

2012 Report from the International Raceboard Class to the ISAF Windsurfing & Kiteboarding Committee

2012 **class membership** fees were received from 17 countries, representing 4 continents. However, there are active fleets in many more countries.

The following championships have taken place this year:

Oceanic – Hawks Nest, NSW, Australia Champion - John Demol (AUS)

South American – Buzios, Brasil Champion – Fernando Consorte (ARG)

European – Murcia, Spain Results available after 27th October

Youth & World Masters – Medemblik, Netherlands Masters World Champion – Alex Buchau (ESP) Youth World Champion – A Murashev (RUS)

World – Yyteri, Finland Champions – Maksymilian Wojcik (POL)

Participation

Numbers attending championships are again increasing, and representation by country is also increasing. This years Masters Worlds in Medemblik attracted the biggest entry for 10 years with 16 countries represented.

Equipment

Manufacturers introduced three new longboards (Exocet RS 380 Elite & RS D2 Elite, Starboard Phantom 377) and one new hybrid (Starboard Phantom 295 AST) this year. A wider range of 'raceboard specific 'fins and sails has become available.

The Raceboard Class AGM agreed with the assessment put forward by the management committee – that hybrid raceboards were the future of youth development and supported the future introduction of a new class- R310.

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