

THE OPTIONS - FUTURE EVENTS

- 2009:** FORMULA WINDSURFING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP
- 2010:** FORMULA WINDSURFING GRAND PRIX
- 2011:** FORMULA WINDSURFING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
- 2012:** FORMULA WINDSURFING GRAND PRIX
Followed by Aegean Odyssey by Windsurfing (a challenge for the best international athletes to participate in the event, to be included in the course of the “Olympic Flame”)

PROFILE OF IALISOS CITY

Ialisos (or Trianda), birthplace of Olympic Heroes, a site of amazing sunsets and a hub of tourism, conferences, religion, culture, clubbing and sports. It used to be one of the three great ancient cities of Rhodes, which together with Lindos, Kamiros, Kos, Knidos and Alikarnasos formed the Dorian Exapolis (six-cities federation). The area was first settled by the pre-hellenic tribe of Kares, followed by the Phoenicians. Tradition has it that the town of Ialisos, acquired fame thanks to the Olympic Champion Diagoras. Ialisos took part in the Athenian wars until 412 BC. In the Middle Ages, the area came under the rule of the Knights of the Order of St. John, authors of many monuments and buildings. Ruins of the Acropolis of Ialisos, witness the existence of a once grandiose Dorian temple, dedicated to Goddess Athena (Minerva) and Dias.

In the northwest extremity of the island of Rhodes, Ialisos beach, with the lush fields and the hill of Filerimos in the background, is a prime example of natural beauty both in terms of landscapes and in terms of the quality of the marine environment. This coastline has come to be acknowledged as one of the most favored destinations for Windsurfing, Kitesurfing and Sailing fans, due to the high level of safety and in the light of wind conditions favoring such practices in the area. The wind and wave directions, which are generally stable and, direction-wise, predictable, are almost invariably to bring one towards the shore. These northwesterly winds, known as “meltemia”, blow in this zone between March and October, although their peak time is in high summer. Since 1992 Ialisos has been host of National and International Windsurfing events.