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NEWS: 2011 PWA SURF WORLD CUP PODERSDORF, AUSTRIA



Rider: Steven van Broekhoven
Location: Podersdorf, Austria
Date: 03.05.2011 13:22
Photo: PWA / John Carter
Sail: Pure 5.2
Mast: 100 RDM 400
Boom: Blue Line 140-190
Extension: Team Carbon RDM
Base: Team Base
Harness Lines: Fixed 26"





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EVENT RESULTS - Freestyle Men

- 1st. Steven Van Broekhoven (Gaastra)
- 2nd. Kiri Thode (Gaastra)
- 3rd. Davy Scheffers (Gaastra)



Davy in close up action

Outstanding result for the Gaastra Freestyle Team at the PWA Surf World Cup in Podersdorf, Austria.

Competition's final day in Austria kicked off bright and early with a 6.00am skippers meeting, which hoped to take advantage of the tail end of the passing weather system which had brought the previous day's wind.

It proved to be a shrewd move from the race committee, as the sailors were greeted with side shore winds gusting between 10-17 knots to finish up the double elimination in the morning sun.

Davy Scheffers was explosive this day, and quickly filled his score sheet with quality, power moves, leaving his opponents under pressure, and fighting to catch the European young gun up. After taking down some big names Davy met Kiri Thode, who wasn't going to let the cold get in the way of a second potential event win for him. From the outset, it was a tough heat to call, but seizing the final few minutes, Thode went into over drive with massive Culo's and double combinations to finally end Scheffer's run.

That meant the event title would come down to the same match up witnessed in the single elimination the previous day; Thode vs Van Broeckhoven. In what stood poised to be an epic finale, the heat turned out to be a largely one-sided affair, as Van Broeckhoven struggled to lay down his trademark power moves in the light winds. Thode on the other hand had happily adapted his routine, and filled out his score sheet with a mix of cleanly landed moves which handed him the victory without too much drama.

Cue the super final, as the pair sparred one last time. For this final bout, the wind returned, and with it, Van Broeckhoven went off the scale. Huge burners, culos and konos were just some of the outrageous moves getting pulled. Equally, Thode continued to deliver his stylish repertoire, which included a crazily technical switch stance double funnel. It was a super close final, and had the judges scratching their heads as they tried to separate the pair. In the end, a 3-2 judging decision handed Van Broeckhoven his first ever world cup victory, and placed European freestyle back at the pinnacle of the professional discipline after a prolonged drought.

Bottom Line

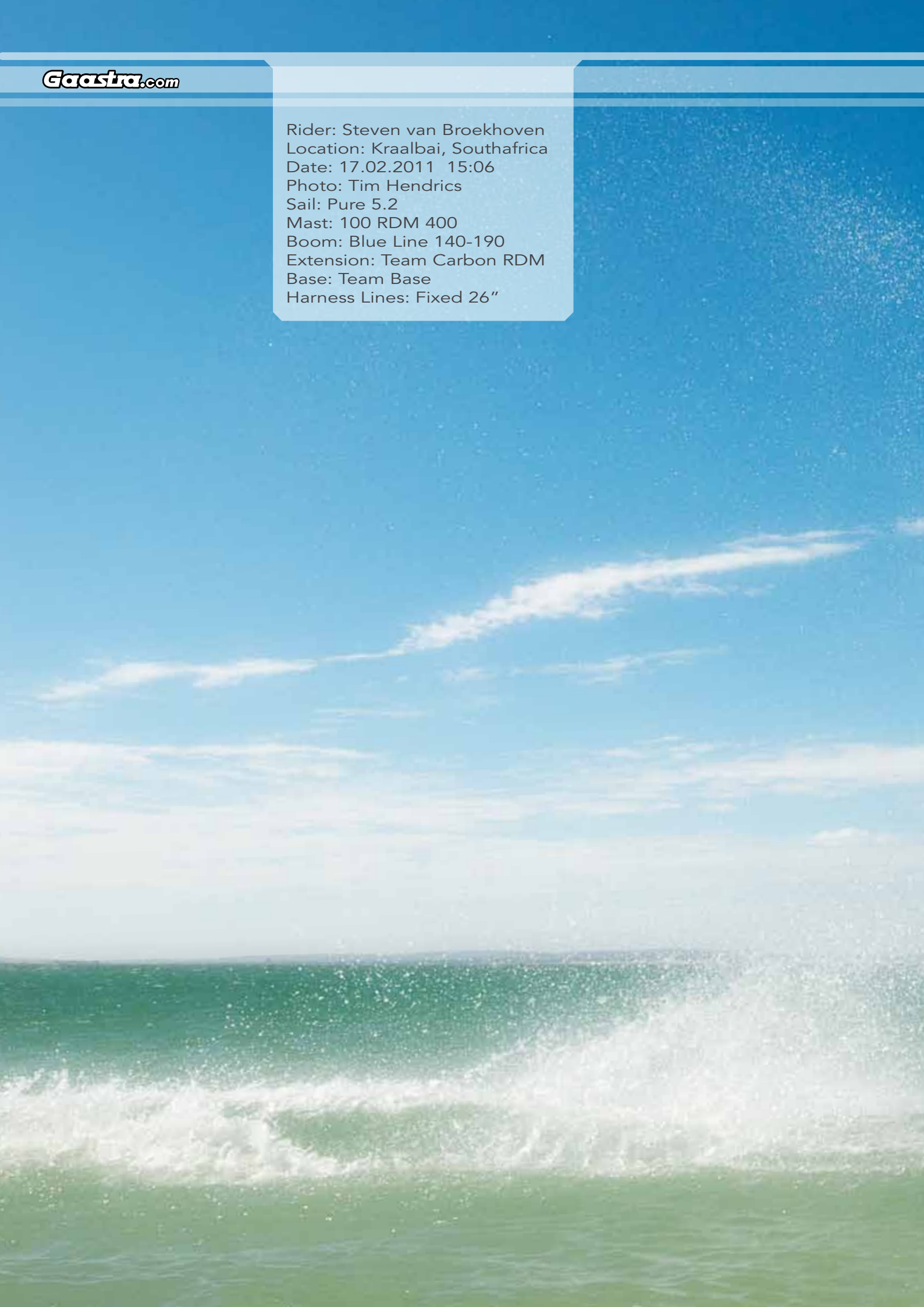
Gaastra takes the first 3 rankings and has 4 riders under the top 7 final results. This is an amazing success and we send our congratulations!!!

