

IOD Fleet Sweden – 2025 Update & Outlook 2026 -2027

Introduction

This information letter provides an overview of the IOD Fleet Sweden's activities during 2025, summarizes key events, and outlines plans for winter and spring, along with important developments regarding the fleet and the upcoming IOD Worlds 2027.

2025 Activities

The fleet was active with several events this autumn, including scheduled buoy racing at the IOD Klassmästerskap (SM + Class Championship) in Askeröfjorden organized with Stenungsunds Segelsällskap (StSS).

Ongoing local races and training took place at Almösunds Marina, Tjörn, maintaining tradition for skill-building and camaraderie.

The annual fleet meeting is set for November 15th at Stenungsögården, providing a forum to review the season, discuss results, and plan future directions, with an evening dinner to foster fleet community.

3 Swedish teams also participated in the IOD World Championship in Northeast Harbor, Maine, strengthening international connections.

Fleet Status and Boat Movements

IOD:s

All fleet boats are now out of the water, new sails jib and main is order for next season from Albatross sails.

Boat SWE70 was sold to Norway (Oslofjorden), where a new fleet is being planed to established. Last year, boat SWE 66 was sold, while in 2024, Sweden acquired boat NOR 36 (wooden boat) from Norway.

This highlights the need for starting new production of fiberglass boats to maintain the fleet's strength.

A small manufacturer will quote for four semi-finished hulls (fiberglass-ready)—two for Norway, two for Sweden. The fleet is also in contact with potential boat sellers in Canada and San Francisco.

Racing Setbacks

The IOD Fleet Championship's four races planned for October were cancelled due to a severe storm, with wind speeds up to 25 m/s (approx. 48 knots), prioritizing safety for crews and boats.

Winter 2025-2026 Plans

Winter will focus on tactical workshops, race rule sessions, sailtrim, rig-tuning and training to maintain competitiveness and prep for the next season.

The 2026 event calendar, published in February, will schedule buoy races and potential extended gatherings, with more details to follow post-annual meeting.

Spring 2026 Outlook

Ramp-up for local and regional regattas, qualification for the IOD Worlds, and strategic efforts to recruit and engage new sailors, especially youth.

Seminar and event organization aims to ensure continued performance and growth.

Worlds 2027 Planning and Generational Renewal

Planning for Worlds 2027 has begun, with the goal of creating the best-ever championship, with racing and activities centered maybe on Lilla Brattön.

Focus areas include fostering community, creating activities for accompanying guests, and managing a generational shift—many boats and crews will need to transition to new sailors. This is the Swedish fleets biggest challenge ever.

The November 15th annual meeting includes traditional points and a “next generation” session on future sailors.

Recent Sporting Success

The current IOD Swedish Champions won “Mästarnas Mästare” in the J70, with Jonnie Berntsson prevailing over more than 40 other Swedish champions. Jonnie also won the Match Cup in Bermuda, putting the IOD class in the national spotlight.

Closing Remarks

Fleet members are encouraged to stay active over the winter, join training sessions and meetings, and contribute ideas for continued development and success of IOD Fleet Sweden. The boats will be even better shape due to our ”own” workshop where we can work with one to two IOD:s at the same time. Our president Robin Johannneson and Lars Berntsson is doing a fantastic work to keep the IOD in excellent condition.

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