

2014 Report from the International Formula Windsurfing Class to the ISAF Windsurfing & Kiteboarding Committee

It has been another successful year of activity for the Formula Windsurfing Class.

Membership The number of national association members has remained constant – with, currently, 23 nations representing 5 continents. However, these memberships do not reflect the complete activity within countries around the world – where over 40 countries have recorded activity in national events.

Activity

The <u>Formula Ranking</u> scheme and accompanying international calendar continues to generate interest in the class and encourage, and reward, national event organisers. There are 24 international events on the current World Ranking calendar, including 4 Continental Championships.

Regional championships included the – Balkan, Baltic, Nordic and Iberian.

<u>Formula Windsurfing European Cup</u>, now in its 3rd year, expanded in 2014 to a 12 event series spanning march to september. 2014 European Cup Champion – Janis Preiss (Latvia)

Championships

<u>World</u> – Praia da Vitoria, Terceira, Azores, from 28th April to 3rd May. Champion: Ross Williams (GBR) <u>Final report</u> (pdf) <u>Youth & Masters World</u> Championships - Gallipoli, Italy, from 30th June to 5th July. Champions: Youth – Karl-Erik Saarm (Estonia); Masters – Janis Preiss (Latvia)

<u>Oceanic</u> – Georges River SC, Botany Bay, NSW. Champion: Sean O'Brien (Australia) <u>European</u> – Viganj, Coatia, from 2nd to 7th September. Champion: Sebastian Kordel (Germany) Masters Champion – Janis Preiss (Latvia); Youth Champion – Karl-Erik Saarm (Estonia)

North American – Miami, USA. *to be held in December*. South American – Bariloche, Argentina. *to be held in December*

Highlights

Many great events and a new class website!

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