

Important Pre-Information – 2019 Raceboard World Championships

Dear Raceboarder

we announced last year, at the annual Raceboard Class Meeting in Blanes, that we intend to organise 2019 in Warnemünde/Germany the **largest Raceboard Worlds** since decades.

Some of you will remember the Raceboard Worlds 2009 in Warnemünde which attracted **114 competitors from 15 nations**. Now 10 years later we will try to improve on this.

We have the incredible setup of one of the largest sailing weeks in Europe - "**Warnemünder Woche**" with 10 days of world class sailing activities, endless beach events and also parties.

This year we even managed to get **the pole position**. Our home base with the large equipment area and tent will be on the main beach on the left side of the harbor, just beside the "**beach arena**" with its attractions and goodies.

Perfect conditions on one of the best Baltic estuaries, with highest public and media visibility, professional event organization and, last but not least, nice parties will lead to an event which you will not forget for the next decades!

If you come with your relatives, they can enjoy a long sandy beach and a lot of fun sport action at the beach arena. And when the daylight leaves, the party at the close by "**NDR2-stage**" starts ... and on this stage next to the beach also our prize giving ceremonies will happen in front of thousands of people ... before the World Championship surfer parties will start.

You have seen the information on the Raceboard Class homepage with the general timing of the event, and the NoR is going to be presented in the next two weeks, but today we want to give you already some more detailed information to allow you to make your travel arrangements.

AND inform you about some brilliant news!

Windsurfing in general and especially Raceboard Competitions have always the notion to be a family, friends, and at least in Germany a team event. Several discussions during the last international championships have shown that the Germany "**Bundesliga**" a national championship for teams is very much respected and that several countries are interested to install something similar. The success story of the "Bundesliga" has his 30th Birthday this year, and so we believe it is time to go the next missing step and to initiate a "**Nations Cup**" in which the national teams with the best Raceboarders of each country, compete for the (at this moment unofficial) title to be the World Champion!

The Nations Cup, for which the national associations will receive some more information from the DWSV as German association, will be organized at the same place and directly following the single worlds. The proven rules of the Bundesliga will be used for this trial, meaning that each team is composed of maximum 4 surfers, whereof in each race the best two will be scored, meaning that even nations which are only represented in Warnemünde by 2 starters can build a team. All teams start together allowing a good portion of tactics. As in most countries there is no national team league, for this year it is the decision of each nation how to build the teams. As in the Bundesliga there will be special prizes for pure master teams (age above 40 years), female teams, and youngster teams.

The **general schedule** is the following:

- 4.-5. July 2019 Arrival and training
- 6. July 2019 Registration and Opening ceremony
- 7.-11. July World Championship Races
- 12.-13. July Nation Cup Races
- 14. Departure

Very important and urgent are two issues:

First we need a **feedback from all competitors which need rental equipment**, as we are currently negotiating with Starboard and Exocet, and **URGENTLY need an indicative amount of boards and rigs**. PLEASE send a short mail to Thomas Michaelis at "tmichaelis484@googlemail.com" when you are planning to join the worlds and indicate if you need a board (potentially brand and version), or a rig (9,5 or 8,5) or both. This will be not a binding request, but an important information for us to ensure that we have the right amount of equipment available.

The final decision which boards we can offer is dependent on the price quotation which we receive from the two producers... if both offers are on the same level like in the last years it might be that we decide to take both as partners on board.

Draft text of the mail to Thomas:

"Dear Thomas,
my name is _____ and my sail number is _____ .
The probability that I attend the worlds and need rental equipment is ____ %.
I need to rent a board/rig/complete set. The sails size is 9,5/8,5.
If possible I prefer Starboard Phantom / Phantom L / Exocet RS380.

I know that this is not a formal order, but important for the planning process. If there are any changes to the likelihood of my participation I will inform you via mail.

Best regards"

Second **important information** is that we recommend to look already now for accommodation, as it will be summer time in Germany. For sure we will also organise a camping ground and maybe will be able to block a small contingent of hotel rooms, but the early you book something the better it is. Besides the normal AirBnB, booking.com,..., sources you can also have a look on <http://www.warnemuender-woche.com/Unterkerk%C3%BCnft>

For any questions you may contact Thomas via Mail or put our competitor spokesman:
Lars Deiterding - LDei@gmx.de - in copy.

Both will try to answer your questions as soon as possible.