



NOTICE of RACE

2009 IWA Junior, Youth and Masters Windsurfing European Championships VLG, Lacanau, France 10th to 15th April 2009

An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event

1. EVENT

- 1.1 The 2009 **IWA Junior, Youth and Masters Windsurfing European Championship** will be held from Friday 10th April to Wednesday 15th April 2009.
- 1.2 The **Event** includes the European Championships for: Techno 293 Class, Under 17 and Under 15 divisions; and the International Raceboard Class, Youth and Masters divisions.

2. ORGANISER

- 2.1 The Championships will be organised by the Voile Lacanau Guyenne (VLG) for and on behalf of, and under specified conditions laid down by, the International Techno 293 Class Association (T293) and the International Raceboard Class Association (IRC), in co-operation with the International Windsurfing Association (IWA) and the Federation Francaise de Voile (FFV).
- 2.2 The event is organised in conjunction with le **Conseil Régional d'Aquitaine**, le **Conseil Général de la Gironde** et la **Ville de Lacanau**

3. VENUE

- 3.1 The event will be based at Voile Lacanau Guyenne (VLG), Le Grande Escoure, 33680 Lacanau, France. Telephone: 0033 (0)556 26 23 34.
- 3.2 **VLG** is located at Lacanau in south west of France near Atlantic Ocean.



- 3.3 Conditions to be expected – winds 15 kn; Water temperature 16° C and Air temperature 20/25°C.

4. RULES

- 4.1 This is an IWA sanctioned event governed by:
 - 4.1.1 The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix B – Windsurfing Competition Rules;
 - 4.1.2 The Class Rules and Championship Rules of the participating classes.
- 4.2 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SI's), the SI's shall take precedence.
- 4.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

5. ADVERTISING

- 5.1 ISAF Regulation 20 - Advertising Code shall apply.
- 5.2 Competitors may be required to carry advertising for event sponsors – both on their sails, and on a lycra vest if supplied by the organiser.

6. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 6.1 All entries shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19 - Eligibility Code.
- 6.2 Competitors shall be members of a National Techno 293 or Raceboard Class Association, or of the relevant International Class Association. National Associations shall be paid up members of the IWA, which is empowered by the International class to collect any fees due.
- 6.3 Membership formalities can be completed on site.
- 6.4 Entries shall be online via IWA website at:
http://www.internationalwindsurfing.com/windsurfing_competition_0028v01.htm
- 6.5 Competitors shall provide the following documentation prior to completing registration formalities on site:
- Original Entry Form (**Form 1**)
 - Proof of Entry Fee payment
 - Evidence of valid third party insurance
 - Proof of age
 - 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*
- 6.6 Coaches and team support personnel shall provide the following documentation prior to completing registration formalities on site:
- Original Coach Entry Form (**Form 4**)
 - Proof of Coach Entry Fee payment
 - Boat Driving Licence (if applicable)
 - Evidence of valid third party insurance

7. FEES

- 7.1 The Entry Fee, depending on age, is as follows: Junior 110 euro, Youth 140 euro, Master 170 euro.
- 7.2 Entry Fees paid by **March 21st 2009** shall receive a **20 euro discount**. Late entries may incur a further 20 euro surcharge.
- 7.3 The Coach Entry Fee is 40 euro, and 50 euro for other team personnel.
- 7.4 Bank 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
- 7.5 Entries made on site shall be made in cash (euros) only.

8. RACING FORMAT, CLASSES & DIVISIONS

8.1 TECHNO 293 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP (TEC)

- 8.1.1 The Championship shall be a single discipline event for boys and girls of divisions D & E.
- 8.1.2 There may be a separate fleet and start for competitors 17 years of age and older using a max 7.8 OD sail.

8.2 RACEBOARD YOUTH EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP (RYEC)

- 8.2.1 The Championship shall be a single discipline event sailed on **Hybrid** boards for men and women of division C.
- 8.2.2 There may be separate prizes for RSX division.

8.3 RACEBOARD MASTERS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (RMEC)

- 8.3.1 The Championship shall be a single discipline event for men and women of division G.
- 8.3.2 There may be separate Prizes for "Grand Masters" & "Veterans"; 7.5 and IMCO divisions.

8.4 GENERAL

- 8.4.1 Men and women, boys and girls, and age divisions, may race together depending on entry numbers.
- 8.4.2 Each class shall race a maximum of 3 races per day, and a maximum of 12 races for the series.

8.5 AGE DIVISIONS

- 8.5.1 A competitor must have reached the minimum age limit, in the relevant division, by Dec. 31st 2008.
- 8.5.2 A competitor must not be older than the maximum age limit, in the relevant division, by Dec. 31st 2009.
- 8.5.3 A Minim (E) shall be under the age of 15. (Born in or after 1995 and not later than 1998)
- 8.5.4 A Junior (D) shall be under the age of 17. (Born in or after 1993 and not later than 1997)
- 8.5.5 A Youth (C) shall be under the age of 20. (Born in or after 1990 and not later than 1996)
- 8.5.6 A Master (G) is a man who has reached the age of 35 (1973>) or for a woman, 30 (1978>).
- 8.5.7 A Grand Master (H) is a man who has reached the age of 45 (1963 >) or for a woman 40 (1968>).
- 8.5.8 A Veteran (I) is a man who has reached the age of 55 (1953>) or for a woman 50 (1958>).

