



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**82nd Warnemünder Woche**

### **Raceboard World Championship Winners come from Finland, Poland and Spain**

**For the second time and after ten years, the raceboarders were again guests in Warnemünde with their World Championship. Nearly 120 windsurfers from 20 nations took part in the race. In the women's race Aleksandra Blinnikka (Finland) won. In the men's singles Maksymilian Wojcik (Poland) and in the junior singles Ferran Jurado Besa from Spain won. Wojcik surfed in very confident way in first place. Only once did he finish second in eleven races. He won all other races by a large margin.**

With regard to the competition conditions there was something for all riders: Strong wind with high swell and strong surf, but also light wind almost without shore break and waves. After three regatta days with extreme and selective weather conditions and strong surf for their board class, the raceboarders held their last two World Championship races today in light wind conditions. Racers who were used to light and inland riders had an advantage. For the heavier windsurfers, the races on the last day of the World Championship meant some hard work, because they had to "pump" their sails to pick up speed.

"Today's races were much more physically demanding for me than those on the windier days," confirmed Maksymilian Wojcik, the newly crowned World Champion from Poland. For him, the World Championship was almost a clear start-finish victory. Only in the very last

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race of the World Championship did he slip to second place. However, this had no effect, as it was his strike result. "A result like this always looks very simple on the result list, but it's still hard work. I won the World Championship title here ten years ago and now again. I'm really happy," said Wojcik with a smile after the award ceremony. It's his sixth World Champion title in the Raceboard class. Silver and bronze went to the Spaniards Alexander Buchau and Toni Colomar Torres.

In the women's raceboard world championship one female windsurfer dominated from the beginning: Aleksandra Blinnikka from Finland. She won seven of eleven races. The somewhat more demanding, rougher weather conditions at the beginning of the championship were good and fun for the Finn from near Helsinki. The good wind situation on the last race day caused her surprisingly more problems. "In the end it was still a tough race and the way to victory was not so easy. The other women were also very strong. It was hard work, but now I am super happy", states Blinnikka. Second was Czech Jana Slivova and third came Viviane Ventrin from France.

In the junior's races, the Spanish windsurfers Ferran Jurado Besa and Guillem Segu Gira stayed constantly in the first and second place during the whole world championship. Until the ninth race, the German junior Richard Sprenger was safely in third place. But the light wind on the last day of the World Championship was his undoing and he slipped down to the fourth place. "But the first days were great", said the junior looking back positively on the WRC.

Fabian Grundmann from Laboe near Kiel was one of the German favourites among the men. His goal at the World Championships was to finish in the top ten. With ninth place he achieved what he wanted. In the heavy weight class he finished fourth. "I'm satisfied with the result. After all I competed against Olympic athletes here. Today I had to pump a lot as a heavy driver, but it was a cool race day".

"The world championship in the context of the Warnemünde Woche was again a great event. We like to come back here again", summarized the Raceboarder Class President Thomas Michaelis. Starting tomorrow, the raceboard class will continue directly with the Nations Cup, with the windsurfers competing against each other in teams of up to four people until Sunday.

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## **Raceboard-WM Results**

### **Men:**

1st Maksymilian Wojcik (Poland)

2nd Alexander Buchau (Spain)

3rd Toni Colomar Torres (Spain)

### **Women:**

1st Aleksandra Blinnikka (Finland)

2nd Jana Slivova (Czech Republic)

3rd Viviane Ventrin (France)

### **Juniors:**

1st Ferran Jurado Besa (Spain)

2nd Guillem Segu Besa (Spain)

3rd Jonathan Bultynck (Belgium)

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