

Brazilian and Open International Freestyle Championships 2008



From 20 till 23 December the first National and International Brazilian freestyle event was held in Icarai de Amontada (Z 3° 1'28.41", W 39°39'23.50"), a beautiful little town 185 km East of Fortaleza.

With 30.000 Reais (10.000 Euro) prize money the event was well attended with no less than 4 surfers from the top 30 Freestyle World Ranking. 2 double eliminations and 1 single elimination were organised in both the men's and the women's fleet.

Conditions in front of the Brazilian-crew spot (<http://www.windsurf-braziliancrew.com/fr-home.html>) were almost perfect with 18-25 knots of wind and up to 1 meter swell on the reef that lead to some textbook Forwards and Backloops.

The event was organised by Arrow Marketing (Organiser of 2 FW World Championships and most of the Brazilian windsurf events). Under the guidance of Bruno De Wannemaeker (BEL), the experienced jury was composed of Laurent Cornic (FRA), Tato Brunet (ESP) and Romen Frejo (ESP).

The number of flawless Spocks, Grubbies, Kono, Cullo, Goiters, Flakas, Toads, Burners, Shakas was amazingly high.

The conditions in Icarazinho, as the locals like to call it, are always perfect from July till end December with side shore winds between 15- 35 knots every day!!!

Coverage of the event was done by 2 professional photographers and Claudio of Morlima. You can find some of these dream images on the event website: <http://www.windbrasil.com/freestyle/> and http://www.morlima.com/mat/mat.asp?id_mat=210.

In the men's fleet the first place went to BRA-250/De Souza Pedro Edvan, second and first youth was BRA-85/Mouro Lemos Ian, third was BRA-/Sassa, fourth was BRA-/Chico, fifth Pollet Arthur from France, sixth the local Junior BRA-291/Barros Verreira Jao Henrique and seventh came SWE-4444/Stråhlén Niklas.

In the Ladies fleet honours were taken by Spanish freestyler Vicky Sanchez, in second Therese Silva and in third place the young and promising Taina Fernandes.

The intention is to keep this event growing and to organise in 2009 the Open South American Freestyle Championships and in 2010 the World Championship freestyle.

Mark already the dates in your calendar for a fantastic training and end-of the year event beginning till middle December in Brazil! *The place to be.*

Most of the competitors were lodged in simpatico pousada's like <http://www.pousadaaguadecoco.tur.br/>, <http://www.pousada-rio-verde.com/> or <http://www.casadosventos.com.br/>