

IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission – Ian Harrison

2008

Sail Melbourne, Miami, Hyeres and Kiel included some of the Paralympic classes.

20-28 March – IFDS Two-Person Keelboat World Championship

This event was held in Singapore and was the second qualifying event for the Paralympic regatta for the Two-Person Keelboat, SKUD18.

8-16 May - 2008 IFDS International Event – Qingdao

This event attracted 60 sailors sailing in the three Paralympic Classes. The event was invaluable as it enabled all the facilities in Qingdao to be tested prior to the Games and the Olympic/Paralympic village opened for the first time. Only minor changes were required in preparation for the Paralympic Sailing Competition.

4-12 July - IFDS Multi Hull World Championship – Cascais, Portugal

This event sailed in Challenger Trimarans was highly successful and provided excellent racing for 28 sailors from 16 nations.

30 August – 2008 Paralympic Sailing Competition

Paralympic Venue opened for the Paralympic Sailing Competition. Full details are provided in a separate report

2009

World Championships

We were delighted to receive expressions of interest from 5 countries for the IFDS Disabled Sailing World Championship, 2009 from Portugal, Norway, Greece (Crete), Israel and Dubai. Detailed discussions are now taking with Israel and Dubai with a proposal to hold an event in the autumn of 2009.

Olympic Classes Regattas

Opportunities for entries for Paralympic Classes will again be available for the Olympic Classes Regattas in Miami, UAS; Hyeres, France; Melbourne, Australia and Kiel, Germany.

24–31 January – Kiwi Cup – Auckland, New Zealand

This event is to be sailed in the Access Liberty.

13–21 March - IFDS Blind Sailing World Championships, 2009 - Lake Rotorua, New Zealand

Full details can be found on the website – www.2009worldblindsailingnz.com

2010

July 2010 IFDS Disabled Sailing World Championship, 2010, in Medemblick July

The Royal Netherlands Yacht Club have agreed to host the IFDS Disabled Sailing World Championship, 2010, in Medemblick during early July. This event will be the first qualifier for the 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition and will be open to all of the Paralympic Classes and athletes with an IFDS International Classification. Accommodation has been arranged and arrangements are proceeding satisfactorily.

2011

The Royal Yachting Association have agreed to host the IFDS Disabled Sailing World Championship, 2011 in Weymouth, Great Britain, the venue for the 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition. This will be open to Paralympic classes and athletes with an IFDS international Classification and will be the second qualifier for the 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition. Dates are to be finalized.

2012

2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition, Weymouth, Great Britain

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