Notice of Race: **SOPOT JUNIOR, YOUTH & MASTERS FESTIVAL OF WINDSURFING**

**2008 TECHNO 293 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

**2008 RACEBOARD YOUTH & MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Sopot, Poland          August 9th-16th 2008

An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event

1. **EVENT**

1.1 The 2008 JUNIOR, YOUTH & MASTERS FESTIVAL (JYM) will be held from August 9th - 16th 2008.

1.2 The JYM Festival incorporates the Techno 293 Class World Championship and the Raceboard Class Youth and Masters World Championships.

2. **ORGANISER**

2.1 The Championships will be organized by the SKZ Club Sopot for and on behalf of and under specified conditions laid down by Techno 293 Class & the International Raceboard Class, the IWA, and the Polish Yachting Association.

2.2 The event is sponsored by the City of Sopot.

3. **VENUE**

3.1 Sopot is situated on the coast of the Baltic Sea, between Gdansk and Gdynia in the natural centre of the Tri-City's agglomeration and is an established windsurfing area.

3.2 During the championship period winds are expected of between 6-15 knots. The sailing area is free from tides and currents. The water temperature is expected to be between 15º-19º and air temperature is expected to be 17º-25º.

4. **RULES**

4.1 This is an ISAF sanctioned event governed by:

4.1.1 The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005-2008 ("RRS") including App. B - Windsurf Competition Rules;

4.1.2 The relevant Class Rules and Championship Rules;

4.1.3 This Notice of Race & the Sailing Instructions (SIs);

4.1.4 Where there is a conflict between Class Rules and the NoR, the NoR will take precedence.

4.2 Alterations to the SIs must be approved by the Class's Race Supervisor.

4.3 Attendance at the Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony is mandatory for coaches, team leaders & competitors.

4.4 Techno & Raceboard are category 'C' classes as set out in ISAF Regulation 20 - Advertising Code.

5. **ELIGIBILITY & DISCIPLINE**

5.1 All entries shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19-Eligibility Code.

5.2 A minimum of 3 races is required for a valid Championship/Series for all classes.

5.3 Competitors shall possess valid third party liability insurance 350.000€.

5.4 Competitors shall be members of the relevant National class association or of the relevant International class. National Associations shall have paid their annual fees to the IWA who are empowered to receive these on behalf of the classes.

5.5 Class Membership formalities can be completed on site.

5.6 Entry may be subject to the agreement of the relevant national authority.

6. **CLASSES**

6.1 **TECHNO 293 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (TWC)**

6.1.1 The Championship shall be a single discipline event for boys and girls of divisions D & E.

6.1.2 There may be a separate fleet and start for competitors 17 years of age and older using a max 7.8 sail from the approved list.

6.2 **RACEBOARD YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (RYWC)**

6.2.1 The Championship shall be a single discipline event sailed on Hybrid boards for men and women of division C.

6.2.2 There may be separate prizes for RSX division.

6.3 **RACEBOARD MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (RMWC)**

6.3.1 The Championship shall be a single discipline event for men and women of division G.

6.3.2 There may be separate Prizes for “Grand Masters” & “Veterans”; Hybrid and Longboard divisions.

6.4 **GENERAL**

6.4.1 Men and women, boys and girls, and age divisions, may race together depending on entry numbers.

6.4.2 Each class shall race a maximum of 3 races per day, and a maximum of 12 races for the series.

7. **DIVISIONS**

7.1 **Age**:

7.1.1 A competitor must have reached the minimum age limit, in the relevant division, by Dec. 31st 2007.

7.1.2 A competitor must not be older than the maximum age limit, in the relevant division, by Dec. 31st 2008.

7.1.3 A Minim (E) shall be under the age of 15. (Born in or after 1994 and not later than 1996)

7.1.4 A Junior (D) shall be under the age of 17. (Born in or after 1992 and not later than 1996)

7.1.5 A Youth (C) shall be under the age of 20 (Born in or after 1989 and not later than 1996)

7.1.6 A Master (G) is a man who has reached the age of 35 (1972>) or for a woman, 30 (1977>),

7.1.7 A Grand Master (H) is a man who has reached the age of 45 (1962>) or for a woman 40 (1967>)

7.1.8 A Veteran (I) is a man who has reached the age of 55 (1952>) or for a woman 50 (1957>)
8. EQUIPMENT
8.1 All competitors shall bring their own equipment, except there may be a limited number of Techno 293 OD boards and rigs will be available for charter. Full details will be published on the class website.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION
9.1 Each Competitor shall ensure that his/her sailboard and equipment conforms to the relevant Class Rules.
9.2 Equipment inspection and checks may be made throughout the event.

10. SAIL INSIGNIAS
10.1 For Techno 293 and Raceboard competitors Championship Rule#7 shall apply.
10.2 Sails should otherwise comply with the national letter system according to the RRS 77 and App. G

11. BUOYANCY
11.1 If personal buoyancy is prescribed, each competitor & support boat crewmember shall wear, above the waist, a jacket, harness, or vest with a minimum buoyancy of 4kg uninflated, in fresh water. The buoyancy shall be tested with a ferrous metal weight of 4kg, which shall remain supported for a minimum of 5 minutes.
11.2 A personal buoyancy is mandatory for under 17 sailors.

