Report on IKA Twin Tip Freestyle Class Status

Introduction

The IKA Twin Tip Freestyle class application was approved by Council in November 2015, after recommendation from the Equipment Committee. This class aims to run Kiteboarding Expression Events.

Current Status

On 13th February 2017 after several months of negotiations, World Sailing signed an agreement with IKA and GKA, with IKA representing all Kiteboarding Classes under World Sailing and GKA representing the interest of some of the kite sport industry, including brands associated with the development and production of kiteboarding equipment and also supporting and promoting the interest of all professional kite riders.

Fundamental Principles in the agreement establish that:

(a) IKA agrees that GKA has the right to run Expression Events.

(b) IKA shall not run Expression Events at Continental Level or below without the consent of the GKA.

(c) GKA shall be responsible for the development of pathways for the Expression Events.

Conclusions

The IKA Twin Tip Freestyle class may run events only in accordance with the World Sailing, IKA and GKA agreement. The IKA Twin Tip Freestyle class do not have the right to run World Championship events under World Sailing Regulation 25.2.1 and 25.2.5.