

13th FAI EUROPEAN GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2005
15m and Open Classes
4.-17.7.2005
Rayskala, Finland

GENERAL

**EGC2005 FINLAND WAS BUILT UP WITHIN VERY SHORT TIME 2004-2005.*

POINT-OF-VIEW ONLY INTO COMPETITION OPERATIONS.

-NO SPONSORS

-NO OUT-OF-AIRFIELD ACTIVITIES BY THE ORGANISATION.

LUCKILY THE WEATHER WAS TOO GOOD FOR THOSE ONES – WE HAD TO FLY!

**MOST “FATAL” BACKSTRIKE WAS THE REJECTION FOR THE INITIATIVE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF COMPETITORS PER NATION (FINLAND 12/2004).*

**42 GLIDERS PARTICIPATED, 3 OF THEM DAMAGED IN FINAL-GLIDE CRASHES WITHOUT PERSONAL INJURIES.*

**12 DAYS OF 12 POSSIBLE WAS FLOWN WITH ~75 HOURS AVERAGE, TOTAL 199 700 KILOMETRES. THE FIRST 1000KM TASK WAS SET FOR OPEN CLASS AND FLOWN BY 17 PILOTS.*

THE FIRST 833 KM TASK IN INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 15METERS CLASS WAS SET AND FLOWN BY 21 PILOTS

ORGANISATION

was collected from several gliding clubs by Competition Director and Deputy. Competition Director Juha Silvennoinen is the most experienced national competition director since 1992. He is a retired Air Force navigator and works now as an Air Traffic Controller.

**Deputy Director is the Executive Manager of Rayskala Saatio (Foundation) Jorma Laine and very experienced competition director like Silvennoinen.*

All members were experienced in competition-organisation.

Everybody participated into training-occasions.

Organisation/ arrangements were tested in Finnish Nationals 15m/ Std 2005.

**Attention was focused into operations of*

-competition office

-task setting/ results

-software. We used SeeYou which is the best software up-to-date.

PREPARATIONS

RAYSKALA IS THE MOST ACTIVE MULTI-SPORT AVIATION CENTRE IN FINLAND AND HOME FOR ~60 GLIDERS.

ALL PREPARATION NEEDED WAS THE WIRELESS NETWORK TO RAYSKALA AIRFIELD AREA.

SOME INTERIOR FIXING FOR THE MOTEL AND OTHER PREMISES WAS RE-SCHEDULED.

AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT

AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT MODEL WAS 2005 THIRD TIME IN USE FOR COMPETITONS.

SOUTHERN HALF OF FINLAND IS DIVIDED INTO AREAS WITH ID-LETTERS WHICH WERE ACTIVATED DURING TASK-SETTING WITH AREA CONTROL CENTRE (NOTAM).

TASK SETTING

Task setting team:

- Meteorologist, on-the-site
- Deputy
- Competition Director
- observed strictly by Stewards

First info of next day for Taem was given during late evening by the meteorologist on the site.

During the morning hours met-man observed the situation continuously until towings started.

Tasks were planned/ optimised for 90% pilots coming home.

ECONOMICS

**ZERO-RESULT*

**WE DID NOT GET 15-20 GLIDERS ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY ENTRIES AND REQUESTS.*

JURY AND STEWARDS

*Co-operation between organisation and Jury was very easy since very first moments here in Rayskala.

Discussions about the “spirit of the Rules” and possible interpretation of them were held some times in advance (“if something happens; in case of...; etc.”).

PETER RYDER, GER

PATRICK POWELS, BEL

VISA-MATTI LEINIKKI, FIN.

**STEWARDS LIKE JURY MEMBERS WERE VERY EXPERIENCED IN THEIR DUTIES.*

CO-OPERATION/ DISCUSSION WAS VERY CLOSE AND NATURAL.

THEY WERE PRESENT ALL THE TIME EVERYWHERE AND THEIR NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS POINTED OUT SEVERAL ITEMS WHICH WERE SOLVED WELL BEFORE THESE TURNED TO BE A PROBLEM.

ROLE OF STEWARDS IS VERY IMPORTANT. HIGH ATTENTION FOR THEIR PERSON AND EXPERIENCE MUST BE PAID ALSO IN FUTURE.

RICHARD BRADLEY, RSA

RITZ SCHUIT-DE LUIJ, NED/ AUT.

Detailed notes and observations can be found in the reports of The Jury and Stewards.

Competition Director JUHA SILVENNOINEN