

# PORTUGAL

This last Surfboat season in Portugal started with my return to Portugal which promised more activity to Portuguese Surfboats.

Unfortunately it didn't come out as I had thought mostly because I became a father and started to play rugby. So my time and weekends were less available.

Even so we did around 10 outings with different surf conditions and involved around 15 rowers.

People still show interest in Surfboat but with so few activity their priorities aren't Surfboats!

We manage to do some work in the boat and get a better place to store it. In June we entered an event from SOS Save the Waves from Portugal. It started with a 5k row starting in Cascais. We rowed alongside with surfers, bodyboarders, open water swimmers, longboarders and stand up paddlers. On the arrival beach everyone did a big circle on the outside with more than 50 surfers. This event helped Surfboat Portugal to keep contact with the surfing community in our country.

Unfortunately we didn't manage to get a competitive crew together to row the European Champs.

Hopefully 2011/2012 will be a more active year for Surfboats in Portugal.

Enjoy the waves in France!

Best regards  
Estevao