

2015 Report from the International Raceboard Class to the ISAF Windsurfing & Kiteboarding Committee

2015 **class membership** fees were received from 19 countries, representing 5 continents. However, there are active fleets in many more countries, and activity in longboard racing is increasing every year.

The following championships have taken place this year:

Oceanic - Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Brisbane, Australia, from 24th to 26th January.

Champion - Richie Reynolds (Australia)

<u>European</u> – FAV, El Puerto de Santa Maria, Cadiz, Spain, from 13th to 19th September. Champions – Men: Nic Huguet (France) Women: Aleksandra Blinnikka (Finland)

<u>Worlds</u> – Sopot, Poland, from 8th to 13th June. Mens Champion – Maksymilan Wojcik (Poland) Womens Champion – Ilona Grinberga (Latvia)

South American – coming soon to Paracus, Peru, from 3rd to 8th December.

Equipment

The emphasis within the class is on racing longboards. Hybrids and longboards are not compatible on the same race track. There is a good choice of old and new raceboards available on the market.

Festival

Expanding the raceboard championships into "festival" events for daggerboard classes (old and new) will only advance the trend of growth in longboard racing. The revitalized International Division II Class Association plan to join more events in 2016. It is also planned to include a division for Mistral One Design boards with an open rig.

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