



I.W.C.A. International Windsurfer Class Association

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Dear friends,

On 11 March the World Health Organization (WHO) classified the coronavirus COVID-19 as a "pandemic". The Health Authorities of all countries have adopted highly restrictive measures and we are experiencing an emergency that has taken on a dimension that represents an unprecedented challenge for everyone: governments, institutions, individual citizens.

We are all longtime sportsmen and, for this reason, we are absolutely familiar with the concept of challenge, but this is a world-class challenge that surely goes beyond the capabilities of individuals and sports authorities.

It is no coincidence that on March 24, the International Olympic Committee, following WHO indications, postponed the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, rescheduling the calendar by the summer of 2021.

The International Windsurfer Class Association IWCA, conforming to the indications of the international political and health authorities, suspends all international activities foreseen in the class calendar until July 31, 2020. This includes the 2020 European Championships scheduled for France.

The 2020 World Championships scheduled for Perth, Australia in December 2020 are under close review by IWCA and an update will be provided in April.

At this time the IWCA asks for your understanding and your participation in the events that will be possible to organize and for which specific releases will follow in the coming months. Over the past two years the Windsurfer Class thanks to the "Windsurfer Multibrand" project - wanted and promoted - by Italy, Australia and Japan, with the support and production of the Cobra has achieved very important results in no time.

With the launch of the "Windsurfer-LT" board, the sailing board activity has resumed in various countries, involving many fans, athletes and ex-athletes, and numerous national and international regattas and competitions have been organized with enormous success.

With its "multibrand" DNA, the "Windsurfer-LT" and its simplicity and cheapness, has had the unquestionable merit of regenerating the windsurfing discipline, gathering the support from numerous fans of the other specialties of the "Windsurfing Community" including Slalom, Free style, Wawe, RS: X, Techno 293, Raceboard, etc.

Even the most famous brands in the sport of windsurfing have enthusiastically joined the "Windsurfer LT Multibrand" project: Windsurfer, Starboard, Exocet, i-99 Sail, Naish, Mistral, NSP.

Hoping to be able to return soon to cross our sails in the water, we warmly greet you.

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