



## THE INTERNATIONAL KITEBOARDING CLASS ASSOCIATION

An ISAF International Class

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### **2014 annual report from the International Kiteboarding Association to the ISAF Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee**

**Membership** has grown in 2014 to 60 national class associations, representing all continents. Interest is especially strong and continues growing in the Middle East, Asian and African area.

**Events** have been held in all parts of the world, including continental tours in Europe and Asia, and continental championships in North America, South America, Europe, Africa and Oceania. Asia will have a continental championship in 2014 (Qatar, 10.-15. November 2014). Successful World Championship Tours have been run for the disciplines of Freestyle, Wave Performance and Slalom.

The KiteFoil GoldCup had its inaugural tour and should have the numbers together in 2015 to apply for class status.

Successful events have been run for the TwinTip:Racing class for the class world ranking.

Formula Kite **Equipment** has become very similar throughout the different brands. The new yearly registration system using plaque IDs works very well. Equipment inspection is enforced, the class has invested in high tech measurement tools to enforce even better quality control on side of the manufacturers to ensure that tolerances are limited to standard production variation and not to gain advantages.

A new generation of kites ("Foilkites", as used for paragliding) has been registered during the last equipment cycle and is currently produced by two brands (Ozone and Elf). Two other brands (Flysurfer and Paaravent) have applied for registration in 2015. These new kites allow racing in down to 4 knots due to their lower weight (half of the weight of a pump-up-kite) and higher efficiency.

**Rules** have proven to work in the past events as included in the RRS 2013-2016, with changes made based on the submissions for the 2017 rulebook. This has reduced the number of protests to a normal amount (5-15 per event).

The development of the class certainly aims for a further expansion to the remaining parts of the world with continental tours and championships planned in Africa and the Americas.

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