



INTERNATIONAL 6mR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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Four times European Champion and World Champion Bernard Haissly in 'Fleau' added the 2007 World crown to his tally in the 100th Anniversary year of the 6-Metre Class at Cowes. Run by the Royal Yacht Squadron in very testing weather conditions and strong tides, the 48 strong fleet of moderns and classics both enjoyed highly competitive racing.

Support for the event was provided by Bentley Cars, Harken, Slam, Norfolkline, Marina Developments, Ocean World, and Azure Dragon.

This double bill of the 6-Metre Worlds plus the Metre Regatta has attracted the largest gathering of 6-Metres in the Solent ever, boosted by some stunning classics including 'Sun Ray', the first classic replica built in 2005. She finished 2nd overall on equal points with the new Classic World Champion 'Fagel Bla' owned by Fredrich Dahlman, both boats discarding 9th places in a fleet of 25, and separated only by a first place score. By contrast, and possibly the most interesting boat present is the 1915 'Cailin', Irish owned but sailing as F23, and built to the original Metre rule of 1907. Kenneth Peranen's all varnished 1938 'Toy' won the Concours d'Elegance.

With no practice race on Wednesday due to a strong south westerly, a stranded boat on the Brambles Bank, and the cancellation of Race One as the wind failed the event began to lose some focus, but Friday brought 8-15 knots of breeze that would shift from 345 to 270 degrees. This was a test for the race management, but it was the on-form crews that made short work of picking the right spot to start and negotiating the major wind shifts.

Three races completed on Saturday made it a valid championship, and two splendid races on Sunday would be the finale as a fresh easterly and driving rain on Monday morning precipitated an earlier cancellation, if not to everyone's approval. 'Battlecry' had been showing good form in heavy airs but was denied the opportunity to close the 5 point deficit on 'Fleau', however in good 6-Metre tradition it was all smiles at the awards ceremony at the RYS Pavilion.

Overall Results:

Modern Division

1	SUI77	Fleau	Bernard Haissly	22 points
2	GBR89	Battlecry	The Prentice Trust	27
3	GER118	Courage IX	Dietrich Gruenau	29
4	F116	Bravade VI	J D Sarraquigne	33
5	GBR86	Scoundrel One	Robert Bicket	36
6	GBR94	Wildcat II	Andy & Cathy Ash-Vie	39

Classic Division (pre-1965)

1	SWE6	Fagel Bla	Fredrich Dahlman	21
2	DEN64	Sun Ray	Eric T Larsen/ Hans Oen	21
3	GBR48	Caprice	Paul Smith	22
4	GBR22	Titia	Andy Postle & Brian Pope	26
5	FRA111	Dix Aout	Pierre-Paul Heckly	34
6	US54	Bobkat II	Doug Peterson	35