

## RS:X News - Issue #2 - August 2005

AUG 04:

### **Notice of Changes to Supplement One of Guidelines for Funding Under the Yachting Australia High Performance Program - Athlete Funding in the Olympic and Paralympic Classes**

As there is no 2005 World Championship for the new Olympic windsurfer class (Neil Pryde RS-X) Yachting Australia & the AIS Sailing Program wish to advise the following:

1. The following three regattas will be used as indicators to assess an athletes suitability for funding or inclusion in the National Olympic Squad program or the AIS Sailing Program for 2006:

- Neil Pryde RS-X International Invitation Tournament – Rizhao, Shandong, China  
31st August to 10th September 2005
- RS-X Cadiz Race – Cadiz, Spain  
30th September to 2nd October 2005
- Neil Pryde RS-X Oceanic Championships – Sandringham, Victoria, Australia  
(Part of the Sail Melbourne Olympic & Invited Classes Regatta) - 9th to 14th January 2006

2. The suitability of each regatta as an indicator of performance will be determined by:

- The number of countries & competitors;
- The number of races completed

3. Athletes wishing to be considered for inclusion in the National Olympic Squad or AIS Sailing Programs for 2006, should attend at least one of these regattas to be considered.

4. Performance at any of the above regattas (pending determination of suitability of regatta as a performance indicator), combined with a coach assessment and a commitment to a full Olympic campaign in the new class will form the basis of selection of athletes to be nominated to the Yachting Australia Board for funding or inclusion in the Squad.

5. Yachting Australia will offer financial support to up to five athletes to attend the Neil Pryde RS-X International Invitation Tournament in China in August 2005. The financial support will include payment of the entry fee, the board charter fee and accommodation & meals for 10 days (as per Notice of Race).

Priority for this financial support will be given to current National Olympic Squad or AIS Sailing Squad athletes. If not all Squad members take up the offer, then Yachting Australia will consider requests for assistance from those athletes allocated Neil Pryde RS-X boards earlier this year, to a maximum of five athletes. Requests should be sent to [Katie.Culbert@yachting.org.au](mailto:Katie.Culbert@yachting.org.au) **no later than Thursday 11th August 2005.**

Any questions concerning the above should be directed to Katie Culbert in the Yachting Australia office.  
Website: [www.yachting.org.au](http://www.yachting.org.au)

JUL 26:

**Brendan Todd**  
**SASI Sailing Program**

I have just arrived back from Bussan, Korea where I was part of the Australian Team for the ISAF youth world championship.

There were two RSX boards available for Demo at this event. We were able to get five of your team on the new board. Youth team members Corey Plant and Alishia Kawalla tried the board in very light winds and in 10 knots of breeze. Coaches Belinda Stowell, Mark Tonner-Joice tested the board in light wind also. I was able to test the RSX board in very light wind and in winds ranging between 8 and 15 knots.

ISAF is looking for the best RSX equipment to use at future ISAF youth world championships. Available for testing was the 9.5, 8.5 and a new 7.5 All of the above used all three rigs. The new 7.5 rig was more of an RAF design and was much lighter than the other rigs. In the light wind it was ever efficient and was able to be pumped very effectively and at times was able to produce better speed than the bigger rigs. Many different nations trailed the equipment and Questionnaires were returned to ISAF.

From talking to many team leaders and Fiona Kidd from ISAF at the event, I have left there with a view that many thought that the 8.5 rig would be best suited for both Boys and Girls when the RSX is introduced to the ISAF Youth World Championship, although many of the Asian nations believe that the 7.5 would be best used for the youth girls.

JUL 25:

**A message from the AWA President**  
**Ian Fox**

Please find attached the official media release for the RS-X Oceanic Championships.

Further discussions over the past few days have suggested that hosting the inaugural 2006 AUS RS-X Championships as part of the AUS Raceboard Nationals (to be held Jan 21-22, 2006 at Dobroyd Aquatic Club in Sydney) would be an even better option than including them inside the SailMelbourne Oceanics event for 2006, allowing an even wider spread showcasing of the new RS-X class, especially in the raceboard extensive NSW market, as well as being a boost to the DAC club and event as they recover from their recent set back due to the fire that wiped out club rooms and equipment.

Windsurfing NSW president Brett Morris has had discussions with Dobroyd President (Pat Coleman) confirming both DAC's and WNSW's suitability and resources to host the 2006 RS-X Nationals.

NeilPryde and their participating retailers have agreed to support transporting and making available for re-charter the SailMelb charter RS-X equipment for the NSW DAC event (following SailMelb Oceanics event).

