

ISAF World Sailing Rankings

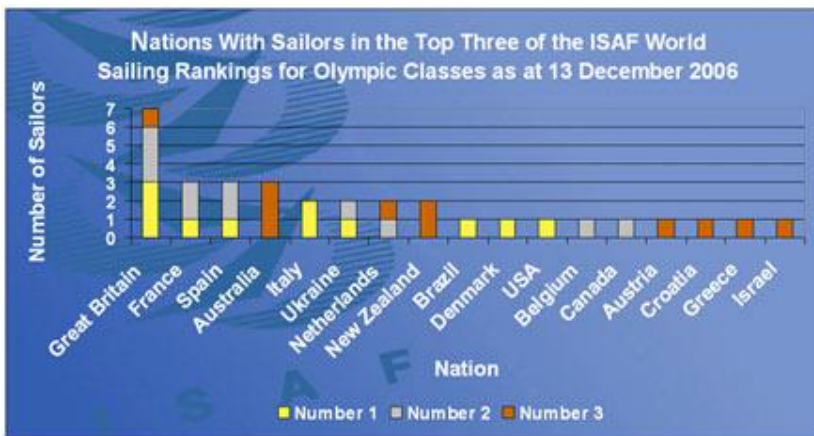
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The world's number one ranked sailors to wrap up the ISAF World Sailing Rankings for 2006 are confirmed. With two classes completing their world championships since the last ranking release and a host of lower graded regattas taking place, there are some interesting movements.



Great Britain ends the year as it began, as the top performing nation. It now has seven teams in a top three position. On the rise again are Australia and it now has three sailors at a number three position. Krystal [WEIR](#) (AUS) moves back up again and newly crowned Tornado World Champions Darren [BUNDOCK](#) and Glenn [ASHBY](#) (AUS) use their success to shift them back up to the number three position joining Tom [SLINGSBY](#) (AUS) who holds the



same in the Laser.

For Great Britain, Paul [GOODISON](#) (GBR) and Christina [BASSADONE](#) and Saskia [CLARK](#) (GBR) and Nick [DEMPSEY](#) (GBR) hold on to the top spots in the Laser, Women's 470 and Men's RS:X Rankings respectively, maintaining their lead over next best nations France and Spain who both

have one sailor at number one and two in the number two position. The Netherlands also has three sailors in the top positions.

Final Release

As the year closes on the ISAF World Sailing Rankings, the Olympic Classes begin to look forward to the re-start of the ISAF Grade C1 and Grade 1 circuits. Sail Melbourne 2007 kicks off on 13 January and the 470 and RS:X fleets will already have been in action in Miami, USA at their North American Championships.

In a year that saw the first ever ranking releases for the RS:X, 30 different sailors/teams have held a number one position with 2547 helms holding ranking points.

For now Great Britain are the undoubted leaders of the pack, but as the [2007 ISAF Worlds](#) approach and the Olympic cycle accelerates towards Qingdao, the die is far from cast.

About The Rankings

The ISAF World Sailing Rankings rate skippers based on their performances over the last two years. Skippers score points by competing in ISAF Graded events. The top finishers at all ISAF Graded events score Rankings points, with the highest points awarded to the event winner and then decreasing down relative to position. The most points are up for grabs at World Championship events, followed by ISAF Grade C1 events, Grade 1, Grade 2 etc. For more on how the Rankings work [CLICK HERE](#).

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1. Men's Windsurfer - RS:X



Zhennan FANG (CHN) at the Qingdao International Regatta, © sailing2008.org

Nick [DEMPSEY](#) (GBR) stays at the top of the Men's RS:X Rankings to close out a successful year in which he claimed the European title and gold medals from four events. Maxim [OBEREMKO](#) (UKR) remains at the number two position just 54 points behind [DEMPSEY](#), whilst new [ISAF Grade W RS:X World Champion](#) Casper [BOUMAN](#) (NED) stays at number three.

With just two events counting points for the Men's fleet, the top 20 sees no change. The first change comes down at number 37, where Hugh [SIMS SILLIAMS](#) (GBR) uses his second place at the ISAF Grade 3 [Sail For Gold](#) Regatta to move up four places. The next highest mover is Makoto [TOMIZAWA](#) (JPN) who returns to the top 50 at number 40, making a climb of 15 places. [TOMIZAWA](#) claimed the silver medal at the ISAF Grade C2 RS:X Asian Championships in Hong Kong behind [ISAF Grade 2 Olympic Test Event](#) gold medallist Zhennan [FANG](#) (CHN). [FANG](#)'s ranking position takes another leap forward as he moves up 18 places to number 54.

