



THE INTERNATIONAL SPEED WINDSURFING CLASS

An ISAF International Class

ISWC class report 2007

The first year of ISWC as an international ISAF class saw a world championship series consisting of three events, namely Karpathos (Greece), Fuerteventura (Canary Islands / Spain) and Walvis Bay (Namibia)

In addition, one continental and several national events were sanctioned to be part of the tour, attracting more than 200 competitors from 25 nations representing 5 continents. As not all national events are finished yet, an accurate number can only be published by the end of the year.

Special attention has been drawn to the use of production equipment. Not less than 10 companies are supplying special speed windsurf boards, and several more brands offer a variety of semi-customs or non-registered boards. Approximately 75% of all sailors are using production equipment, and we expect this percentage to rise over the next years.

Another important part of ISWCs work was to support national organizing in setting up speed events, and we hope to see more national events on next years tour.

For 2008, a series of four Grade A events is planned, supported by various events of continental and national importance. With the still growing interest of the medias, spectators and competitors the number of participants is expected to increase to 300 in the next two years.

