

Youth Sailing World Championship

Equipment for Windsurfer Events

A submission from the Chairman of the International Techno293 Class Association

Purpose or Objective

To offer the possibility of choosing a windsurfing with foil as equipment to be used at the WS Youth Sailing World Championships.

Proposal

To amend Regulation 24 as follows:

- 24.5.3 The following events, classes and equipment shall be included in the programme of the Championships:
- (a) Male One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial
 - Female One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial
 - Male/Mixed Two Person Dinghy – 420
 - Female Two Person Dinghy – 420
 - Male Windsurfer – RS:X (8.5m rig), ~~or~~ Techno 293 Plus (8.5m rig) **or Techno Wind Foil (TWF) 130 (7.8 sqm rig)**
 - Female Windsurfer – RS:X (8.5m rig), ~~or~~ Techno 293 Plus (8.5m rig) **or Techno Wind Foil (TWF) 130 (7.8 sqm rig)**
 - Male Skiff – 29er
 - Female Skiff – 29er
 - Mixed Multihull – Nacra 15
 - Mixed Kite – Formula Kite

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. The foil is perfectly suited to windsurfing. It brings a new attractiveness both for athletes, especially among young people, and for the media.
 2. The Techno Wind Foil (TWF) 130 is manufactured in France in the same way as the Techno 293 by the same manufacturer and is distributed through the same efficient worldwide network. Manufacturing and distribution, which has been widely proven for many years during World Sailing Youth World Championships and Youth Olympic Games.
 3. As of 18.03.2021, 545 Techno Wind Foil (TWF) 130 sets have been sold in 34 countries and 4 continents.
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4. The Techno Wind Foil (TWF) 130 has been especially developed for young people. Its purchase price and cost of use are affordable, it is very strong and versatile and its foil has been developed to be durable and reparable. It is strictly one-design and built in Europe.
 5. Like the Techno 293, then the Techno 293 Plus did when the RS:X was the Olympic board, the Techno Wind Foil 130 is an excellent opportunity to develop the practice of foiling windsurfing and bring young competitors on the Olympic path of the iQFoil, while avoiding the confusion between the practice of young people and the Olympic practice.
 6. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the Techno Wind Foil (TWF) 130 has had a successful launch in 2020 with a test event of 45 competitors from 6 countries competing at Lake Garda in October. National events and tests have been also held locally. The 2021 TWF 130 international calendar consists of multiple events to be held on three continents starting in June.
 7. Despite the early stages of youth foiling, the Techno Wind Foil (TWF) 130 has been selected by multiple Federations as either the youth pathway foiling equipment or as part of a more open approach to multi brand box rule youth foiling pathway.
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