



# WORLD HOVERCRAFT FEDERATION

*PROPELLING GLOBAL HOVERSPORT*

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## 2018 ~ A HAPPY NEW YEAR ~ 2018

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Happy and Successful Hovercrafting New Year.

2017 was a frustrating year for the WHF. You will recall that in a previous Bulletin we had to regrettably inform you the proposed World Championships in China in 2018 had been moved.

However, 2018 sees a return to good fortune with Germany now hosting our World Championships in Saalburg and the American Hoverclub organising a World Hover Cruise at Muscoda, on the Wisconsin river.

2018 is also now the time for WHF member countries to consider making bids for our 2020 World Hovercraft Championships.

And more for the future the WHF has been considering classification and regulation for electric hovercraft should they be entered in future events.

More of the above follows later in this Bulletin.

Kind regards and best wishes for the future,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Tony M. Drake'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Tony M. Drake JP. WHF President.

## World Hovercraft Championships 2018 in Germany.

We would like to re-affirm that our next World Championships in 2018 will be hosted by Germany in the town of Saalburg. This location has been used frequently for European Hovercraft Federation race meetings and was used for our World Championships in 2012.

**The dates for the World Championships are Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> to the Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2018.**

Regrettably it will not be possible to hold an Endurance Race Championship and Formula 3 will be incorporated into Formula 5.

The German Hovercraft Club (HVD) have nearly finalized their arrangements for us and more details together with a web site for registration etc., will be sent to you in the very near future.

## Formula 50 ~ alternative engine.

Again, just a reminder ~ A WHF Board e-mail vote took place in 2015 concerning the addition of an alternative engine for Formula 50. The vote confirmed that the Russian engine type RM-500 (also known as PM3-500, RMZ-500 or TAJGA-500) with its standard exhaust is an acceptable engine for Formula 50. This vote was too late for inclusion for the World Championships in 2016 but is now acceptable for 2018 and future World Championship events.

## USA World Hover Cruise.

Although the USA World Hover Cruise is not an 'official' WHF event we are pleased to give it our full support. The event is being organized and hosted by the Hoverclub of America.

**It is being held between the 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2018  
at Muscoda, on the wonderful Wisconsin river.**

The Hoverclub of America has just added details for the World Hover Cruise to their website together with registration facilities which can be found at:  
[www.hoverclubofamerica.org/](http://www.hoverclubofamerica.org/) Please do take a look.

## World Hovercraft Championships 2020.

Although 2020 seems a long way off now is the time to consider if your Country wishes to put forward a bid to host our World Hovercraft Championships in 2020 so that it may be considered at our next Board Meeting (see following item). The procedure to do this and other guide lines can be found at <http://whf.hovercraft.org.uk/download.php>  
Also, our President, Secretary or Vice Presidents will be pleased to offer you advice.

## WHF Board Meeting .

The next WHF Board meeting will be held following the 2018 World Championships at Saalburg, Germany. The exact venue and time will be advised later.

Any proposal that your Country wish the WHF Board to consider must be submitted, with supporting argument / documentation, well in advance so that it may be considered by all before the meeting. Due to the fact we are all very busy during the summer it will be more than helpful if any proposal could be sent to the WHF Secretary by the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2018. This would also be helpful since it is often difficult for Country Representatives to attend the Board meetings so it may be possible to vote on any proposal by email in advance of and simply noted at the meeting.

Just a reminder please remember to discuss any proposal with your Club who will ask your Country's Representative to present it, together with any supporting documentation to the WHF Secretary. The WHF Board meeting cannot vote on any proposal submitted by an individual.

## Electric Hovercraft Clasification and Regulation.

For some time now the WHF have been conscious of the development of electric hovercraft so therefore at the last Board meeting it was decided to form a sub-committee to make recommendations for classification and regulation for electric hovercraft should such a craft enter a World Championship event in the future.

The sub-committee was headed by Paul Hibbard and comprised Sacha Rouchier, Jamie Lewendon, Kent Gano, Owen Ellis and John Gifford. After much research and discussion, the committee then shared their original proposals with Conrad Beal, Magnus Ivanoff and Les Brand. It is worth noting that Owen Ellis and Les Bran have small electric hovercraft already in operation and John Gifford has built an electric system for a large hovercraft for Griffon Hoverwork Ltd.

Following some refinement of the sub-committee's original proposals these are now included here for your information:



Proposed electric  
hovercraft formula

Early in February 2018 these proposed classifications and regulations will formally be sent to your Country Representative for your Club to consider. Any comments must then be returned by the end of April 2018 for the sub-committee's consideration. Following this a vote on the final proposals will be arranged in June/July 2018 so that the decision will be recorded at the WHF Board meeting in September 2018.

## Other Items of Interest.

### **From ITALY:**

Again, although not an official WHF event we thought the following item may be of interest to you and encourage your Club to organize alternative competitive hovercraft events. It is the "Head to Head" or as it was promoted H2H event organized by the Italian Hovercraft Club and of course held in Italy. The best explanation we can give you is to direct you to a short video at [https://www.facebook.com/plugins/video.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fframeff%2Fvideos%2F1769309183082704%2F&show\\_text=0&width=560](https://www.facebook.com/plugins/video.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fframeff%2Fvideos%2F1769309183082704%2F&show_text=0&width=560)

### **Again from Italy:**

Following on from the very successful H2H, as above, this event is being repeated in 2018 but this time in the middle of a ski resort! It will be held in Tarvisio, Italy on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2018.

It is very encouraging to see yet another facet of hovercraft 'competition', We hope it inspires you to look at this or other ideas for the future. If you require any more information on H2H I am sure Sacha Rouchier at [whf@hovercraftitalia.com](mailto:whf@hovercraftitalia.com) will be pleased to help you.

### **From the Hovercraft Club of Great Britain (HCGB):**

The HCGB are excited to announce the following confirmed race dates for their upcoming 2018 season.

5,6,7 May - Allerton  
26,27,28 May - Hacketts (combined EHF)  
23,24 June - Rother Valley  
7,8 July - Towcester  
25,26,27 August - Gang Warily  
22,23 September - Magnolls

Much more information can be found on the HCGB website at [www.hovercraft.org.uk](http://www.hovercraft.org.uk)

## Circulation.

As usual this Bulletin will be circulated to as many people as possible but please pass it on to anyone who you think may be interested.

## And a Final REMINDER.

Please do discuss any of the above issues, or other matters that concern you, with your colleagues and your Country's representative. This way the WHF can take your views into account and develop for the future.

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(\* ) number of votes each country has.

Please inform our Secretary, Sacha Rouchier, at [whf@hovercraftitalia.com](mailto:whf@hovercraftitalia.com) , if your country has made any changes.