



2009 annual report from the International Formula Windsurfing Class to the ISAF Windsurfing Committee

It has been another successful year of activity for the Formula Windsurfing Class. **Membership** of the Formula Class has remained steady, with 36 countries, from 5 continents, represented (29 national associations and 7 by individual memberships).

Activity within many NWA has been maintained, but has increased in some continents (Oceania) and some regions (Baltic and Nordic states)

The Formula Ranking scheme and accompanying international calendar continues to generate interest in the class and encourage/ reward national event organisers.

There were 25 international events on the 2009 Ranking calendar: including Formula Worlds, and 4 Continental Championships.

The new Grand Prix world tour included stops: ESP, POL (2) and BRA (2).

Regional championships include Nordic and Iberic

The Baltic Cup –LTU; LAT; FIN; and EST maintains its popularity.

Championships

The World Championships were hosted by Club Windsurf Santa Pola, in Spain, in Sept. 2009 World Champions are Steve Allen (AUS) and Marta Hlavaty (POL).

Continental Championships were held in AUS; USA; POL; and BRA.

The Formula Festival, inc. Formula Youth & Masters World Championships, again combined with the Formula Experience World Championship, was held in Cadiz, Spain, in July.

2009 Youth World Champion –Jules Denel (FRA); 2009 Masters World Champion- Martin Ervin (EST).

The **2009 AGM** was held in Spain during the World Championships.

Key decisions made included: amendments to championship rules; a revision of the world ranking system; and closer co-operation with the Techno 293 class to develop youth competition, including joint events where appropriate;

The agm again supported a change of olympic equipment, this time for 2016, which could include the “formula one-design”.

For **2010** there has been increased interest from manufacturers, with four brands registering production formula boards with ISAF for the first time, giving a total of 11 new boards from 9 brands.

Note- a 2 year registration period for boards was introduced in 2008 ie. the only new boards eligible to compete in international competition during 2010/2011 had to be registered with ISAF by 30th September 2009.

Ceri Williams –Chairman.