



2010 Class Report
to the
ISAF Windsurfing & Kite-boarding Committee



An online Audience of **85** Countries For The
RS:X World Championships



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Introduction

The Class concentrated on 5 main areas of activity in 2010

- a) RS: X Media Project
- b) Youth Development Program
- c) Reach-4-The-Top Training Program
- d) Planned Evolution of the RS: X One Design Equipment
- e) Format and Equipment Control

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RS:X Media Project

Here are the essential statistics from the RS:X World Championships in Kerteminde Denmark

	Visits	Unique Visits	Page Views	Viewer Hours	Viewer Streams	Visit Time	Countries
Dashboard & site	56,203	26,780	298,803				
Live Stream			198,120	2784.45	39,966		
TracTrac Visits			55,093			13.6	
							85
Flickr	78,403						

Live video was streamed from the racecourse together with course commentary and was viewed 198,120 times over the period of the championships. All racing was tracked using TracTrac with 55,093 views.

We have secured a sponsor 'Real World Systems' who are assisting us in the development of our event dashboard and our online scoring system, which includes online registration and payment for athletes, as well as the online registration of equipment.

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Map Overlay

Aug 9, 2010 - Sep 8, 2010

Comparing to: Site



24,610 visits came from 85 countries/territories

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Youth Development

The class has developed its own Youth Development Program focused on

- North Africa and the Middle East
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Central Europe
- South America
- Central America & the Caribbean Islands
- The plan is to re-cycle used equipment and sell it on to developing nations in these regions and provide support in the shape of training camps as well as an on-line coaching facility where individual athletes and coaches can get on-going support.

The class established both a men's fleet and a woman's fleet at the 2010 Central American and Caribbean Games for the first time with 6 Men from 4 nations (MEX, VEN, BER & PUR) and 5 Women from 4 nations (MEX, AHO, BVI & JAM).

Iran took part in the RS:X World Championships for the first time

The RS:X Class is now a member of the IWA, future RS:X Youth Championships will be staged at the same venue at the same time as Techno Championships to reduce costs and logistics.

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Reach-4-The-Top Training Program

It is likely that the role of Olympic Classes will change in the future as the ISAF Sailing World Cup becomes the primary series of events and those of the class lose their importance.

Since the publication of the ISAF Olympic Commission report and the emphasis that it places on the development of sailing and therefore windsurfing, the R4T program has assumed even more importance.

To this end, the RS:X Class has taken on an extra person to allow the class more time to develop the R4T program to boost athlete participation in Youth Championships from target regions.

We applied last year for ISAF recognition. It seems that there is no existing ISAF structure in to which our work fits. The ISAF have to think hard about how they wish to enable the development work of the classes so that we can move forward with more than just words of encouragement.

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Planned Evolution of the RS:X One Design Equipment

Coloured sails will become mandatory for use at RS:X World and European Championships on December 1st 2011. All sails at the ISAF World Championships will therefore be Red (8.5) or Gold (9.5).

There is an ongoing rig development program, which makes use of the latest thinking from Neil Pryde.

Neil Pryde has continued to develop the one shot lightweight hull, which is now down to 12Kgs and is undergoing further durability and performance testing. Currently there is one hull in Europe, one in North America and one in Asia

The Class will be ready to adopt this evolution of the RS:X equipment should a change be required by ISAF as of January 1st 2013

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Format and Equipment Control

Bas Edmonds [GBR], chief measurer, has instantly established good relations with the sailors and Neil Pryde Windsurfing so that equipment questions can be addressed quickly.

Bas paid a visit to Neil Pryde's RS:X production facilities in the spring of 2010 to carry out an extremely successful quality control audit the results of which are now feeding through into equipment currently being shipped.

Class rules are under constant review. 14 changes were approved at the AGM and are now awaiting approval from ISAF.

The RS:X AGM has subsequently voted to increase the maximum number of races overall from 11 to 16 and from 2 races to 3 per day in planing conditions without the restriction of being behind schedule.

The number of pre-racing days at major championships has been successfully reduced from 3 to 1 in 2010. Equipment checking has been switched to post race inspection.

We believe that there should be closer communication between the Class and ISAF Race Management officials involved in the Sailing World Cup and other ISAF events to ensure that the best interests of the sailors are looked after.

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Conclusion

2010 has been another successful year in the development of the RS:X Class.

The use of tracking was a success as was the introduction of LIVE video coverage and course commentary. There is further work to do in this area. We will continue to partner with commercial concerns and research institutes to develop an integrated online dashboard.

As a tight One-Design Class we are pleased with the progress made by Neil Pryde on equipment tolerances and will continue to be vigilant on this front.

We look forward to working within the IWA to consolidate our junior and youth championships and offer a clear pathway to our young sailors.

