



2014 Report from the International Raceboard Class to the ISAF Windsurfing & Kiteboarding Committee

2014 **class membership** fees were received from 18 countries, representing 4 continents. However, there are active fleets in many more countries, and activity in longboard racing is increasing every year by approx 10%.

The following championships have taken place this year:

Oceanic – Georges River SC, Botany Bay, NSW, Australia, in January
Champion - Leo Sharpe (Australia)

South American – Mendoza, Argentina, in March
Champion – Martin Berardo (Brasil)

European – Sopot, Poland, in June
Champions – Pawel Gardasiewicz (Poland) & Antonia Dominguez (Spain)

Worlds – Blanes, Catalonia, Spain , in September
Mens Champion – Ivan Pastor (Spain)
Womens Champion – Vita Matise (Latvia)

African – Bejaia, Algeria, scheduled for late December.

Highlight

This years Worlds in the Blanes attracted the biggest entry in recent times – including 104 men from 16 countries representing 4 continents. 5 days of racing and 14 races completed. Womens fleet is once again on the increase.

For racing in any conditions in the widest possible conditions – Raceboard is hard to beat .

Equipment

The emphasis within the class is on racing longboards. Hybrids and longboards are not compatible on the same race track. The Class AGM committed to developing an open hybrid class – R300.

Two new builders of longboards may enter the scene in 2015 – one produced in Argentina and one in Europe. The future looks good for “longboard” racing.

Festival

Expanding the raceboard championships into “festival “ events for daggerboard classes (old and new) could only advance the trend of growth in longboard racing..

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