Sixth place in Hong Kong sees Nattaphong PONOPPHARAT (THA) join the RS:X rankings at number 121 and become the highest ranked Thai sailor, whilst Cho [JUNHO](#) (KOR) who finished in fifth place enters the rankings at number 120.

Men's Windsurfer ISAF World Sailing Rankings



2. Women's Windsurfer - RS:X



Olga MASLIVETS stays top of the Rankings
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There are no new events counting points for the women's RS:X fleet as there were not enough entrants at the events which took place. There are subsequently no changes in the top 20 and Olga [MASLIVETS](#) (UKR) holds on to the top spot for the fourth consecutive ranking release with rising Spanish star Marina [ALABAU](#) (ESP) at number two and Antonia [FREY](#) (GRE) at number three.

The biggest mover is Eugene [RICARD](#) (FRA) who shifts up 16 places to number 28 due to an incorrect submission to the previous rankings. Aside from that, the only other changes for the fleet are due to the rolling calculation system and so the first year of rankings for the new windsurfing equipment for the [2008 Olympic Sailing Competition](#) draws to a close. Three sailors have claimed that number one position since the first ever release of the rankings in February and they are Bryony [SHAW](#) (GBR), Marina [ALABAU](#) (ESP) and Olga [MASLIVETS](#) (UKR).

The first ranking for the RS:X took place on 8 February 2006 and 20 sailors joined the list following the conclusion of [Rolex Miami OCR](#) and [Sail Melbourne](#). Since then, 60 more sailors have joined the ranking list to end the year with 80 sailors from 27 nations.

Women's Windsurfer ISAF World Sailing Rankings



3. Men's One Person Dinghy - Laser



Paul GOODISON secure at the top
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With a host of ISAF Grade 3 events taking place around the world since the last ranking release in October there are no significant changes to the top positions on the rankings. Paul [GOODISON](#) (GBR) remains at the number one position whilst Michael [LEIGH](#) (CAN)

and Tom [SLINGSBY](#) (AUS) finish off the top three.

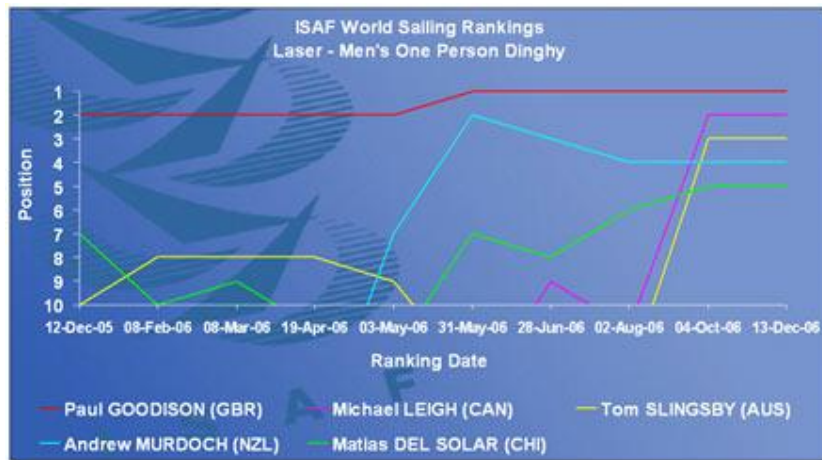
It is all the way down at number 71 before a change in position is made and that is a name familiar throughout the sailing circuit. Eight times Laser world champion Robert [SCHEIDT](#) (BRA) has focussed his attention on the Star class since winning the gold medal in Athens but a return to the Laser at the [Pre-Pan American Games](#) gives him seven events to count and shifts him eleven places back up the rankings. The surprise however is that [SCHEIDT](#) finished in second place in Brazil and not first - that honour went to André [STREPPPEL](#) (BRA) who could not hide his delight at beating the 'legend of the Laser'!

