



2010 Season Review

And where to next



- What did we discuss last Coach Conference
- The survey tool
- What happened in 2010
- Where do we want to go from here

What changed.....

Regarding the 2010 Racing Season

Please write;

- 3 points you think have improved from 2009 to 2010 season
- 3 points you would like to see improved for the coming seasons

What did we discuss last year

- Questionnaire seeking feedback on the season
- Standardise Judging -ICF Ranking races
- ICF Ranking
 - Reduce period from 3 to 2 years or (?) 1 year
 - Release ranking after each event
 - Transparency for calculation

What did we discuss last year cont...

- Access to the semifinal
 - Progression vs quota allocation
- Developing Nations presence at WCS
- WCS Quota allocation
 - How distributed across ranked Federations
- Course Design issues
 - One pole gates

The Survey

- What does it look like
- Statistics of response for the 5 surveys
 - WCS overall 121/43 replies (20 Athletes)
 - WCHS overall 140/59 replies (21 Athletes)
- 95% athletes feedback

WCHS Survey Results

- Organisation
 - Promotion of the competition/sport
 - Crayfish mascot good
 - Spectators good
 - Great spectator atmosphere at Finals
 - Response to changing water levels
 - Time taken to reschedule and publish
 - Access to course for Athletes and (sometimes) Officials

Organisation cont...

- Late planning and implementation
- Effective Developing Nation program
- Speed up results production

Website Information

- Website branding professional and modern but..... website slow
- Good access to the video service
- No VOD for finals
- Links for live results still hard to find

Pre race information

- Race office service was limited
 - Need knowledgeable person
- Entry / accreditation
 - Should be one process
- Late information distribution
 - Official training
 - Judges information
 - Start lists

Information during the race

- Unclear where to get official results
 - Team boxes too far away (from Athletes)
- More video /scoreboard screens
- Good screen both sides of the river
- Hard to know where to get information
- Main scoreboard should show first 10
- Race commentary (English) dull

Ceremonies

- Opening ceremony
 - Exciting entertainment
 - Low number of spectators
 - Side seats hard to see show
 - Short speeches
 - Youtube video did not reflect universality

Ceremonies, Commentary, Mixed Zone continued...

- Mixed zone confusing
- Excellent Medal ceremonies
 - Soon after event
 - Close to spectators

Official Training

- Group sizes OK
- Consider separate C1W slot
- Consider slot for Athletes who double
- Teams notify organiser of the date they arrive

Race Schedule and Program

- Prefer course changes between heats and finals
- Program allowed doubling
- Good response to water conditions
- Positioning of Team races
- Standardise program for all races
- Shorten start interval

Athlete Zone

- Good size tents with power etc.
- Availability of water
- Food not suitable for Athletes
- Weatherproof
- Not sufficient separation around the course

TVS

- Camera angles
- Intermittent signal
 - TV signal dropped bottom section
- VOD finals
- Must be able to download files within 2 minutes

Judging

- Strict, fair
- Some error
- Gate positions, pole heights
- Judges conferring
- Use video more

Scoring Office, Protest Desk

- How relevant is the protest process
- Results need to be quick

World Cups

- Event website access
- Promote the race as a series
 - Websites vary
 - Currently “look & feel” varies, Scoreboard
- Inconsistent TVS
 - Switching
 - Camerawork
 - Access for teams

World Cups

- Inconsistent boat control
- Inconsistent Judging between venues
- Inconsistent Race program
 - 2 or 3 days
 - Consider - 4 days 2 races
- Not World Class presentation
 - Video screens
 - Ceremonies
 - Commentary

World Cups

- Scheduling vs Football World Cup
- Official training slots for Athletes doubling
- Want more races in series
 - Standard of Continental races

Where is the ICF going

- Gender Equity
- Development program
 - Multisport events
 - Talent identification

Summary