



TECHNO PLUS NOW OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED WORLD-WIDE BY WORLD SAILING

2017 draws to its close in a very positive way for Techno 293 OD, and its new sister class, Techno PLUS, which had an unbelievably high entry at its inaugural stand-alone World Championships and was officially recognised internationally by World Sailing. Two key elements that give Techno 293 OD a highly promising future.

The Techno PLUS World Championships set the tempo with a magnificent total of 167 competitors coming from 31 different countries. It was the very first time that the Techno class had organised a World Championship specifically for the Techno Plus category, where competitors get to race on Techno 293 rigs, for 4 different titles (Under 19 boys/girls, and Open men/women).

In 2016, this development class ran its first World Championship at Torbole in Italy, as part of the Techno 293 OD World Championships event. The Techno PLUS contest attracted a respectable entry of 60 over 17s. In 2017, it's more than twice as many entrants as 2016! This shows how strong the demand is at sailing club level to enable young racers to continue competing on Techno 293s after they've reached the age of 17.

The rapidly approaching Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in October 2018 in Buenos Aires, where the Techno Plus is equipment selected for the windsurfing event, has given a further boost to the development of the Class. Following on from the T+ World Championships, the YOG World Qualifier, November 2017 also featured: the South American Championships, hosted at the YOG venue, and an African Championships, itself a YOG qualification event. Numerous other qualifying events will be taking place during 2018. The YOG have become a major competition target for various countries, lending extensive worldwide visibility to the promotion of Techno PLUS. For all information about the YOG check out <http://yog.plus.techno293.org/>

Techno PLUS officially recognized by national and international organisations

The excellent attendance at the Techno PLUS World Championships has not escaped the notice of many national federations, and of World Sailing, which in November gave the Techno PLUS class its official blessing at its annual international conference. This long-awaited world level recognition is sure to give a huge boost to Techno 293 PLUS from 2018 onwards.

The other important decision: the highly influential French Sailing Federation's recognition of separate titles for boys and girls. A decision that is yet more proof of the vitality and development potential for Techno 293 OD, which itself became a teenager this year, celebrating its 13th birthday.

To help you understand the equipment and categories that now constitute Techno 293 OD and Techno PLUS, click on this link to download a fully comprehensive explanatory document that we also posted on the classwebsite.

http://internationalwindsurfing.com/userfiles/documents/T293_Original_Next.pdf

You'll find all the information you need about the Techno class, the rules, race calendars, equipment.... at <http://www.techno293.org/>

Techno 293 and Techno PLUS 2018 international calendar

11th-15th January: Oceania Techno 293 and Techno PLUS Championships
Brisbane, Australia – Qualifying event for YOG

7th-11th February: Asian Techno PLUS Championships
Singapore - Qualifying event for YOG

25th-28th February: South American Techno PLUS Championships
Qualifying event for YOG, followed by:

1st-4th March: South American Techno 293 Championship
Paracus, Peru

1st-7th April: European Techno PLUS Championships
Palermo, Sicily, Italy - Qualifying event for YOG

23rd-27th May: North American Techno 293 and Techno PLUS Championships
Cancun, Mexico - Qualifying event for YOG

4th-12th August: Techno 293 and Techno 293 PLUS World Championships
Liepaja, Latvia

6th-12th October: Youth Olympic Games
Buenos Aires, Argentina

20th-27th October: Techno 293 Europeans
Attica, Athens, Greece