There are three new entries to the Laser rankings, Antonios BOUGIOUS (GRE), Oscar BANNSTROM (FIN) and George COOPER (GBR) at 737, 757 and 858 respectively. BOUGIOUS was third at the Alkharafi Regatta in Kuwait whilst BANNSTROM finished in eighth place at the KSS Olympiska Regatta and COOPER was sixth in Brisbane.

The highest ranked event for the Laser was the ISAF Grade 2 Sail Brisbane and victory went to Brendan [CASEY](#) (AUS) who returned from the Finn class to compete at his home club.

[Men's One Person Dinghy ISAF World Sailing Rankings](#)

ISAF Grade	Nation	Event
Grade 2	AUS	Sail Brisbane
Grade 3	ARG	Buenos Aires Week
	CRO	Open Croatian Championship
	ARG	South American Games
	SWE	KSSS Olympiska Regatta
	KUW	Alkharafi Regatta
	AUS	Go For Gold
	ITA	Imperia Winter Regatta
	CRO	Sail for Gold
	BRA	Pre-Pan Am Games



4. Women's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial



Anna TUNNICLIFFE holds on to the number one position
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With seven ISAF Grade 3 regattas counting points for the Laser Radial fleet in this ranking release there is little surprise that there are not major changes to the top spots. Anna [TUNNICLIFFE](#) (USA) holds on to the number one position for the second consecutive

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Grade 3	ARG	Buenos Aires Week
	CRO	Open Croatian Championship
	ARG	South American Games
	ITA	Imperia Winter Regatta
	GBR	Sail for Gold
	SWE	KSSS Olympiska Regatta
	BRA	Pre-Pan Am Games

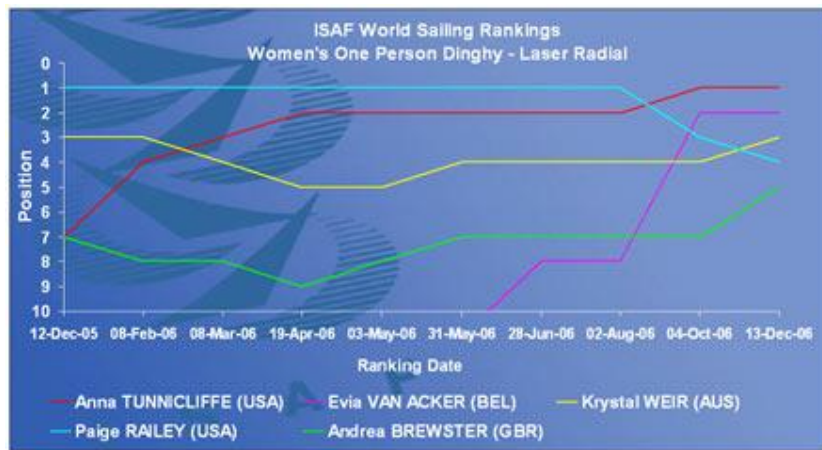
ranking release ahead of Evi [VAN ACKER](#) (BEL).

[ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year](#) Paige [RAILEY](#) (USA) drops down another place to number four to make way for Krystal [WEIR](#) (AUS) who ends the year where she began it at number three. This move is due to the rolling calculation system as is the entrance to the top five of Andrea [BREWSTER](#) (GBR) who displaces her team mate Laura [BALDWIN](#).

The biggest mover is Fina [KUIKKA](#) (SWE) who took home the silver medal from the KSSS Olympiska Regatta in Sweden. Her ranking position improves from 219 by 28 places and she ends her year at number 181. Paula [SALERNO](#) (ARG) makes similar inroads and now counting results from two events she adds her second place at the South American Games to move up 26 places to number 149.

There is one new entry to the Laser Radial Rankings and that is Fernanda DEMETRIO (BRA) who finished second at the Pre-Pan American Games and enters the rankings at number 325.

