

Italy SurfRowing report 2010-2011

The Italian Surfrowing federation is a very young federation. We discovered surfrowing some years ago, as any child can discover on the internet the best pictures of his favorite comic character, just "surfing" the internet looking for what me most care about: rowing. We are speaking about four guys of us, we do not have many resources but we are doing our best to build something that can be called "a sport federation". 2011 will be our third year we participate in a competition.

In 2010 we took part in the 2010 Wijk aan Zee - Euro Champs with two crews. The best of the two crews did a very good race, reaching the semifinals where we had to hoist the white flag against the other crews. We were very proud of participating as a national team, in fact in Italy surfrowing is an unknown sport; we were the first italians to have a ride on a surfboat. This year we'll be participating for the second time in a Euro Champ hoping to improve and to do something better than the previous year.

In Italy, at home, we are working to create a realistic surfrowing federation, supported by the Italian rowing federation and by the Lombardy rowing federation and his president Antonio Bassi, a friend and a well known person on the rowing national scene. You all do know the problems you can run into, when you are building something that must be recognized from the current laws and from the real world institutions! We are inexperienced in all this stuff and we may take a long time to make everything work, but we'll do it as soon as we can. We want Surfrowing to be known to the largest number of rowers, we want to see people participate in what we are doing and love what we are fighting for.

We train all the year long as flat rowers cause we do not have a boat or a place where to surf, for the years to come we want to find a good spot to surf, we would like to invite the friends of the European Surfrowing Federation to the first italian Surfrowing competition, and we would like to be able to buy a boat.