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### **Results World Hovercraft Championship, 2002**

#### Junior

1. Marcus Westerberg Sweden
2. Chris Chapman USA
3. Tommy Osterman Sweden

#### F 25

1. Shane Wilkey USA
2. Chris Barczynski Canada
3. Graham Spenser USA

#### F S

1. Robert Waugh Australia
2. Alain Laribbe France
3. Clinton Buckwell Australia

#### F 3

1. Daniel Turnbull UK
2. John Bucknall UK
3. Daniel Thibault France

#### F 2

1. Francois Dupont France
2. Chris Barlow UK
3. Michel Thiry Belgium

#### F 1

1. Conrad Beale UK
2. Andreas Feulner Germany
3. Michael Metzner Germany

## **World Hovercraft Championships, 2004**

**1 – 5 September 2004** the World Hovercraft Championships will be in Berlin at the Hoppegarten horse racetrack. Last weekend there was a European Championship on the same course. Barry Oakley, Race-Director and his team again will be present in September 2003 for the next try out. The German organisation is working on a website to give you all information you need.

## **World Hovercraft Championships, 2006**

There has been some communication concerning the 2006 World Hovercraft Championships. At this moment we can't give you anymore details. We hope the get back to you about this subject very soon.

## **Vote for New Members**

We received 2 requests for WHF membership the first comes from:

Name	Hovercrafting Club Lebanon
Contact person	Houssam Chamseddine
Address	P.O.Box 113 6967 Beirut Lebanon
Email	<a href="mailto:Houssam@leb.net">Houssam@leb.net</a>

The second comes from:

Name	First One Hovercraft Club of Indonesia
Contact person	Soegiarto Soejatono
Address	jl: HOS Cokroaminoto 22 jakarata – pusat, 10350 Indonesia
Email	<a href="mailto:alista@link.net.id">alista@link.net.id</a>

Both clubs would like to join the WHF as a member, so we ask you to vote for each country by mentioning `country name` **accepted** or **not accepted**, please reply before June 30<sup>th</sup> 2003. If we do not receive your reply by that date, both Lebanon and Indonesia will be accepted as member. Please sent your vote to the WHF secretary [wordhovercraftfederation@planet.nl](mailto:wordhovercraftfederation@planet.nl)

## **Changes in Contacts**

Michele Scanavino ([mikiscanavino@libero.it](mailto:mikiscanavino@libero.it)) will be the new contact person for Italy, Francois Malan ([fmalan@hotmail.com](mailto:fmalan@hotmail.com)) will be the new contact person for South Africa. The correct address for Mauritius ([hovercraft@intnet.mu](mailto:hovercraft@intnet.mu)) is back on the website.

## **Financial**

At the September 2002 WHF meeting new policy of funding the WHF via 'user fees' was accepted. All competitors will be charged \$5US as part of their competitor entrance fee. This money is used to allow the WHF office to operate and is the prime source of income for the WHF.

## **Points Allocations**

The new points allocations for all WHF Sanctioned hovercraft races in all formulae are as follows:

<b>Finishing Position</b>	<b>Points Allocated</b>	<b>Finishing Position</b>	<b>Points Allocated</b>
1	25	9	7
2	20	10	6
3	16	11	5
4	13	12	4
5	11	13	3
6	10	14	2
7	9	15	1
8	8		

## **Time Trails Format**

The new time trails format has been accepted and is included in the WHF Competition regulations.

## **WHF Monogrammed Shirts**

The WHF has a *very very limited* supply of extremely high quality, monogrammed dress shirts (Timberland™) available for its representatives. Only size we can deliver is M. They cost \$35US each plus \$10US shipping and handling. They can be obtained by sending a cheque or International Money Order in US funds to the WHF office.

## **WHF Web Page**

If you have any upcoming announcements that you feel should be included in either the WHF Bulletin or placed upon the WHF web page, please contact the WHF secretary via email at [worldhovercraftfederation@planet.nl](mailto:worldhovercraftfederation@planet.nl)

### **Items to be discussed via e-mail**

Any ideas you have to get things moving will be greatly appreciated. Remember, if these discussions *don't* proceed, there will be no changes to the regulations and nothing will have been achieved.

One we have received from Great Britain you can see below:

#### **World Hovercraft Championships**

Some months ago, the UK Cruising & Coastal Events Committee (CACEC) asked HCGB Council to consider whether the frequency of the World Hovercraft Championships (WHC) may be changed from a 2 yearly event to every 3 or 4 years. The reason given was that when the requirement for shipping craft by container occurs (for WHC events held outside Europe) our domestic race season is compressed, creating a conflict of dates for cruising events.

Some historical data: To date, eight WHC meetings have been held, with three quarters of them in Europe. This equates to only two meetings outside Europe in the last fifteen years. The next one will be held in Europe again, in Germany (Berlin), so won't be a problem.

There was a discussion on this very topic, at the WHF Meeting held in Terre Haute last September, with a suggestion to change to 3 years. The overwhelming consensus, of those at the meeting, was to stay with a bi-annual event.

Talking with friends about the bi-annual frequency of the WHC, it was suggested that if the event was less frequent, then others would be able to **afford** to go as well. **Afford** is usually thought of in a financial sense, but covers other reasons, such as holiday entitlement and the sheer volume of arrangements involved.

The discussion at Terre Haute was between those who were at the meeting and, by inference, could **afford** to attend. This precluded views from all those not at the WHC, for whatever reason, but who may wish to "join-in the fun" under different circumstances.

Another factor we tend to overlook. Here in the UK, besides the WHC, we have the opportunity to compete in the Nationals and the European Championships. For some others worldwide, the only chance to race is at the Worlds. One meeting every 3 years (or 4 to match the Olympics) wouldn't be much fun!

Anyone wishing to compete on a 4 year cycle can always miss every other 2 yearly event.

For these reasons, a sounding of opinion, both in the UK and worldwide, may be useful. I am contacting the new WHF Secretary on this subject and am inviting views from UK drivers who may be tempted to WHC meetings, should they be held less frequently.

Roger Allman, UK rep. for WHF

When you want to reply on this subject, please e-mail this to the WHF secretary [wordhovercraftfederation@planet.nl](mailto:wordhovercraftfederation@planet.nl) and please mention Roger Allman - WHC frequency.