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5. Men's Two Person Dinghy - 470



Nathan WILMOT & Malcolm PAGE
back in the top ten
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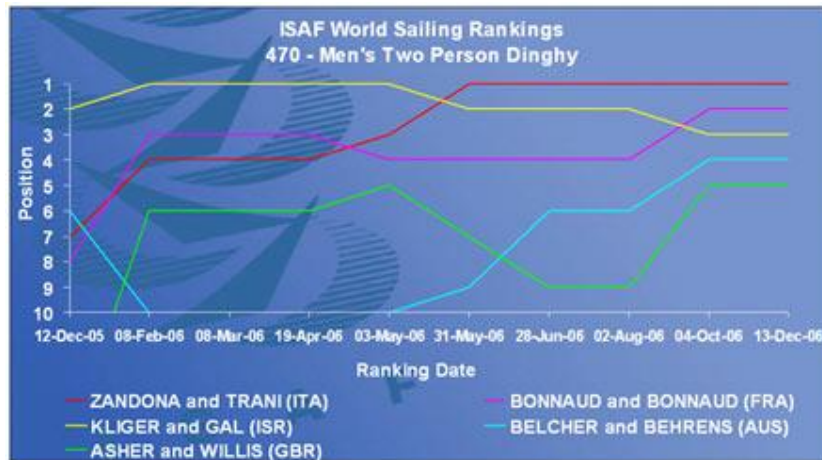
Gabrio [ZANDONÀ](#) and Andrea TRANI (ITA) are again top of the ISAF World Sailing Rankings and maintain their consecutive ranking position for the fifth release. With just one Grade 2 event and three Grade 3 events counting points the top ten is virtually static. Benjamin [BONNAUD](#) and Romain BONNAUD (FRA) hang onto number two to end their year on a high while Gal KLIGER and Udi GAL (ISR) stay at number three.

ISAF Grade 2	AUS	Sail Brisbane
Grade 3	CRO	Open Croatian Championship
	ITA	Imperia Winter Regatta

World championship silver medallists Nathan [WILMOT](#) and Malcolm PAGE (AUS) continue their rise up the rankings after finishing second at the [ISAF Grade 2 Sail Brisbane](#) yesterday. Just behind them in Brisbane was Geoff [WOOLLEY](#) and Mark OVERINGTON (NZL) and their ranking position improves by three places from 29 to 26. Gold medallists and the new Australian national champions Matthew BELCHER and Nick BEHRENS (AUS) do not use their points and stay at number four.

The [Imperia Winter Regatta](#) wrapped up over the weekend and while [ZANDONÀ](#) and TRANI won the event, third placed Francesco [BERTONE](#) and Simone MALAGUGINI (ITA) enter the rankings for the first time at number 216. One place further down are another new entry Niklas LINDGREN and Heikki ELOMAA (FIN) at 217 whilst another LINDGREN is making a move upwards. Joonas [LINDGREN](#) and Juuso LAUTIANEN (FIN) shift up seven places to 97 following a sixth place finish in Italy. The highest new entry however are fifth place finishers from the Open Croatian Championship, Kresimir [KUNDA](#) and Ivan KUNIC (CRO) who join at number 215.

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6. Women's Two Person Dinghy - 470



Christina BASSADONE & Saskia CLARKE still at the top
© Skip WHYTE

The Women's 470 fleet ISAF Grade Nation Event are only counting points Grade 2 ITA [Imperia Winter Regatta](#) from the [ISAF Grade 3 Imperia Winter Regatta](#) which concluded in Italy over the weekend and there are therefore no changes in sailor's positions. Christina [BASSADONE](#) and Saskia CLARKE (GBR) remain at number one where they have resided since the 31 May ranking. World Champions Marcelien [DE KONING](#) and Lobke BERKHOUT (NED) are therefore still at number two whilst Sylvia [VOGL](#) and Carolina FLATSCHER (AUT) are at number three where they have been almost the entire year, aside from a blip in May when they dipped to number four.

The biggest climbers from the women's 470 fleet in the October ranking were Giulia [CONTI](#) and Giovanna MICOL (ITA) and whilst they made another addition to their trophy cabinet at the [Imperia Winter Regatta](#), their ranking position remains the same at number 17. Second place went to Maria [SAARIKALLIO](#) and Jasmine LEHTONEN (FIN) who return to the rankings at number 98. [SAARIKALLIO](#) has not collected ranking points from a graded event since 2004 when she finished 35th at the 470 World Championship.

