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PRESS RELEASE N.A.O.V.V

1st VARKIZA WINDSURFING GRAND PRIX

(June 23-27, 2014)

The 1st Varkiza Windsurfing Grant Prix took place from June 23-27, 2014, at the Nautical Athletic Club of Vari-Varkiza. This also finalized the 3rd annual ranking list for June 26 and 27, 2014.

This competition was the first international race of the BIC TECHNO 293 class which took place in Greece and included the participation of athletes from Greece Turkey, Hungary Leetonia and Tunisia.

The participation of foreign athletes inspires hopes of becoming an annual international event and even be placed high in the annual calendar or T293 Class races

Fifty four athletes participated in the races from which 46 were from Greece, four from Hungary, two from Tunisia, one girl athlete from Turkey and one girl athlete from Leetonia.

Seven races were completed, four of which had light wind which required the athletes to have both technical knowledge of the sport as well as be in excellent physical condition.

The weather conditions of the first day were advantageous for the initial arrangements and the first Downwind Slalom Course (Upwind, downwind, upwind, 4 downwind jibes and finish) became a reality with the completion of three races.

The older athletes showed their experience and strength as required by the quick changes of the conditions while racing and the younger ones showed their persistence to complete the races.

During the following four days only four Course Races took place due to light winds and as a result the first attempt for a Long Distance race of this class was cancelled.

The foreign athletes were completely satisfied with the hospitality extended to them by our Club and the beautiful scenery the our 3V (Vari, Voula, Vouliagmeni) had to offer, that they renewed their commitment to come back for the Long Distance event in October of 2014 and the 2nd Varkiza Windsurfing Grand Prix in 2015.

Congratulations to all of our athletes who participated as well as to the parents who supported them.

Special thanks are extended to all our sponsors and supporters who made this event a reality for our Club:

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Here under please find the ranking of the 1st Varkiza Windsurfing Grand Prix.

Boys U 17

- 1) GRE 360 Arapoglou Andreas (NB)
- 2) GRE 25 Georgariou Petros (NOB)
- 3) GRE 118 Namias Sami (NOB)

Girls U17

- 1) GRE 366 Divari Katerina (NAOBB)
- 2) LAT 151 Katija Birzule
- 3) TUR 703 Derin Gunesc

Boys U 15

- 1) GRE 80 Tsortanidis Leonidas (NOKA)
- 2) GRE 127 Silitzoglou Nikolaos (NAOBB)
- 3) GRE 107 Kogias Xaris (NAOBB)

Girls U 15

- 1) GRE 33 Karantinou Aliki (NOB)
- 2) GRE 146 Arapoglou Natalia (NOB)
- 3) GRE 288 Tsikrita Erato (KEKROC)

Youngest Athlete

GRE 4 Kontarinis Petros (NOL)