

SAILING

A Young Greek Sailor, on boat 420.



The first sails appeared in the Aegean around 1500 BC. This contributed to the acceleration of the development and spread of Greek culture. First appearance in the Olympic Games made sailing, in 1900 in Paris, receiving negative reviews. Nevertheless, it returned in 1908, and since then it is continuously on the Olympic Games Program. Women initially were allowed to participate in the Games with men but in 1988 separate sailing events were created just for women. Greece holds great tradition in sailing in Olympic Games. In 1960 in Napoli, Constantine the 2nd ex-king of Greece won the golden medal with his crew.

One of the most popular athletes in Greece is Nikos Kaklamanakis, a three-time mistral class windsurfing world champion. Moreover in the Olympic games of Atlanta 1996, he gained the golden medal in sailing and since then referred to as “the son of the wind.”

Greek Young Sailors:



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