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7. Skiff - 49er



The SIBELLO brothers stay at the world number one slot
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The skiff fleet have had a quiet time since the last rankings release in October and the only events to count points are the ISAF Grade 3 British National Ranking event and [Sail for Gold Regatta](#) which both took place in Weymouth. In an international fleet, the current World Champions Chris [DRAPER](#) and Simon [HISCOCKS](#) (GBR) won on home turf but the event does not affect their overall ranking points or position. The next weekend, Weymouth was busy again with the [ISAF Grade 3 Sail for Gold Regatta](#) and this time it was the Spanish Olympic gold medallists who took the spoils. In second place were Stevie [MORRISON](#) and Ben [RHODES](#) (GBR) with Alexandre [MONTEAU](#) and Damine [GUILLOU](#) (FRA) picking up the bronze medal.

The top 20 are entirely unaffected by this ranking release with Pietro and Gianfranco [SIBELLO](#) (ITA) holding on to the number one position ahead of [DRAPER](#) and [HISCOCKS](#) and their team mates Stevie [MORRISON](#) and Ben [RHODES](#) (GBR) in third.

The first movers are ranked at number 32 following a climb of three places and they are Russell and Matt [MCGOVERN](#) (IRL) who move due to the rolling calculation system.

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8. Heavyweight Dinghy - Finn



Another win for Gasper VINCEC but he stays at number 10
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The Finn fleet are counting new results from three events at this ranking release, one Grade 2 and two Grade 3 events. Jonas [HOEGH-CHRISTENSEN](#) (DEN) therefore remains at the number one position and, with no change to his points score, it is all about the rolling calculation system to make the changes in the top ten. Chris [COOK](#) (CAN) drops down from second overall to joint fifth with Dan [SLATER](#) (NZL). Edward [WRIGHT](#) (GBR) moves up to second despite, and not because of his win at [Sail for Gold](#), whilst Marin [MISURA](#) (CRO), the winner of the ISAF Grade 3 Open Croatian Championship, also moves up one place without counting his new points. Rafa [TRUJILLO VILLAR](#) (ESP) completes the top four.

ISAF Grade	Nation	Event
Grade 2	ITA	International Finn Cup
Grade 3	GBR	Sail for Gold
	CRO	Open Croatian Championship

The gold medallist at the ISAF Grade 2 International Finn Cup which took place in Malcesine, Italy was Gasper [VINCEC](#) (SLO) but the points he gains are not enough to count toward his overall total and he remains teetering on the edge of the top ten. Second to [VINCEC](#) was Michael [MAIER](#) (CZE) and he uses the points to climb three places up to 26. Three sailors make their debut to the rankings following their performances in Malcesine. The highest new entry is Fabrizio ANTOLINI (ITA) at 149 followed by Guy O'LEARY (IRL) at 151 and Peter STUFFER (ITA) at number 152. There are some big gains amongst the lower finishers with Francesco CUCCOTTI (ITA) making the biggest climb of 102 places up to number 145 after finishing eleventh, and not far behind is Roman BABICKY (CZE) whose tenth place sees him move up 94 places to 125 and count two events to his pointscore

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9. Multihull - Tornado



BUNDOCK and FORBES in action in Argentina
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Darren [BUNDOCK](#) and Glenn ASHBY (AUS) last week added the [Tornado World Champion](#) title to their string of successes and can today also celebrate moving up to the number three position on the ISAF World

ISAF Grade	Nation	Event
Grade W	ARG	Tornado Worlds
Grade C1	ARG	Tornado South Americans
Grade 3	GBR	Sail for Gold

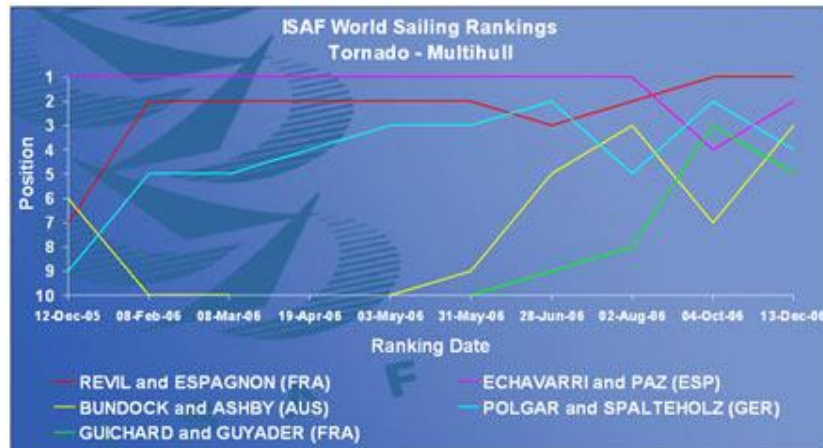
Sailing Rankings. They could not however break the reign of Xavier [REVIL](#) and Christophe ESPAGNON (FRA) who debuted at the number one position back in October. [REVIL](#) and ESPAGNON now hold the highest points total across all eleven events with a massive 5093. The French had a great campaign in Argentina with six teams posting final results in the top 15. There is no surprise then that there are five French teams in the top 20 of the Rankings.

