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The new Testament

“Dio mio! Hopefully it will be an improvement instead of a decline.”

Many Religion fans were scared by the new announcement and the promised radical change of the 8th version of the kite.

Overall, heavenly peaceful or rather the extremely now?

Every Religion needs its icon. Roberto Ricci, was the person who created one of this special icon that earned many supporting fans. Even after seven new releases in the past years, that contained graphical as well as dramatic changes, the demand never declined. Therefore, RRD wouldn't be RRD, if the 8th version would be no major innovation.

The new Religion has to be a composition – all advantages of the previous models in one new kite. The ultimate confession of faith. Kite designer Abel Lago came up with an entirely new construction. A new shape with wider wingtips, shorter bridles and a higher aspect ratio are written down in the new testament from now on. An improved drifting capability united with a faster flight speed shall

strengthen the way of heavenly peace. Sounds like paradise but where is the prohibited fruit? And will the new Religion convince disbelievers as well?



Flight Stability and Behaviour

Enough with the religion education – it is time for facts. The most important message first: with the Religion we do have an honestly new kite in our test. No update, no remake, no imperceptible modification. This new kite is more than succeeded. Flight stability: exemplary. In the past some Ricci-Kites tended to suddenly uncontrollable stalls. The adjustment of this problem was already declared and noticed by the test of the new Passion and the Religion doesn't make any exception. Being outbalanced, bump free and having a high

clamping in the dacron, the kite is reliably standing in the sky in nearly every situation. Even with gusty conditions, in waves and even with less line tension, the kite willingly flies forward. In addition to this is the handling unbelievable easy and intuitive. Whereas other wave kites need long time to acclimatize, every tester with the Religion felt well-protected and pleased. One reason for this is the precise feeling of the bar and its defined feedback – with very comfortable forces of the bar. The Religion reacts equally precise to lead impulses without any responses like a diva. The very good low end characteristic were appreciated and highly pledged. A 70-kilo kiter was able to hit the water already with just 15 knots on a 7m² kite.