12. LIABILITY
12.1 Competitors take part in all races at their own risk. Organising Authority, ISAF, IWA, Techno 293, and Raceboard or any of their officials or representatives or sponsors or their officials or representatives are not responsible, under any circumstances, for any damage, loss or injury either ashore or on the water either to persons or equipment, which may result. Participation in this event, supporting events and in each race in them is at the sole discretion of the sailor and at his/her own risk. Notice is drawn to RRS 4.

13. COURSES
13.1 Courses for each championship shall be as described in the SIs.

14. SCHEDULE

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15. SCORING
15.1 The RRS Appendix A – A4.1 "Low Points Scoring System” will apply.

16. INTERNATIONAL JURY
16.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with the RRS 70.4.
16.2 Their decisions will be final and cannot be appealed.

17. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)/EVENT PROGRAMME
17.1 The 'SIs’ will be available at registration as will the Event Programme scheduling social events.

18. COACHES
18.1 Coaches are required to register in advance (Form 4) at a cost of Euro 25 each.
18.2 A limited number of coach boats is available for charter on request to the local organiser. COACH BOATS MUST BE RESERVED BY JUNE 30TH DIRECTLY WITH THE LOCAL ORGANISER. (Form 5)
18.3 Coaches are required to wear a buoyancy aid when the "Y" flag is flown.
18.4 Coach boats shall be identified by flying their National Flags or by displaying prominently their national country code letters in black on a solid white background on their outboard engine.

19. DRUG TESTING
19.1 Competitors are reminded of the ISAF rules and regulations concerning the use of banned methods and substances. Drug testing may take place during the event.

20. MEDALS AND PRIZES
20.1 Medals shall be awarded to the first three in Class/Division depending on entry numbers.
20.2 The first Under 15 boy and girl in TWc shall be known as the Techno 293 U15 World Champion.
20.3 The first Under 17 boy and girl in TWc shall be known as the Techno 293 U17 World Champion.
20.4 The first Youth boy and/or girl in Rywc shall be known as the Raceboard Youth World Champion.
20.5 The first man or woman in RMWC shall be known as the Raceboard Master’s World Champion.

21. TELEVISION AND MEDIA
21.1 In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said Championship as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instruction in which he/she participates without compensation.

22. BIBS/VESTS & COMPETITORS SAIL BRANDING
22.1 During racing, competitors may be required by the organisers to wear advertising bibs/vests.
22.2 During racing, competitors may be required by the organisers to carry the event sponsor’s advertising on their sails immediately above the boom. The maximum size of the relevant sticker is 600mmX1000mm.

23. DRESS CODE
23.1 Smart casual clothes shall be worn for the Opening Ceremony and Prize Giving Ceremony.

23.2 The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to anyone whose standard of dress is not commensurate with the occasion.

24. ACCOMMODATION
   The organiser has booked 120 places for participants in hotels and private guest houses.
   The prices range will be from 20 to 35 euro per person per night.

   **All reservations must be made by the 30th of May.** After that date we cannot guarantee accommodation.

24.1 Limited space for camper vans is available on site, but must be booked in advance (Form 6)

25. AIR TRAVEL/TRANSPORTATION & TRANSFERS

25.1 Transfers of passengers, luggage and their equipment from Sopot airport to organiser for small charge. THIS SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM AUGUST 1st ONWARDS. Flight details must be sent to the organiser by August 1st (use Form 6)

25.2 For details of local transport facilities visit the club website: www.skz.sopot.pl/

26. REGISTRATION

26.1 The registration office during the regatta will be at the SKZ Club. They will open from August 1st at 0900 hrs to 1800 hrs for registration & enquiries. Before the regatta for information and enquiries, please contact:
   Tel: 004858 555 72 00/ 004858 555 72 02
   Fax: 004858 555 72 01
   Email: komandor@skz.sopot.pl

26.2 Competitors shall produce the following prior to completing registration formalities on site:
   - Original Regatta Entry Form (Form 1)
   - Evidence of valid third party insurance
   - Parental/legal Guardian Assent (Form 2) - for those under age of 18
   - Medical Treatment Permission (Form 3) - for those under age of 18 or on their parents medical insurance policy
   - Original Bank Transfer/ Draft details
   - Proof of age
   - Equipment Registration Form signed by the Official Inspector

27. ENTRIES & PAYMENT

27.1 The entry fees are as stated on the attached entry form (Form 1) and shall be paid at the time of entry by MasterCard, Visa Card or bank transfer only.

27.2 Competitors may enter in advance electronically through the IWA website at http://www.internationalwindsurfing.com/ or by faxing +44 2392 468831 or mailing an official entry form (Form 1) with their entry fees by **July 9th 2008**.

   The Entry Forms may be downloaded from the Class website.

27.3 Money Transfers shall be in the name of: **The International Windsurfing Association** and be sent to:

   Account Name: The International Windsurfing Association
   Euro Account #: 52977299
   Sort Code: 20-08-44
   Bank Details: Barclays Bank Plc, Birmingham, UK
   SWIFTBIC: BARCGB22 (Bank Identifier Code)
   IBAN: GB93 BARC 2008 4452 9772 99

27.4 or by Cheque /Bankers Draft, drawn on a British Bank to:

   **International Windsurfing Association**
   Mengham Cottage, Mengham Lane, Hayling Island, Hampshire PO11 9JX, United Kingdom
   Tel: +44 (0) 2392 468831 Fax: +44 (0) 2392 468831
   E-Mail: iwaoffice@internationalwindsurfing.com

27.5 Entry fees paid on site shall be made in Euros -Only.