

Torbole
293 World
Championship
22nd / 29th October 2016

A fantastic BIC Techno 293 OD World Championship!



The biggest windsurf One Design event ever

From 22 to 30 October, some red hot windsurfing competition on the waters of Lake Garda, as the BIC Techno 293 OD and BIC Techno 293 Plus World Championships touched down in Torbole, Italy. A record edition with 474 competitors, for the first time from all 5 continents, turning these World Championships into the biggest ever One Design event in windsurf history.

Known the world over as an ideal venue for top windsurfing classes, Torbole/lake Garda certainly presented some challenges for the competitors but in the end more than lived up to its reputation.

A lack of wind thwarted one planned day of elimination races earlier in the week, but some creative scheduling and a stoic attitude from the participants in the face of adversity meant that the finals for each class began as planned on Thursday. Improved sunny and windier conditions arrived just in time for those crucial races, and allowed for some spectacular action as the 2016 World Championships reached their conclusion.





The BIC Techno 293 **Junior boys' class (U15)** was certainly the most exciting and closely fought competition of the whole regatta, with the overall lead changing hands on a near race-to-race basis and being held at different times by a number of different competitors. In the end, however, it was Mathis Ghio from France who held his nerve and came out on top.

A similarly fierce battle raged amongst the **Junior girls (U15)**, with France's Mathilde Garandeau and Israel's Linoy Geva fighting for the win. By the end of racing, though it was Mak Cheuk Wing from Hong Kong who had leapfrogged both and took the victory.



The **Youth girl's (U17)** competition, meanwhile, was in many ways an Italian masterclass, delivered in style on home waters. After taking victories in five of the six races during elimination, home favorite Giorgia Speciale carried that good form into the finals with two wins and a second place from the first three races. Her compatriot Enrica Schirru was her closest rival throughout but couldn't find a way to overhaul the impressively dominant Speciale.

The windsurfers contesting the **Youth boy's (U17)** competition certainly kept the spectators on the edge of their seats in Torbole, too. Race victories were shared between a large number of competitors, which served to keep the standings close throughout the regatta, before Tom Garandeau from France eventually took the crown.





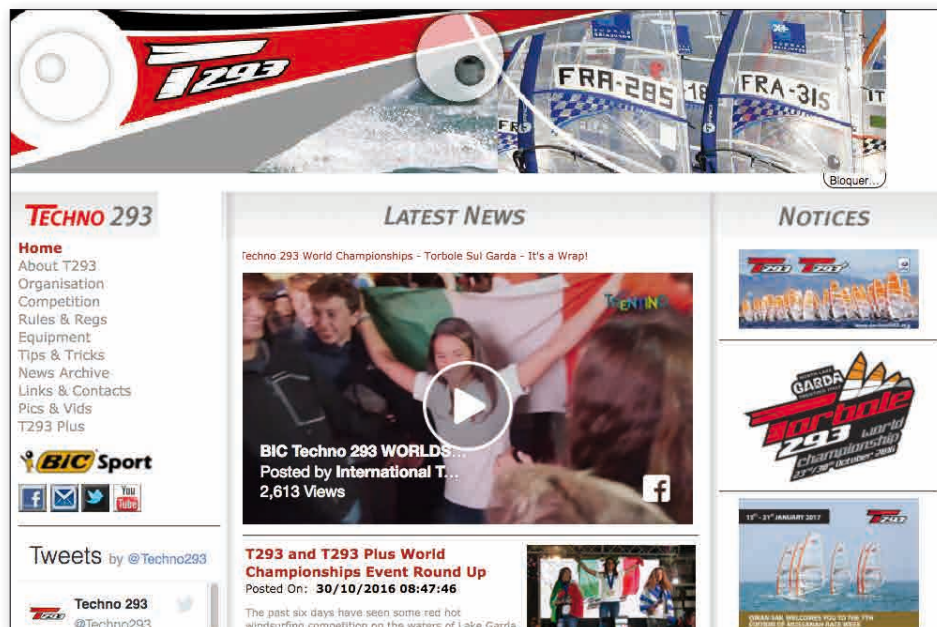
Further hard fought racing and exciting action was delivered by both men and women competitors in the **BIC Techno 293 Plus** classes, which were also contested at the championships. On the men's side, the standings saw many lead changes over the course of the regatta but it was Antonino Cangemi from Italy who secured ultimate victory. A slightly smaller fleet didn't limit the excitement on the women's side either, and after six days of top class windsurfing, Clementine Le Joliff from France emerged as 2016 World Champion.