9. SCHEDULE

9.1 Event Schedule

Thursday	April 9 th		Arrival & Training
Friday	April 10 th	09.00 to 18.00hrs 20.00hrs	Registration & Equipment Inspection Opening Ceremony
Saturday	April 11 th	09.00 to 11.00hrs 11.00hrs 13.00hrs	Late Registration & Equipment Inspection Coaches Meeting Racing
Sunday	April 12 th	10.00hrs	Racing
Monday	April 13 th	10.00hrs	Racing
Tuesday	April 14 th	10.00hrs	Racing
Wednesday	April 15 th	10.00hrs 16.00hrs 18.00hrs	Racing Last possible warning signal Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony
Thursday	April 16 th		Departure

9.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 10.00hrs. (13.00hrs on April 11th.)

9.3 The warning signal for the last race of each day shall not be made within 90 minutes of the official sunset time.

10. EQUIPMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that his/her board and equipment conforms to its Class Rules, and an Equipment Inspection Form is returned to the Event Equipment Inspector before the start of competition.

10.2 Equipment checks may be made throughout the event.

10.3 Competitors shall bring their own equipment. A limited amount of charter equipment is available, contact IWA office for details.

10.4 **Competitors competing in division E of the TEC may use any sail of 5.5sqm, or less, as change down from the 6.8. Any aluminium boom or carbon mast (not exceeding 75% carbon) may be used with the 5.5 change down sail.**

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

11.1 The 'Championship SIs' will be available at registration, as will the Event Programme scheduling social events.

11.2 Alterations to the SIs shall be approved by the Class Representative.

12. COURSES

12.1 Courses shall be as prescribed in the Championship Rules or in the Sailing Instructions.

13. INTERNATIONAL JURY

13.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with the RRS Appendix N.

13.2 Their decisions will be final and cannot be appealed, as specified in RRS 70.5.

14. SCORING

14.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix B, and using the "Low Points Scoring System".

15. SUPPORT BOATS

15.1 Coach boats will be available for charter on a first come, first served, basis. Apply to the organisers for details of cost and availability. Applications should be made by **March 21st 2009** using [Form 5](#).

15.2 Support boats shall clearly display their national 3 letter country code in black on a white background, either on a flag of a minimum of 50cm x 40cm in size or on the cover of their outboard engine.

16. STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT

16.1 On completion of registration and continuing until the end of the regatta, when ashore (other than when launching and retrieving), all equipment shall be kept in their assigned places at VLG. Removal of any equipment from the regatta site may require prior written approval from the race committee. Access to equipment in the storage area during certain hours, including hours of darkness, may be restricted.

16.2 Unless otherwise directed by the organiser, all competing boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area at the VLG.

17. MEDALS AND PRIZES

- 17.1** Medals or trophies shall be awarded to the first three competitors in each Class / Division depending on entry numbers. Categories to be awarded in each properly constituted division will be posted on the official notice board after the close of registration.
- 17.2** Prizes may be awarded to the first three competitors in each Class/Division.
- 17.3** The first Under 15 boy and girl in **TEC** shall be known as the Techno 293 U15 European Champion.
- 17.4** The first Under 17 boy and girl in **TEC** shall be known as the Techno 293 U17 European Champion.
- 17.5** The first Youth boy and/or girl in **RYEC** shall be known as the Raceboard Youth European Champion.
- 17.6** The first man or woman in **RMEC** shall be known as the Raceboard Master's European Champion.

18. BUOYANCY

- 18.1** If personal buoyancy is prescribed every competitor and support boat crewmember shall wear, above the waist, a jacket harness or vest with a minimum buoyancy of 4kg un-inflated 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.
- 18.2** Personal buoyancy is mandatory for all competitors under 17 years of age.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1** Competitors take part in all races at their own risk. The VLG, IWA, T293 and IRC or any of their officials or representatives or the 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.
- 19.2** 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.

20. INSURANCE

- 20.1** Competitors shall possess valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1 million Euro.
- 20.2** Coach and support boat drivers shall also have a valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 5 million Euro.

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 Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

22. OFFICIAL CEREMONIES

- 22.1** Attendance at the Opening Ceremony, Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony is mandatory.
- 22.2** The organiser reserves the right to refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion.

23. ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation information:

Vehicles may park near the event site during the day but, concerning Van, Camper or mobile home, the organisation has negotiated a special price for the event with:

Airotel Ocean. More details on the site : <http://www.airotel-ocean.com>

For more information about hotels or different accommodation contact Tourist Board at:

<http://www.lacanau.com>

24. AIR TRAVEL/TRANSPORTATION/TRANSFERS

A wide range of scheduled and charter flights are available from all over Europe.

Transport information on the site: <http://www.lacanau.com/english/acces01.htm>