In the waves

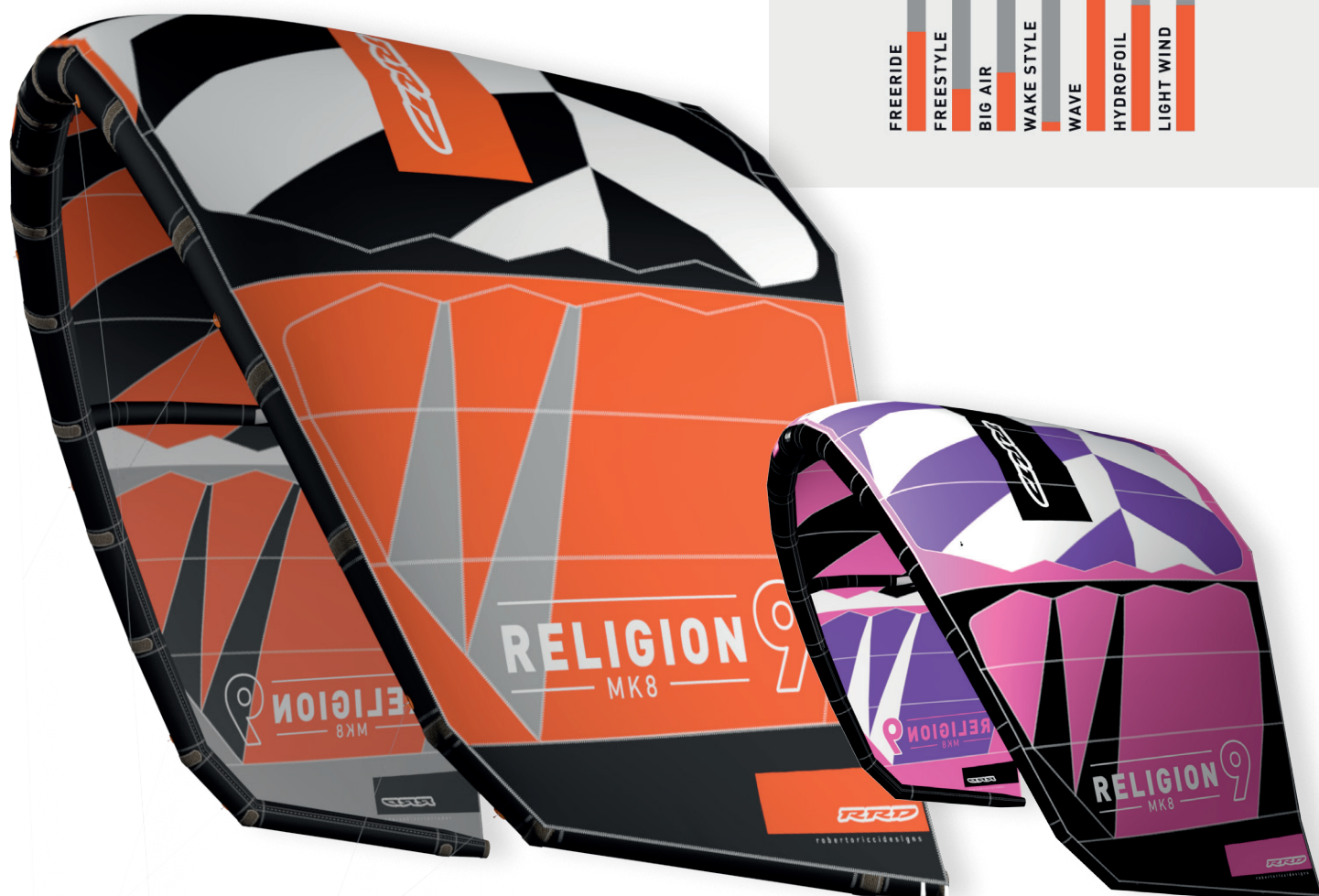
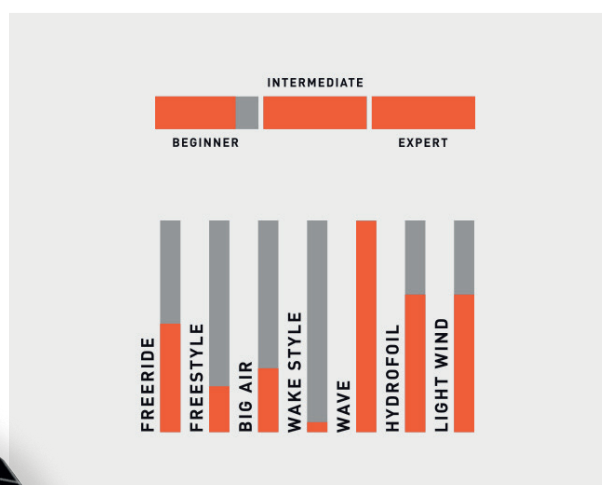
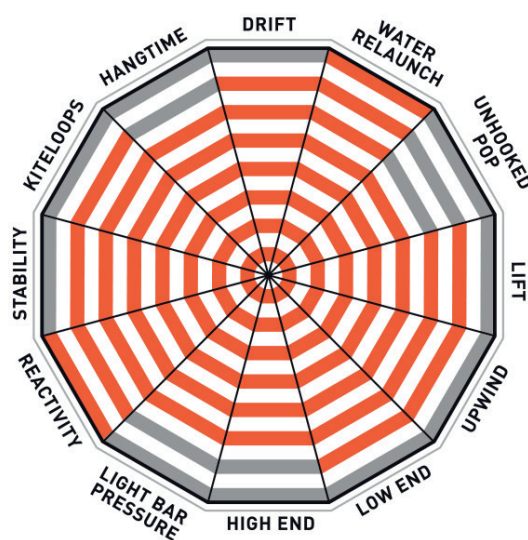
Its high agility and the outstanding controllability nominate the kite to one of the top candidates of the test group. Even though there are kites which are a bit faster, the speed most often reduces the drift ability enormously. The Religion is different, which brilliantly manages both characteristics without reduces the one of another. The Religion combined with the Section sums up a balanced package of drifting and manoeuvrability. Important as well: you can get the Religion in the right drifting position and it perfectly stays there, without wanting to move out of the wind. As soon as you get him back from this position, the power performance is immediately back. This is exactly the time & situation when the kite takes a huge profit of its flexible pigtails, which contract while drifting and keep the lines under tension. If the kite is controlled in the waves, it is characterized by its very tight and smooth rotational behaviour in the interaction with the high flight speed. The Religion is able to get radically moved through the line-up. But the Religion doesn't get away completely without criticism: the expansion of the force after steering him back into the zone seems a little bit oversized and explosive. Therefore you should grab the adjuster and trim the kite properly to be prepared in the big and powerful waves.





Résumé

Hallelujah! With the new Religion MK8 RRD sends one of the best and well balanced wave kites 2018 into the sky. Many strengths, only few weaknesses – furthermore practical for every level of skills. No matter if Knokke, Klitmøller or Cape Town – the Religion has what it takes to build a new high volume- religion.



ORANGE / GRAY

PURPLE / PINK

SIZES: 4 / 5 / 6 / 7 / 8 / 9 / 10.5 / 12