

2011 Annual Report from the Techno 293 Class to the ISAF Windsurfing & Kiteboarding Committee

The Techno 293 Class has enjoyed another fantastic year of growth.

Membership The membership has stabilised at 33 nations, representing 5 continents. However, there has been a big increase recorded in interest and enquiries from many new countries

Events A very successful worlds this year, held for the first time outside of Europe, hosted by the St Francis Yacht Club on San Francisco Bay in July. A truly memorable and well organised event. The entry may have been lower, but the quality was higher! Congratulations to Bic Sport for the supply and maintenance of 150 sets of charter equipment. The highlight of another successful year for the class.

World Championships – San Francisco, USA. 17^h to 24thJuly. Under 15 Champions: Matia Onali (ITA); Emma Wilson (GBR) Under 17 Champions: Kieran Martin (GBR); Saskia Sills (GBR)

Oceanic Championships – Illawarra YC, NSW, Australia. 27th >31st December Sam Treharne (AUS) Asian Championships – Singapore. 12th to 16th January Lee Chun Tung (HKG) and Krungkaew Sakufeang (THA) South American Championships – Buenos Aries, Argentina. 10th to 15th January Bautista Saubidet (ARG) and Aylen Rodriguez (ARG) North American Championships – Florida, USA. 17th to 20th February. Ignacio Berenguer (MEX) and Diana Segura (MEX) Europeans – scheduled for 22>28 October in Cagliari, Sardinia.

European Youth Games

The inaugural games took place on Lake Garda in August. Champions – Kieran Martin (GBR); Marta Maggetti (ITA)

Future developments

There is a marked increase in the number of competitors 17 years of age and older – many are opting for the cheapest option and continueing to race on the T293. Meanwhile, at the other end of the age spectrum, many countries are following the RYA Team 15 model to develop junior racers, which is in turn increasing numbers in the under u13 division racing with the 5.8 OD sail.

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