

**Report from the chairman of the IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission,
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2007

1- 9 June An excellent Multi hull Regatta was held in Afissos Greece with 22 entries from 11 Countries.

7-14 September The second qualifying event for the 2008 Paralympic Sailing Competition for the Single-Person Keelboat (2.4mR) and Three-Person Keelboat (Sonar) and the first qualifying event for the Two-Person Keelboat (SKUD18) was held in Rochester New York, USA and hosted by the Rochester Yacht Club.

This was the largest event ever staged under the IFDS flag with 170 Athletes from 29 Nations. The organisation and standard of sailing was outstanding and IFDS owe a deep debt of gratitude to the Rochester Yacht Club, to their members, volunteers and staff for an enormously successful event.

Disabled sailors participated in Olympic Classes Regattas (OCR) in Miami, Hyeres, Kiel and Sail Melbourne. These are now firmly established as annual events and are particularly valuable as they not only provide excellent racing but also provide an ideal opportunity for promoting disabled sailing to the rest of the world.

1-4 November The Homerus International Blind match Racing Event is being held in Palermo, Italy.

2008

Sail Melbourne, Miami, Hyeres and Kiel will include some of the Paralympic classes again in 2008.

20-28 March The IFDS Disabled Sailing World Championship, 2008, Two-person Keelboat will be held in Singapore and will be the second qualifying event for the 2008 Paralympic Sailing Competition for the SKUD18 class.

8-16 May 2008 IFDS International Event - Qingdao. This event will be open to the three Paralympic Classes.

4-12 July IFDS Multi Hull World Championship – Cascais, Portugal. To be sailed in Challenger Trimarans.

30 August - Paralympic Venue opens

8-13 September - Paralympic Regatta Qingdao

18 September - Paralympic Village and Venue closes

2009

13–21 March Blind World Sailing Championships - New Zealand

An expression of interest has been received proposing that a World Championship may be possible in Oporto, Portugal for Paralympic Classes. Further details are awaited.

2010

July/August The Royal Netherlands Yacht Club have offered to host the IFDS Disabled Sailing World Championship, 2010, in Medemblik during the last week in July and the first week in August. The event will be open to Paralympic Classes

2011

The Royal Yachting Association have agreed to host the 2011 IFDS World Championship in Weymouth, UK, the venue for the 2012 Paralympic Regatta. Dates are to be arranged.

2012

Paralympic Games

Note

We are aware that there is a concentration of events in Europe during the next few years and therefore we are taking steps to encourage RNAs in Asia and the far east to organise events in their own areas.