

2013 Report from the Techno 293 Class to the ISAF Windsurfing & Kiteboarding Committee

The Techno 293 Class has enjoyed another fantastic year of growth.

<u>Membership</u> The formal membership of the class has increased to 32 nations, representing 6 continents. However, there are active fleets in many more countries (therefore totalling 60) and there has been a big increase recorded in enquiries from new countries and membership (via national associations) is set to continue to grow.

<u>World Championships</u>. A YOG Qualification event in the Youth division. The most successful worlds ever was held this year at the SKZ club, Sopot, Poland, from 27th July to 3rd August. Another truly memorable and well organised event for **380 techno competitors**. The kids had the pleasure of a visit from the new ISAF President Carlo Croce and the Polish Minister for Sport.

Junior (Under 15) Champions: Boy-Yoav Cohen (ISR); Girl-Giorgia Speciale (ITA) Youth (Under 17) Champions: Boy-Ofek Emeleh (ISR); Girl-Stefania Elfutina (RUS) T293 Plus (Over 17): Men-Takuya Uchizono (JPN); Women-Xanthe Bowater (NZL) Links to full results and daily videos - http://www.techno293.org/page0163v01.htm

Oceanic Championships – Hawks Nest, NSW, Australia, 26th to 28th January Champion – Lara O'Brien (Australia)

North American Championships – Merritt Island, Florida, USA, 28th Feb to 3rd March Champions – Junior-Steven Cramer (USA); Youth Boy- Diego Paez (Mexico) Youth Girl- Maria Bazo (Peru)

South American Championships – Cordoba, Argentina, 28th March to 1st April Champions – Youth Boy- Francisco Saubidet (ARG); Youth Girl-Celina Saubidet (ARG) Junior- Ivan Barth (ARG)

African Championships – Hammamet, Tunisia, 2nd to 7th September. **YOG Qualifier** Champions – Youth-Mami Safwene (Tunisia)Tunisia qualify for Youth Olympic Games Junior-Salim Fikih (Tunisia); Open-Khalid Chihi (Tunisia)

Europeans – scheduled for Eilat, Israel, from 27th October to 2nd November **Asians** – scheduled Hong Kong from 25th November to 1st December

Youth Olympic Games – Nanjing, China, 2014 ISAF YOG Qualification System.

Techno 293 Plus

There is an increase in the number of competitors in all divisions and many are opting to continue racing on the T293 beyond youth division. To accommodate this group the T293 Plus was developed – the same one-design board, but with a bigger (50 cm) fin and the Bic OD 8.5 sail/rig:

http://internationalwindsurfing.com/userfiles/documents/T293plus 2012-10-31.pdf

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