
2020 has been a slow year for international competition but there have been a few events on the local level where boat testing has been done.

RS Venture Connect - In our report last year we mentioned alternative types of seat testing for the RS Venture connect, our doublehand non technical boat for championship grade 1 events. Unfortunately because of the minimal competition schedule and lack of interest within the class and local fleets there does not seem to be significant interest to test alternate seating arrangements. Hopefully in the future there will be more opportunities to further this task but at the moment the RS Venture Connect will continue with the side by side seating arrangement as set by the manufacturer for our Grade 1 events.

Hansa 303 - Hansa 303 is the singlehand non technical boat for championship grade 1 events. PWSC are working with the class to integrate some of our Continental championships into their existing regatta schedule of Hansa events to make it easier for competitors to acquire ranking points.

It should be noted that the RS Venture Connect and the Hansa 303 are generously provided to Grade 1 events by the manufacturer allowing our championship events to be fair and equal for all competitors. The charter fee for the competitors is also reasonable to enable countries to send teams to these events.

2.4m OD – We had feedback from a number of competitors, initially in North America that the 2.4mOD was being replaced with the 2.4m R for some events and that the class was not interested in the 2.4mOD, as they felt that all types of 2.4m should be racing together. From this discussion several initiatives were formed:

1) The PWSC has confirmed that the 2.4mOD is the Technical singleperson boat for all Grade 1 events and will stay as such until the next Equipment Evaluation in done.

2) The 2.4m class recognizes that there is a significant number of boats within their class that are measured 2.4mOD, or easily measured to 2.4m OD and are endeavouring to work out a way that 2.4mR and 2.4mOD can co exist and build the 2.4m class overall. Working with the 2.4m class to solve this issue will be important for the incoming PWSC

Equipment Evaluation:
SV 14 – This boat has come on the market in the past 2 years, it was designed as a boat that would be ideal for Para sailors with a bulb keel and open cockpit design. There are 10 boats in Germany and 10 in Netherlands so local, experienced, German Para sailors Jens Kroger and Heiko Kroger have taken the task of testing the SV 14 in a variety of conditions and competition scenarios. Results at this point are not complete but both testers are encouraged by the sailing properties of the boat. More information on the SV14 sailing capabilities for Para sailors will be available later this year as testing continues.

Respectfully submitted,
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