

Interview with Zaklina Litauniece – LAT National Jury

Q – What was your motivation to become national jury?

At the moment my main role is in coaching, so I see this as an opportunity to learn new skills by making new contacts and, in the process, better understand the racing rules.

Q – Do you have plans to become ISAF IJ and why?

Yes, I would like that- something for me to aim for in the future. It would be an opportunity for me to be involved in more international events, whereas ,now, my coaching role is essentially national.

Q - The protests and the hearings take place after the races, in the evening. How do you spend the day on the beach?

I keep busy – reading; talking to sailors, my fellow jury members and race committee officials; following the racing from the beach or from the water.

Q - What do you think about this FW Europeans and do you like the venue?

It is a very nice event to be involved in. It is a competitive atmosphere , but also friendly. The organisers work very hard – with many volunteers contributing to the team effort. The venue is good for all – windsurfers, officials and spectators.

Q – Do you see opportunities to have more women in the jury as for now there about 20% women in the jury?

YES! But it is not easy. Invitations do not come often which further discourages women; but if we persevere maybe the environment becomes better and the development of women in the sport – both as competitors and officials becomes easier.

I am looking forward to attending many more windsurfing events in the future.

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