

Flinn Cup 3rd Edition: When the weather joins in the fun!



The third edition of the **FLINN Cup** took place despite some help from the breezy conditions that made the competition even more challenging and entertaining. The Flinn Cup is the 7th regatta in the Ostend Cup series, organized by Ostend Sailing vzw every year during the first weekend of September. It includes an Inter Law Firm sailing competition, between Belgian and international law firms, off the coast of Ostend.

Amongst this year's competitors were an international crew from "Lawrope", with crew members from Belgium, France, Germany, Italy the United Kingdom, and the United States. From the Belgian Bar, crews representing **Allen & Overy Belgium, ALTIUS, Awerian, Billiet & co** and **FLINN Law** participated in the racing.

The clubs who participate in the Ostend Cup have gathered resources and infrastructure so that sailors from different categories of boats (Zeiljachten, Dragons, SB20, Catamarans, Patin a vela) can enjoy a quality sailing experience and share their resources.

Benoit Simpelaere, chairman of Ostend Sailing, commented:

"It seems the skippers have done an excellent job by coaching our colleagues to sail their racing yachts. We are honored to host such international event which is the result of joining forces between 3 clubs OSTEND SAILING, RNSYC and TWINS. Big fun for more than 100 persons on the water and a full house for the festivities in our club house on Oosteroever beach. Congratulations to Allen & Overy, who supports this event from the first edition and will hopefully defend its title on 5 September 2020."

Jan Allema, the skipper of the **Allen & Overy Belgium** team explained: *"Due to the strong wind (17-21 knots), there were really hard conditions for a first acquaintance with competition sailing. The crew learned about sailing terms and the regulation on the water. Everybody was really impressed with the gradient of the yacht and the effect of the waves on the vessel. Some of them were almost seasick. All of them where wet but happy!"*

The competition was challenging and intense, and the prizes were distributed as follows:

1. Monaqua – Jan Alleman	Allen & Overy
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2. Palomar – Lothar Debruycker	FLINN
3. Au Boel'eau – Nicolas Boel	Awerian
4. Moonlight shadow – Chris Baert	Billiet&co
5. XTRMLY – Arnaud Vanschoote	Allen & Overy
6. Surplus – Jan Deltour	Lawrope
7. Katmandu – Freddy Desmet	Allen & Overy
8. Mr. Sandman – Zlatan Ibralic	Altius
9. Alena – Filip Lammens	FLINN

The competition was followed by a delicious "Land and Sea" BBQ in Ostend Sailing's cozy clubhouse on Oosteroever beach, followed by a "Soirée Blanche" themed crew party.