



The Winners of the NeilPryde Baltic Cup Estonia were crowned in Tallinn

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Three days in Piritä Beach, Tallinn lasted an international wind- and kitesurfing regatta NeilPryde Baltic Cup Estonia, which was attended by 86 surfers from five countries, reached its peak on Sunday. Overwhelming victories took Latvian Janis Preiss in Formula class and Viktoras Šeputa in Formula Kite class.

During the first two days of the competition almost autumnal weather was dominating - winds of 15-20 knots, air temperature barely 15 degrees, water temperature just a bit warmer than 10 degrees and cloudy skies with intermittent rain showers. Sunday showed already the sun, but the air temperature did not change much. However, the wind speed was dropping to 6-9 knots, which presented a challenge for both the organizers and the surfers - still two additional races both for kites and Raceboards were executed, but the lower limit of the wind speed for Formula class did not allow have more than one race for them. In total for Formulas and Raceboards 8 and for the kites 9 races were held over 3 days.

In Formula class did not give a lot of opportunities to his rivals the current leader of the world ranking **Latvian Janis Preiss LAT23**, whose victorious series of races included the winning points only. The world-class winner was separated from the man in second place 11 pts away. The winner of the second place was not clear until the last race. Estonian Formula number one **Martin Ervin EST202** outperformed the competitor on the third position **John Kaju EST24** at this point by one point. "The superiority in the last race was to decide the status of the 2nd place - which one of us will cross the finishing line first, will be also better in overall. We both had some problems today, but I still managed to be ahead of Martin, and for the first time to defeat him," John Kaju was a good-humoured while commenting the competition. Ervin was eventually third at four pts distance from Kaju. There was 39 Formulas competing in Tallinn.

In Formula U20 division led the race from the beginning Karl-Erik Saarm EST28 who was also the winner of the regatta, second place went to Erik Tristen Kivi EST347, and the third was a Latvian Kristaps Keidans LAT28. There were 10 participants in terms of the youngsters.

In RS: X class did not lose the leading position during the entire race Rainer Kasekivi EST168, but just one point separated him from **Keit Järve EST257**, who was 2nd. **Marcus Pertelson EST121** took his place among the top three as 3rd, losing by 5 pts. In RS:X class 7 competitors were participating.

In Techno 293 U15 division the overwhelming victory went to Latvia. **Namejjs Dreimanis LAT47** won all the races, and left second place 14 pts away. The battle for the second and third place between **Oscar Naabel EST122** and **Gregor Schneider EST696** was won by Naabel the two points ahead of Schneider.

In Techno 293 U17 division victorious was **Aleksandra Goods LAT116** who gained five-points-advantage ahead of **Alfred Kalm EST101** on 2nd place. The status of the third place was not decided until the final day of the event. **Latvian Ketija Birzule LAT151** who won the last race rose to 3rd losing just one point to 2nd.

Techno 293 class had a total of 35 surfers in the competition.

Formula Kite class winner was already decided on the second day of the event. With eight winning points in the series **Viktoras Šeputa LTU42**, who is currently in the top ten of the world ranking did not need to go to the start of the final race start, being 9 pts ahead of the man on the 2nd second place. Estonian guys were struggling for the second and third place and this battle was won by **Margus Otsa EST49** leaving **Madis Kallas EST45** at one point distance as 3rd. There were 12 kites altogether competing.

The results http://event.extreme.ee/index.php?id=2014_results

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NeilPryde Baltic Cup is an internationally recognized Formula windsurfing class racing series that gives points in the Formula world ranking. 2014, there has been one phase on 23–25 May in Lithuania and the series reaches the peak on 8–10 August in Latvia, where the Baltic's best surfers will be crowned. For the third year in a row, NeilPryde Baltic Cup will have under the big windsurfing regatta three different windsurfing classes: Formula, NeilPryde RS: X, Techno 293. And for the second year, also Kite Race will have its points for the world ranking.

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This year for the first time the NeilPryde Baltic Cup Estonia will be the phase of the Estonian Yachting Union's Olympic Sailing Estonian Cup Series. EYU's Olympic Sailing Estonian Cup series consists of a total of eight youth and Olympic classes and there will be 8 events in series during 2014. Windsurfers and kites will participate in three of them, two races in Tallinn and Saaremaa one.

EYU Olympic Sailing Estonian Cup website: <http://www.puri.ee/ejl-olimpiapurjetamise-est-kiikarikas-2/>

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