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Défi Sperry Top-Sider Challenge to take place September 6th + Video

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Sailing on open water is an exhilarating experience for anyone, but what it means for someone who in daily life is confined to a wheelchair can be immeasurable.

The upcoming Défi Sperry Top-Sider Challenge on Saturday, September 6 at the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club is a daylong event dedicated to raising funds for these sailors who suffer mobility impairment but whose determination and zest to sail continues unaffected by their physical challenges.

'Sailing for the mobility impaired is not only freeing, it is an act of sheer courage on the water,' said event organizer Patrick Flaherty.

'Our event seeks to honour this courage and determination by raising money for the fantastic organization that supports them: the Association Québécoise de voile adaptée (AQVA).'

Last year, sailors and power boaters from Quebec came together at Dorval's Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club to raise funds for AQVA for the first time. The success of that event, and the generous donations of sponsors and participants, allowed the organization to buy a new Martin 16 sailboat for their special program.

'There is a long and noble nautical tradition dedicated to helping those on the water,' said Flaherty. 'Our goal in 2014 is to build from last year's success and hopefully do even more to help these determined sailors.'

Sperry Top-Sider is stepping forward this year as lead sponsor for all the festivities on Saturday, September 6, while McAuslan Brewery will sponsor the event's McAuslan Cup Pursuit Race as it did in 2013.

'We are extremely grateful to our sponsors,' said Flaherty. 'The pursuit race, which will include mobility impaired sailors, is going to be incredibly exciting.'

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In addition to offering participants the chance to race for the McAuslan Cup, others can enjoy a luxury afternoon yacht cruise on Lake St-Louis.

Said Flaherty: 'Even if you're not a sailor you can still take part in our event by booking a tour on one of our luxury cruisers for the afternoon. It was very popular last year, and this year promises to be even better. Taking part in an afternoon cruise is a great way to get on the water and support AQVA.'

The day's festivities will also include a dinner dance and a silent auction.

Participants can register their boats (\$250*) or reserve their cruise (\$75* per person) [here](#) participants and friends may take part in the dinner dance (\$26) and silent auction in the evening, starting at 5p.m. in the dining room of The Royal St-Lawrence Yacht Club (1350 Chemin Bord du Lac, Dorval, QC H9S 2E3).

'The cause is fantastic and the day will be fun and exciting,' said Flaherty. 'So save the date and participate!'

For more information contact: Patrick Flaherty (450 458-5810)

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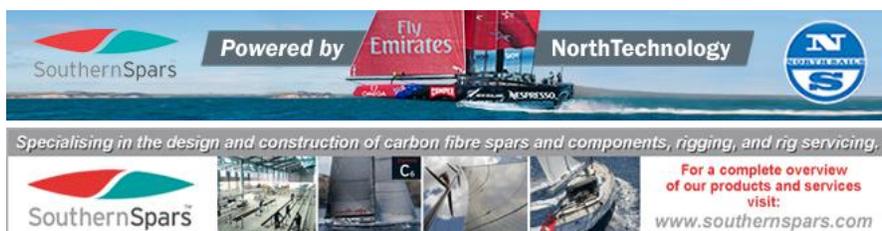
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ISAF World Sailing Rankings 2 February 2015 - Significant changes by ISAF

The ISAF World Sailing Rankings for 2 February 2015 have been released. The top 30 in each Olympic event receive ISAF Sailing World Cup Hyeres invitations. ISAF Sailing World Cup Miami, Presented by Sunbrella, a 200-point regatta, ensures significant changes across the ten Olympic events and a new world #1 in the Women's 470. No change at World #1 across nine other fleets. ... [\[more\]](#)



Barcelona World Race - La belle vie, toutes voiles dehors by Barcelona World Race Media

Barcelona World Race - Un mois qu'ils sont partis, qu'ils ont laissé Barcelone, les proches, les amis, leur équipe technique à la veille du premier de l'an, sous un soleil printanier. ... [\[more\]](#)



