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
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Paul Elvstrøm, (born February 25, 1928, Hellerup, [Denmark](#)) Danish yachtsman who dominated Olympic Finn class sailing between 1948 and 1960. He won four consecutive gold medals in that event and competed in the Olympics as late as the 1988 Games in Seoul, [South Korea](#). He is considered the greatest sailor in Olympic history.

Elvstrøm was 20 years old when he first competed in international yachting at the 1948 [Olympic Games](#) in London. After five races Elvstrøm was in eighth place and trailed by more than 800 points, but he won the last two races to gain the gold medal. In earning his ... (100 of 272 words)

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