Some thoughts of newly crowned event winner Steven Van Broeckhoven:

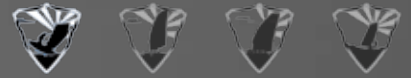
"For me, this is the first time i've won a world cup event. It feels like i'm dreaming! I'm really happy, and really motivated to go for it this year. During the heat i was just sailing for myself, so i didn't know how well i'd done against Kiri. I was just trying to do my best.

My first heat against Kiri was super light, i was almost not planing, so i was just waiting for the gusts as i wanted to do power moves, but i lost. In the final heat, the wind came through a bit stronger, so i could do all move moves, it was good. For sure this is the start of big things for European freestylers, there's some really good talent coming through. It should be a good year!"

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TOP FACTS

Ultimate lightweight construction

-// provides light weight performance with durability

High clew design & Higher aspect ratio

-// makes this sail easy to maneuver in all conditions

Sizes 4.0 to 5.4

-// comes with a 4 batten skeleton

Sizes 5.6 and 6.0

-// comes with a 5 batten skeleton

Radial Panel Layout

-// for optimized load spread

PURE COLORMAP



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Our Freestyle team demands the best freestyle sail on the market- Once again the goal has been achieved! The Pure replaces the ever-popular contest winning Echo LE and keeps you on the podium!

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Peter: "The team guys love these sails. They are super light, accelerate quickly and do what they are told. These days power moves have to flow smoothly and you need perfect balance coming from the rig. The Pure has it all . . ."

Ultimate lightweight construction has X ply panels radiating out of the tack and clew to provide a solid infrastructure making this range tough. The monofilm construction has different thicknesses to provide light weight performance with durability. The high clew design combined with the higher aspect ratio makes this sail easy to maneuver in all conditions.

A shorter boom and flatter profile with a tight leech give easy, instant acceleration!

A new size range is tightly spaced for any condition and rider size. The proven 4 batten skeleton is used from 4.0 to 5.4 and then the 5.6 and 6.0 are 5 battens to balance out the extra luff length.

All sizes are fixed tops and are mast specific!

STEVEN VAN BROEKHOVEN SAYS

"I like everything about this sail! Everybody knows that the Echo LE was and is still the best freestyle sail on earth- we have had an advantage with these sails for a while now. A 4 batten freestyle specialist sail from 4.0 and up... A dream come true!

New sail designer Peter Munzlinger has jumped up a new level creating the Pure with improvements on the Echo LE's..."

The sail is unbelievable!!! It gives me power when I want it and allows me to turn it off when I don't need it!!!! It is super light and ducks perfectly when overpowered! I can do no wrong with this sail!!! New moves, no problem. Contest performance, deadly!"

BOTTOM LINE

If you want a no compromise freestyle sail that is light and nimble, get the Pure... It will blow you away!

SIZE	KG	MAST	IMCS	LUFF	BOOM	BASE	BATTEN	HEAD/TOP	CAMS	RECOM. MAST
4.0	3.0	370	17	379	152	10	4	Fixed	0	Gaastra 75 RDM
4.4	3.1	370	17	392	156	24	4	Fixed	0	Gaastra 75 RDM
4.8	3.4	400	19	414	162	16	4	Fixed	0	Gaastra 100 RDM
5.2	3.5	400	19	425	170	26	4	Fixed	0	Gaastra 100 RDM
5.4	3.6	430	21	436	173	8	4	Fixed	0	Gaastra 100 RDM
5.6	4.0	430	21	443	175	14	5	Fixed	0	Gaastra 100 RDM
6.0	4.1	430	21	455	186	26	5	Fixed	0	Gaastra 100 RDM

Compatible with other masts that are equal in length and IMCS, including standard diameter masts.

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