Volvo Ocean Race Leg 4 - Mapfre announce crew replacement by Volvo Ocean Race

In the Volvo Ocean Race Guillermo 'Willy' Altadill, son of one of the biggest names in Spanish offshore sailing, has the chance to make his own reputation after being called up for the fourth leg by MAPFRE (Xabi Fernández/ESP). ... [\[more\]](#)



Extreme Sailing Series - The Wave, Muscat to get back on winning track by Oman Sail

Extreme Sailing Series - Leigh McMillan and his crew on The Wave, Muscat aim to get back on a winning track by kicking off the 2015 Series with a first ever win in Singapore while the new crew on Oman Air are raring to go, with realistic expectations from their debut. ... [\[more\]](#)



US Sailing statement on Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Sailing IPC decision by Will Ricketson

Our sport attracts a diverse group of disabled athletes across the world, as demonstrated by the three fleets of sailors from 14 countries competing in Miami last week at ISAF Sailing World Cup Miami. US Sailing will join ISAF, IFDS and the national governing bodies of our fellow Paralympic sailing nations to lead an appeal of this decision in the fight for reinstatement of Paralympic sailing ... [\[more\]](#)



America's Cup: Forum in Bermuda hears what lies ahead for 2017 - Video by Sail-World.com NZL

Panelists including, Peter Rusch of Americas Cup Event Authority and Bermuda's bid committee discuss what's in store in the coming months regarding Bermuda hosting the Americas Cup 2017. ... [\[more\]](#)



VX One Midwinter Championship - Battle to the last race by Christopher E. Howell

At the VX One Midwinter Championship, hosted by Sarasota Sailing Squadron, it was a battle to the last race, and Christopher Alexander came out the victor in Florida. After 10 races, Alexander's Isabella Con Queso bested 26 other teams, and added this title to his 2014 North American Championship from last July. ... [\[more\]](#)



Barcelona World Race - Charybde ou Scylla ? by Barcelona World Race Media

Barcelona World Race - Jusque-là, ce fut comme un ersatz des mers du Sud. Bien sûr, les marins de la Barcelona World Race ont troqué les tenues légères pour les polaires et cirés complets, les poissons volants ont laissé la place au vol des albatros qui planent dans les remous des voiles et la houle du sud est là, puissante, qui accompagne les départs au planning des carènes des monocoques. ... [\[more\]](#)



2016 Olympics: Brazil's new Environment Secretary backs away from goal by Sail-World.com NZL

In a disturbing report published by Associated Press, a newly appointed Environmental Secretary has said Brazil will not be able to achieve its stated goals of water quality in the venue for the 2016 Sailing Olympics. 'Removing 80 percent of the pollutants? It's not going to happen, it's not going to happen,' said Andrea Correa, who took office earlier this month. ... [\[more\]](#)



Sail Canada statement - Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Sailing dropped by Sail Canada

The recent news regarding the International Paralympic Committee's decision to exclude sailing from the 2020 Paralympic Games is a devastating blow for the sport of sailing worldwide. For Canadian sailors campaigning towards 2020 and beyond, this news is extremely disappointing and creates a major setback in direction for these aspiring Paralympic athletes. ... [\[more\]](#)



2015 ISAF Sailing World Cup Miami: Remaining six Gold medals decided by ISAF + Sail-World

The remaining six medals for the Olympic events were decided on Day 6 of the ISAF Sailing World Cup Miami, during the Medal racing phase of the regatta, which counts for double points. Despite that points premium, four of the events, 49erFX, Finn, Nacra 17 and RS:X Women were decided yesterday, Day 5. ... [\[more\]](#)



ISAF Sailing World Cup Miami: Medal Races photos by Ocean Images by Rachel Jaspersen



