark roundings in fleet racing it has proved to be a very speed equal boat. It is a small keelboat, but the overhanging transom will provide for classical match racing with ability to lock and control your opponent. Olympic Gold Medallist and current Yngling sailor Sofia BEKATOROU (GRE) comments "...its performance depends more on crew work and not so much on speed. It is a very tactical boat.."



*The team of Sofia BEKATOROU (GRE) gybing in front of Siren SUNDBY (NOR) during the Yngling Match racing test event in Blanes, Spain, April 2008.
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The request to supply equipment for the women keelboat event at the Olympic Games and ISAF qualifiers will also present challenges for existing major event organisers. The IYA has the financial, organisational and logistic strength to be a strong partner and equipment expert to any regatta organiser wishing to supply Ynglings.

The Yngling is spread worldwide and has been an International Class since 1979. The latest Yngling Women World Championships have attracted sailors from all six continents. Worldwide availability is guaranteed by six Yngling builders around the world, all independent and licensed by ISAF, which ensures quality and a sound market competition.

The Yngling has shown, with televised medal races and match racing, that it is truly media friendly and gives the audience an opportunity to follow the tactical game of sailing and the excitement of close mark roundings and spinnaker manoeuvres.

A recommendation for a simple layout has been presented to make it easier for any crew to get quickly comfortable in the boat. Replacing hobbles and harnesses with normal hiking straps, and limiting the rig trim possibilities are some of the recommendations. The simple layout in combination with multiple orders will also help bring down the price of the boat.

The International Yngling Class website at yngling.org has dedicated a special section to information about the Yngling for Match Racing. In it you can read about the advantages of the Yngling, see images and movies from match racing test events, find interviews of sailors and more.

Please feel welcome to contact IYA if you require any further information.

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