The defending champions in Argentina, Fernando [ECHAVARRI](#) and Anton PAZ (ESP) finished seventh but with a win at the ISAF Grade C1 [Tornado South Americans](#), they move back up two places to the number two position. Local heroes Santiago [LANGE](#) and Carlos ESPINOLA (ARG) kept the home fans happy by winning the silver medal and their ranking position subsequently improves by 17 places as they move up to number 41. Argentina also sees a new entry to the rankings at number 65 with Ferdie G GUEVARA and Gustavo MARIANI (ARG) entering at number 65 after a 40th place finish at the Worlds. The other big climbers in the top 20 are Jordanis [PASCHALIDES](#) and Kostas TRIGONIS (GRE) who finished just outside the medals but move up

eight places to number 14, their highest position this year.

Further down the top 50, Mischa [HEEMSKERK](#) and Herbert DERCKSEN (NED) are making their move. Now counting four events, they move up 23 places to number 39. DERCKSEN's previous helm Mitch [BOOTH](#) (NED) now rests at number twelve after a climb of two places. The British sailors did not have such a good time in Argentina and despite some of them also competing at the [ISAF Grade 3 Sail for Gold](#), the top teams all move down the rankings. That is except for one team. Christopher [RASHLEY](#) and Marcus LYNCH add a 33 position at the Worlds to their European Championship result and move up 13 places to number 50.

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10. Women's Keelboat - Yngling



AZON, AZON and PISONERO
firm at the top
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Two years after winning the gold ISAF Grade Nation Event medal at the 2004 Olympic Sailing Competition in Athens, Shirley [ROBERTSON](#) (GBR) returned to the Yngling to compete at the Skandia RYA Sail for Gold Regatta, the only event to add points for the Yngling fleet for this ranking release. Competing with her new crew for the first time [ROBERTSON](#) put in an outstanding performance to win the gold medal and return herself to the Yngling rankings at number 52.

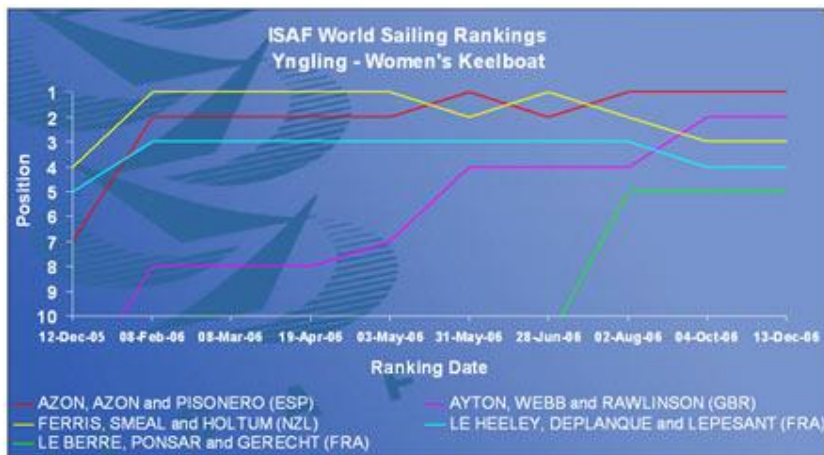
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In second place was Mandy [MULDER](#), Annemieke BES and Marye KAMPEN (NED) who continued their outstanding performance from Qingdao and went into the final day on top of the leaderboard. They could not however keep [ROBERTSON](#), LUSH and MACGREGOR at bay in the medal race. [MULDER](#) remains at number twelve on the rankings as the points from the event are not high enough to count to her overall score. In third place were [ROBERTSON](#)'s Olympic team mates Sarah [AYTON](#) and Sarah WEBB with new crew Pippa WILSON but they, like MULDER, do not count the points and remain at number two on the rankings.

