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Raceboard Worlds Final

Racing at the Raceboard Worlds is over. [Final results are in.](#)

After a long postponement it was only possible to do one race on the final day of the championships. Early afternoon the postponement flag came down in anticipation of two races back to back which would give racers a second discard in a twelve race championship.

Race 11 got under way in 6-8 knots. Max Wojcik, POL 7, was late leaving the beach and did not make the start allowing Patrik Pollak, SVK 1, to take the bullet in this race.

Race 12 was started but abandoned half way through - the wind dropped and became very unstable.

So, to the prizegiving. Congratulations to Max Wojcik, POL 7, for regaining the title of Raceboard World Champion title with a perfect score. Patrik Pollak, SVK 1, took second place overall, and Daniel Blinnikka, FIN 5, was third and also first Youth. Juha Blinnikka, FIN-6, was first Grandmaster in 5th overall, Jon Tornwall, FIN 66, 6th overall was first Master. First Woman was Tuuli Petaja, FIN-1, 8th overall.



Our thanks go to the Yyteri Surfcentre and the Finnish Boardsailing Association who have once again proved to be excellent hosts. The race team have pulled a great championship out of the bag with good tactical racing despite the fickle winds.

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Day Four - Clear skies and a light, but promising breeze, were soon replaced by fog and no possibility of starting racing at the Raceboard Worlds. AP finally came down and racing started at 15.35. The wind was around 7 to 8 knots and just two races were possible today but it looked great on the water.

Top seven places remain as yesterday and Max maintains his perfect performance. Petr Kucera managed to break Patrik Pollak's run of second places by beating him in race ten. First woman Tuuli Petaja has gained a place and is now eighth overall.

With tomorrow being the last day of the championship gold and silver positions are assured but Petr Kucera is just 2 points behind Daniel Blinnikka and the battle will be on for the bronze position. However, the forecast is for light wind and a change of direction yet again.

[RESULTS AFTER 10 RACES](#)



Day Three - Max Wojcik, POL 7, appears unbeatable as he has won all eight races of the competition so far, and Patrik Pollak, SVK 1, has taken second in all eight.

One discard now applies. Youth Daniel Blinnikka, FIN 5, has worked his way up the leaderboard from 6th to 3rd overall in front of Petr Kucera, CZE 15, while Grandmaster Juha Blinnikka, FIN 6, maintains his fifth position. 1st woman, Tuuli Petaja, FIN 1, who will be representing Finland in the Weymouth Olympic Regatta, has moved up a place to 9th overall.

[Results after 8 races](#)

There was a lack of wind at the start of **day three** but after a short postponement the wind filled in with a good 10 knots, forecast to increase during the day. Two races back to back saw the wind dropping at the end of the second race with sailors having to work hard to finish! After a well-earned break ashore for lunch two more races, back to back, were set for the afternoon in 8/9 up to 12 knots. As racing finished for the day the forecast finally came good with 20-25 knots!



The afternoon was rounded off by display from a "sky diving" team, refreshments at the club and a great solo entertainer. Lots of sore hands and blisters but a relaxed and friendly atmosphere rounded off another great day.



On **day two** fog and no wind greeted the racers when they arrived at the beach. Unfortunately the wind did not get above 4 knots all day, so no racing.

At close of registration **46 competitors had registered**. In addition to the strong Finnish contingent, there are competitors from 10 countries representing 4 continents, including representatives from Japan, Argentina and Australia.

2 races back to back, then a break for lunch, followed by 2 more races back to back was the order of the day.

Max Wojcik from Poland is giving reigning champion Patrik Pollak a run for his money, taking all four bullets in today's light wind races in 8-10 knots. Patrik had to settle for four second places. The 2009 and 2010 Raceboard World Champion is going to be hard to beat.



There is more of a battle between Petr Kucera in third and the three "locals" in fourth, fifth and sixth places.

Just four ladies competing - FIN 1 Tuuli Petaja 10th overall is first woman but we also have Megumi Iseda from Japan, Anna Arosilta-Gurvis from Finland and Lissa Mcmillan from Australia.

Sea fog threatened the last race of the day but four races on day one is a very good start to what should be a very interesting championship. Windguru suggests that the wind will swing round, coming from the south by Thursday, so this really is anyone's championship at this stage and there is all to play for.

Tonight we have an opening ceremony and party at the beach.

RESULTS AFTER FOUR RACES

The 2012 Raceboard World Championships kicks off in Yyteri, Finland this week where World Champion Patrik Pollak, from Slovakia, took his third Raceboard European Champion title in 2011. Fantastic racing conditions allowed thirteen races in soaring temperatures last year - can we expect the same for this week's world championships? Windguru suggests perhaps not but nevertheless it should be an exciting contest.

It was a tough battle for Patrik Pollak (SVK 1) to take the Men's title against Curro Manchon (ESP 9) in L'Hospitalet de L'Infant, Spain last year, and 2010 World Champion Max Wojcik is also hungry for the title.

In the pre-entry list we already have competitors from 11 countries, 4 continents, and we look forward to seeing the final competitor entry list after close of registration on Tuesday morning. Many have arrived early to take advantage of pre-competition training. Racing begins on Tuesday afternoon.

A note of thanks to Starboard for providing charter of Phantom 377's.

Yyteribeach, home of the Finnish Boardsailing Association, is one of Finland's most beautiful sandy beaches, about 4 km long, with shallow water and a sandy bottom, located in the beautiful Gulf of Yyteri, very close to the city of Pori on the west coast. The best wind directions for Yyteribeach are from south-southwest to west-northwest (155° -295°).

