

**IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission, Peter Wood**

The Calendar of World Championships is pretty well complete up to and including 2015. A summary is included in the following table:

<b>Year/Month</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Classes to be sailed</b>
2012/01	IFDS Combined World Championship	Port Charlotte FL USA	Sonar, SKUD18, 2.4mR
2012/06	Blind Sailing World Match Racing Championship*	Iseo Lake ITA	Meteor
2013/	IFDS Combined World Championship	Kinsdale, IRL	Sonar, SKUD18, 2.4mR
2013/05	Blind Sailing World Championship	Miura City JPN	J-24's
2014/08	IFDS Combined World Championship	Halifax, NS CAN	Sonar, SKUD18, 2.4mR
2015/12	IFDS Combined World Championship	Melbourne, AUS	Sonar, SKUD18, 2.4mR

\*not yet ratified by IFDS Executive Committee

We are still looking for venues for the 2014 and 2015 Blind Sailing World Championships.

A letter has been sent to the Asian Para Games requesting inclusion into the 2014 Asian Para Games to be held in Incheon Republic of Korea. Our proposal is to hold the sailing event in Access Liberty boats. A reply has yet to be received.

A working group of David Staley, Giulio Comboni and Caterina Gouleliou-Tsantilis prepared a draft bid application procedure for future organizations wishing to host IFDS World Championships. It is a very thorough document which will provide IFDS with a better basis for determining the capabilities of potential hosts. I have reviewed the document and will be passing it onto the IFDS Executive Committee for their review.

The mid year 2011 IFDS Rankings were published in August thanks to the work of Emma Little.

The next rankings will come out in the spring of 2012 after the IFDS Combined Worlds and the Rolex Miami OCR. Currently the events are very Eurocentric and we will need to look at that going forward from 2013.

I had the opportunity to attend the 2011 IFDS Combined World Championships in Weymouth in early July. The facilities are very impressive and it was interesting to watch RYA's instructional scheme as this was a multi-function facility with an active learn to sail program for school children. I was disappointed the organizers did not have more organized social functions where the sailors could meet each other after racing. The cafeteria and the deck being the principal gathering points. Hopefully future event organizers will include opportunities for sailors, coaches and officials to intermingle.

Submitted by

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