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VX One Midwinter Championship - Teams juggle among top three by Christopher E. Howell
At the VX One Midwinter Championship, hosted by Sarasota Sailing Squadron in Florida, a handful of teams juggled among the top three finishing positions today, as four races were completed. Marty Kullman's Blue Flame secured three firsts, however it is Christopher Alexander's Isabelita Con Queso on top of the leaderboard heading into the final day of racing on Sunday with 19 points. ... [\[more\]](#)



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ISAF Sailing World Cup Miami - Giles Scott continues unbeaten record by Robert Deaves
2015 ISAF Sailing World Cup Miami - Giles Scott (GBR) has convincingly and unflinchingly shown that he is still the man to beat in the Finn Class as the 2015 season gets underway. Finishing a close second in the medal race at the end of the Sailing World Cup Miami, Scott wrapped up his eighth consecutive major win in the class and defends the title he won this time last year. ... [\[more\]](#)



Barcelona World Race - A en perdre le sud by Barcelona World Race Media
Barcelona World Race - Il y a de quoi en perdre son latin. Se retrouver presque encastré au nord des îles Kerguelen, ou profiter des rayons du soleil et de la chaleur (relative) par 45° sud, n'est pas vraiment le lot commun des circumnavigateurs. ... [\[more\]](#)



Barcelona World Race - Unseasonal sunshine by Barcelona World Race Media
In the Barcelona World Race Cheminées Poujoulat has passed the Kerguelen Islands as Bernard Stamm and Jean Le Cam continue to lead the Southern Ocean charge. The duo were just over 300 miles north of the largest island of Kerguelen at 1400hrs this afternoon. ... [\[more\]](#)



Shock News - Sailing dropped from 2020 Paralympics by Paralympic
The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) has announced that the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games will feature 22 sports, with badminton and taekwondo included for the first time but the shock news is that sailing will not be a 2020 Paralympic sport. ... [\[more\]](#)



ISAF Sailing World Cup Miami: Four gold and early glory on Day 5 by ISAF
The Gold medals have been decided in four events on Day 5 of the ISAF World Sailing Cup Miami. Finn sailor Giles Scott (GBR), is not the only one guaranteed to finish in a gold medal position tomorrow. Nacra 17 team Vittorio Bissaro and Silvia Sicouri (ITA), Women's RS:X dominator Bryony Shaw (GBR) and the breakaway 49erFX Kiwis, Alex Maloney and Molly Meech (NZL) join him with gold in the bag. ... [\[more\]](#)



VX One Midwinter Championship Day 1 by Christopher E. Howell
In the VX One Midwinter Championship, hosted by Sarasota Sailing Squadron, three races were completed today for 28 teams competing in Florida. ... [\[more\]](#)



Barcelona World Race - Routine en file indienne by Barcelona World Race
Barcelona World Race - Avec l'entrée de We Are Water, ils sont maintenant cinq dans les eaux de l'océan Indien. Cinq qui tendent à s'aligner et naviguer en ligne de file non loin des limites de la zone d'exclusion des glaces. La faute à l'anticyclone des Mascareignes qui tend à bloquer toute circulation au nord du 44 sud. Autant dire que le couloir de navigation est étroit. ... [\[more\]](#)



2014-15 Barcelona World Race - The Southern Ocean sorts out the fleet by Marion Cardon
2014 - 2015 Barcelona World Race - After a month of racing, the Barcelona World Race fleet is through into the Southern Ocean. As is often the case, the distances between the boats have widened as they've entered the Roaring Forties. The leading crews, who were first to hit the strong winds of the southern latitudes, had a great opportunity to make good their escape. ... [\[more\]](#)



ISAF Sailing World Cup Miami - Giles Scott leads line-up of champions by Robert Deaves
2015 ISAF Sailing World Cup Miami - Giles Scott (GBR) has assured himself his first victory of the year after two more races were sailed Friday in the lightest winds of the week at the Sailing World Cup Miami. He now sits 23 points ahead of Ivan Kijakovic Gaspic (CRO), who had the best day to rise from fourth to second. Ioannis Mitakis (GRE) is third, just one point further back. ... [\[more\]](#)



