



## NOTICE of RACE

**2009 Raceboard and IMCO European Championships**  
**Liepaja, Latvia** 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June 2009  
*An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event*

### 1. EVENT

- 1.1** The 2009 **LIEPAJA Raceboard and IMCO European Championships** will be held from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2009.
- 1.2** The International Raceboard Class (IRC) European Championships and the International Mistral Class Organisation (IMCO) European Championships form part of the **Liepaja Windsurfing Festival**.

### 2. ORGANISER

- 2.1** The Championships will be organised by the Latvian Windsurfing Association for and on behalf of, and under specified conditions laid down by, the IRC and the IMCO, in co-operation with the International Windsurfing Association (IWA).
- 2.2** The event is organised in conjunction with the Liepaja city and windsurfing club Rietumkrasts.

### 3. VENUE

- 3.1** The event will be based at the Liepaja Beach.
- 3.2** Conditions to be expected – winds: 4-16 knots; water temperature: 15°C; air temperature: 15-20°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 of the participating classes;
- 4.1.3** No National Authority prescriptions will apply.
- 4.2** 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 Raceboard or National IMCO 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 made online via IWA website at:  
[http://www.internationalwindsurfing.com/windsurfing\\_competition\\_0028v01.htm](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 is as follows: 120 euro (Youth 100 euro)

**7.2** Entry Fees paid by **May 17<sup>th</sup> 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 for coaches and 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 only (euros).

## **8. RACING FORMAT, CLASSES & DIVISIONS**

### **8.1 RACEBOARD EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP (REC)**

**8.1.1** The Championship shall be a single discipline event for men and women.

**8.1.2** There may be separate prizes for Youth, Master, Grand Master, Veteran, and 7.5 divisions.

### **8.2 IMCO EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP (MEC)**

**8.2.1** The Championship shall be a single discipline event for men and women.

**8.2.2** There may be separate titles and prizes for Men Light, Men Heavy and Master divisions.

### **8.3 GENERAL**

**8.3.1** Men and women may race together depending on entry numbers.

**8.3.2** Each class shall race a maximum of 4 races per day, and a maximum of 12 races for the series.

### **8.4 AGE DIVISIONS**

**8.4.1** A competitor must have reached the minimum age limit, in the relevant division, by Dec. 31st 2008.

**8.4.2** A competitor must not be older than the maximum age limit, in the relevant division, by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 2009.

**8.4.3** A Youth (C) shall be under the age of 20. (Born in or after 1990 and not later than 1996)

**8.4.4** A Master (G) is a man who has reached the age of 35 (1973>) or for a woman, 30 (1978>).

**8.4.5** A Grand Master (H) is a man who has reached the age of 45 (1963 >) or for a woman 40 (1968>).

**8.4.6** 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**

Wednesday	June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	18.00 to 21.00hrs	<b>Arrival &amp; Training</b>
Thursday	June 4 <sup>th</sup>	09.00 to 13.00hrs	Registration & Equipment Inspection
		14.00hrs	Registration & Equipment Inspection
		14.00hrs	Racing
		20.00hrs	Opening Ceremony & Party
Friday	June 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00hrs	Racing
Saturday	June 6 <sup>th</sup>	11.00hrs	Racing
Sunday	June 7 <sup>th</sup>	11.00hrs	Racing
		16.00hrs	Last possible start
		18.00hrs	Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony

### **Departure**

**9.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 11.00hrs, except on June 4<sup>th</sup> (14.00hrs).

## **10. EQUIPMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

**10.1** Equipment checks may be made throughout the event.

**10.2** Competitors shall bring their own equipment.

## **11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**11.1** The Sailing Instructions, which are in accordance with the Championship Rules, 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 Sailing Instructions.

## **13. INTERNATIONAL JURY**

**13.1** An International Jury may 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** 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 the beach. 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 Sailing Instructions, all competing boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area at the beach.

## **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** The first man and woman in **REC** shall be known as the Raceboard European Champion.

**17.3** The first man and woman in **MEC** shall be known as the IMCO European Champion. There may be titles for Light Weight Men, Heavy Weight Men and Masters Men, depending upon entry numbers.

## **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 organiser, IWA, IMCO 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** Competitors are expected to attend the Opening Ceremony, Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony.

**22.2** The organiser reserves the right to refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Further details of the event site, with the exact location of parking, equipment storage & launching areas, and other facilities are shown on the site map below.



## ACCOMMODATION

Hotels:

### LĪVA

Liela str. 11, Liepāja, LV 3400

ph. 634 20102, e-mail [info@liva.lv](mailto:info@liva.lv)

[www.liva.lv](http://www.liva.lv)

Prices from 17,50 EUR per person per night

### FONTAINE ROYAL

Sturmuņu str. 1, Liepāja, LV 3401

ph. 634 89777, e-mail [royal@fontaine.lv](mailto:royal@fontaine.lv)

[www.fontaineroyal.lv](http://www.fontaineroyal.lv)

Prices from 16,50 EUR per person per night

More information about hotels <http://www.liepaja.lv/page/2084>

Vehicles and camper vans may park at the event site.

## AIR TRAVEL/TRANSPORTATION/TRANSFERS

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

The nearest international Airport is Riga, 220km. There is also airport in Liepāja approx 15 min drive from event site.

All sailors coming by air can contact [info@rietumkrasts.lv](mailto:info@rietumkrasts.lv) for transportation and transfer assistance.