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Matthieu Thibaud Skimboard's sales to Support Heart of Sailing in 2011

Laguna Beach, California – December 10, 2010 - Matthieu Thibaud, an International Professional Skimboarder is Heart of Sailing's newest Sponsor for 2011.

Thanks to his main sponsor Victoria Skimboards, Matthieu will have his own Matthieu Thibaud Pro Model Skimboard in 2011. Matthieu will donate portion of his Skimboard sales to Heart of Sailing throughout the year 2011.

"I met Heart of Sailing Founder, George Saidah, in Laguna Beach California during one of his stops last year (end of 2009), and learned about the program of his foundation. I was amazed of how much time and effort he could spend for such a great project... I immediately wanted to do something and help. In September 2010, when Victoria Skimboards offered me the opportunity to design my own Pro Model in 2011, right away I thought of combining this with the foundation Heart of Sailing. In 2011, I will donate monthly portion of my board sales and will ride and represent Heart of Sailing as much as I can. I am really happy to be able to help this wonderful foundation "

Check out Matthieu's blog updated with news, pictures, videos etc at <http://matthieuthibaudvictoriaskimboards.blogspot.com/>

George Saidah, the founder of Heart of Sailing, offered the following: *"Matthieu's offer was a very unexpected wonderful news. His generosity will help us in many ways, which primarily will be financially and raising our program's awareness throughout the world. This will help us fulfill our mission, continue and expand our services to the special needs communities."*

Heart of Sailing is an international 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization with regions in more than 60 locations providing sailing programs for participants with special needs including Autism, Down Syndrome and other developmental disabilities. The unique program provides Daysails as a form of recreational therapy and caters to families as an inclusive experience. As a not-for-profit that does not charge its participants, the charity relies exclusively upon a large network of volunteers and receives funding through grants, individual and corporate donations, and fundraising events to cover its costs. There are no paid employees of the organization.

For more information visit www.heartofsailing.org, [Matthieu's Blog](http://matthieuthibaudvictoriaskimboards.blogspot.com/) or www.victoriaskimboards.com. You may also contact Heart of Sailing's Founder and Executive Director, George Saidah at gsaidah@heartofsailing.org or Matthieu at: <http://matthieuthibaudvictoriaskimboards.blogspot.com/>.

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