There is little surprise therefore that [ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year Award](#) nominees, World and European Champions Monica [AZON](#), Sandra AZON and Graciela PISONERO (ESP) remain at the number one on the rankings and still hold a healthy lead over [AYTON](#) at number two. Sharon [FERRIS](#), Raynor SMEAL and Karen LAMBERT (NZL) are still at number three and the remainder of the top 20 also sees no changes. In fact, the return of [ROBERTSON](#) is the only

change to the Yngling rankings for this release.

Women's Keelboat ISAF World Sailing Rankings



11. Men's Keelboat - Star



Hamish PEPPER and Carl WILLIAMS world champions
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The men's keelboat rankings see some major changes for this release following the crowning of the 2006 Star World Champion in San Francisco, the ISAF Grade C1 Silver Investor Solutions Star North American Championship in Miami and two other graded events counting points.

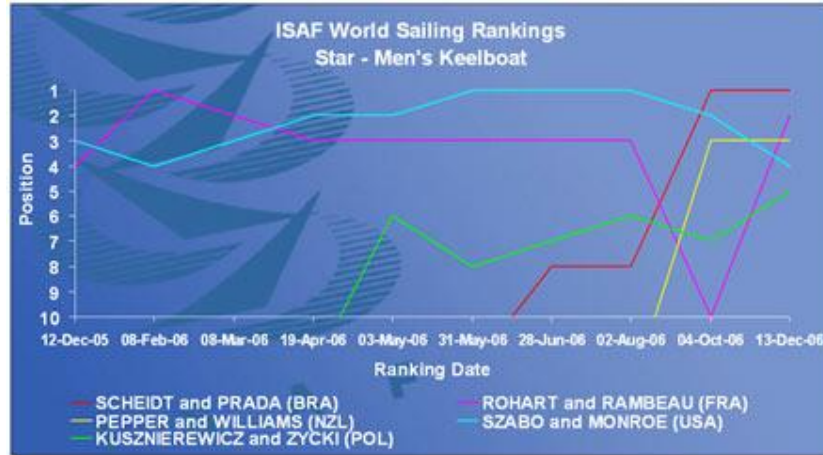
ISAF Grade Nation Event	
Grade W	USA Star Worlds
Grade C1	USA Star North Americans
Grade 2	Oktoberfest Regatta
Grade 3	Trofeo Iscyrá

Robert [SCHEIDT](#) and Bruno PRADA (BRA) couldn't quite clinch the world title but they do hang on to the world number one ranking position. Second place at the Worlds and at the North Americans helps them to a massive points total of 5050 points, just short of the highest total points held by the Tornado fleet. The 2006 World Champions are Hamish [PEPPER](#) and Carl WILLIAMS, the first Kiwi team to hold that title, also claimed the North American title but although their ranking position of number three does not change, their points total increases by a massive 1087 points. Scooting in ahead of them are Xavier [ROHART](#) and Pascal RAMBEAU (FRA) whose bronze medals at the Worlds and the North Americans sees them move up eight places to number two.

Mateusz [KUSZNIEREWICZ](#) and Dominik ZYCKI (POL) use their eighth place at the Worlds and sixth at the North Americans to boost them up two places to complete the top five, their highest ever position on the Star rankings. Four teams move up into the top 20 in this ranking release with the highest climber being Andrew [HORTON](#) and J Brad NICHOL (USA) who finished just outside the medals in San Francisco and in eighth place in Miami. Now counting seven events instead of five, HORTON and NICHOL move up eleven places to number eleven. Also moving into the top 20 are Marc [PICKEL](#) and Ingo BORKOWSKI (GER), up thirteen to number 14, Iain [MURRAY](#) and Andrew PALFREY (AUS) move up twelve places to number 16 and Fabian MACGOWAN and Federico ENGELHARD (ARG) move up eight places to number 17.

There are ten new entries for the Star class which includes match racing star James [SPITHILL](#) (AUS) who sailed with multiple Olympic medallist Magnus LILJEDAHL (USA) at the North American Championships. Tenth place overall enters them into the rankings at number 140, whilst the highest new entry at number 105 is Rodrigo ZUAZOLA and Marco FUENTOS (CHI).

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