



THE INTERNATIONAL SPEED WINDSURFING CLASS

An ISAF International Class

ISWC class report 2009

This is the third year of ISWC as an international ISAF class. The changes we introduced last year from a world championship series towards a one-off world championship and one-off continentals while still maintaining a “world cup tour ranking” has worked well again this year. The World Championships this year was held in Devils Bay, Karpathos, Greece which has always been a favorite venue with our competitors but has never held a world cup and rose to the challenge well.

With a maximum no of 65 competitors at the venue it was heavily oversubscribed which is encouraging considering the world economic conditions.

The world ranking is now based on 11 events which include Nationals, Europeans and Worlds with more than 250 sailors from all continents in the ranking, with the 2009 European Championships in Ireland still to come.

We have had some very good dialogue with the WSSRC this year and they have set up a subcommittee made up of Myself, Markus Schwendtner, Michael Ellison and John Reed. This sub committee have committed to meet once a year and communicate regularly via email to ensure continued improvement in standards and fairness for Windsurfers and Kitsurfers in the speedsailing arena.

We are also encouraging the use of GPS units for event timing in 2010 to help reduce the running cost of events. This we believe will maintain the events we have and hopefully encourage more countries to set up their own competition. Using off the shelf units and software which can be loaned to organisers as a package, events can be run with minimum cost and little specialist skills.

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