



VICTOR ON BOARD

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Victor(y) Fernández Lopez E-42 signs for North Sails

PWA Double Vice World Champ and winner of 4 of the last 7 PWA Wave Events



COMMENTS & RESULTS

We are extremely happy to announce that the double **PWA WAVE VICE WORLD CHAMPION Victor Fernandez** and hottest aspirant for the 2009 PWA wave title will enter the international North Sails team from January 1st, 2009.

The very likeable pro wave sailor from Almeria, Spain already proved the last few seasons on the PWA wave tour that he is an exceptionally good sailor with his own radical style. Especially in hardcore jumping conditions Victor is accepted as the most talented and radical rider on the tour.

Victor will compete for North Sails in all PWA wave events in the future. Furthermore he will strongly be involved into the development of our wave sails.

He has been competing in the PWA tour since 2003 and is fully motivated to take the crown in 2009. Important to mention that he won **4 of the last 7** PWA wave world cup events.

Victor:
 "North gives me a great opportunity to develop the right equipment to win with. Being in the North Team motivates me a lot on my way to the wave title !!!"

Raoul Joa, North Sails Line & Product Manager:
 "Victor is maybe the most professional pro windsurfer I ever met. Always friendly and 100% dedicated. He is not only a brilliant wave sailor but also equipped with a lot of knowledge about windsurf sails, which will support our wave sail R&D work a lot".

RESULTS '07, '08

2008
Vice PWA Wave World Champion.
 1° Spanish Championship.
 11° PWA Sal (Cabo Verde)
1° PWA Pozo Izquierdo (Gran Canaria)
 2° PWA Pozo Izquierdo (Gran Canaria) Super Session
1° PWA Sylt (Alemania).

2007
Vice PWA Wave World Champion.
 13° PWA Sal (Cabo Verde)
 3° PWA Sal (Cabo Verde) Super Session
1° PWA Guincho (Portugal)
1° PWA Pozo Izquierdo (Gran Canaria)
 1° PWA Pozo Izquierdo (Gran Canaria) Super Session
 4° PWA Florianópolis (Brasil)
 1° PWA Tiree (Escocia) Super Session



Victor's winner sail:
 North Sails Ego
 CODE.ORANGE LIMITED



INTERVIEW

North Sails: Why North and where do you see the biggest strengths at your new sail brand North Sails?

Victor: I always wanted to be in a big team like North Sails. North Sails gives me the big chance to not only be a pro rider but also be very deeply involved into their R&D.

The pro rider team, the whole R&D team and the product/marketing/sales team in the international headquarter is very committed to the sport itself and driven by very good characters. North has a lot to offer me with its big innovative range of equipment and very smart marketing machinery. I want to provide the best of my ability to them. North Sails is the no. 1 sail brand which is the best premise to reach my biggest goal as pro windsurfer.

North sails: Which goals do you want to reach together with North Sails / Fanatic in mid and long term?

Victor: My main goal is to become Wave World Champion one day, so North/Fanatic are giving me a good opportunity to improve my sailing and working with a great team. I'm very motivated for the upcoming years.

North Sails: Who will be your main competitors on the PWA wave tour 2009?

Victor: I'm sure most of the guys on tour but mainly the top 10 from last year. Kauli, Jonas, Angulo, Kevin, Marcilio, etc...it's going to be an exciting year!

North Sails: How important is your family for your professional career?

Victor: My family has always been very important to me. I always have the big support of my parents and friends to keep living that life as a professional windsurfer cause they know it is what I love since I'm a kid.

North Sails: Which will be the winner move/jump on the PWA tour 09?

Victor: I guess in jumping spots the push loop forward and doubles forward will be the main moves coming up next year on tour.

North Sails: Do you have a personal trainer or constant training partner?

Victor: I have personal trainers (Xavier Huart and Didier Rochette) but they don't travel with me. We see each other for a week or two where we go training together with other riders of different sports as surfing or motocross. They see how I feel on that week and after they send me different programs of training during the year.

North Sails: What are your plans before the PWA wave season starts in 09?

Victor: Right now I'm in Chile for 1 month doing a trip with Klaas Voget. After here I will stop in Spain for December. In January my plan is to go to Cape Town and then Cabo Verde for the first PWA wave contest.