









Techno 293 OD was recognised by the ISAF as a separate class in its own right in 2006. Since then it has seen phenomenal growth in more than 55 countries and 6 continents.

During 2012 it became the single biggest windsurf class with more than 8000 Techno 293 ODs sailing somewhere in the world. Tens of thousands of 13 > 16 year olds race or have raced on this board.

But once they reach 17 years most young riders stop competing, partly because of a lack of suitable equipment. The Techno 293 OD+ will help keep those 17+ year olds interested in regattas and racing, with minimal expense involved for their clubs.

## Techno Class in 2013

The Techno 293 OD is the official racing class for 13 > 16 year olds.

Four categories (age divisions) currently use the board : under 13's, under 15's, under 17' and Open; and the class awards 4 world titles: to boys and girls in both under 15 and under 17 divisions.

The board and fin size are identical in these 4 divisions.

The only variance is in the rig sizes sanctioned, in relation to rider size and weight : max 5.8m<sup>2</sup> for Under 13s, 6.8m<sup>2</sup> for Under 15s, 7.8m<sup>2</sup> for the Under 17s and Open.

## Techno 293 OD + : the perfectly adapted board for 17+ years

To help the 17+ years carry on competing at the kind of level they're used to, we've configured a brand new set-up for the Techno 293 OD, in response to the demands of their bigger size and heavier weight :

Board: Techno 293 identical to the Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17 categories Fin: New shape and size (maximum length now 50cm as opposed to 46cm) Rig: New bigger and more powerful sail size (8.5m<sup>2</sup> as opposed to 7.8m<sup>2</sup>)

The dimensions of the Techno 293 OD, its heavily reinforced Deep Tuttle fin box, and its composite thermoformed carbon/glass fibre construction are what enables the board to carry the bigger fin and rig without any stuctural implications.

The new combination of fin and rig fits perfectly with the requirement for higher performance competition capability.

## Techno 293 OD + : continue competing whilst opening up new race possibilities

This new T293 OD+ equipment with a 50 cm fin & 8.5 rig will make it possible for lighter weight 17+ years to carry on competing at regattas in the same conditions as during their previous seasons, with higher performance and more powerful equipment, better adapted to their adult-sized bodies. South American & Asian countries where riders are often smaller and lighter, are a perfect example of who the new configuration will benefit.

On the racing side, the new Techno 293 OD+ Class will include 2 divisions, and will be THE new class for ALL riders 17+ years:

**OD 7.8 + 46 cm Fin -** Either competitors continue to compete on exactly the same board and rig combination that they have been competing on in the U17 division. This age division is effectively the "Open Age Category" that has been included in previous World Championships.

OD 8.5 + 50 cm Fin - Or riders compete on the new set of equipment particularly sized for the T293 OD+.

**TECHNO CUP** - BOTH of the above divisions of the T293 OD+ Class will compete for the brand new TECHNO CUP. This TECHNO CUP will be awarded to the best overall male and female of the 17+ Age Category.

The Championship Rules will be adapted to focus more on funboard sailing in planing conditions (where possible), slalom, and long distance style races. The new Techno Cup Championship Rules & the T293 OD+ Class Rules, on which these events will be based, will be published on *www.techno293.org* 

## Techno 293 OD + : limited extra investment

With the new techno 293 OD+ riders can continue racing using their existing 7.8 equipment and compete for the new TECHNO CUP. Once they are ready - they have outgrown their 7.8 equipment or can afford new equipment - they can invest in the bigger 8.5 sail and fin and also compete for the TECHNO CUP.

Whatever the final configuration chosen, at a time of widespread economic difficulty the T293 OD+ allows riders, clubs and national federations the flexibility to keep the same board, and gradually invest in the new fin and sail as soon as they are ready.









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