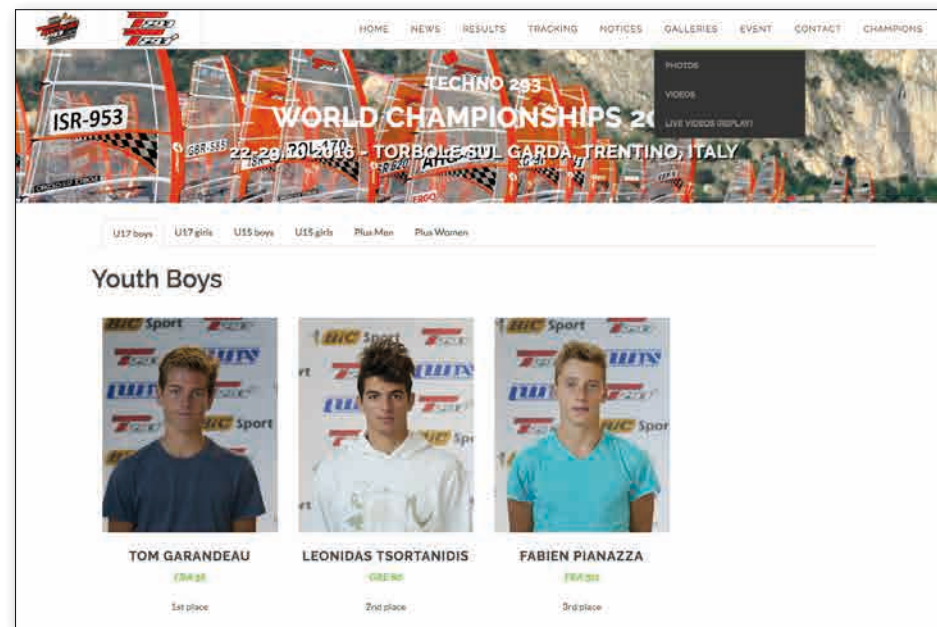
We would like to thanks especially the competitors, the parents, the coaches, the Circolo Vela Torbole, the Techno 293 OD Class and the Italian federation for these superb World Championships 2016.

See you next year in Salou/Spain for the next BIC Techno 293 OD Worlds.





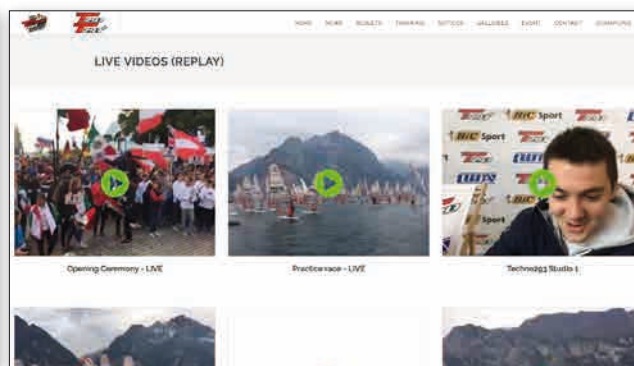
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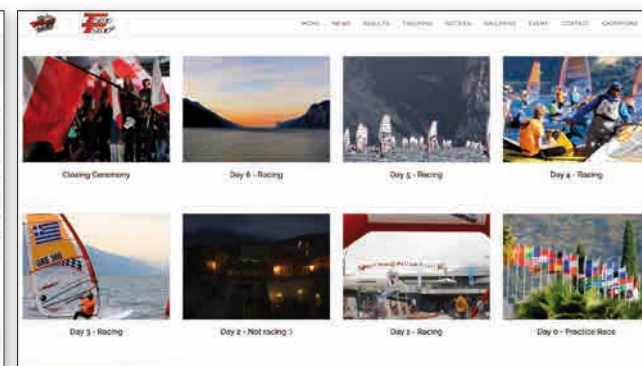
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Event results and statistics

Category	Number of: Competitors / Countries / Continents	List of the countries
Junior Boy	135 / 24 / 4	FRA, ISR, GBR, GRE, ITA, ESP, NED, AUT, NOR, LAT, POL, GER, TUR, HUN, RUS, BEL, SVK, JPN, SIN, OMA, MEX, PER, ARG, BRA
Junior Girl	64 / 15 / 4	FRA, ISR, GBR, ITA, RUS, BLR, POL, ESP, SVK, GER, NOR, HKG, JPN, MEX, ARG
Youth Boy	133 / 27 / 6	FRA, GRE, ITA, ISR, NOR, NED, CRO, LAT, SVK, POL, GBR, RUS, BEL, TUR, ESP, LTU, GER, EST, USA, MEX, HKG, JPN, OMA, ARG, BRA, NZL, EGY
Youth Girl	82 / 26 / 5	ITA, GRE, ISR, POL, GER, FRA, BEL, CRO, GER, RUS, NOR, TUR, LAT, BLR, SVK, ESP, EST, LTU, ARG, BRA, PER, HKG, SIN, MEX, USA, NZL
Techno PLUS Men	40 / 17 / 4	ITA, NOR, FRA, GER, HUN, GRE, LTU, POL, SLO, ESP, GBR, AUT MEX, USA, JPN, EGY
Techno PLUS Women	20 / 8 / 3	FRA, POL, ITA, GRE, GBR, ESP, MEX, JPN