Barcelona World Race - The gaps widen by Barcelona World Race
Barcelona World Race - Another landmark will be ticked off tomorrow for Barcelona World Race leaders Cheminées Poujoulat when they sail north of the lonely Kerguelen Islands. ... [\[more\]](#)



SAF Sailing World Cup Miami - Day 5 photos by Ocean Images by Rachel Jaspersen
2015 ISAF Sailing World Cup Miami - Day 5 photos provided by Ocean Images. ... [\[more\]](#)



Medals in Miami - 2015 ISAF Sailing World Cup by Sail Canada, Kingston, ON
The final showdown was set to take place on Bravo course today with all three Paralympic fleets jostling for medals. Sailors waited for wind anxiously onshore and on course until racing was officially called off at 1530. Canadian Allan Leibel sailed a very consistent event taking home the Bronze medal in the 2.4mR fleet. ... [\[more\]](#)



Bill Burk Memorial Youth Elite Award by Sail Canada, Kingston, ON
The Bill Burk Memorial Award, donated to Sail Canada in 1997 in honour of Bill Burk, recognizes outstanding youth male and female achievement in competitive sailing. Recipients of the award will have competed in National and International competition during the award year and brought recognition to Canadian competitive sailing. ... [\[more\]](#)



Le Prix commémoratif Bill Burk by Voile Canada, Kingston, ON

Le Prix commémoratif Bill Burk, donné à Voile Canada en 1997 en souvenir de Bill Burk, rend hommage aux réalisations exceptionnelles des jeunes athlètes masculins et féminines de voile de compétition. Les lauréats du prix auront participé à des compétitions internationales et nationales pendant l'année pour laquelle le prix est décerné. ... [\[more\]](#)



American Windsurfing Tour - Goya Pro Cabo Verde preview + Video by American Windsurfing Tour

American Windsurfing Tour - The Goya Pro Cabo Verde is shaping up to be the latest AWT edition of the 'Clash of the Titans.' The mega stars of windsurfing are currently tuning up their gear, and making final adjustments before the long journey to the remote island of Sal, Cabo Verde. ... [\[more\]](#)



Antigua Dragon Yacht Club Challenge preview by Mainstay Caribbean Ltd

The second Annual Antigua Dragon Yacht Club Challenge will be hosted by Harmony Hall Yacht Club, with the support of the Antigua Yacht Club Marina and the Inn at English Harbour, with nine races scheduled to take place over five days in fantastic Caribbean conditions on identical Petticrow Dragons. ... [\[more\]](#)



Bobbly breeze on Day 4 - 2015 Miami World Cup by Sail Canada, Kingston, ON

Miami delivers another day of bobbly breeze in the mid-low teens that shook up the rankings on the fourth day of racing at ISAF World Cup Miami. Canadian Allan Leibel moved into podium position despite suffering an OCS (on course side of starting line) today. Norway's Bjornar Erikstad and Megan Pascoe (GBR) sit in Leibel's way with the final showdown set to take place tomorrow at 1100 local time ... [\[more\]](#)



Rolex Sydney Hobart: Hickman tells how Wild Rose's win came to be by Geoff Waller
 Roger Hickman skipper of Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race IRC winner Wild Rose sat down with Geoff Waller of www.boatson.tv and described just what went into his boat winning the 2014 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. His was a 'full-on' race (with dramatic 'on-board' video) which included a knock-down, broken steering, a wild 'Chinese gybe', storms and only a small amount of blood spilt. ...

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2015 Extreme Sailing Series - Crew line-ups announced by Extreme Sailing Series

The world's elite sailors are preparing to meet in Singapore for the opening Act of the 2015 Extreme Sailing Series™, which is set to bring the world famous Marina Bay alive with its pioneering Stadium Racing concept. With the transfer window now closed, some new players will enter the arena as the Series launches into its ninth season, with continued support of Series Main Partner Land Rover. ...

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