Thank you for your continuing support!

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Appendix 1 - Championship Reports

Name: 2010 RS:X North American Windsurfing Championships

Dates and venue: 16th –18th January, Miami, USA

Number of entries: 18

Men - 12 from 8 countries (CAN, COL, DEN, ESP, FRA, GBR, JPN, USA)

Women – 6 from 6 countries (CAN, DEN, FIN, FRA, GBR, USA)

Countries – 9 (CAN, COL, DEN, ESP, FIN, FRA, GBR, JPN, USA).

Continents: 4

Champions: Men: USA Benjamin Barger Women: CAN Nikola Girke

Name: 2010 RS:X Youth European Windsurfing Championships

Dates and venue: 25th June–02nd July, Sopot, Poland

Number of entries: 110

Men - 79 from 18 countries (AUS, BEL, DEN, ESP, FRA, GBR, GER, GRE, HKG, ISR, ITA, LTU, NED, NOR, POL, SIN, TUR, UKR)

Women – 31 from 11 countries (DEN, ESP, GBR, GER, GRE, HKG, ISR, ITA, NOR, POL, TUR)

Countries – 18 (AUS, BEL, DEN, ESP, FRA, GBR, GER, GRE, HKG, ISR, ITA, LTU, NED, NOR, POL, SIN, TUR, UKR)

Continents: 3

Champions: Men: POL Brzozowski Arkadiusz Women: ISR Halevy Ofir

Class Champions: U17 Men: ISR Galili Amir U17 Women: POL Kacprzyk Natalia

Jury Members: Aaron Botzer (ISR) IJ Chairman, Sofia Truchanowicz (POL) IJ, Tomasz Chamera (POL) IJ, Paul Schilizzi (GRE) IJ

Dusan Vanicky (SVK) IJ, Uli Gasch (GER) NJ

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2010 RS:X European Windsurfing Championships

Dates and venue: 02nd - 09th July, Sopot, Poland

Number of entries: 112

Men - 66 from 20 countries (BUL, CYP, CZE, ESP, EST, FRA, GBR, GER, GRE, ISR, ITA, JPN, KOR, LTU, POL, RUS, SLO, SWE, THA, UKR)

Women – 46 from 19 countries (BUL, CAN, DEN, ESP, EST, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, GRE, HUN, ISR, ITA, JPN, NED, POL, POR, UKR, USA)

Countries – 26 (BUL, CAN, CYP, CZE, DEN, ESP, EST, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, GRE, HUN, ISR, ITA, JAP, KOR, LTU, NED, POL, RUS, SLO, SWE, THA, UKR, USA)

Continents: 3

Champions: Men: ISR Shahar Zubari Women: ESP Marina Alabau

Class Champions: U21 Men: ISR Liran Machlev U21 Women: ITA Laura Linares

Jury Members: Kamen Fillov (BUL) IJ, Andrus Poksi (EST) IJ, Dusan Vanicky (SVK) IJ, Mike O'Connor (IRL) IJ, Uli Gasch (GER) NJ, Pawel Stolzman (POL) NJ, Rodrigo Guerra (URU) NJ

2010 RS:X World Windsurfing Championships

Dates and venue: 27th August – 05th September, Kerteminde, Denmark

Number of entries: 178

Men - 112 from 42 countries (ARG, AUS, BRA, BUL, CAN, CHN, COL, CRO, CYP, CZE, DEN, ESP, EST, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, GRE, HKG, IRI, ISR, ITA, JPN, KOR, LAT, LTU, NED, NOR, NZL, POL, POR, RUS, SIN, SLO, SUI, SVK, SWE, THA, TPE, UKR, USA, VEN)

Women – 66 from 25 countries (AUS, BUL, CAN, CHN, CYP, DEN, ESP, EST, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, GRE, HKG, ISR, ITA, JPN, MEX, NED, NOR, NZL, POL, THA, UKR, USA)

Countries - 43 (ARG, AUS, BRA, BUL, CAN, CHN, COL, CRO, CYP, CZE, DEN, ESP, EST, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, GRE, HKG, IRI, ISR, ITA, JPN, KOR, LAT, LTU, MEX, NED, NOR, NZL, POL, POR, RUS, SIN, SLO, SUI, SVK, SWE, THA, TPE, UKR, USA, VEN)

Continents: 5

Champions: Men: POL Piotr Myszka Women: ESP Blanca Manchon

Class Champions: U21 Men: GBR Richard Hamilton U21 Women: POL Maja Dziarnowska

Jury Members: Kamen Fillyov (BUL) IJ Chairman, Andrus Poksi (EST) IJ, Frans Bolweg (NED) IJ, Keld Stentoft (DEN) IJ, Karsten Skov (DEN) NJ

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