

History about the MM class and its developments (up to 2007):

MICRO MAGIC is a very small radio controlled sailing boat which is available as a kit designed and manufactured by the german company [Graupner](#).

In late 2001, a few Micro Magic Skippers from the south of Germany (Stuttgart) have had the idea to create a Micro Magic class, as basis for their future sailing activities with Micro Magics. Their idea was to sail occasional friendly races in their local area in a way of a free class association with not much effort required to take part in: no entry fees, no club organisation and no strict and complex rules.

However they sketched a small class rule to have a basis of what the Micro Magic should be and with which basic right of way rules they want to race.

For their communication and information about tips and tricks for a Micro Magic website was set up at www.micromagic-rc-segeln.de/

The idea was also made popular by some articles in the german model boating magazine SchiffsModell, and things developed slowly but steadily.

In late 2004, nearly 200 Micro Magic skippers were registered and several races have been held in Germany e.g. in Stuttgart, Köln and the north of Germany e.g. Bremen, Hamburg and Hannover, as well as the first German Micro Magic Cup, a kind of open german championship, was held in June 2004 with 36 competitors near Frankfurt, followed by GMMCs up to now.

The original rules where revised in early 2004 and more detailed, as some found them to open.

In Germany all work is done on a private basis and purely for the fun we have in sailing and racing our Micro Magics.

No fix costs, no entry fee and no entry to an organisation / club are still their main aims for having fun with the Micro Magic and being different to other established and more official classes around.

Early in 2002, the idea of a Micro Magic class was born also by two skippers, Thijs and Steven Oosterheert, in the Netherlands as well.

They came into contact with the Germans and took over the existing basic class rules, class logo and several other useful things for beginning and similar to the development in Germany they also started the WWW.Micromagic.nl Micro Magic website.

In 2003 Micro Magic class exploded in NED mainly due to growing full size skippers interest in that little boat and right at the end of 2004 they passed the mark of 1000 registered boats.

In October 2003 they also organised the first international open Netherland championship with an entry of 32 boats, followed by NC from that on.

In Netherlands they have found support by some sponsors and development went on to form a official class organisation in 2006.

Also the first European Championship in November 2007 will be organised by that group of enthusiastic skippers.

Following on the popularity in NED and GER and some good promotion of Steven Oosterheert MM started in other countries as well and up to 2007 there are now class activities in 14 countries registered and the growing of MM is going on. The release by Graupner of the MKII or RMM version prompted a change in the rules which resulted in the International One-design rule.

Micromagic.info:

In late 2003 Dirk Tesmer (GER), Steven Oosterheert (NED) and Thomas Dreyer (GER) got the idea to start this website for better international information about MM in future times, as we would like to spread our ideas about MM to other skippers everywhere. We hope that MM may find some other enthusiasts in other countries, and they are invited to take part in Micro Magic activities.

This site should give just the basic information about all activities

around MM and lead interested people to the national groups easily.

What have we done this for?

Racing with model yachts is very attractive and involves a lot of fun in sailing, trimming, boat technologies etc. But boats of the more common international classes are at least 1 m long and sometimes a bit unwieldy.

Whilst competition in these classes is very high, the price of those boats has reached levels many potentially interested people do not want to pay.

Micro Magic is something different.

Due to its small size it is very easy to transport.

Ready to sail, it easily fits into any car, may be taken on holidays and is something you can take with you all the time just for some moments of sailing.

The boat is not expensive to get either.

There is no need for an expensive radio control set and the kit is in most countries reasonable priced.

Ready to sail the complete boat does not cost you more than you have to pay for just a single component of some other class boats.

It requires only few building skills and the kit, manufactured by the well established company Graupner, is easily available in any model-shop.

Roger Stollery from the UK, has come up with this slogan for rc-racing boats such as Marbleheads

"Model Sailing - More to it than meets the eye"

This matches the Micro Magic experience exactly

Micro Magic is a simple, low cost but very effective way to take a step into the world of model yacht sailing.

However many start with Micro Magic and never move away, such is the pulling power of our little boat.

It must be Magic

International cooperation:

since the first European Championships in 2007 Micro Magic International (MMI) has been raised to further develop the class and international cooperation. During the second EC the constitution was accepted as now published on this site: <http://micromagic.info/constitution.pdf> This website is the base for MMI and will serve as the base for international racing but also as support for new MM nations.