



IGC – FAI Challenge Cups

Part 11 – History of the FAI Women's 15 m Class / 18 m Class Challenge Cup

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History of the FAI Women's 15 m Class / 18 m Class

- 1981 At Cherence / France the 2nd FAI Women's European Gliding Championships took place in two classes: Standard Class and for the first time in the 15 m class. The FAI Women's 15 m Challenge Cup was donated in 1981 and awarded to the winner of the 15 m Class at Cherence.
- 1999 the 11th WEGC at Leszno / Poland was the last European event. The European Championships were replaced by World Championships.
- 2001 The 1st Women's World Gliding Championships took place at Pociunai / Lithuania in the Club Class, Standard Class and 15 m Class. The FAI Women's 15 m Challenge Cup was transferred to the WWGC and was awarded to the winner of the 1st FAI WWGC.
- 2011 The FAI Women's 15 m Challenge Cup was damaged and replaced by a trophy donated by FlyPink, the Italian association of female glider pilots and awarded to the champion of the 15 m class at the 7th WWGC at Issoudun / France.
- 2017 The Class was changed to the Womens World 18m Class Championships

Description of the original Cup: The first FAI Women's 15 m Challenge Cup was a 52 cm high classic silver trophy on a marble base engraved "Vol à Voile Championnat d' Europe Feminine" with the names of the champions engraved on labels around the base.

Description of the Cup:

The first Women's 15 m FAI Challenge Cup, which was damaged, was left behind at the 7th WWGC at the aeroclub in Issoudun.

The new FAI Women's Challenge Cup 15 m class consists of 2 nickel-silver cylinders, in the middle of which a wave-shaped brass structure appears. The upper cylinder is engraved with the winner's names.



Rules and Regulations: see page 1 – IGC FAI Challenge Cups 1.1 – 1.1.4

List of FAI Women's 15m Class champions and events:

Women's European Gliding Championships Standard Class

1981	M.Francoise Gavaret, France	Chérence / France
1983	Gisela Weinreich / Germany	St-Hubert / Belgium
1985	Gisela Weinreich / Germany	Subotica / Yugoslavia
1987	Tatiana Obretonova /Bulgaria	Shumen / Bulgaria
1989	Gisela Weinreich / Germany	Oriol / Russia
1991	Gisela Weinreich / Germany	Husbands Bosworth/UK
1993	Hanna Zejdova / Czech Republic	Ceske Budejovice / CZE
1995	Maren Thomas / Germany	Marpingen / Germany
1997	Gisela Weinreich / Germany	Prievidza / Slovakia
1999	Valentyna Toporova, Ukraine	Leszno / Poland

List of the Women's 15 m/18m class champions – Women's World Gliding Championships

Womens World 15m Championships – Champions and Events

2001	1 st	WWGC	Gillian Spreckley / GBR	Pociunai / Lithuania
2003	2 nd	WWGC	Alena Netusilova / CZE	Jihlava / CZE
2005	3 rd	WWGC	Mette Pedersen / Denmark	Klix / Germany
2007	4 th	WWGC	Katrin Senne / Germany	Romorantin/ France
2009	5 th	WWGC	Susanne Schödel / Germany	Szeged / Hungary
2011	6 th	WWGC	Susanne Schödel / Germany	Arboga / Sweden
2013	7 th	WWGC	Anne Ducarouge / France	Issoudun / France
2015	8 th	WWGC	Anne Ducarouge / France	Arnborg / Denmark

Womens World 18m Championships – Champions and Events

2017	9 th	WWGC	Katrin Senne/ Germany	Zbraslavice /CZE
2019	10 th	WWGC	Melanie Gadoulet / France	Lake Keepit / AUS
2021	11 th	WWGC	<i>Postponed to 2022</i>	Husband Bosworth/GBR
2022	11 th	WWGC	Anne Ducarouge / France	Husband Bosworth/GBR
2023	12 th	WWGC	Alena Netusilova / CZE	Garray / Spain