Accordingly, SailMelbourne are also supporting the 2006 Nats event at DAC, however also firmly want to include the 2007 RS-X Nationals as part of the Olympic and Invited Classes in the 2007 SailMelbourne Regatta the following year.

If you've any comments/feedback/suggestions/support or opposition to the allocation of the 2006 RS-X Nationals, their location or any other aspect of these emerging RS-X regattas, please let us know.  
rsx@windsurfing.org

## **Other RS:X News**

Here's some additional information that has been sent to John Rohde (rsx@windsurfing.org) and is worth a visit.

### **First test Neil Pryde RS:X**

This article appears in issue 213 (July 2005) of the UK magazine "Boards"

It hasn't hit the local newsagents yet, so take a peek at this page at Sailboard HQ (Vic).

[http://www.shq.com.au/shq3/newsandevents/asp\\_news\\_and\\_events\\_item\\_detail.asp?newsAndEventsId=133](http://www.shq.com.au/shq3/newsandevents/asp_news_and_events_item_detail.asp?newsAndEventsId=133)

### **Board Pics & article**

Courtesy of the German Windsurfing Association site

[http://www.dwsv.net/aktuelles\\_olympiaklasse.php](http://www.dwsv.net/aktuelles_olympiaklasse.php)

With about 750 members German Windsurfing Association is the organisation for all racing disciplines of kite- and windsurfing in Germany.

## **Reminder**

The Australian Windsurfing Association is compiling a list of sailors who are interested in the new class and want to be kept informed of the latest local news as it comes to hand.

Register via [rsx@windsurfing.org](mailto:rsx@windsurfing.org) providing your

Name\*

Postal Address

Phone Numbers

E-mail Address\*

(\*) items must be provided

## **Last Words**

If you have any RS:X gossip, news, etc please send me a copy

- John Rohde

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## **The Inaugural RS:X Oceanic Championships will be held at Sail Melbourne 2006**

As a major boost for the new Olympic Class within the Oceanic Region, the inaugural Neil Pryde RS:X Oceanic Championships will be held as part of the renowned ISAF Grade 1 Sail Melbourne Olympic and Invited Classes Regatta in January 2006. This means Sail Melbourne will not only be the first annual ISAF Grade 1 event to include the new Olympic Class, it will now host the first significant Continental Championship for the class.

Sail Melbourne has been working closely with Neil Pryde to ensure countries in the Oceanic region will receive their allotted number of boards and rigs plus any outstanding orders in enough time for sailors to acquire, train and get up to speed on the new equipment prior to the Oceanic Championships.

As the equipment will first be coming available when the Southern Hemisphere commences its peak sailing season and in order to make the Oceanic Championships fleet as complete as possible, Neil Pryde have agreed to fast track any orders from the region and place a priority on supply to Oceanic Countries once all ISAF allocations have been dispatched.

Neil Pryde have also made 10 complete RS:X boards and rigs available to charter for International sailors unable to get their equipment to Melbourne for the event. This incredible offer will give a select number of sailors the opportunity to train and then compete in the Oceanic Championships on the new equipment delivered straight from the factory. Priority for the charter boards will be given to Formula Windsurfers competing in the Sail Melbourne Formula Windsurfing World Championships in December so as to gather together the most competitive fleet of RS:X sailors as possible. Neil Pryde are currently contacting sailors interested in taking up the charter equipment with more information to be available shortly.

The Neil Pryde RS:X Oceanic Championships will be held along side the other Olympic Classes competing in Sail Melbourne 2006 at Sandringham Yacht Club between January 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The results for the Oceanic Championships title will be drawn from the Sail Melbourne RS:X results meaning all sailors will be racing together in a fast, competitive fleet.

Sail Melbourne will also be hosting a two day warm up event for the RS:X at nearby Parkdale Yacht Club on January 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Formally conducted as the Mistral Warm Up and a very popular event for windsurfers, this event is now being held exclusively for the RS:X and will provide visitors with a terrific opportunity to get used to the local sailing conditions.

In consideration of each of these points – fast track delivery of equipment to the region, charter board availability and the experience and professionalism of Sail Melbourne – and it is expected that as many as 50 - 70 RS:X sailors will compete in the Oceanic Championships.

All further information on Sail Melbourne including the Notice of Race, details on discount accommodation and other support Sail Melbourne can extend to sailors is posted on the Sail Melbourne website [www.sailmelbourne.com.au](http://www.sailmelbourne.com.au)

As 'The Asia Pacific Regatta' and now the Oceanic Championships for the Neil Pryde RS:X, Sail Melbourne 2006 is an event ***you'd be mad to miss!***

**For more information on the Regatta please visit our website [www.sailmelbourne.com.au](http://www.sailmelbourne.com.au)**

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